

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

THANK YOU FOR THE SHOEBOX GIFTS!

Since 1993, more than 168 million boys and girls in over 160 countries have experienced God's Love through a simple shoebox full of gifts through Operation Christmas Child. *First Pres collected 370 boxes this year!* Thank you for being a part of this amazing outreach and, most important, for sharing the best gift of all—the love of Jesus Christ.



Life Connections Ministry, Tim Leslie

COME TO COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY AT FPC

Community Bible Study for men, women, couples, and junior/senior high students meets at First Pres on **Monday evenings**, 7:00–8:30pm. After studying James and Job, the class will begin this year's final study—Mark's epistle focusing on the servant nature of Christ—on **December 9** at the final meeting of the year. You are welcome to join us then or wait to begin on **Monday, January 6**. This 18-week study will conclude **May 4**. Join us for this exciting journey as Mark shows us Jesus in action, proving Himself to be the Messiah. For more information, please visit GreenvilleEve.CBS.org, or contact Doug Harper (धारपरdhs@gmail.com).

Missions, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS ANGEL TREES AND CHRISTMAS STORE

Angel Trees are now up around our campus! This year's angels are 150 students from Hollis Academy. The Christmas gifts you provide will be made available to their parents for purchase at a "Christmas Store" in December. Please choose an angel, purchase gifts, and return them (unwrapped) to the church by **Wednesday, December 4**. *Questions?* Contact Beth Simmons (787.3159) or Heather Ware (905.7753). To volunteer, contact Carrin Hahn (404.340.0882).



MIRACLE HILL TURKEY FRY: THANKS & GIVING!

During this season of Thanksgiving, Miracle Hill volunteers will fry and smoke more than 650 turkeys to feed the Upstate's homeless and impoverished children, adults, and families. As part of FPC's partnership with Miracle Hill Ministries, we encourage you to help in one of the following ways: **1► Volunteer** on Tuesday, November 26; **2► Donate** needed supplies; or **3► Sponsor** this event or give a donation. Visit miraclehill.org/events/turkey-fry/ for details on how you can help!

Music & Worship Arts, Tom Barrett

THE PEOPLE SING! MESSIAH DECEMBER 1

Immerse yourself in the glorious music of Handel's *Messiah*, singing along in the choruses with hundreds of others in this first annual *The People Sing! Messiah*. On **Sunday, December 1**, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, join world-class soloists, a professional chamber orchestra of some of the Upstate's finest instrumentalists, and the marvelous FPC Sanctuary Choir for a memorable evening of worship and joy! Come at 5:30pm for a pre-concert lecture. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org. Admission is free.

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERT DECEMBER 14 & 15

Christmastime in the City is the theme of this year's Christmas@First concert, to be held in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, December 14**, at 3:00pm and 6:30pm; and **Sunday, December 15**, at 3:00pm. Tickets (\$8) are available in the Vineyard bookstore or online from Ticketleap (search for "Christmas@First"). *Questions?* Contact Angela Barrett (abarrett@firstpresgreenville.org, 627.1845).

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE DECEMBER 3

This beautiful candlelight service to honor and remember loved ones who will be especially missed during the Christmas season will be held in Harper Chapel on **Tuesday evening, December 3**, at 6:30pm. The service will include Scripture readings with a time of reflection and meditation, the

observance of Holy Communion, special seasonal music and commemorative candle lighting. Dr. Richard Gibbons will be leading. Refreshments with heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served immediately following the service. Childcare is available; please contact Evelyn Penkert at 672.1843 or epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org.

Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ AT WIT & WISDOM

Please join us on **Tuesday, December 3**, as we enjoy the music of Rodrigo Rodriguez, a "musicianary" who plays his guitar with passion and purpose to reach people with the gospel. The program begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch (\$8) at 12:30pm. Reserve your seat and lunch by **noon on Wednesday, November 27**, with Susan Stewart (ssewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1756).



Student Ministries, Charlie Buchanan

CONFIRMATION 2020

Our confirmation class for 2020 will begin in January, meeting during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:40am). This 12-week course will investigate the very foundations of our faith and what makes us Christians. Confirmation is a prerequisite for 7th and 8th graders who seek membership at First Pres. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 24**, at 10:30am in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of approving the Pastors' Terms of Call and electing church officers for the Class of 2022. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

COMMITMENT SEASON

A big THANK YOU to all who turned in their 2020 financial commitments last Sunday toward the ministries God has called us to through the Operating Budget. Your generous and Christ-like investment makes a significant difference not only to those we serve in the Greenville community and beyond, but also in the day-to-day operations of First Pres.

If you have not yet turned in your commitment, please mail your card to the church in the envelope provided with the letter you received, or drop it by the church office. Commitment cards are also available in the pew racks and literature racks. *Questions?* Contact Kristy Service (672.7036, kservice@firstpresgreenville.org). We would not be the congregation we are without your whole-hearted involvement. *Thank you!*

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CHARACTERS NEEDED

If you've always enjoyed our Christmas Eve Nativity and would like to bless our congregation by participating this year, contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org). We are seeking three kings, a few shepherds, one doctor/dentist, one lawyer/business person, one fireman, and a military/police officer. This commitment requires one rehearsal on **December 18** at 6:00pm and arrival at 3:00pm on **December 24**.

WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE SCHEDULE

2019 Wednesday Bible Studies, lunch, and dinner ended November 20. Mark your 2020 calendar for our second semester program which begins **Wednesday, January 8**, with dinner and Congregational Worship and Prayer. On **January 15**, lunch, Bible Study, dinner, and Wednesday Advantage classes resume. Class brochures will be available in December.

POSITION OPENING IN THE ACADEMY

The Graphic Communications Coordinator part-time position at the Academy at Shannon Forest involves the creation of graphics, logos, and programs for the school's website, social media sites, and other areas. The work can be done almost entirely from a remote location. Contact Patti Wilusz (pwilusz@shannonforest.com) for details.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Order online at FirstPresGreenville.org, or fill out a form from the literature racks. Orders are due by **Sunday, December 8**.



Member News

NEW MEMBERS (November 3, 2019)

Phil Gregory Mitchell and Catherine Poe

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Paul (Cory)** on the birth of a daughter, Carter Grace Paul, on May 21.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blakely (Sheila)** in the death of their daughter, Cynthia Dawkins of Woodruff, SC, on November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Batson Sr. (Susan) in the death of his father, Louis P. Batson Jr. of Greenville, on November 16; and to Glenn Jr., Laura, Emma, and Kathryn Ann in the death of their grandfather.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

- 8:30am •Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am •Children's Sunday School
 - Youth Sunday Life Groups (Youth 354/352)
 - Continental Breakfast (Memorial Hall)
- 9:45am •Adult Sunday Life Groups
- 10:30am •Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:45am •Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am •Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 - 3:00pm •DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays (Parlor)
 - 4:30pm •Covenant Choir—grades 3-5 (Ligon Conf Rm)
 - Resonate Worship—grades 6-12 (Choir Room)
 - Christmas@First Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 - 6:00pm •Youth Small Groups (off campus)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

- 10:00am •Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 5:00pm •Joint Session/Diaconate Dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm •Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

- 11:30am •Circle #1 (Foothills Presbyterian Community)
- 7:00pm •Prayer & Praise Service (Parlor)
 - Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

- 6:00pm •Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 - Cherub & Carol Choir Rehearsal (Room 213)
- 7:40pm •Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 402)

THANKSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

Church Office, Academy, MMO closed: Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Church Office, Academy, MMO closed: Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

- 2:00pm Afternoon Service
- 5:00pm Children's Service
- 7:00pm Candlelight Service
- 11:00pm Watchnight Service

Worship

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

10:30am Congregational Meeting

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

10:45am IGNITE Modern Worship

Sermon Series: "Mission Impossible"

Exodus 19

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

9:30am – Continental Breakfast

9:30am – Children's Sunday School

9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups

9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups



Wednesday Bible Studies & Meals will resume in 2020

January 8: Dinner and Congregational Worship and Prayer

January 15: Lunch, Dinner, Bible Study, and Wednesday Advantage classes resume

Assignments for November 24th

Connections Greeter Team

8:30 Service (8:10am): Michelle Seaver (Portico); Reid & Leigh Johnstone (Loggia); Tom & Diane Drake (Memorial Hall); *Open position* (Sanctuary).

Sunday School (9:25am): Karen Van Galder (Portico); Jason & Jeanette Terry (Loggia); *Open position* (Choir Room); *Open position* (Academy).

Ignite (10:25am): Heather & Caedmon Jiva (Fellowship Hall Courtyard); Sidney & Katie Mitchell (Fellowship Hall Stairs); Owen & Caitlin Lucas (Fellowship Hall Connect Table).

11:00 Service (10:40am): Scott Stewart, Julie Brown (Portico); Belinda Manley (Loggia); Lucille Huggins (Memorial Hall); Ann Buchanan Freeman (Sanctuary); Tom Toler (Choir Room).

Join the **Connections Greeter Team!**
Contact Chad Brown at chad.brown@baldor.abb.com.

Children's Ministry Team

Nursery: (9:15) Emily West, Ann Templeton, Barbara Stueben, Janie Smith, Shelby Flinn, Susan Trotter;

(10:30) Ann Templeton, Lizzie Williams, Casey Hurst, NEED 3 VOLUNTEERS

2K: (9:15) Heather Popat, NEED VOLUNTEER; (10:30) Shelagh, Hannah, & Rachel Dorn

3K: (9:15) NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS; (10:30) Alison & Sims Whitted

4K: (9:15) Lee Segrest, Acie Hatfield; (10:30) Katherine & Alyssa Pate

5K: (9:15) NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

1st-2nd Grade Large Group: Liza Barron

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2nd Grade: Jessica Marchant, NEED VOLUNTEER

3rd-5th Grade Large Group: Graydon Tomlinson

Kids Church: (10:30) NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

Check-in: Jennifer Merriam

Station Leaders: BJ Pate, Clay & Adelaide Brown, Betty Farr, Jim & Judy Erickson

Join the **Children's Ministry Team!**
Contact Heather Tomlinson • 672.0337
htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org

Thomas "Tam" Boggs, **Anne Childs**, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Mary Cobb, Jerry Coleman, Ray Denny, Pat Dukes, Bud Fant, Betty Farr, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Lee Garcia, Ethan Garduno, Grace Garduno, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, Nancy Gilliam, Sylvia Gillespie, Christopher Gratton, Mary Ann Graves, Allen Gresham Jr., Motte Grey, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Jim Hastings, Jean Hendrix, Bettina Hensinger, Annetta Hewitt, Suzanne Hilger, Freddie Holland, Gena Holcombe, Sherry Hooper, Jay Huff, Amy Hunter, Engnum Johnson, Mary Sue Key, David Keys, Lila Lake, Bill Marks, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken McCallum, Sally MacArthur, Brantley Mayer, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Buddy Milford, Sarah Millener, Jensen Molle, Mozelle Moore, Lee Moseley, Andrew Mulkey, Margaret Murphy, Jim Nabors, Alex Olyarchuk, Evelyn Parrish, **Allen Paramore**, Betty Parsons, Marilyn Patton, Loren Phillips, Katilyn S. Poore, Anna Raditz, Elizabeth Rahman, Donna Rij, Harris Robinson, Darst Yvonne Rose, Earle Russell, Bob Sharp Jr., Jeff Shelton, Claire Lee Shive, Yvonne Shortlidge, Lewis Sims, James "Jim" Still, Betty Stone, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Nina Thomason, Dianne Timblin, **Melanie Ann Tinnelly**, Gary Tompkins, Hazel Townsend, Eddie Trotter, Debbie Troxell, Doris Ward, Dot Whitesides, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Linda Williams, Margaret Williams, Esther Wilson, Charlie Vaughn, Jan Zimmerman

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PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director
Tammy Burkhalter: 672.0327
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Prayer Requests: 672.1838

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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

November 24–30, 2019

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Family Advent Festival December 4

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For more information about
the ministry of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org

November 24–30, 2019

Bring your kids or grandkids to the 14th annual

Family Advent Festival

Wednesday, December 4

Drop in 5:00–8:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm • Story Time with Ms. Betty

Your family will work together
to make ornaments and a
pine cross door decoration.

Cost of \$25 per family includes
soup & bread bar, dessert, and all craft items.

All ages are welcome!

Questions? Contact Heather Tomlinson • 672.0337 • htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org



Space is limited to 40 families, so register online NOW at
FirstPresGreenville.org (click Featured Events).

Service hours are available for Youth who help at craft stations.