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Ministry News

Audio-Video-Lighting Ministry, Evan Tripp SIGN UP TO BE A FIRST PRES AVL VOLUNTEER!

Sign up to volunteer with the AVL 057

Production Ministry at First Pres! Needed positions include Sound, Lighting, Camera, and Video Playback 🕌 (ProPresenter) operators for all Sunday services, special events, and weekly

Bible studies. No experience is required; training is provided. Sign up online by using this QR code, or

visit the sound booth following any service or event.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones ADOPTION/FOSTER/KINSHIP CARE TEA

If foster care, adoption or kinship care has touched your life in any way, we invite you to a Tea Luncheon on Sunday, January 22, at 1:30pm in the Formal Dining Room. RSVP by Monday, January 16, to

BUDDY BREAK JANUARY 28

Do you know a family who has a child with special needs? Tell them about *Buddy Break!* This



is a night where they can bring ALL their children for pizza and play while mom and dad enjoy some much-needed respite.

The next Buddy Break will be Friday, January 28, 5:30-8:00pm. This will be our Super Hero night, so we encourage everyone to wear their capes or masks. RSVP (required): tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BEHOLD!

Behold, children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3). All adults and senior high students are invited to *BEHOLD*! in Harper Chapel on **Sunday**, January 22, 9:30-10:30am, to hear personal stories from five covenant partners ranging from abortion to fostering to adoption. If you'd like to be inspired by what our God can do, please join us. Stay tuned for more details.

If foster care, adoption, or kinship care has touched you personally in any way, we invite you to participate in a group photo in the Chapel prior to the event (9:30am sharp). Note: While children most definitely should join for the photo, the event is not age-appropriate for them due to the sensitive nature of the messages.

First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

2023-2024 FPA ENROLLMENT IS OPEN TO ALL

Enrollment is now open for all families applying to First Presbyterian Academy for the 2023-2024 school year. Enrollments are processed on a first come, first served basis. Visit FirstPresAcademy.com for details.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley **NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 20-21**

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next Discover First New Member Weekend Friday-Saturday, January 20-21. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children ag 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (Events tab).

you view the world around you, will be offered at North Hills Church beginning Thursday, January 26, 6:30-9:15pm. Register at Class.perspectives. org/Visitor/Public.aspx?ClassId=435539. Contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) for scholarship information.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

TUESDAY EVENING HEALING & PRAYER The Tuesday evening Healing & Prayer Service will not be held on December 27, but will resume weekly on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The Healing & Prayer Service is held each Tuesday at 7:00pm in Harper Prayer Chapel. Come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Summer@1st, Beth Plyler & Caleb McKisic

SUMMER@1st NURSERY SCHOOL JUNE-JULY Summer Nursery School Camp is designed for infants through rising K4 in the months of June and July. Flexible registration and sibling discounts are available. Campers can attend 2, 3, or 5 days per week, and you choose the weeks that work for your family. Registration opens Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at FirstPresNurserySchool.org. Questions? Contact Beth Plyler, Summer@1st Director (bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org).

SUMMER@1ST SPORTS CAMPS JUNE-JULY

Our Summer Sports Camps are designed for K5 through 8th graders in the months of June and July. Registration opens Wednesday January 4, 2023. Read more details and register at FirstPresSports.com. Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic, First Pres Sports Director (864.660.2080).

Announcements

2022 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

We appreciate all of our staff members, and celebrate these who reached special milestones in 2022:

5 Years	Amy Belleman
	Kristy Service
	Sarah Gill
10 Years	Heather Tomlinson
15 Years	Richard Gibbons
	Anthony Smith
	Mike Templeton
20 Years	Tammy Burkhalter

YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we thank everyone who has given to the operating budget to support the many ministries and activities that bless not only the lives of our members but also others in the community and around the world.

Gifts of cash or checks, appreciated stock and IRA Distributions can be made to the church. The last day to accept 2022 gifts in the office will be Friday, December 30, 2022, by noon. If mailed they must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2022. If you have questions about giving to FPC, please contact Kristy Service (kservice@ tirstpresgreenville.org) or Bobby Hottman (bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org). On gifts of appreciated stocks, contact Kristy or Bobby to let them know about the gift and make sure you receive proper credit. Further details are in brochures in the literature racks. Thank you for giving generously!

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to The family of Rev. Dr. James Still. Dr. Still, a former FPC associate pastor, died on December 17.

Mr. Dick Brennecke in the death of his wife, Jane Brennecke, on December 19.

IN MEMORIAM

Jane Todd Fleming Brennecke February 27, 1932 – December 19, 2022

Calendar for the Week

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups (optional)

10:45am • Nursery (birth-24 months) 11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream) **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Church Office, Academy, FPNS closed: Christmas holiday **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 11:30am • Circle #1 (Off campus: Foothills)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346) 9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups (*optional*) 10:30am • Nursery & Kids Church (birth–1st grade) **10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream)** 11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) Church Office, Academy, FPNS closed: New Year's holiday TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

- Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 7:00pm Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel) • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
- Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) 5:15pm Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45pm Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)
- 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 - Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 - Min. Dev. Course Orientation (Room B301)
- 6:15pm Age 0-2: Nursery (Room C213)
 - Age 2-3: Bible lesson (Room C215)
 - Age 4-5: Bible lesson (Room C201)
 - •Grades 1-2: Bible lesson (Room C201)
- 6:15pm •Grades 3-5: WOW Bible Study (C301) Study: *Getting Older* (Harper Chapel)
 - Study: Parenting (Room B304)
- Study: *The Kingdom of Heaven* (Room B303) 6:30pm Bible Study: *Psalms & Proverbs* (Fellowship
- Hall, live stream) 7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
 - Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
- 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship: Deuteronomy (Formal Dining Room, Zoom)

Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan **MEN'S THURSDAY GATHERINGS**

Men's groups will not meet December 22-29, but will resume weekly on Thursday, January 5, at 7:30am and 12:00noon.

Missions, Brian Stewart BOX UP ITEMS FOR MIRACLE HILL

We may not celebrate Boxing Day in the U.S., but if you are cleaning out gently used items, please consider boxing up and setting them aside for Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag project coming to FPC February 11-12. Suggested donation items include gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, and accessories. Box before you bag, and stay tuned for more information!

PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS JANUARY 26

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a 15week learning opportunity that will change the way

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Open to all covenant partners in the congregation, FPC's Ministry Development Course (MDC) is great preparation for individuals with a zeal for Transforming the Heart of the City. It is also a prerequisite for nomination as an elected church officer, as well as a valuable resource for all members. You are invited to attend one of the two orientation meetings: Wednesday, January 4 (6:00–7:30pm, Room B301), or Sunday, January 8 (9:00–10:30am, Formal Dining Room). Register for the course at FirstPresGreenville.org (MDC icon) or contact Autumn Clark (aclark@ firstpresgreenville.org). Contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details.

VINEYARD BOOKSTORE SCHEDULE

The Vineyard will be closed December 24-31.

9:30am • Women: Anxious for Nothing (Room B311) 12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Formal Dining Rm) 6:15pm • Study: Encouraging Blended Families (B306)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

Looking Ahead

* December 24 Christmas Eve Services Afternoon Service (traditional) 2:00pm 4:00pm Children's Service (new time) 7:00pm Candlelight Service (modern) 11:00pm Watchnight Service (traditional) * December 25 Christmas Day Worship 11:00am (nursery provided) January 1, 2023 New Year's Day Worship 10:45am Ignite, 11:00am (Kids Church & nursery) * VISIT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SC

First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



December 2022 Christmas Memorials & Honors

The Sanctuary decorations and Christmas poinsettias are given to the glory of God by the following.

The poinsettias may be removed from the church after the 11:00pm service on Saturday, December 24th, or on Sunday, December 25th.

In Loving Memory

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Adams by Karen Fields Mr. and Mrs. John O. Alexander, my parents, by Joyce Alexander Harriet Anthony by the Morrison Family My husband, John Antonio, by Arlene Antonio My wife Barbara, an angel, and my parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Attaway, by Ben Attaway Louis and Doris Ayers by Maxwell and Dana Gottman My husband, Dr. Ottis Ballenger, by Ann Ballenger My family, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Beck, and sons Jimmie, Billy, and Larry, by Dee Mitchell McGowan Dr. and Mrs. James A. Black and Mr. and Mrs. James Landis by James and Susan Black Jr. Mrs. Phoebe Blackston by Ann Ballenger **Anne Boroughs** by Jane and Bill Sykes Bud and Sally Brakmann by Ed, Kathy, Steve, and Kim Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brenegar by Mark and Jane Trexler Our parents, Dorothy and William D. Browning, by David and Le Anna Browning William D. and Dorothy David Browning Sr., our parents, by Bill and Phyllis Browning Jr. Mr. Robert G. Capps by Richy, Leslie, Rich, and Georgia Milligan **Jim Castle** by the Castle Family Jim Castle by Debbie Davidson Sandra Chambers by Dick and Elizabeth Whitney Lang Cheves, Boo Cheves, and Ed Olechovsky, our beloved grandparents and great-grandparents,

by Cheves, Garrett, Garrett Jr., and Lang Steck; Gordon, Molly, Curry, Molly McCuen, and Birney Sherard; and Reid, Carrie, Ann Fisher, and Goodman Sherard

Our wonderful parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clary and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkins Sr., by Susan and David Wilkins Dr. Hampton Wade Collins III by Dr. and Mrs. Hampton Wade Collins IV Dr. and Mrs. Marshall B. Corl by Jane Dove and Forrest Long **Anne Cornwell** by the Morrison Family Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Daugherty by Blair Daugherty and his daughters, Tricia Severa, Sarah Nolfo, and Kristen Ellis Pat Daugherty by Blair Daugherty and his children, Tricia, Sarah, and Kristen My husband, Don Davidson, and his brother, Gary Davidson, by Debbie Davidson Judy DePriester by Harry and Sheila Bolick Mrs. Judy DePriester by A.B. and Tim Stewart **Kasey Michelle Dick** by her parents, Casey and Teresa Dick Jack and Ann Fabean by the Cherry Family A. P. and Jean Fant by Bud and Claudia Fant Henry M. Faris Jr. and Henry M. Faris III by their family **Dr. Hank Faris** by Ann Ballenger **Dr. Henry Faris** by Ann Ballenger Dr. Henry Miles Faris Jr. and Henry "Hank" Faris III, DMD, by Judy and Don McAlister Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fields Jr. by Karen Fields Jane S. Gibson by Jim Gibson Bill Gottman by Maxwell and Dana Gottman Edward and Charlotte Gottman by Maxwell and Dana Gottman Elizabeth Grimball and Freddie Dudley by Leila Dudley Emily Grace Hall by Jason and Erin Hall John Clinton Hobbs by the Hobbs family Christine Jameson, Dr. Hal Jameson, and Robert L. Jameson by Charlotte and Michael Watson **Cathe Johnson** by members of Women's Circle #3 Paul Karns by Sara Karns Eddie Lathan by Darlene Martin and children Ms. Jean Stuart Maxwell by Richy, Leslie, Rich, and Georgia Milligan Bill Lewis by Nancy Lewis Dr. and Mrs. Forrest B. Long by Jane Dove and Forrest Long William Marks by Priscilla Marks Debbie Martin by Don Martin and children Ralph and Hazel McClain by Dwight and Susan Neese and family Sarah A. McCorkle by Jenny L. McCorkle Dr. and Mrs. William McDaniel by Blair Daugherty and his daughters, Tricia Severa, Sarah Nolfo, and Kristen Ellis Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Rich Milligan by Richy, Leslie, Rich, and Georgia Milligan

Dr. Ronnie R. Milligan Sr. by Richy, Leslie, Rich, and Georgia Milligan **Our parents** by Steve and Amy Murray **Our parents** by Jennifer and Jerry O'Neal and Family James and Betty Orders by Jimmy and Diana Clayton Patrick by Alex, Mary Frances, and Elizabeth Our parents, LeRoy and Gale Peterson and Ernest and Sarah Powell, by Wick and Mary Powell Mr. Russell Powell by Ann Ballenger Our beloved son, Richard Avery Rabb Jr., by Richard and Gaynelle Rabb Millard G. Ripley by his loving family, Todd and Claire Ripley Dr. Dabney P. Robinson by Judy and Don McAlister **Dr. Earle Russell Jr.** by all who miss him, especially his family Family members by Bob Shell, Kim Cummings-Shell, and Zane Thomas Cummings Charlie Smith by the Sherards and Steck family Reverend Joseph Howell Smith and Sarah Fulbright Smith and Irene Rush by Patricia and Jim Rush Our parents, Leah "Gaga" Spears, Bob Spear, Jane West, and Billy Maxwell, by Diane and Marlowe Maxwell Louis St. John and Mary Elizabeth David, our grandparents, by Bill and Phyllis Browning Jr. Bill and Martha Beth Sturgis, Scott Sturgis, and Jack Clark by Rick and Joy Sturgis Jane Wall Sykes by the Sykes family Dr. and Mrs. Lucian Tatum by Donny and Anna (Tatum) Swing Chas Thomason by Mom, Dad, McKee, and Katie Ruth and Bob Thomason by Mack, Cheree, McKee, and Katie Ruth and Bob Thomason, Jim Thomason, and Chas Thomason by Sally Russell **David Trexler** by Mark and Jane Trexler Max Trexler by Mark and Jane Trexler Our parents and grandparents by Jim and Laurie Warren Pansy and Charles Watson and Elizabeth Watson by Charlotte and Michael Watson Mary Ellen Watts, Ginny's mother, by John and Ginny Woodham Our children's grandparents, Sara "Ahmama" White and Charley "Ahdaddy" White, by Elizabeth and Traye Fuqua Our loving mom, Dot Whitesides, and our dad, Vic Burrell, by Brian and Karen Burrell Our grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. Williams Jr. and Mr. John R. Sullivan Sr., by Russ, Rob, Baxter, and Lauren Williams Michael Williams by Jane and Jim Williams Elizabeth Woodham, John's mother, by John and Ginny Woodham Our son, David Young, by Kitty Young Skip Young by Kitty Young

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In Loving Honor

Joyce Alexander, my best friend, by Ben Attaway Jamie Bach by Adam, Warren, Cooper, and Mary My children and grandchildren by Ann Ballenger First Presbyterian Church Prayer and Healing Prayer Ministry by Richard and Nancy Furman Our children Will, John, and Sam Fuqua, and their grandmother, Betty "Boop" Fuqua, by Elizabeth and Traye Fuqua Richard and Ruth Gibbons by Susan and David Wilkins All of our ministers and staff by Ann Ballenger Our pastors and staff by A.B. and Tim Stewart Mrs. Betty S. Milligan by Richy, Leslie, Rich, and Georgia Milligan Our children and grandchildren by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Quantz Our precious grandchildren, Avery, Kennedy, Mary Michael, and James Madden, by Richard and Gaynelle Rabb Mr. James L. Rush and Mrs. Patricia Jo Rush, my parents, by Robyn Rush The Russell and Selvy children by Gigi Mrs. Jane Blake Shaw, Gene Abrams, and Alex Abrams by members of Women's Circle #3 Our grandmother, Mrs. John R. Sullivan Sr., by Russ, Rob, Baxter, and Lauren Williams Mr. and Mrs. Donald Swing Sr. by Donny and Anna (Tatum) Swing Will, Craver, and Davis Swing by Donny and Anna (Tatum) Swing Our families and to God's Glory by Jo and Harry Ussery Our children and grandchildren by Jim and Laurie Warren Our dad, Jack Whitesides, and our mom, Carol Burrell, by Brian and Karen Burrell

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Letter SUNDAY

Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 25, 2022

11:00am Worship • Sanctuary **"THE BIRTH OF CHRIST"** Matthew 1:18-2:2 **Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons**

9:45am - Adult Sunday Life Groups (optional) 10:45 – Nursery

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JANUARY 1, 2023

10:45am IGNITE Worship • Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship • Sanctuary "A NEW YEAR'S PROMISE" Joshua 1:1-9 **Rev. Stan Johnson**

9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups (optional) 10:30 - Nursery & Kids Church

This WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Meals (11:45am & 5:00pm) and Bible Studies resume January 4. Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am • Sanctuary 11:00am • Sanctuary

Live Streaming:

Facebook page: Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville FPC YouTube channel: YouTube.com/ *FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville* FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream

Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am • Fellowship Hall **Live Streaming:** Ignite Facebook page: Facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/ Ignite YouTube channel: YouTube.com/ *FirstPresIgniteWorship*

Wednesday Bible Study

12:30pm-1:00pm • Fellowship Hall 6:30pm-7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Live Streaming (6:30pm only): Facebook, YouTube, and FirstPresgreenville.org/media/ livestream

Please "like" & "subscribe" for easy access.

Growing faithful Christians

Prayer & Care

Encouragement & Support If you would like a Prayer Minister

or Cancer Caring Ministry member to contact you, please email Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org. If you need prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943 Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 Prayer Requests: 565.0970



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military

June Anderson, Bill Anthony, Doane August, Susan Bennett, Randy Best, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Luke Chapman, Sarah Chapman, Joy Clawson, Annie Cobb, Joe Cole, **Charlene Comer**,

PRAYER List

Hammer Deadwyler, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Gayle Duggan, Collin Etheridge, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Rut Galloway,

Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, John Harvell, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Johnny M. Hendricks, *Louise Hofstadter*, Victoria Holt, Dan Hoover, Vicky Hunt, Amy Hunter, Gerald Huskamp, Art Jeffrey,

Ginny Johnson, Craig Jones, Bonnie Leonard, Tom Lide, Dorcas Lindsey, Morn Lindsay, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft,

Bob MacCallum, Doug MacCallum, Judy MacCullum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Polly Martin, Donna McCoy, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Pete Russell, Fran Sanders, Janice Shartle, Carol Shirley, Swartwood, Carrie Stringer, Trey Suggs, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don

Youatt, Beryl Wickliffe, Nina Williams, Jan Zimmermann

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

ONLINE GIVING



December 25, 2022-January

Winter-Spring 2023 Grow@First Weekly Discipleship

December 25, 2022–January 7, 2023

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

Grow@First!

Winter-Spring Weekly Discipleship



Opportunities begin January 4-12

Get connected this year in a weekly opportunity to grow in your faith. In this new schedule you'll find details on: Sunday Morning Worship and classes for all ages

• Wednesday Luncheon Bible Study (begins January 4) Wednesday Evening Opportunities for all ages (begin January 4)

Women's and Men's Weekday Bible Studies

Visit FirstPresGreenville.org Click on the Weekly Schedule icon

Come grow with us!





GRAPEVINE

"I am the vine; you are the branches." JOHN 15:5