

# CONNECT@FIRST

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## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### COME GROW WITH US IN 2025!

Get connected this year and grow in your faith! In our Winter/Spring Grow@First schedule, you'll find details on Sunday Morning Worship and classes, weekday studies, and music opportunities for all ages. Brochures are available in the literature racks and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org). Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Wednesday at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, for our Bible studies in the Gospel of John. Dr. Richard Gibbons will first explore the "I AM" sayings of Jesus, and then focus on John's passion narrative as we move toward the dramatic climax of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Immersing ourselves in Scripture, we will consider the life-changing significance of Christ as the Son of God and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Grow deeper in your faith in this stimulating, challenging study of John.

### DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Would you like to discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC? Our next New Member Weekend will be Friday-Saturday, January 31-February 1. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda at [lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Registration is open at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### NEW CLASS COMING IN FEBRUARY: MARRIAGE MATTERS—BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGES TODAY

Join us for a practical, informative, and biblical look at what a marriage can be. Led by Chuck and Beth Simmons and Will and Sydney Sykes, this six-week course will cover a variety of topics, all designed to help couples build strong, healthy relationships with one another. Dates are Wednesdays, February 5-March 12, 6:15-7:15pm. No registration required. Open to married couples of all ages!

*Missional Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS SOON

The Perspectives Course is a comprehensive study of God's global movement to bring His glory from all the people groups of the earth. This 15-week course begins Thursday, January 16, 6:30-9:15pm in Room D305. If you're not sure, try the first two classes for free. To register, visit [Perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-s25/](http://Perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-s25/). For more information, contact Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611 or Brian Stewart at [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org). If you need childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert at [epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### JUST ANNOUNCED: PURSUIT 2025 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

This year's men's retreat will be held March 28-30 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The weekend will be a rich time of fellowship, discipleship, and adventure. Men can expect to be challenged spiritually, laugh heartily, experience adventure, begin new relationships, and deepen existing friendships. The cost of this year's retreat is \$275 and includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a discount. Space is limited so sign up early. Visit [3GenMinistries.org](http://3GenMinistries.org) to register. Questions? Please contact Michael Trotter at [trottermichael1@gmail.com](mailto:trottermichael1@gmail.com) or Russell Guest at [russellguest@charter.net](mailto:russellguest@charter.net). We'd love to see you there!

## EVENTS

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### NIGHT TO SHINE COMES TO FPC IN FEBRUARY

We are privileged to host The Tim Tebow Foundation's *Night to Shine* on Friday, February 7, at 6:00pm. *Night to Shine* is an evening centered on God's love, honoring and celebrating those with special abilities (ages 14 and older). This event requires many volunteers and is a wonderful way to connect with and serve our local community of people with special needs. From serving as a guest's buddy

or member of the red carpet paparazzi to keeping the enthusiasm up on the dance floor or serving food, there is something for everyone. Go to [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to register as a volunteer or a guest. Questions? Contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### VBS, DAY MISSIONS, & MUSIC CAMP JUNE 9-12

It's time to sign up! Registration for Vacation Bible School (rising K5-rising 4th grade), Day Missions (rising 5th-rising 12th grade), and Music Camp (rising 2nd-rising 6th grade) is now open online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*First Presbyterian Nursery School, Beth Plyler*

### SUMMER@1ST REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 13

Summer@1st is designed for infants through rising K5 for the months of June and July. Flexible registration and sibling discounts are available. For more information and to register, visit [FirstPresNurserySchool.org](http://FirstPresNurserySchool.org), or email [bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### RESURRECTION LETTERS COMES TO FIRST PRES

Join us to hear Andrew Peterson's celebrated Easter tour, *The Resurrection Letters*, on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00pm! These songs celebrate the victory Christ won for us on Calvary and the security of the resurrection. We can't wait to share these *Resurrection Letters* with you! Tickets on sale at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Light & Life Ministry, Don Feuerbach*

### VIALE PLAY TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Light & Life Ministry has announced an encore performance of the one-act play, *Viable*, on Friday, January 24, here at FPC. *Viable* is a heart-warming, triumphant story of a mother heavy-laden with secret shame, sorrow, and self-condemnation for 30 years because of her choice—until she experiences the healing, renewing, and restorative love of Jesus Christ in a most unexpected and unusual way. Tickets are on sale now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Proceeds will support Lifeline Children's Services—visit [lifelinechild.org](http://lifelinechild.org) for more information about their ministry.

*Missional Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### SWITCH HOSTS FILM—YOU'RE INVITED

Join the ministry of SWITCH for an exclusive screening of "The Slave in Your Backyard" at Camelot Cinemas, and be among the first to witness this powerful film. Get ready to be moved, inspired, and educated by this eye-opening documentary by Fisher Films on the local realities of human trafficking in South Carolina. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an important conversation and take action against modern slavery. Reserve your seat now at Camelot Cinemas on Friday, January 31, at 7:00pm. Purchase tickets (\$20) here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/switch-movie-premier-the-slave-in-your-backyard-tickets-1107424158469>. The movie is not suitable for children 12 and under.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Sign up to serve in creating an exciting production experience for our guests. No experience is required. Training will be provided by our Event Operations Coordinator. Further details will be sent regarding scheduling and training. If you are interested, please email [productions@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:productions@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details.

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### YELLOW BAGS FOR MIRACLE HILL

Did you know that a small yellow bag can make a big difference in the lives of people in our community? As you clean out closets and drawers, please set aside gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for our Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag Project. Bags will be available in early February and can be returned on February 23.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the

Worship & Arts Center

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Ordination & Installation of Officers

8:30am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School

9:45am Student Life Groups

9:45am Adult Life Groups

10:30am Kids Church

### LIVE STREAMING

8:30am & 11:00am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

[YouTube.com/FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)

[YouTube.com/FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/FirstPresIgniteWorship)

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## WEDNESDAY

January 15, 2025

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The "I AM" Sayings of John

12:30pm-1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm-7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm-7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

#### MENU:

Baked Chicken Parmesan, Bolognese Meat Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Buttered Linguine Pasta, Fried Zucchini, Sicilian Roasted Cauliflower, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread Sticks, Salads, Chelf's Choice Desserts

#### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

1/24: *Viable* Play

1/31: "The Slave in Your Backyard" Screening at Camelot Theater

2/7: *Night to Shine*

2/23: Miracle Hill Yellow Bag Collection Day

More info on all events at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)

## MEMBER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fields (Morgan)** on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Rose Fields, born on December 30; and to grandparents, **Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Guest (Darst)**.

**Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson (Shannon)** on the birth of a daughter, Margaret Reese Watson, born on December 30; and to grandfather, **Mr. Jim Watson**.

**Mr. and Mrs. David Williams (Betsy)** on the birth of a grandson, Emerson Frankin Sanders, born on January 6.

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**The family of Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Johnson**. Ms. Johnson died on December 31, 2024.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Virginia Louanne Johnson** ♦ *May 17, 1939 – December 31, 2024*

### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Dick Brennecke, Miriam Brice, Lin Cundiff, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Michael Faw, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Betsy Guffey, Richard Hanks, Mary Haselden, Anna Hewitt, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Raoul Glenn, Buddy May, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Joanne Quantz, Ken Rhoden, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Claire Taylor, John Volpe, Robin Walton,

### PRAYER LIST continued

Lindsay Webb, Jack Whitesides, Beryl Wickliffe, *Carrie Williamson*, Gretchen Horwath Wood, Jan Zimmerman

**Bold** = New    *Italics* = In Hospital

### PRAYER RESOURCES

**Congregational Care:** *To pass on information regarding a medical emergency, upcoming surgery, or admittance to the hospital, please call Don Feuerbach, 864.565.0928.*

**Prayer Appointments:** *To schedule a confidential appointment with our Healing Prayer Team Members, call 864.565.0960.*

**Prayer Requests:** *For general prayer requests, call 864.565.0970.*

**Healing Prayer Service:** *Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel*

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



*The FPC Military Ministry assists and prays for church members of our congregation serving in the Armed Forces (Active Duty, Reserves, and National Guard). Visit the Care Ministry page (see Military Ministry) on our website to learn more.*



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instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://instagram.com/@FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



### WHAT'S INSIDE

January 9–15, 2025

Dr. Gibbons Begins New  
Sermon Series

Learn More About Biblical  
Stewardship in January

Grow@First Winter/Spring  
Schedule Has Begun

Registration is Open for VBS/Music  
Camp/Summer@1st

Viable Tickets on Sale Now

For more information about  
the ministries of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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*Learn More About*

## BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP



January 12  
Bob August  
Estate Planning



January 19  
Mark Clary  
Saving and Investing



January 26  
Tripp Welch  
Budgeting and Debt

Sundays | 9:45-10:30am | Fellowship Hall

*No registration is necessary. Contact Bobby Hoffman  
at [bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information.*

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