

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU TO ALL ECO VOLUNTEERS!

Over 150 volunteers served our ECO guests during the conference at First Pres this week. We are truly grateful for your willingness to sacrifice your time and energy to make the event a huge success.

### GLORY RIDGE SUMMER STAFF

Glory Ridge, a multi-denominational Christian camp in North Carolina, is hiring individuals for their summer staff. Interested applicants can visit [GloryRidge.org](http://GloryRidge.org) to learn about job qualifications and requirements, or email Deb Shoemaker to request an application ([deb@gloryridge.org](mailto:deb@gloryridge.org)).

### LOST AND FOUND TABLE

On Sunday, February 11 and February 18, there will be a lost and found table by the elevators in the Building D main hallway. Please take a look for any missing items; anything remaining after February 18 will be donated to Miracle Hill.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### FINANCIAL PEACE STARTS FEBRUARY 21

Sign up now for Dave Ramsey's class, *Financial Peace* to be held on Wednesdays, 6:00–7:15pm, February 21–May 1. You will learn how to budget, pay off debt fast, save money, invest, communicate in marriage, and plan for a better financial future. There is a fee to cover the cost of class materials/books. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### PURSUIT MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

The PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is March 1-3 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The cost, \$235, includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a discounted cost of \$160. Space is limited. Visit [3GenMinistries.org](http://3GenMinistries.org) to register.

## EVENTS

### WONDERS OF PERU TRIP

Join Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham on a sightseeing trip to Peru July 29-August 6, 2024. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). For travel questions, please contact Lindsay Graham at [lgraham2729@gmail.com](mailto:lgraham2729@gmail.com).

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### VBS & DAY MISSIONS ALMOST FULL

There's been a tremendous response to both VBS and Day Missions registrations and we are almost full. Waiting lists have begun for both camps. If you plan on serving, there are several reserved spots in each program for the children and grandchildren of volunteers. Volunteers may register themselves first at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the VBS and Day Missions icon, then register their child on the waiting list, and then email Tina to have their child moved from the waiting list to the regular VBS roster.

### TAKE ME TO THE CROSS FEBRUARY 14

Everyone is invited to *Take Me to the Cross*, our Lenten Worship & Prayer Service, on Wednesday, February 14, 6:15–7:15pm in Harper Chapel. Questions? Contact Karen King at [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org).

### TWO'S BLESSING

If you have a two-year-old (or maybe missed the blessing when your child was two) please join us on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30am in Room C201, to learn how to pray God's blessing over your child. You will hear an example of a beautiful blessing and leave

with a printed blessing and a Bible to take home. A light breakfast will be served. If you would like to be a part of this special event, RSVP to Evelyn at [epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org) by February 9.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### THE GRAY HAVENS CONCERT APRIL 19

*The Gray Havens*, American Christian folk pop husband and wife duo David and Licia Radford, are coming to First Pres! Join us on Friday, April 19, at 7:00pm, for their 10-year anniversary tour concert. For tickets, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### MYSTERY OF BEAUTY ARTS CONFERENCE IN MARCH

The FPC Fine Arts Ministry will host a half-day conference, *Mystery of Beauty*, for anyone interested in the topic of art and faith, on Friday, March 1, in the Worship & Arts Center. Makoto Fujimura will be our keynote speaker. You will not want to miss this conference! Register now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### FPC DRAMA CAMP JUNE 17–21

Drama Kids of Greenville County is proud to partner with First Presbyterian Church to offer a faith-based summer camp for children ages 6-12, to explore new acting skills, voices, and movements. Get ready to blast off on an epic adventure June 17–21. For more information, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### EGYPT MISSIONS PRESENTATION

FPC Medical Professionals are invited to hear a presentation in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 4, during the Sunday Life Group Hour (9:45–10:30am). The presentation will be led by Dr. Joseph Botros, hospital director for the Synod of the Nile. Information will also be shared about future medical trips to Egypt. For more information, contact Brian Stewart ([bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### CELEBRATE LIFE! MUSICAL THEATER

The birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. *Celebrate Life!* will be performed in a musical theater format through narration, the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists, all presenting the gospel and celebrating Jesus' life and the abundant life He offers us. Free tickets will be available at both reception desks beginning Sunday, February 11.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GALLERIES

Docents are needed to staff the Lenz Gallery during its open hours, Monday–Friday, 9:00am–3:00pm. Docents are responsible for keeping the artwork safe, answering guests' questions, and occasionally hosting guided tours. Training is provided. Contact Chelsea at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information or to sign up.

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### YELLOW BAG PICK-UP FEBRUARY 11 AND 18

Please set aside gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for our Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag Project. Bags will be available around the church on Sunday, February 11 and 18, and can be returned on Sunday, February 25, from 8:00am–1:00pm. Thank you for partnering with Miracle Hill to help transform lives and our community.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### FEBRUARY 4, 2024

#### WORSHIP

**8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary**  
**10:45am Ignite**  
**in the Worship & Arts Center**

**Pastor Radi Iskander**  
**Moderator, Synod of the Nile**  
**"God's Command To Be Missional"**  
**Scripture: Colossians 4:2-6**

**8:30am Nursery**  
**9:30am Children's Sunday School**  
**9:30am 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

### February 7, 2024

#### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Book of Daniel"  
**12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall**  
**6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall**  
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

#### LIVE STREAMING

**6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall**

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

#### WEDNESDAY MEALS

**11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall**

#### MENU:

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

#### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5  
Children ages 0-3: Free  
Family max: \$35

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

### February 1–February 7, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



MEMBER NEWS

**BAPTISMS ♦ January 28, 2024**  
**Weber Thomas Bickley**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Steven Bickley (Carley)  
**Jude Gregory Smith**, son of Ms. Caroline Fiscus and Mr. Jordan Smith  
**Scottie Louise VanDyck**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ross VanDyck (Erika)

**SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Alex McNair (Mary John)** in the death of his mother, Marion Hays McNair of Montreat, NC, on January 17, and to Mary Elizabeth in the death of her grandmother.

**MEMORIALS & HONORS**  
**CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In memory of Al Phinney* by Jo and Harry Ussery  
**TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND**  
*In memory of Al Phinney* by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. West; Kathi and Buddy Daniel

**VISITATION MINISTRY FUND**  
*In memory of Doug Gilstrap* by Susan and John Stewart; Dr. Alex Patrick; Susan and Paul Grier

**PRAYER LIST**  
Bill Anthony, Doane August, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Joe Cole, Janet Collins, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Becky Dueben, Marcella Frankin, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Sandy Gravlee, Coleman Gravlee, Lucas Groome, Christy Groome, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Cathy Harman, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, Jerry Murdock, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Bette Ann Phillips, Shari Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosise, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, **Bill Rogers**, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, **Samuel Simmons**, Jude Smith, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, **Tim Walsh**, Spires Welch, Charlie West, Beryl Wickliffe, Frank Vickers, Jan Zimmermann  
**Bold = New     Italics = In Hospital**

**PRAYER RESOURCES**  
**Congregational Care Director, Tammy Burkhalter:** Call 864.565.0943  
*For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information.*  
**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 Services:** Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel



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

ONLINE  
GIVING



**WHAT'S INSIDE**  
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Take Me to the Cross Lenten Service  
  
For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

FEBRUARY 1–FEBRUARY 7, 2024




# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 22 | 7:00PM | DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

FREE  
ADMISSION

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LIVE  
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RECORDING  
DURING THE  
EVENT



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