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ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO FPC MUSIC SUMMER INTERN

Caleb Jiva is a rising junior at North Greenville University, majoring in music worship studies. In addition to his college courses, Caleb also studies conducting and composition with local professionals. In his second summer interning with the First Presbyterian music department, Caleb is excited to further grow his skills, knowledge, and relationship with God, while also gaining practical experience in his field.

STUDENT MINISTER JOB OPENING

Student Ministries is searching for a full-time person to help shepherd our students, with a special emphasis on the Junior High grades. We are looking for someone who is relational, caring, fun-filled, organized, and creative, with good Bible knowledge and a commitment to the essentials of the reformed faith. Please contact Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones for Sunday, June 9, or June 23, please email Linda Slash at lslash@firstpresgreenville.org.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 COMMITMENT CARDS

Please return your Phase 2 commitment card to the church office or place in the offering plate by May 31. Thank you for being a part of transforming the heart of the city and “finishing the work”! For more information about Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/page/2580.

FPA LOWER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

First Presbyterian Academy is excited to announce the hiring of Mrs. Sandy Lesley as the next Lower School Principal. Mrs. Lesley comes to FPA as an experienced educator and leader. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Erskine College and a master's in Education Administration and Supervision from Liberty University. She has many years of experience as an elementary teacher in both the public and private school sectors, having served as a reading interventionist, gifted and talented teacher, grade level teacher, and PE teacher. Welcome to FPA!

DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

WOMEN'S 6-WEEK SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to the 6-week summer Bible study called *Conforming To Christ – Cultivating Fruit That Lasts*. In this study, we will see how the transforming love of Christ cultivates genuine authentic lives that bear lasting fruit. The same study will be offered in three different time slots starting Wednesday, June 19, at 9:30am and 6:00pm, and Thursday, June 20, at 9:30am. Childcare is available on Wednesdays. Books are available in the church bookstore. Visit the Women's Ministry page at FirstPresGreenville.org to register, or contact Leah Cloud at lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

TENTH AVENUE NORTH: THE INVITED TOUR

FPC will welcome Tenth Avenue North: *The Invited Tour* on Friday, September 20, at 7:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. Tenth Avenue North has always been a band of deep conviction and they've never shied away from uncomfortable topics and asking hard questions. What they thought was the end of Tenth Avenue North in 2020 – with a farewell tour disrupted by the global pandemic – turned into a four-year hiatus that sharpened the band's focus and cemented the convictions that made them one of the most popular bands in Christian music. Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

CHONDA PIERCE LIFE IS FUNNY LIVE IN CONCERT

Ladies, get ready to laugh until your sides ache and your mascara runs! Join Chonda Pierce for her “Life is Funny” LIVE in Concert on Thursday, September 12, at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) in the Worship & Arts Center. Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to this must-see event that will leave you feeling uplifted, inspired, and grateful for the gift of laughter. Use discount code INSIDER for 20% discount through May 29 (does not apply to groups).

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

SWITCH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for the 2024 Switch Charity Golf Tournament at Fox Run Country Club in Simpsonville, SC, on Monday, June 17, 10:00am–5:00pm. Switch is a grassroots organization that leads a movement to end human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in the Upstate of South Carolina, and serves those affected. Slots will fill up fast, so register today at SwitchSC.org.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us for the Summer Basketball Youth League and Skills Clinics located in the Graham Gym. The season, which runs June 3–August 3 for K5-12th graders, will include several games and clinics each week. Registration and details can be found at FirstPresSports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS MINI-OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Join us for our 7th Annual Roots Mini-Open Championship. The greatest miniature golfers in the upstate will meet at the Royal McPherson Golf Club (AKA McPherson Park) on Sunday, June 9, from 5:00pm–7:00pm. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to come seek the glory of being the next Champion Golfer of the Year! Contact Mason at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org with any questions.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

SO, YOU WANT TO LEARN TO READ MUSIC? CLASS

You are invited to music reading classes from 6:00–7:15pm on Wednesdays in July this summer—July 10, 17, 24, and 31 in the choir room. All age levels are welcome, but the primary focus will be adult learners. Musicians will be available during the class for individual questions and assistance. Our goal is to “sing with the spirit and to sing with understanding” (1 Corinthians 14:15). Please register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

SERVE WITH US! DAY MISSIONS AND VBS JUNE 10-13

We currently have several children on our VBS waiting list that do not currently have a church home. What a blessing it would be if we had enough volunteers so that everyone on the waiting list could hear the gospel! Even if you can only serve 1-2 days, that would be helpful. Or, join us as a chaperone during Day Missions as students serve the needs of our city this summer! We are also accepting donations for the week. To sign up to volunteer or donate items, go to the Children's Ministry page at FirstPresGreenville.org or contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

PHYSICIANS NEEDED FOR MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO EGYPT

FPC needs a female OBGYN and another physician who specializes in either Family or Internal Medicine or Med-Peds to complete a larger team that will offer a Primary Care Outreach Clinic for Sudanese refugees in the Cairo area. These clinics will be offered at two Presbyterian hospitals there during the mission trip to Egypt in November 2024. If you or someone you know (does not have to be a FPC covenant partner) may be interested, please contact Dr. Andy Gunter (gunteraw@att.net) or Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 26, 2024

WORSHIP

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

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

Scripture: **Philippians 1:27a; 2:1-11**

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:

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10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

MAY 29, 2024

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

“Philippians: A Life Worth Living”

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

(Lunch available through June 5)

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

(Dessert/beverages through June 5)

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 26: Memorial Day Recognition

May 27: Church Office Closed

June 9: Roots Mini-Open

June 10-13: VBS/Day Missions

June 10-13: Music Camp

June 19 & 20: Women's Summer

Bible Study begins

PASTOR OF THE DAY

MAY 23–MAY 29, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 19, 2024

Levi Dezso Vastag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dezso Vastag (Jessica)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mrs. Betsy Littlejohn on the birth of a granddaughter, Frances Ruth Littlejohn, on May 2. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Littlejohn (Caitlin).

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mrs. Bootsie Efird in the death of her husband, Bob Efird, on May 20.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Andrew Efird ♦ January 21, 1941 – May 20, 2024

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Bruce and Debbie Brackett, Alex and Caroline Finnie, Bill and Kelly McClintock, Steve and Julie McClure, Hudson and Amanda Denney (Hayes), Lura Dye, Alvin and Lee Ann Forston, Cameron and Jen Gamble (Taylor, Tanner, Tucker, and Turner), Colin and Anna Gelbaugh, Michael and Carol Ann Hoffman, Ethan and Jennings Knight (Liam and James), Dick and Margreet Kroneman, Connor and Taylor Mitchell (Jackson and Palmer), Alan and Brie Pearce (Wells and Briggs), Barbara Pettit-Chase, Susan Phillips, Liz Philpot, Kristen White

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FPC FOUNDATION

In memory of Jerry Murdock by Joyce Mooney

In memory of Jerry Murdock by Ben and Martha Reed

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, Phylis Browning, Susan Cable, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Meredith Holliday, Jeanie Kiser, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Donna Steeves, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Tim Walsh, **Jack Whitesides**, Beryl Wickliffe, John Woodham, Don Youatt

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

PRAYER RESOURCES

Congregational Care Director, Tammy Burkhalter: For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information call 864.565.0943.

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



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

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CLOP CLOP ON THE REEDY: A TALE OF HUGUENOT MILL

Written by Dave Burke, First Pres member

*Sponsored by a
MAC grant and FPC Arts*

50% OFF
TICKETS

DISCOUNT CODE:
MEMORIALDAY2024

Premiere Performance Friday, May 31
7:00-8:00pm | Worship & Arts Center
Tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

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