

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*First Pres Academy, Rob Brown*

### URGENT: HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are in urgent need of host families for a few international students arriving soon. These students are eager to join the FPA community and need loving, supportive homes.

- Camila is an 11th grader from Brazil who loves volleyball and is excited to stay for the full year. She needs a dog-free home.
- We also need a host (or backup) family for a 10th-grade boy from Spain and another student, Isabela.

Short-term (semester-only) hosting options are also available. Hosting is a meaningful way to share Christian hospitality and make a lasting impact. If you're interested or want more details, contact Jynne Stowe at [jstowe@firstpresacademy.com](mailto:jstowe@firstpresacademy.com).

### SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Parents and students, please complete a college information form for your new or returning college student. Look for the College Care Packages icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or find the forms in the literature racks around the church. Send your completed forms to Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)). Thank you for your partnership in ministry to our college students during this significant period of their lives.

### MUSIC MINISTRY FALL OFFERINGS

The Music Ministry invites preschoolers, children, students, and adults to participate in the Fall music offerings beginning Wednesday, September 10. Visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and click the Music Opportunities icon for details and times. Questions? Contact Susan Messer ([smesser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:smesser@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Dustan Chevalier ([dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO ISAIAH 117

Thank you to all who stopped by the lemonade stand on July 20 to learn about the Isaiah 117 House. We even received \$300 in donations! If you'd like more information or would like to get involved, please contact [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) or click the QR code.



## DISCIPLESHIP

*Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach*

### GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our next group will begin Sunday, September 7, 3:00–5:00pm in Room D210. Register at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org). Questions? Contact Sarah Emore at [semore@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:semore@firstpresgreenville.org) to register.

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### BACKPACK BLESSING & PROMOTION SUNDAY

During our August 10 worship services, we will pray for our children, students, and all those who work in education as they prepare to go back to school. All children are invited to wear their backpacks as they come forward for prayer. Children's Ministry will also have a fun day in Sunday School and Kids Church as the children celebrate moving to their new classrooms with a treasure hunt!

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SERIES: "What Happens One Minute After I Die?"

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) will continue to explore this important question on Thursdays, July 31, August 21 and 28, and September 11 and 18, at 12:00noon in the Formal Dining Room. All men who are retired or nearing retirement are welcome. No registration is required. Lunch reservations (\$10) may be made by contacting Charlotte Joye at 864.565.0956. Come join us for fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and biblical insight on one of life's greatest mysteries. Check [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to view the weekly discussion led by Rev. Bob H. Jones.

*Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### RADIANCE WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Women in their 20s to mid-30s are invited to join us each Wednesday for dinner and Bible Study in leaders'

homes throughout downtown Greenville. Small groups meet September 16–December 3, 6:30–8:00pm. Our study, *Philippians: At His Feet Studies*, begins with a special kickoff event. Watch for more details coming soon. Register for a small group at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Contact Diana at [dianaschmittorders@gmail.com](mailto:dianaschmittorders@gmail.com) for more information or details about being placed in a small group.

### WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY FALL SHOWCASE

All women are invited to drop by the Abbott Gathering area on Sunday, August 24, 9:00–11:00am, for a showcase of Women's Fall Bible studies. You'll have the opportunity to meet leaders and receive information about the studies. Coffee and light refreshments will also be available. We hope to see you there!

## EVENTS

*Care Ministry, Stan Johnson*

### JOIN THE BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

All singles and families are invited to gather Sunday afternoon for brunch in downtown Greenville. Please meet at 12:15pm in the Abbott Gathering area. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at [sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### FamBLITZ: FUN, FAITH, AND FAMILY!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at FamBLITZ, where faith and family collide for an evening of excitement! Parents and kids will team up to conquer thrilling games and challenges, all while hearing the powerful message of the gospel in a fun and engaging way. It's the perfect opportunity to make lasting memories, strengthen family bonds, and grow in faith together. Don't miss out on this high-energy event designed for the whole family! Get your free tickets today at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or the Five Points check-in desk.

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### ART AND FAITH LUNCH AUGUST 1

The Fine Arts Ministry welcomes all creative souls to come and fellowship at the Intersection Café (Bridge City Coffee) on Friday, August 1, at noon. Fine Arts Director Chelsea Fraser will lead a discussion about how art builds disciples. Questions? Contact Chelsea at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE IN SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendars for a memorable evening with your daughter at the 3GEN Ministries Daddy Daughter Dance! It's all happening on Friday, September 12, 7:00-9:30pm, at the beautiful Larkin's Sawmill Venue (22 Graves Drive, Greenville, SC 29609). We're teeing you up for a fantastic night of fun, laughter, and connection, complete with yummy desserts, photo ops, and tons of dancing. Register at [3genministries.org](http://3genministries.org) or [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic*

### CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Church league basketball season for K5–12th grade is approaching! Registration is open August 1–31. Late registration is open September 1–15. Learn more details and sign up at [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com). Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at [caleb@firstpressports.com](mailto:caleb@firstpressports.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Missions, Eric Swofford*

### ROOM PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As we enter our 16th year of partnering with elementary school Hollis Academy, our desire is to have a Room Parent in every classroom to help the teachers, students, and parents. Reading, tutoring, hugging, listening, and encouraging all make a significant difference in the lives of the Hollis family. Currently we have 12 openings for Room Parents in several grade levels and special education classrooms. For more information, please contact Edith Parks at [hollisroomparents@gmail.com](mailto:hollisroomparents@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 3, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"Follow Me"

Luke 18:9-14

Rev. Stan Johnson

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary

10:45am | Worship & Arts Center

11:00am | Sanctuary

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)

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

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## WEDNESDAYS

### Fall Season Grow@First Begins September 10!

The Pastor's Bible Study and Wednesday meals are paused during the summer.

Watch for the new Grow@First booklet in August for the Fall season of Bible studies, classes, and meals.

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 13: Lemonade & Learning

August 13: *Christmas@First* Concert Music Preview

August 16: FamBLITZ

August 17: Re|engage Marriage Class Kickoff

September 12: Daddy Daughter Dance with 3Gen Ministries

September 13: An Evening at the Piano with David Nevue

September 19: DR Band Concert

September 21: Missions Sunday

October 3–5: Pursuit Men's Retreat with 3Gen Ministries

October 17: Sidewalk Prophets–*The Looking Up Tour*

Check [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) for more details about current and upcoming events.



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ July 27, 2025

Jackson Cameron Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Creed Campbell (Megan)  
Rosemary Day McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parks McLeod (Camille)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willcox (Amy) in the death of her mother, Mrs. Shirley  
Roe, on July 28, 2025; and to Caroline, Emily Roe, and Elizabeth Willcox in the  
death of their grandmother.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Liza Bentley by Circle 6  
In memory of Olive McCord by Circle 6  
In memory of Richard Tapp by Beth and Chuck Simmons

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of Richard Tapp by Bob and Vicki Sowinski, Skip and Barbie Francis,  
Charles and Cheryl West, Rip and Lisa Van Riper, Betty Milligan, Carlton and  
Belinda Manley

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Richard Tapp by Don and Darlene Martin

NEW MEMBERS ♦ The pastors and congregation welcome new members

July 27, 2025: Jim and Penny Bradbury, Will and Lindsay Donovan (Jude and  
Liam), Claudia Kesseck, Standish Price, Tanner and Anna Heffner (Juliette)

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Diana August, Sandra Banks, Kathy Beck and  
family, Keren Clay, Brantley Daniel, **Debbie Davidson**, Peggy Denny, Bud  
Fant, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Tasha Garrison, Darst Guest, Betsy Guffey,  
Hand family, Danette Hanks, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks,  
Harry Hightower, Wanda Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie  
Hutton, Stephanie Johnson, Frances Kowalski, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Tom  
Lide, Tom Logan, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Mozelle  
Moore, Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, *Charles Nickles*, Chloris  
Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise  
Robinson, Bill Rogers, Tom Seay, Clifford Selby, Rhody Taber, Claire Taylor,  
Lewis Tollison, John Volpe, John M. Walker, Jocelyn Williams, Jennifer  
Winter, Beryl Wickcliffe, Jan Zimmerman

PRAYER RESOURCES

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



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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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with Katherine Wolf
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- Daddy Daughter Dance
- For more information about  
the ministries of FPC, visit  
FirstPresGreenville.org

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RADIANCE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16  
@ 6:30PM

ABOVE ALL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
@ 10AM

will feature

KATHERINE WOLF

renowned author, stroke survivor,  
and disability advocate



FREE TICKETS COMING SOON. SAVE THE DATE!

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