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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC PASTORAL SEARCH

We have two very important Pastoral positions available here at FPC—Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Executive Pastor. Please share with anyone you think would be a good fit. Look for more information in the footer section of our website, FirstPresGreenville.org, under Contacts.

2023 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2023 (or August/December 2022) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, pick up a form in the literature racks, or complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org. Contact Austin Clay (aclay@firstpresgreenville.org) by Friday, June 2.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the second phase of our Capital Campaign. We have received 4.75 million in commitments and gifts so far! Commitment cards have been mailed out, but they are still available in the reception areas or the literature racks. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your commitment, and return your card by placing it in the offering plate, mailing it in the envelope provided, or by bringing it to the church office.

BOOKS & GIFTS@FIRST IS OPEN!

Need the perfect gift for Mother's Day? Visit the bookstore in our new location to browse around for special gift ideas. "Hymns@First" is also available for purchase. Contact Stacey at 864.565.0920 with any questions.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING MAY 14

Each year South Carolina Presbyterian churches participate in a Mother's Day Offering for the six Presbyterian Communities of SC. The offering provides charitable care to enable residents to stay in their retirement homes when they have outlived their life's savings. Their average age is 89! Offering envelopes and brochures are available in our literature racks, or visit PresCommunities.org to contribute online. Thank you for your generosity!

DISCIPLESHIP

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

ALL MEN INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS

Thursdays at 7:30–9:00am:
Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast in the Formal Dining Room. Optional breakfast (\$4) at 8:30am. Contact Carl Evans at carl.h.evans@gmail.com.

Thursdays at 12:00–1:15pm:
Christian Men's Fellowship in the Formal Dining Room. Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org for questions, or to RSVP for lunch (\$8).

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson
SUNDAY BRUNCH BUNCH

Calling all singles and families who would like to gather and fellowship on Sundays after worship! Beginning Sunday, May 21, at 12:15pm, we will meet after the service in front of Books & Gifts@First and break up into groups of 3-5 for lunch. No sign-ups, just show up! We look forward to breaking bread together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan
SUMMER NIGHTS GATHERINGS

All college-aged students are invited to our Summer Nights gatherings at the Sturgis home this Summer! Join us Thursday, May 25, June 22, and July 27, 7:00–8:30pm for an evening of fellowship and devotion as we discuss the person of Christ together. Food will be provided. Questions? Contact Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser
GATHER@FIRST MAY 18

Gather@First serves local artists (of all demographics) with space to find new friends, learn about opportunities

for collaboration and growth, and recharge in a welcoming community. All interested artists are invited to our next quarterly gathering on Thursday, May 18, at 6:00pm. Contact Chelsea Fraser for more information at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

First Presbyterian Academy, Vicki Burr
ACADEMY GRADUATION AND ENROLLMENT

The Graduation Ceremony for the First Presbyterian Academy Class of 2023 will be held on Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to join us for this milestone in the lives of our students.

FPA Primary School is open for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Vicky Burr, Director, for a tour. Enrollment documents can be found on the school's website at FirstPresAcademy.com.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic
SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us for the Summer Basketball Youth League and Skills Clinics located in the Graham Gym. The season will run from June 5–August 5 for K-12th graders, and will include several games and clinics taught each week. Registration and details can be found at FirstPresSports.com.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan
REALMAN ADVENTURE DAY

Join us on Saturday, May 13, 10:00am–2:30pm for an adventure for fathers and sons that will feature hands-on experiences in carpentry, fishing, target shooting at the BB/pellet gun range, and hear the vision and long-term benefits for joining a REALMAN group. This event is offered by 3Gen Ministries. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org under Men's Ministry Opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL VISITATION MINISTRY

Is God calling you to serve our homebound? Please prayerfully consider joining our Pastoral Visitation Ministry (PVM) in making visits once a month to our homebound who are no longer physically able to join us for church. For more information, contact Leslie Warner at lwarner@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0966.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones
DAY MISSIONS HELP NEEDED

We're asking our FPC family and local businesses to donate "necessity items" for the homeless and for Greenville Summit, Towers East, and Garden Apartments: paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, hand soap, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent, packaged snacks, zip-lock bags, 13-gallon trash bags. "Homeless kit" items needed are: hotel size toiletries, chap stick, toothbrush, and toothpaste. Bring items to the Children's Ministry check-in area by Sunday, June 11.

Day Missions also need more Group Leaders to assist students in serving the needs of our city. Visit vbspro.events/p/events/daymissions to register. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org, or 864.884.9824.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer
BE A GUIDE FOR MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is a fun way to get involved with our Worship Team as they teach children a popular Bible story through music that is performed at the end of the week. We need several adults to help guide small groups of children as they travel from station to station during the week. Please contact Susan at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org if interested.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart
HOLLIS MEDIA CENTER

It's time for another Hollis Media Center day! The new media specialist has several jobs that need to be done before the end of the school year. We are in search of a large group who will join us on Monday, May 22, 1:45–3:45pm. Let us know if we can count on you! Contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

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

Sermon Series: "By Faith..."
Hebrews 11:11-16

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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
YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite
YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

THIS WEDNESDAY

MAY 17, 2023

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Lunch is prepared by our chef on Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$8 • Children ages 4-12: \$4
Children ages 0-3: Free
Family max: \$30

PASTOR OF THE DAY

MAY 11–MAY 17, 2023

05/11: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
05/12: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)
05/13: Charlie Buchanan
05/14: Charlie Buchanan
05/15: Claire Ripley (864.423.2064)
05/16: Claire Ripley
05/17: Claire Ripley

LOOKING AHEAD

May 28: Memorial Day Recognition

June 19-22: VBS, Day Missions, and Music Camp

July 2: Patriotic Service

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 7, 2023

Charlotte Renae Colaianni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Colaianni (Morgan)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ness Willson (Alexandra McFadden), who were married on Saturday, May 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Brett Basnight (Allison) on the birth of a daughter, Reagan Lee Basnight, born on November 15, 2022.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF GREENVILLE FUND

In honor of Dr. Shelton Sanford by Bud and Anita Nalley

In memory of Joe Pazdan by Bobby and Priscilla Hoffman

In memory of Todd Taylor by Sarah and Keith Long

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Kathy Becker, Walt and Melissa Brashier, Ralph and Carrie Braun

Dave and Dana Carter, Morgan Davis, Bailey Dolge, Sally Evans

Tina Hampton, Aaron LeBrun, Tom and Cindy Newsom, Richard and

Kristin Perry, Preston and Hannah Story, David and Jaimie Waddell,

Frank and Lynn Williams

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, **Tammy Burkhalter**, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Joe Cole, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, **Tyler Fers**, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Charles Greer, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Vicky Hunt, **Tom Hutchison**, Terri James, Nancy Lewis, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Polly Martin, Seth McCullen, Megan McCommons, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, **David Norris**, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Fran Sanders, Harriet Scully, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, **Nat Stewart**, Jamie & Scott Stoltz, Cole Swartwood, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, **Jan Zimmermann**

Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

PRAYER RESOURCES

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 864.565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 864.565.0960 | Prayer Requests: 864.565.0970



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mobile app | FPC Live

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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VBS Coming Soon

FPC Pastoral Search

Sunday Brunch Bunch

RealMan Adventure Day

Gather@First for Local Artists

Summer Youth Basketball League

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

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Vacation Bible School
is just around the corner!

June 19-22

This summer, we will be transforming the campus into a Babylonian Marketplace so students can live the Bible story "first hand." Registration is closed and we are excited to have 310 children signed up to attend.

They'll experience shopping in a bustling marketplace each day, purchasing snacks with coins and interacting with artisans while they make crafts.



There is a place for everyone
and we invite you to join us!

Babylon Bound!

Be a tribe leader for small groups

Be a shopkeeper/artisan* in the marketplace

Help transform the church into Babylon

Help with Drop-off and Pick-up

Donate marketplace items:

Mexican-style blankets, beige canvas/cloth,
large clay vases, or baskets

Pray for the children's hearts to be
open to the Gospel

*list of roles are on the Children's Ministry webpage

Register to Volunteer at vbspro.events/p/events/vbs23/volunteers

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