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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW WIRELESS NETWORK

Anyone who currently uses our 'FPC Guest' wifi connection, please make a note of the new access name, 'FirstPres Guest'.

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.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

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.

COMMITMENT PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the second phase of our Capital Campaign. Commitment cards are 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.

THANK YOU FROM HOLLIS ACADEMY

"Words are inadequate to describe our appreciation for all that the First Presbyterian community did to help with our Hollis Carnival. Your volunteers worked tirelessly to help run games, prepare and serve food, and bake sweet treats for the cake walk and dinner. With your help, we were able to raise over \$15,000 for student and staff motivation, our best year yet! We could not have succeeded without the generosity of your partnership. Most importantly we appreciate your ongoing efforts to support, love and pray for our students and staff!" - Sofia Tsambounieris, Principal

DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

What if there was a more organic, more authentic way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers? All women are invited to learn several simple practices in this 7-week summer Bible Study called "B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World". Meetings will start Wednesday, June 7 at 9:30am or 6:00pm, or Thursday, June 8 at 9:30am. Registration will be available soon.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson BRUNCH BUNCH STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Calling all singles and families who would like to gather and fellowship on Sundays after worship! Beginning this 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 EXPERIENCE WORLD-CLASS FESTIVAL AT FPC

The 22nd Annual Varna International Music Festival will feature two performances in the Worship & Arts Center on Monday, June 26. An Orchestral Opera Gala will begin at 3:00pm and Verdi Requiem will begin at 7:30pm. Visit VarnaInternational.com for tickets. FPC members receive 30 percent discount with codes GALA30 and VERDI30. community.

OPEN TOUR & VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR GALLERY

On (next tour already on the schedule), please join us as we dive into the history of the Baroque movement and artistic styles from featured artists in the Lenz Gallery from a few of our docents and our docents in training. They will also be on hand to introduce the process of how to guide guests through the gallery experience for anyone interested. This is a great opportunity for anyone in the art community to meet new people and teach Gospel truths to our city through art presentation. Students welcome to attend. Contact Jamie at jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org to sign up.

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 Shannon Forest and FPA Downtown are open for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Please visit the school's website at FirstPresAcademy.com to schedule a tour or for enrollment documents.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic GRAHAM GYM OPPORTUNITIES

Come join us as we aim to Transform the Heart of the City through sports. Don't miss these activities available now: Adult Pickleball, Youth Summer Basketball League, and Youth Summer Camp. Registration is limited. You can find more details and sign up for these activities at FirstPresSports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons ROOTS YOUTH SCHEDULE

Join us in the new gym this week, as we restart one of our most cherished traditions at FPC: The Young Baller's Club. On Tuesday, May 16, we will have open gym from 6:30–9:30pm. This will be an intergenerational event, so we will have people from middle school all the way to young adults represented. Our last Roots of the semester will be Wednesday, May 24.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones PRAYER WARRIORS AND OPEN ROLES FOR VBS

Would you like to be a part of VBS and Day Missions, but are unable to be on campus? You can still contribute! You can help by praying for all the children to have open hearts to God's Word and the Holy Spirit, for those serving to stay healthy for the week, and for those still being called to serve in available positions.

Look for the VBS icon on the Children's Ministry webpage to see what booth role would be a good fit for you, or sign-up to help transform our church into ancient Babylon. There is also a sign-up link to provide snacks for volunteers. We hope you will join us as we host over 300 children from our community!

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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. Contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

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

Sermon Series: "By Faith..."

Hebrews 11:17-19

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](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresignite)
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THIS WEDNESDAY

MAY 24, 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 18–MAY 24, 2023

05/18: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
05/19: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)
05/20: Charlie Buchanan
05/21: Charlie Buchanan
05/22: Claire Ripley (864.423.2064)
05/23: Claire Ripley
05/24: 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 14, 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

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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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

Gather@First for Local Artists

Summer Youth Basketball League

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

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Meet our 2022 Summer Interns!

ADDISON HOLMES is a rising senior at Anderson University, majoring in Elementary Education. She enjoys playing the violin, doing yoga, reading, and spending time outdoors. During her second summer as a Children's Ministry intern, she is excited for the opportunity to grow and learn even more about CM and to pour into all aspects of it.



ELIZABETH WILLCOX is a sophomore Elementary and Special Education major at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. She loves going for walks, spending time with family and friends, baking, and art. As a Children's Ministry Intern this summer, she says she is excited to serve First Pres by giving back to a ministry that has benefited her so much!



CALEB JIVA, a clarinet player and composer from Greenville, has just graduated from Eastside High School and the Fine Arts Center (for music). Having



MARY ELIZABETH "MEB" BAUMGARTEN from Texas Christian University and next year will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. She is looking forward to growing in both interpersonal relationships and her own intrapersonal relationships. The church has been a lifelong home, and she cannot wait to return to the church that has strengthened her walk with God.



BLAKE FOSTER, a rising sophomore at Clemson University, plans to major in Construction Science & Management. He spent two years in Roots as a high school student, and he is excited to cultivate relationships with middle school students and to share God and His kingdom with them. At Clemson, he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing bass in a band, and serving in various ministries. He is excited to be a youth intern this summer!



STOKES LINEBERGER is a rising sophomore

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