

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCHEDULE FOR VBS NEXT WEEK

During Vacation Bible School week, June 19–June 22, there will be limited access to the church facilities as we welcome over 400 children to FPC! There will be no Pastor’s Bible Study on Wednesday, June 21, and the Lenz Gallery will also be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.

### PRAYERS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIPS

Please join us in prayer for the DR Family mission trip on June 10–17, as the team serves together in the medical clinic, VBS, and possible construction sites. Our Senior High students will also be traveling to the DR on July 16–22. Watch for more information on how to specifically pray for our leaders and youth during this week.

### 2022-2023 GRADUATE LIST AVAILABLE

Congratulations to all of our FPC members and family members who are 2022–2023 graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary. For a complete list of names, please visit the Events page on our website, and click on the Graduates icon. The lists are also available in the literature racks.

### FPA HIRING TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS, AND SUBS

First Pres Academy is hiring several teachers, teacher assistants, and substitutes for the 2023–2024 school year. Openings are available at FPA Downtown and Shannon Forest. Contact Jordan Bryson, [jbryson@firstpresacademy.com](mailto:jbryson@firstpresacademy.com) or 864.678.5107 for more details.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JUNE 23-24

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *Discover First* New Member Weekend on Friday and Saturday, June 23–24. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis at [lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org), or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley at [cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).

### RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY THIS FALL

*Re|engage*, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ, teaches couples how to apply biblical principles to their marriage. This fall, *Re|engage* will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be held Sunday, August 13, at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$55 per couple. Children’s programming (birth–5th grade) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Online registration starts July 1. Contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) if you have any questions.

### Women’s Ministry, Leah Cloud WOMEN’S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Registration for the summer Bible Study called *B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World*, is still available on the Women’s Ministry page on the church website. Books are available for purchase in Books & Gifts@First. There are three different time slots Wednesday, June 7, at 9:30am or 6:00pm, or Thursday, June 8, at 9:30am. If you have questions or want more details, contact Leah Cloud at [lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0931.

## EVENTS

### Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones ILLUSIONISTS DAVID & TEESHA LAFLIN

David and Teesha Laflin, internationally recognized illusionists, are coming to the Worship & Arts Center on Saturday, August 26, at 6:00pm. They have entertained and inspired audiences all over the world through their unique blend of both classic and cutting-edge illusions. You will not want to miss this fun family event for all ages. Tickets will be on sale on Friday, June 29.

### Care Ministry, Stan Johnson BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

Several groups met last month and enjoyed fellowship together! All singles and families will continue to gather each Sunday after worship at 12:15pm for brunch

downtown. We will meet after the service in front of Books & Gifts@First and break up into groups. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at [sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Events Ministry, Caleb Miller ANDREW RIPP TICKETS

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp on Friday, September 15, at 7:00pm. Based in Nashville, TN, Andrew Ripp creates music that pushes the boundaries of genre stereotypes by blending the energetic beats of Pop music with a tinge of Soul—all underlined by his personal journey of faith. Save the date for Tuesday, July 4, when tickets will be released for this event.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

For a limited time only, use promo code BOGOVIMA23 to get a second ticket free to Varna International’s world-class performances on Monday, June 26. An Orchestral Opera Gala will begin at 3:00pm and Verdi Requiem will begin at 7:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Visit [VarnaInternational.com](http://VarnaInternational.com) for tickets.

### Student Ministry, Mason Simmons ROOTS DOWNTOWN FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Junior High students are invited downtown this summer for lunch and fellowship on June 13 and August 1. Students should bring money to cover their meal and meet in the church parking lot at noon. Contact Autumn Clark with questions ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### SUMMER NIGHTS FOR SENIOR HIGHS

Senior High students are invited to join us for relaxed, organic nights of hanging out, playing games, and reading through Scripture together. We will be meeting at different houses throughout the summer, so keep an eye out for an email the week before for information. The meetings will take place 7:00–9:00pm on June 14 and July 26. Food will be provided. Contact Autumn Clark for details ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Are you still looking for fun activities for your K5–5th graders this summer? Don’t miss your chance to sign up for a week of summer sports camp in the new Graham Gym, running June 12–July 28. Daily activities include Bible study, sports, and gym activities. FPC members receive a 10 percent discount. You can find more details and sign up at [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com).

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer CELEBRATE ANEW CONCERT

You are invited to the upcoming Celebrate Anew concert in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 27, at 6:00pm. Some of the music will highlight specific artwork from the *Ponder Anew* exhibit located in the Lenz Gallery. Come and worship the Lord together as the choir, orchestra, organ, and piano present their favorite worship anthems. Free tickets will be available Sunday, June 18 at the reception desks.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### DONATIONS FOR DAY MISSIONS: LAST CALL

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 18. Questions? Contact Karen King, [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org), or 864.884.9824.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Christmas music for the Christmas@First concerts will be introduced on Wednesday, July 19, 6:00–7:30pm, in the Choir Room. If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Choir, please join us! Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin in October. Contact Susan at [smesser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:smesser@firstpresgreenville.org) for further details.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

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

Sermon Series: “By Faith...”  
Rev. Dr. Stan Johnson  
Hebrews 11:23–28

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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## THIS WEDNESDAY

### JUNE 14, 2023

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY  
12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall  
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

### MENU:

Stuffed Flounder with Breaded Shrimp,  
St. Louis Ribs, Lemon Parmesan  
Broccoli, Sauteed Green Beans,  
Breaded Okra, Rice Pilaf, Oven Roasted  
Potatoes, Salads, Rolls, and Desserts

### MEAL PRICES:

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

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

JUNE 8–JUNE 14, 2023  
06/08: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)  
06/09: Stan Johnson  
06/10: Stan Johnson  
06/11: Stan Johnson  
06/12: Stan Johnson  
06/13: Stan Johnson  
06/14: Stan Johnson

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 26:  
Orchestral Opera Gala 3:00pm  
Verdi Requiem 7:30pm  
June 29:  
Tickets on sale for Illusionists  
David & Teesha Laflin  
July 2:  
Patriotic Service  
July 4:  
Tickets on sale for Andrew Ripp Concert



MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*  
**Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Carrell (Meredith Grace Douglas)**, who were married in Greenville on June 10.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Watson (Charlotte)** on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Sienna Joan Gault, on June 4.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Poe (Catherine)** on the birth of a grandson, Finley Taft Jimmerson, on June 2. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Taft Jimmerson (Amy) of Greenville.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*  
**Mr. Dave Carter** in the death of wife, Dana Carter, of Greenville, SC, on June 3.  
**Mrs. Sue Stover** in the death of her husband, Bill Stover of Greenville, SC, on June 2.  
**The family of Mr. Joel Satterthwaite.** Mr. Satterthwaite died on June 4.

IN MEMORIAM

**Bill Wirt Stover** ♦ *December 10, 1937 – June 2, 2023*  
**Dana Dee Carter** ♦ *February 8, 1942 – June 3, 2023*  
**Joel Walter Satterthwaite** ♦ *April 26, 1980 – June 4, 2023*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

**CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In honor of George Boroughs* by Heather Young  
*In memory of Anne Boroughs* by Heather Young

PRAYER LIST

**Andy Anderson**, Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Joe Cole, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, *Rick Farnsworth, Tyler Fers*, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, David Holt, Victoria Holt, Vicky Hunt, Terri James, Ginny Johnson, 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

**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.



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WHAT'S INSIDE

JUNE 8-JUNE 14, 2023

FPC Music Camp Musical  
*It's Cool in the Furnace*

New Member Weekend

Illusionists David & Teesha Laflin

Celebrate Anew Concert

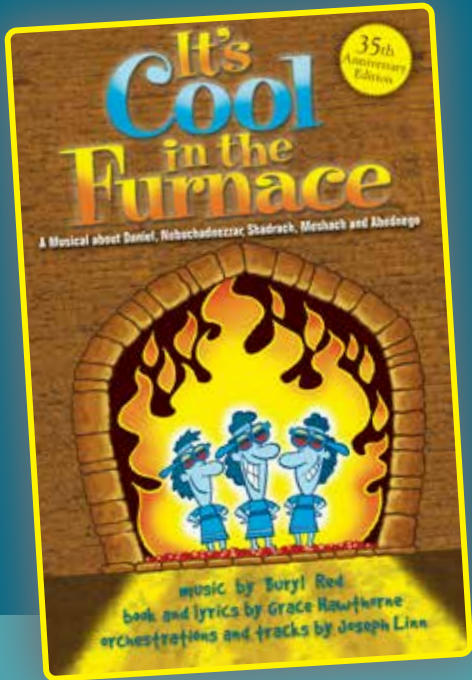
VBS and Day Missions Next Week

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



JUNE 8–JUNE 14, 2023



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

Music Camp Musical

PRESENTED BY THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Thursday, June 22

3:00pm in the Sanctuary