

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR GREENVILLE SCHOOLS

Join the First Pres and Hollis Prayer teams at Hollis Academy on Saturday, August 5, at 9:00am to pray for the students, families, teachers and staff in Greenville County as they begin a new year. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons at [simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net).

### FIRST PRES ACADEMY HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the FPA Board of Trustees has selected Dr. John Furrow as Interim Head of School. Dr. Furrow joined the staff at The Academy on July 12. He has over 38 years of experience in both education and administration in Christian Schools. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for us for the 2023-2024 school year!

## DISCIPLESHIP

### RE/ENGAGE KICK-OFF AUGUST 13

Register now for *Re/Engage*, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry, on our website under Ministry Events. Classes this fall 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. Watch this video (<https://vimeo.com/293443078>) for more information, or contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

### RADIANCE MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

Radiance Small Groups for young women (early 20s to mid-30s) meet each week in homes on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm–8:00pm. Registration is open on our website, under Women's Opportunities, for anyone interested in joining or leading a group in the fall. Contact [dianaorders@charter.net](mailto:dianaorders@charter.net) for more information or to be placed in a small group.

## EVENTS

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones ROUTE 56 SUMMER EVENTS

Route 56 is a group specifically for rising 6th grade students to help with the transition to Junior High Youth. Several events have been planned for summertime fun before school starts back! Please contact Karen King at [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org) for a complete schedule and to RSVP.

### WORLD-FAMOUS ILLUSIONISTS

Invite friends and family to experience David and Teesha Laflin, Christian illusionists with a Gospel message, on Saturday, August 26, at 6:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. They have entertained audiences all over the world, including a live show during the NCAA Final Four and on the TEDx stage. Visit the Signature Events page on our website to purchase tickets for only \$5 each, or visit [DavidandTeesha.com](http://DavidandTeesha.com) to learn more about their life-changing ministry.

### BUDDY BREAK JULY 28

Do you know of a family raising a child with special needs? Once a quarter we hold Buddy Break to give these parents a respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, July 28, 5:30–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a "Buddy" during this event, or on Sunday mornings. Training is provided. Contact Tina Jones with questions or to register at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

All college-aged students are invited to our last Summer Nights gathering at the Sturgis home on Thursday, 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](mailto:cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser CREATIVE SESSION: OPEN MIC

All are welcome to join us at the first Fine Arts Open Mic session, on Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00pm in the Student

Ministry Program Space of the Worship & Arts Center. If you've written a song you'd like to perform, have a script or comedy bit to share, or want to give a short talk about a piece of art you've made, please register on our website, under Events or Fine Arts opportunities. Please note open mic rules, if performing.

### Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic OPEN PLAY GYM HOURS

The Graham Gym is open Monday through Friday for indoor pickleball, basketball, or an activity you may need to move indoors due to weather. Visit [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com) for general hours of availability and to register for membership. Email Caleb McKisic for fun ideas at [Caleb@FirstPresSports.com](mailto:Caleb@FirstPresSports.com).

### SENIOR HIGH SUMMER NIGHTS

Senior High students are invited to join us for a fun, relaxed evening of hanging out and reading through Scripture together. The last meeting will take place 7:00–9:00pm on Wednesday, July 26. Food will be provided. Keep an eye out for an email this week for information. Contact Autumn Clark for details ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### 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. This beautiful service will feature favorite worship anthems of the choir and orchestra in conjunction with highlighting the magnificent paintings in the Lenz Gallery. Free tickets are available at both reception desks.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones FOSTERING GREAT IDEAS SIBLING PROGRAM

Fostering Great Ideas advocates for sibling rights in foster care because it is an important relationship for these children to maintain. Fostering Great Ideas, in partnership with SCDSS, is beginning a new phase of Sib-Link to serve more children in foster care. They are seeking volunteers willing to drive children to and from sibling visits to help them stay connected. If you're willing to make a difference for these brothers and sisters, please contact Tina Jones for more information at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Events Ministry, Caleb Miller PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Event Operations Ministry is looking for persons interested in filling production roles for upcoming events, including the Laflin Illusionists, Celebrate Anew, and Andrew Ripp. Production roles include lighting technician, video playback (slides), camera operators, and stagehands. All training is provided; no experience is necessary. Contact [productions@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:productions@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information.

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

For this year's Hollis Academy Back-to-School Drive, we are collecting new playground toys and games for recess. Pick an apple from the displays in the Sturgis Gathering Space, Loggia, Memorial Hall, or new Reception Area, and bring your items to the church by Sunday, July 30. Or scan this QR code to purchase from the Amazon Wish List and mail items directly to Beth Simmons.

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 2024 DR MISSION TRIP

Join our medical-focused mission trip to the Dominican Republic on February 14-21, 2024! This team will offer a medical clinic and continued care for needy families in the DR. No medical training is necessary to participate. The team will also spend time in Brizas del Mar on various other projects. For more information, please contact Joy Sturgis at [jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

### WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the  
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley  
Sermon: The Grip of Envy  
Psalm 73

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](https://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

Bible Study and meals will  
resume in the Fall. Watch for more  
information coming soon.

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

JULY 20–JULY 26, 2023

07/20: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

07/21: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)

07/22: Charlie Buchanan

07/23: Charlie Buchanan

07/24: Stan Johnson

07/25: Stan Johnson

07/26: Stan Johnson

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 25:  
Fine Arts Creative Session: Open Mic

July 28:  
Buddy Break

August 13:  
*Re/engage* Kick-off

August 26:  
Illusionists David and Teesha Laughlin

August 27:  
*Celebrate Anew* Concert

September 15:  
Andrew Ripp Concert



MEMBER NEWS

**BAPTISM ♦ July 16, 2023**  
**Ella Grace Cordelia Hennigan**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zachary David Hennigan (Madison)

**SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sisk (Kathy)** in the death of her father, Wade Welborn Bagwell of Greenville, on July 10; to Mr. and Mrs. John Connell (Lindsey) in the death of her grandfather; to Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Sisk (Kendall) in the death of his grandfather; and to Addison Connell in the death of her great-grandfather.

MEMORIALS & HONORS  
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Charlene Comer* by The Wedding Guild at FPC;  
Mr. and Mrs Bill Sykes  
*In memory of Joel Satterthwaite* by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sykes  
*In memory of Bill Stover* by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sykes

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND  
*In memory of Joel Satterthwaite* by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drake

**PRAYER LIST**  
Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, **Arlene Antonio**, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Lang Cheves, Lyndall Kane, Bob Chandler, Joe Cole, Peggy Denny, Michelle Dove, Tom Drake, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Eddie Gambrell, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, **Doug Gilstrap**, Pam Goldman,

Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Doris Hefner, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Vicky Hunt, Ginny Johnson, **Julia Kay**, Stuart Latimer, **Ron Lemley**, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, *Anne Lybrand*, Janet MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, *Jennie Miler*, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, **Shelton Sanford**, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, Nat Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Thomas Wilcox, 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.

**MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER**  
[FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military)



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

ONLINE  
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

JULY 20-JULY 26, 2023

Andrew Ripp Tickets on Sale

Hollis Academy Back-to-School Drive for Recess Toys

Creative Session: Open Mic

Illusionists Tickets Still Available

Re/engage Registration Open

Celebrate Anew Concert

For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

JULY 20–JULY 26, 2023

FRIDAY, SEPT 15 @ 7:00PM

Worship & Arts Center

DETAILS & TICKETS:  
[www.FirstPresGreenville.org](http://www.FirstPresGreenville.org)

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