

# CONNECT@FIRST

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FPC NEWSLETTER: CONNECT@FIRST

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter each week via email, please visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) under About Us, Connect@First Newsletter, and click “Subscribe Here” under the side menu. The newsletter will help keep you up-to-date on all the exciting things going on in our church!

### 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).

## DISCIPLESHIP

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) for questions.

### RE/ENGAGE WAITLIST

*Re/Engage*, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry, is currently filled for the fall course. To be placed on the waitlist, please contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

## EVENTS

### AMERICA’S CANYONLANDS TOUR

Two additional double rooms have opened up for the America’s Canyonlands Tour. Please make your \$350 deposit by check to First Presbyterian Church and deliver to Amy Belleman in the church office. For the complete itinerary, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) under Events. Questions? Contact Lindsay Graham at [lindsayg@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lindsayg@firstpresgreenville.org).

### 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).

### Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

#### SUPPORT GROUPS FOR THE FALL

Registration is now open for GriefShare, a special weekly seminar and support group for those who have lost a loved one. Classes begin Sunday, September 10, at 3:00pm. For those healing from the pain of divorce, DivorceCare will also begin this fall on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00pm. We are also offering a new class, “Getting To Know Dementia,” starting Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30pm.

We will learn about symptoms practical ways to love, help, and support a person living with brain change. Contact Leslie Warner at [lwerner@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lwerner@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details about any of these upcoming classes, or visit our website under Care Opportunities.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### ANDREW RIPP TICKETS ON SALE NOW

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp’s *Big Feelings Tour* with Rachael Lampa and Blessing Offor on Friday, September 15, at 7:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. 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. Tickets are available on our website under Signature Events.

### Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

#### ROOTS MINI-OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Join us for our 6th Annual Roots Mini-Open Championship at McPherson Park on Sunday, July 30, at 5:00pm. All middle and high schoolers are welcome. Contact Mason at [msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org) with questions.

### 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, 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, contact Joy Sturgis at [jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

#### WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the  
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Charlie Buchanan  
Psalm 23

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

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

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

JULY 27–AUGUST 2, 2023

07/27: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

07/28: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)

07/29: Brian Stewart

07/30: Brian Stewart

07/31: Stan Johnson

08/01: Stan Johnson

08/02: Stan Johnson

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 28:  
Buddy Break

August 13:  
*Re/engage* Kick-off

August 26:  
Illusionists David and Teesha Laughlin

August 27:  
*Celebrate Anew* Concert

September 13:  
*Radiance* Kick-off

September 15:  
Andrew Ripp Concert



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ July 23, 2023

Bailey Virginia Baker, daughter of Ms. Bridget Baker  
Virginia Ruth Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Daniel Hart (Jennifer)  
Canon Drew Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Drew Butler (Abigail)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to  
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Ramsey Brown (Mary Vaughan) on the birth of a son,  
Richard Mason Brown, on October 8, 2022.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to  
The Cane family in the death of Lyndall Cane on June 7.

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Arlene Antonio, Susan Bennett, Archie Black,  
Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Lang Cheves, Bob Chandler, Joe Cole,  
Ann Crider, Peggy Denny, Michelle Dove, Tom Drake, Larry Freeman, Mike  
Freeman, Eddie Gambrell, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam  
Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin,  
Jim Hastings, Doris Hefner, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Vicky Hunt, Ginny  
Johnson, Julia Kay, Stuart Latimer, Ron Lemley, Nancy Lewis, Tom Lide,  
Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Janet MacCallum, Geoff Marsh,

Megan McCommons, Deryl McKinney, 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  
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WHAT'S INSIDE

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Radiance Registration  
Andrew Ripp Tickets on Sale  
Hollis Academy Back-to-School  
Drive for Recess Toys  
Illusionists Tickets Still Available  
Celebrate Anew Concert  
Dominican Republic Mission Trip  
February 2024

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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

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Radiance  
Women in their early 20s to 30s,  
single or married, are invited to  
participate in weekly small group  
Bible Studies this fall.  
Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm  
Radiance Kickoff  
Wednesday, September 13  
Small groups begin  
Wednesday, September 20



Radiance  
small groups  
meet in Leaders'  
homes throughout  
downtown Greenville  
for dinner and  
discussion.  
Fall Study:  
Psalm 23  
with the book  
Don't Give the Enemy  
a Seat at Your Table,  
by Louie Giglio.  
Questions?  
dianaorders@charter.net  
864.630.1525

Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org (under Women) by August 20 | A leader will contact you.

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