

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BACKPACK BLESSING AUGUST 13

On Sunday, August 13, our pastors will pray over all educators, students (elementary through college), and preschoolers during our three worship services. We'd love for the younger folks to wear their backpacks as they are called forward for prayer.

### HOLLIS RECESS BAGS ARE COMPLETE!

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, all 210 items have been collected for our Hollis Back-to-School Project! We will be packing the bags this week and delivering them to the school before the kids start back. Thank you for your generous hearts and abundant provision for our students at Hollis Academy. *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40)

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### MEN'S FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN GROUPS

These groups have one simple purpose—to bring people together around an activity of common interest and nurture discipleship and growth in faith. We pray that this will be an on-ramp toward discipleship for all as we gather for a Bible study, mission, a fun sports activity, or to explore creative endeavors. To learn more about our Faith, Fellowship, and Fun groups, please visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org) and select "Men" under the Ministries tab. Contact Charlie Buchanan for more information at [cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### RADIANCE WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Radiance Small Groups for young women (early 20s to mid-30s) meet each week in homes on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm–8:00pm. The kick-off event will be on Wednesday, September 13, in the Worship & Arts Center. 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.

### 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

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### 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](https://DavidandTeesha.com) to learn more about their life-changing ministry.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### MATTHEW WEST FALL TOUR

We are excited to welcome Matthew West with Micah Tyler for the upcoming *My Story Your Glory* Fall 2023 Tour on Monday, October 30, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Matthew West, renowned for hits like "The God Who Stays," "Truth Be Told," and "Hello My Name Is," will bring his latest album to life with a performance that will inspire. Tickets will be on sale this Friday, August 4, on our website. Mark your calendars, gather your friends, and get ready to experience faith and fun like never before.

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### ARTIST LUNCH AUGUST 4

Join local Christian artists and creative individuals in the Formal Dining Room on Friday, August 4, at 12:00pm. Brandon Collins, a songwriter/producer/arranger, will bring a devotional followed by a time of conversation and

prayer. Bring your own lunch. For more information, contact Chelsea Fraser at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

### IN OUR MIDST EXHIBIT AUGUST 11

You are invited to the opening reception for our next community exhibit, *In Our Midst: Works by First Pres Artists*, on Friday, August 11, 6:00pm–8:00pm. Drop in to meet the artists, peruse the galleries, and fellowship with us! Gallery will be open during normal church office hours.

### 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.

*First Presbyterian Foundation, Bobby Hoffman*

### INSTRUMENTS OF PRAISE SUMMER CONCERT

Instruments of Praise seeks to impact the lives of young people for Christ through the performing arts, team-building, and leadership events. This Friday, August 4, at 6:30pm, they will perform their Summer Concert in the Worship & Arts Center. The FPC Foundation encourages everyone to attend to learn more about this ministry and the impact it is having on young people. Tickets are free and can be obtained by contacting Bobby Hoffman at [bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org), or call 864.565.0962.

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

3GEN Ministries is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance for men of the upstate on Friday, September 15, 7:00pm–9:30pm at Larkin's Sawmill Venue. It will be a fantastic evening of desserts, fun, and dancing. Find more details and register at [3genministries.org/ministry-resources/dance](https://3genministries.org/ministry-resources/dance).

*Student Ministry, Mason Simmons*

### ROOTS KICKBALL GAME AUGUST 3

All Middle and High Schoolers are welcome to join us on Thursday, August 3, 10:30am–1:30pm, as we play kickball at North Main Rotary Park. After the game, we will walk over to the North Main Soda Shoppe to eat lunch. Don't forget to bring money for food!

*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.

*Worship & Music Ministry, Lori Shelton*

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS START UP

Sunday, September 10, 4:00–5:00pm, Harper Chapel Resonate! Choir, Grades 6-12

Wednesday, September 13, 5:30–6:15pm, C205

Covenant Choir, Grades 3-5

Wednesday, September 13, 6:15–6:45pm, C205

Cherub Choir, K4-K5

Wednesday, September 13, 6:45–7:15pm, C205

Carol Choir, Grades 1-2

For more information, please contact Lori Shelton at [lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.247.6602.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need individuals to help provide a welcoming experience to those attending events at FPC. Opportunities include event hosts, ticket takers, ushers, merchandise assistants, and trained crowd managers. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please email [events@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:events@firstpresgreenville.org).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

### WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the  
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Stan Johnson  
"Doubt in the Darkness"  
Luke 7:18-28

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](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)  
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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

AUGUST 3–AUGUST 9, 2023

08/03: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

08/04: Stan Johnson

08/05: Stan Johnson

08/06: Stan Johnson

08/07: Stan Johnson

08/08: Stan Johnson

08/09: Stan Johnson

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 4:  
Matthew West Tickets On Sale

August 4:  
Artist Lunch

August 26:  
Illusionists David and Teesha Laughlin

August 27:  
*Celebrate Anew* Concert

September 13:  
*Radiance* Kick-off

September 15:  
Andrew Ripp Concert

September 15:  
Daddy Daughter Dance

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ July 30, 2023

Elenora Kelly Croft Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott Stone (Rebecca)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. Bill Quarles, who celebrated his 100th birthday on July 31.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Nancy Freeman by the Agape-Fellowship Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Charlene Comer by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. West

In memory of Nancy Freeman by Dr. and Mrs. David Williams, III; Dr. and Mrs Johnny Goforth, III; Don and Judy McAlister; John and Trina Jones; Sara Karns; Mac and Batsie Styles; Brad and Jane Smoak

In memory of Robert Henson by Mrs. Mary Jane Myers

In memory of Bill Stover by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. West

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, 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, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Jim Hastings, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Vicky Hunt, Ginny Johnson, 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, Lucy Owen, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, 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



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on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE GIVING



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

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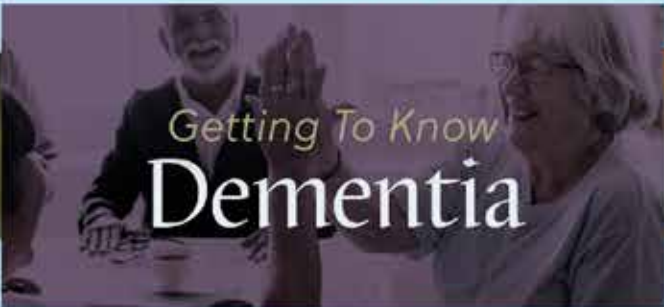
Care Support Groups beginning in September

DIVORCE CARE



Wednesday, September 6 | 6:00pm

DEMENTIA CARE



Wednesday, September 6 | 6:30pm

GRIEF SHARE



Sunday, September 10 | 3:00pm

Contact Leslie Warner at lwarner@firstpresgreenville.org for more details about any of these upcoming classes, or visit our website under Care Opportunities.