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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS HIRING

The Children's Ministry has opened applications for a Children's Ministry Coordinator and a Special Needs Ministry Coordinator. Both are part-time positions. For details and application, contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0921, or visit our website for Job Openings under the About Us menu.

FLOCK SUNDAY LIFE GROUP LOCATION

The Flock Sunday Life Group is now meeting in their new classroom, Room D305, located on the third floor above the office area. All couples and singles age 50+ are welcome to join us!

VBS, DAY MISSIONS, & MUSIC CAMP 2024

Please save the date for Vacation Bible School, Day Missions, and Music Camp for next year. The dates will be June 10-13. Watch for details coming next spring.

DISCIPLESHIP

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter GETTING TO KNOW DEMENTIA

There is still room to join us for *Getting to Know Dementia*, an educational series for caregivers, friends, and family members that meets on Wednesday nights, 6:15–7:15pm in Room B301. Learn about the various symptoms of dementia and practical ways to love, help, and support a person living with brain change in a positive and respectful way. Please contact Leslie Warner for more information at 864.565.0966.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

If you are ready to be refreshed and renewed in prayer, come and join us for the Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring what is often called the greatest prayer of all, *The Lord's Prayer*. We will discover how to resolve some of our challenges and questions about prayer by immersing ourselves in the character and nature of "Our Father."

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

NEW MEN'S GROUP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

This men's group seeks to provide a place of community and intentional discipleship designed specifically for men (post-college—40) who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ and take steps toward biblical manhood. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in B305.

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

Join us on Thursday, October 5, for *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made* in the Worship & Arts Center for an evening of fashion, fellowship, and fun. Based on God's truth from Psalm 139:14, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* is an evening that God has used to create and connect a missional community with our friends with special abilities. The fashion show and event celebrate God's indescribable love for each of His children and how we are all created in His image for His purposes. Pre-show reception starts at 5:30pm, followed by the event at 6:30pm. Tickets are available on our website under Signature Events.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

LAST CHANCE FOR ANDREW RIPP TICKETS

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp's *Big Feelings Tour* with Rachael Lampa and Blessing Ofori for this Friday, September 15, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Andrew Ripp creates beautiful music, all underlined by his personal journey of faith. His breakout single, "Jericho," reached #1 on Billboard's Christian Airplay Chart and was followed by his top-15 charting single, "Rejoice," and his second #1 charting single, "Fill My Cup." Tickets are available on our website under Signature Events.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

MATTHEW WEST FALL TOUR

FPC will 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 his impressive songwriting abilities with hits like "The God Who Stays," "Truth Be Told," and "Hello My Name Is," will bring his latest album "My Story, Your Glory" to life with a performance that will inspire. Tickets are now on sale on our website. Mark your calendars, gather your friends, and get ready to experience faith and fun like never before.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

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

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

ROOTS & RHYTHMS CONCERT

We are kicking off Missions Conference Weekend with an FPC parking lot fiesta, "Roots & Rhythms," Friday, September 22, at 6:00pm. There will be food trucks, dance troupe performances, face painting, and balloon artists. The concert will be free to local Hispanic Churches with a performance by our DR partners, Revelación Maranatha, beginning at 7:30pm. A limited number of concert tickets are available to the congregation for only \$5. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Events to purchase. Come out and enjoy fellowship next Friday evening!

Worship & Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson

IGNITE ANNOUNCES NIGHT OF WORSHIP

On Thursday, October 26, at 7:00pm, the Ignite Worship Team will host a Night of Worship at the Worship & Arts Center. It will feature songs from the latest Ignite Worship album, *Known*, as well as familiar songs from other artists. We will also be filming and recording the concert, for later release as a live album along with video clips. Thank you in advance for being an active participant during this event! Nursery up to age 3 will be provided, so bring your family, invite your friends, and join us. Visit our website under Signature Events for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

ANDREW RIPP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need individuals to help provide a welcoming experience to those attending the Andrew Ripp Concert this Friday, September 15. Opportunities include event hosts, ticket takers, ushers, merchandise assistants, and trained crowd managers. If you are interested in serving, please email events@firstpresgreenville.org.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

"JOBS FOR LIFE" AT GREENVILLE RESCUE MISSION

First Pres and Greenville Rescue Mission are once again partnering to offer the seven-week "Jobs For Life" program for men at the Mission starting Tuesday, September 19. We are seeking a few men who have a heart to serve as a CHAMPION/MENTOR to a student. We will train and equip you. Please contact Dave Forry (864.380.1013) to learn more about serving in this transformational ministry.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need several Spanish/English speaking volunteers for the "Roots and Rhythms" event on our campus Friday, September 22, at 6:00pm, as we honor and celebrate with Greenville's Hispanic Community. For more information, email Joy Sturgis at jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Beginning Sunday, October 1, at 4:00pm, you are invited to join the Christmas Choir to prepare for the Christmas @First concerts on December 9-10. Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will be held at 4:00pm on Sundays in October and November. Contact Susan at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org for further details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart
Sermon Series on Faith & Culture:
"What Do You Believe?" part 5
Jude 1-25

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:

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10:45am:

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THIS WEDNESDAY

September 20, 2023

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Entrees: (Pick 1) Arroz Con Pollo
OR Shrimp Creole
Steamed Rice
Brussel Sprouts
Oven Browned Potatoes
Broccoli Spears
Carrots with Bell Peppers
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Salad, Roll, and Dessert

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5
Children ages 0-3: Free
Family max: \$35

PASTOR OF THE DAY

September 14–September 20, 2023

09/14: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
09/15: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)
09/16: Charlie Buchanan
09/17: Charlie Buchanan
09/18: Stan Johnson
09/19: Stan Johnson
09/20: Stan Johnson

MEMBER NEWS

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Barbara Hanner* in the death of her husband, Dr. TG Hanner, on September 7.

The Latimer family in the death of Stuart Latimer of Taylors, SC, on September 7.

IN MEMORIAM

Torrence Goldston Hanner Jr. ♦ *May 20, 1938 – September 7, 2023*
Stuart B. Latimer ♦ *January 11, 1939 – September 7, 2023*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bill Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling

MILITARY MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Bill Smith by the Gospel Partners Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Nancy Freeman by Mr. Glenn Garrett

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bill Stover by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sheila Bolick, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, **Susan Cable**, Lang Cheves, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, **Susan Findley**, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Jim Hastings, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, 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, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, 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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For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

SEPTEMBER 14–SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

SEPTEMBER 22-24 MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Purchase \$5 tickets to the Roots & Rhythms event on our website under Signature Events.



SEPTEMBER 22—ROOTS & RHYTHMS CONCERT
FPC will host a concert with the DR band, Revelación Maranatha, on Friday evening 7:30pm–9:00pm. Pre-concert events for the Greenville Hispanic community will begin in our parking lot at 6:00pm. Bilingual volunteers are asked to contact Joy Sturgis at jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org to help during these events.

SEPTEMBER 24—GUEST SPEAKER: SHAPOOR AHMADI
Shapoor leads a dynamic ministry reaching Middle Eastern refugees in Liverpool, England. He will share about the dramatic response among Iranians to the Gospel. Revelación Maranatha band will play during the Ignite service.

SEPTEMBER 24—LIFE GROUP GUEST SPEAKER: RET. BRIG. GENERAL VICTOR PETRENKO (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
Gen. Petrenko will share details about his relief trip to Ukraine as well as how he saw God use first aid kits as a witness to the Gospel.

SEPTEMBER 24—SPECIAL OFFERING: UKRAINE RELIEF
As a part of Gen. Petrenko’s presentation, we will distribute envelopes for an offering for IFAKs (Individual First Aid Kits) for Ukrainian soldiers serving on the frontlines. Checks can be written to FPC with the note indicating “Ukraine Relief.”

For more details, visit FirstPresGreenville.org or contact Joy Sturgis (jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org).