



The Spire

First Presbyterian Church

April 2026

Greenwood, SC

A Message From Our Pastor...

Missional Direction

In 622 BC, in the 18th year of his reign, king Josiah sent men to repair and restore the temple in Jerusalem. “While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given through Moses” (2 Chronicles 34:14). Apparently, the people had been living for some time without the direction and guidance of the Law, their foundational scripture.

Something similar happened at the Vision 360 Workshop which capped the listening and data gathering phase of our mission study. Workshop leader David Brown projected FPC’s vision statement: **To be a beacon that encourages people to live with hope, confidence, and peace through the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ.**

When David asked who recognized this statement, very few hands were raised. But workshop participants quickly responded to the image of a beacon. Many said they experienced the church as a beacon themselves, and they liked the image of the church as a beacon to others, including greater Greenwood, where God has placed us.

David is encouraging us to take up this vision statement, to celebrate it and use it to chart our way forward during the transition to the church’s next senior pastor. As we make decisions about facilities, programs, missions, membership, staffing—everything!—let us ask first, How/does this promote the church’s mission as a beacon? Does it or could it encourage people to live with hope, confidence, and peace? Above all, does it reflect the saving grace and love of Jesus?

When the priest told Josiah about finding the Book of the Law, the king gathered all the people and read to them the book that had been found. He had the whole community recommit to the covenant with God written in the book.

As the mission study team prepares its report, let us do likewise, reclaiming our vision and mission statements revised in 2017. Let’s recommit to the aspirational goals those statements articulate. Let us measure what we do against the yardstick of the beacon that shines with the light of the risen Christ!

Easter blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad".

Brad

P. S. If you haven’t seen it lately, check out the About Us page on the First Pres website:
<https://firstgreenwood.com/about-us/>

SPECIAL SERVICES

EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship Walk and Flowering of the Cross
9:00 a.m. - Outside Alexander Hall

Breakfast and Fellowship
10:00 a.m. - Alexander Hall

Celebration Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary



April 12, 2026
11:00 Service



Salt Shakers in February Highlights



from **The Root Cellar**

For children K3
(completely potty-trained) -
5th grade
From 10:00 - 10:45

Date	SHinE	Sunday@10	Children's Chapel
April 1	Intersession Family Night		
April 5		Easter Sunday Breakfast in AH 	p. 214; The Promised Deliverer Delivered to Death p. 94; Philippians 4:8-9 Blessed Assurance Sarah Pinson, Charles
April 8	God Hears Zechariah's Prayer (Luke 1:5-25, 57-66) Parent volunteers: Penney & Rendall		
April 12		God hears our prayers...so we trust his timing. Kristi Tucker	p. 220; The Dark Promise p. 96; Philippians 4:8-9 Blessed Assurance Merrie Wright, Olivia, Lucy
April 15	Jesus Heals an Official's Son (John 4:43-54) Parent volunteers: Anderson & Griffith		
April 19		Jesus is amazing...so we believe in him. Phyllis Collins	p. 226; The Promised Redeemer p. 98; Philippians 4:8-9 Blessed Assurance Luke Penney, Jenna
April 22	Jesus Teaches us to Live Differently (Matthew 5-7) Parent Volunteers: Campbell & Eichelberger		
April 26		Jesus is different...so we live differently. Hood & Caroline Souter SHinE Choir (Souter & Dunlap)	p. 232; A Growing Promise p. 100; Philippians 4:8-9 Blessed Assurance Cindy Leary, Jenna
April 29	Hamburgers & Hotdogs Picnic--Last Wednesday Night until fall		



Blessed Assurance -

Phoebe Knapp and Fanny Crosby were unlikely friends except for their love of music and their membership at the same church. One day Phoebe visited Fanny Crosby in her humble apartment. Phoebe had written a tune but had no words for it. Fanny relayed this incident in her autobiography:

“My friend, Mrs. Knapp, composed a melody, and played it over to me two or three times on the piano in my apartment. She then asked me what it said, and I immediately replied, ‘Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!’”

Within a few minutes of having heard the tune, Fanny had effortlessly quoted three verses and a chorus to her secretary who wrote them down and gave them to Mrs. Knapp. The song was written in 1873 and remains a favorite among Christians everywhere. Fanny Crosby passed from this life in 1915 at the age of 95. (<https://enjoyingthejourney.org/hymn-history-blessed-assurance/>).

Check out these versions:



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Mission ~~Impossible~~

For with God, all things are possible. - Luke 1:37



May 31st - June 4th, 2026

5:30 - 7:30 P. M.

Dinner provided at no cost.
Register by calling 864-229-5814
or via this QR code:



YOUTH



April

YOUTH EVENTS

- 4/4 – **Volunteer** to help at the **Easter Egg Hunt** at the McLeod's (232 Brookfield Dr) @11:00.
- 4/5 – **Sunday school** @10:00 – 10:45
- 4/8 – **WEY** @5:30 – 7:00
- 4/12 – **Youth Sunday practice** @10:00 in the Sanctuary
- 4/12 – **Youth Sunday** during 11:00 Worship
- 4/12 – **SNY** at FPC @5:00 – 6:30
- 4/15 – **WEY** @5:30 – 7:00
- 4/16 – **EGGS** at CFA by the mall @ 7:00.
The bus leaves for Westview @ 7:30.
- 4/19 – **Sunday school** @10:00 – 10:45
- 4/19 – **SNY** at FPC @5:00 – 6:30
- 4/22 – **WEY GOTE** at Mig's @5:30 – 7:00. Drop off and pick up at FPC.
- 4/22 – **High School Night** at Sonic @6:45 – 7:45.
- 4/26 – **Sunday school** @10:00 – 10:45
- 4/26 – **SNY** at the Hemphill's (917 Olde Pucketts Ferry Rd)
@5:00 – 6:30
- 4/29 – **WEY** @5:30 – 7:00

How will you serve on Youth Sunday?

- Lead a part of Worship
- Share musical talent
 - Be an usher
 - Be an acolyte

Let Ms. Jade know if one of these options to serve interest you!
Youth volunteers are needed for the service.



Youth Sunday

April 12th



During 11:00 Worship
Practice at 10:00

SENIOR DINNER *Class of 2026*

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

FROM 5:00 - 7:00

AT INN ON THE SQUARE

GUARDIANS, PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026! WE HAVE A ROOM RESERVED FOR THE DINNER. MEALS CAN BE ORDERED FROM THE CAMBRIDGE CHOPHOUSE OR THE FOX AND THE HOUND LOUNGE. WE ARE GIFTING THE GRADUATES THEIR DINNER. RSVP ON REALM OR TO JADE BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND.



Baccalaureate Sunday

5/31/2026

During 11:00 Worship

Arrive by 10:00 for practice and
pictures

Availability of Jack and Elizabeth Kinback Scholarship for Nursing/Engineering

In May of 2026 the Jack and Elizabeth Kinback Scholarship for Nursing/Engineering will be available. The applicant should be a member of First Presbyterian Church pursuing a career in nursing that is currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year nursing program or accepted into a nursing program (excluding CNA). A secondary consideration for the scholarship will be given to applicants declaring engineering as a major in their third or fourth year in a four-year institution. This scholarship once awarded will remain with that student until graduation from the program. Anyone interested in applying for either the nursing or engineering scholarship, please contact either Alice Jo Dickey at 864-993-5503 or Louise Sligh at 864-993-5120.



FPC Shirt Orders

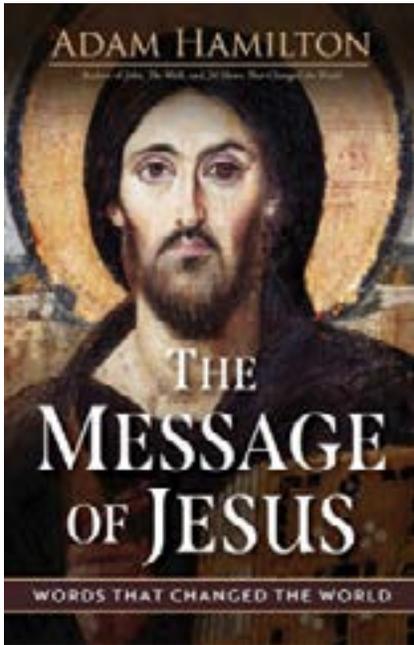


FPC shirts are \$20 each. The color is royal blue, and the design colors are sky blue and white. Sizes are available in youth XS to 5X. The material is 100% Gildan cotton. Order forms are available in the front office or order your shirts using Realm event. All payments must be received by Monday, May 4th to be ordered. Proceeds received will go towards the youth mission trip and activities.



**Sundays@10
for Adults!
10:00 am**

Sojourners - Henry Reynolds (Room 110)



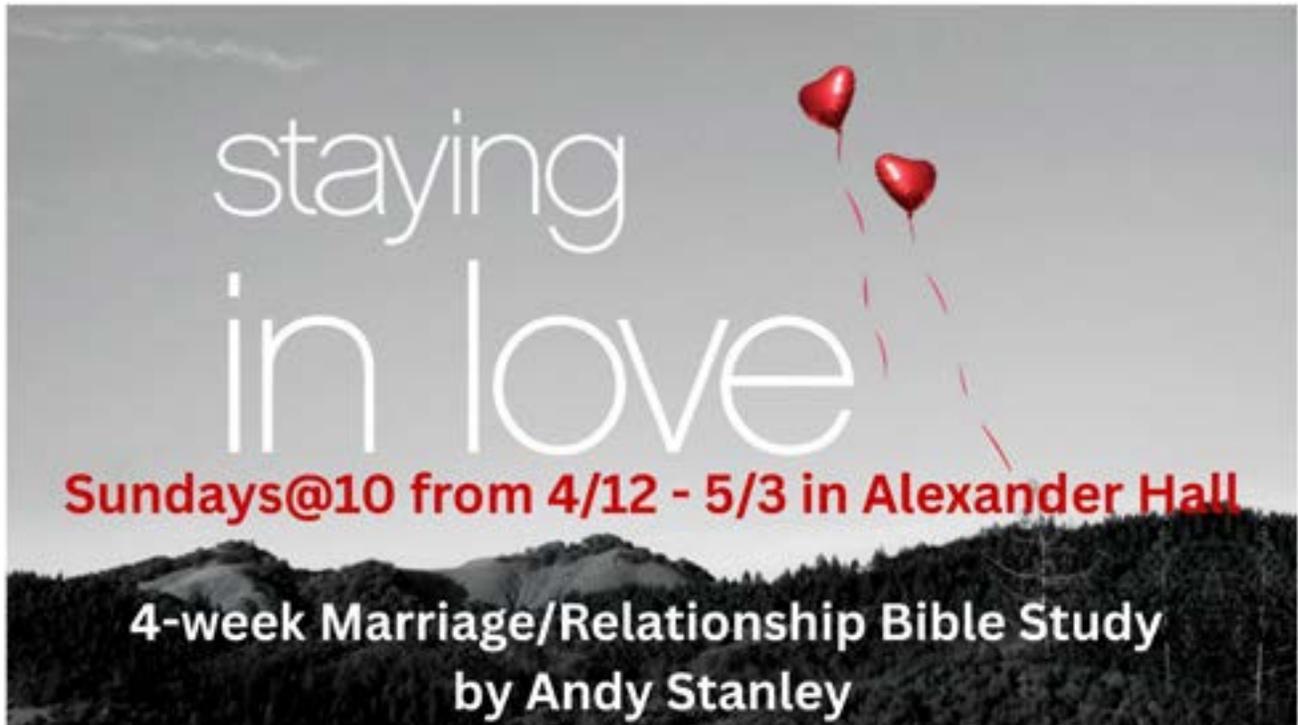
A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said.

In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Join Adam Hamilton in studying *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World*.

FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205

The FISH class has opted to join the Sojourners Class or to attend the Staying in Love Bible Study in Alexander Hall for the month of April.



SUNDAYS@10

4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIPS

ANDY STANLEY'S "STAYING IN LOVE"

JOIN US AT 10:00 A. M. ON SUNDAYS 4/12 – 5/3

IN ALEXANDER HALL

In this four-session small group Bible study, pastor Andy Stanley discusses how to stay in love once you fall in love.

We all know what's required to fall in love... a pulse. Falling in love is easy. But staying there—that's something else entirely. With more than a thousand matchmaking services available today and new ones springing up all the time, finding a romantic match can be easier than ever.

But staying together with the one you've found seems to be the real challenge. So, is it possible for two people to fall in love and actually stay there? Absolutely!

Let Andy Stanley show you how through the four sessions of *Staying in Love*.

Sessions include:

1. Love Is a Verb
2. Re-Modeling
3. Feelin' It
4. Multiple Choice Marriage

Prayer For Our New Pastor

Lord God, we thank you so much for the long line of pastors and staff who have helped shape our ministry over the years. Today, we pray for the person you will be calling to serve our church family in

Greenwood.

We pray that this person and their family would be protected and encouraged. We pray that whatever is moving in their life to nudge them to make a change will bring inspiration and joy. We pray that their journey with you, Lord, will in turn strengthen our walk with you. We ask that you bless and guide this person in their ministry and in their personal relationship with you. Give them a heart for when you call and where you call and to whom you call. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Prayer for Our Church Family

Lord God, we are so blessed with a loving church family. Thank you for your many blessings over us. We pray that in this time of transition, you will strengthen us

to be faithful members and good stewards. May we draw others to you. May we invite and encourage others to be part of this family. May we feel inspired to serve and love and give. May we rally in such an excited way that others are drawn directly to you, Lord.

Help us minister to each other, to our community, and to our world. Help us not to be afraid of our differences but to be willing to grow in our own identities as you call us. Give us soft hearts, open minds, and intentional relationships with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Mission Study Update

A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in the Mission Study survey, the Feedback sessions, and the 360 Session. Your input has allowed the Mission Study Team to develop common themes that will be used in the Mission Study Report. Work has already begun on the report and we soon hope to have a completed document to the Session for approval and to the congregation for review. The report will then be sent to the Presbytery for their approval, upon which we can move forward with naming the Pastor Nominating Committee. But beyond the study, your input has given the leadership of this church much to think about; in the way we communicate, the way we are structured, in the ways we utilize time and talent, even in the ways we worship. Thank you all again.

The Mission Study Team

FPC Community Life Center Committee Mission/Charge

This committee is to be the working group that takes the plans and preparations of the initial Family Life Committee through the next phase of development toward construction of a physical facility as needed. The Community Life Center Committee (CLCC) is an ad hoc committee of the session tasked with the following mission/charge:

1. Reeducate the congregation on the purpose and mission of the Community Life Center with the goal of gaining complete buy-in.
 - Review input from session committees and congregation on their hopes, dreams, and aspirations for this project
 - It's more than a gym! Create a clear mission statement for how this proposed building aligns with our church mission. Work with session and church staff to determine how the space can be best used by all age groups and provide a space for outreach, missions, and the future of our church.
 - Determine how to best reach all groups of the congregation so they feel informed and engaged in this project from now until completion
2. Provide regular updates on the financial status, building plans/architecture, and timeline for future actions.
 - Financials – how much has been pledged and how close are we to the goal? Does fundraising continue? For members who pledged and have not yet donated, should they start their contributions? If enough money isn't raised to move forward, what happens to the contributions already received? What other questions are hanging out there that need to be addressed?
 - Building Plans/Architecture – the previous committee had multiple versions of the plans, some full, some scaled back – what best meets the hopes, dreams, aspirations, and church mission? What is essential? What needs to be revisited? Is an earlier version with breakout rooms, and other features a better fit, even if it means continued fundraising efforts? The church has acquired new property; how does this impact the building plans and location, if at all? What other questions are hanging out there that need to be addressed?
 - Timeline for future actions – what can we expect to happen and when for all aspects of the project? What is needed now and in the future for the success of this project?
3. Create a clear and regular communication plan with session and church.
 - Communicate with current donors and pledges so we don't lose them
 - Committee meeting minutes submitted to the session
 - Monthly update in the Spire to keep the congregation informed
 - Consider other avenues – First Things (Brad's weekly email update), church social media accounts, small group sessions, display in lobby, etc.

Appointed the Community Life Center Committee: Jim Booth, Bill Dixon, David Gardner, Greg Goff, Janice May, Ginger Newlin, Luke Penney, and Caroline Souter

IN THE KNOW

April

2026

1

Did you know Vince had a knee replacement surgery and did great? You can send him get well or we miss you cards, please call the office to get his mailing address.

2

Did you know that the basement flooded last semester. It took a while to figure out the two leaks, but we are getting new carpet installed in April!!! So exciting!

3

Did you know that we communicate with our church family in the following ways:

- oMonthly Spire newsletter
- oWeekly bulletin
- oWeekly First Things email (formerly Pastor's Update)
- oRealm online program (email, text, site)
- oRemind texts to some groups
- oFacebook

If you are not receiving one of these communications and would like to, contact the front office!

4

Did you know that our children ask the best and also very difficult questions? Check some of these out:

- a. If Adam and Eve were the first humans and they had children and siblings can't marry each other, how did they have babies?
- b. Did Satan possess Judas like Vecna from Stranger Things?
- c. One child stated: "I wish everybody had softer hearts." To which another child replied, "I do ... sometimes."
- d. If people turn into angels when they die, how come Satan was there with Adam and Eve?



Presbyterian Women News

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

PW Honorary Life Member - Patti Gagstetter

In 2017, Patti swept in to reinvigorate our women's retreats. From the *Sweet Life* in 2018 to the *Cozy Mountain Retreat* in 2019 when we had to graduate to the larger William Black Lodge, she brought energy and flair to the women's retreats. She tirelessly coordinated housing, skits, prayers, food, crafts, outside activities, set up, and so much more and all with a joie de vivre that only she could pull off.

As a deacon from 2015 - 2017, and chair of the Fellowship team, Patti polled the congregation and came up with a family feud game for the church picnic at Camp Fellowship. She also created table decorations that we still use today

Patti has a servant's heart and is constantly working on a project to raise funds for others - many on our list of church sponsored projects like Hospice House, A Place for Us Ministries, Pathway House, and so many others. Her work to support the Hospice House through the Festival of Trees is legendary, not only making spectacular trees, but helping others design and build their trees.



As an active member of PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization), Patti mentored 3 young women from our church - guiding them in the process to apply, interview, and coordinate a service project for a scholarship.

She is a shining example of charitable giving to all women of the church and is a wonderful ambassador in our community, shining a positive light on this church.

Her passion for service and the depth of her commitment to God's work is the reason Patti Gagstetter is this year's Honorary Life Membership.

Lisa Yarbrough - Moderator, Presbyterian Women
864.313.5511 - yarbroughsc@gmail.com

Loyalty Dinner Highlights





Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, April 7th, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.
Contact Jean Mabe 941-7817.

Circle 3 will meet Monday, April 13th, at 10:30 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room.
Contact Kappy May 864-554-7434 or Kathy Snyder 864-941-1838

Circle 4 will meet Monday, April 6th, at 11:00 am, at Montague's.
Contact Carol Umphress 770-316-5010

Circle 5 will meet Tuesday, April 14th, at 12:30 pm, in Alexander Hall.
and includes lunch & childcare.
Contact Meg Stevens 993-7536 or Michelle Barksdale 864-344-2450

Circle 6 will meet Monday, April 6th, at 7:00 pm in the Barksdale Room.
Contact Jessica Willard (jesswillard81@gmail.com, 993-5980) or
Nickie Murphy (famurphy01@aol.com, 205-317-5347)

Circle 7 will meet Tuesday, April 7th, at 10:30 am at the home of Cathy Mays.
Contact Becky Bryson 223-2998.

Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, April 7th, at 11:30 am, at the home of Betty Williams.
Contact Betty Williams 993-0466.



IS STILL WRITING YOUR STORY

Women's Intreat Highlights

Hopes, Dreams, & Interlopers

Who Is In Control Here?

Let Go Already!

My Story Is God's Story





Wednesday Night Fellowship

5:15 – Gather - Children on the playground;
adults and youth in AH

5:25 – Dinner for children (pay \$5 weekly or by semester/year)

5:30 – Dinner for adults and youth (\$10)
RSVP by Monday or request to be added to the weekly list.

5:45 – Prayer for everyone

6:00 programming: Women in the Conference Room (206), Men in the FISH class (205), Children (The Root Cellar); Youth (the Loft) and Pastor's Bible study in the Henry Reynolds room (110) at 6:15.

Menus:

April 1: Pizza Night (\$5.00 per person \$15.00 cap for families)

April 8: Fish Fry

April 15: Beef Stew over Rice, Pineapple
Casserole

April 22: COLD PLATE COMBO:
Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, Pasta Salad

April 29: Hamburgers/Hotdogs
(\$5.00 per person \$15.00 cap for families)

Our last Wednesday Night Dinner until the Fall!



MISSIONS/OUTREACH

MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT Boys & Girls Club of the Lakelands Region



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE LAKELANDS REGION**

Program Growth and Youth Engagement

Currently we are serving 305 youth in the Greenwood area across our programs with 50 teens daily and 255 elementary students. Our Clubs have maintained consistent daily attendance while expanding opportunities for youth, particularly middle and high school students. The **Rising STARZ** program has continued to serve as a cornerstone of our teen engagement strategy, offering academic support, leadership development, and enrichment activities that keep youth connected during critical afterschool hours.

Our middle school membership has continued to grow since we began providing daily transportation from the middle schools and transportation home for any member so that members don't have to walk during inclement weather and through some of the tougher neighborhoods. We have also placed a renewed emphasis on engaging teens through relevant, high-energy programming that includes career exploration, life skills development, and mentorship opportunities.

Academic Support and Enrichment

Academic success remains a top priority. Over the past six months, we have strengthened our homework help and tutoring initiatives, helping members improve classroom performance and build confidence through our partnership with Lander University, as they provide Work Study students to assist with homework help and programming. Partnerships with local educators and organizations have enhanced our ability to provide targeted academic interventions and enrichment experiences that have also led to less out of school suspensions for our members.

Technology and Resource Access

Through partnerships and community investment, we have increased access to technology and digital learning tools for our members by becoming a Comcast LiftZone Site which provides free internet services to the agency and to the community. These resources are helping bridge the digital divide and ensure that all youth have access to the tools they need to succeed academically and in the workforce, as well as any adults who may not have access to the internet and are in need of using this resource to seek employment and/or to complete schoolwork.

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MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.

Summer and Extended Learning Planning

We are now gearing up for summer programming and have plans to provide a dynamic and engaging summer experience for our members. This includes structured daily schedules, hands-on learning opportunities, and field trips designed to expose youth to new environments and possibilities. A particular focus has been placed on serving rising 6th graders in an effort to ensure that we provide a continuum of care for members that will be leaving our school based afterschool programs located at the school and are heading into middle school. Last year we partnered with the Governor's School of Science and Math and provided a robust STEM program that the members really enjoyed, and we are excited to offer the program again this year.

Additionally, during the summer we offer free summer camp to families at Phoenix Place and the Greenwood Housing Authority in an effort to give the children a fun summer experience. Last year we served 50 children with 37 of those children not missing a single day!

Community Partnerships and Collaboration

We have continued to build and strengthen partnerships with local schools, nonprofits, and community leaders. Our greatest partnership is the with Arts Center of Greenwood, who is currently working with our teens to make pieces for the Earth into Art Sale happening at the art center on Saturday, April 18, 2026. These collaborations have allowed us to maximize resources, provide additional services, and better support youth facing barriers such as academic challenges or involvement in the juvenile justice system. Our newest collaboration will be in partnership with the Greenwood Family Court to provide mentoring and support to referred youth.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support of donors, partners, and community members who make our work possible. Their investment has allowed us to provide scholarships, expand programming, and ensure that we continue to provide space for children to learn, grow, and just be a kid!

In Partnership,

S. D. Miller
Sabrina D. Miller
Executive Director
Boys and Girls Club of the Lakelands Region

MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.



**SALLY H. KAUFFMANN'S
WALK TO FIGHT
HUNGER**

**APRIL 25, 2026
JEFF MAY COMPLEX
502 MONTAGUE AVE
GREENWOOD, SC 29646**

**REGISTRATION STARTING @ 7:30AM
WALK BEGINS AT 8AM**

Register Today!!

<https://fbgc.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/26979>



Noah's Ark News



We have had a busy month at the Ark. Teachers are nearing the end of the alphabet. Our three-year-olds completed a letter V study and erupted a volcano- so much fun! We celebrated Dr. Seuss as a school and enjoyed green eggs and ham. Children have been learning about the story of Easter and why we celebrate the holiday each year. Jesus died for US!! We are excited to continue our traditions of the Easter Bonnet Parade and Donuts for Dads this month. When we return from Spring Break, our older classes will complete a unit on life cycles. They will grow butterflies to be released during our annual butterfly picnic. They are such fun and special memories for our littles!



Noah's Ark still has a few available spots for the 2026-2027 school year. There are a couple of Nursery spots available and a few Three-year-old spots still available. Please spread the word! For more information, visit the Noah's Ark tab on the church's website or reach out directly to Lauren Trantham in the Noah's Ark office. We would love for your little one to join our Noah's Ark family!



2025-2026 SEASON

Sunday, September 14
4:00 PM

The Golden Age of the Trumpet: Music for Trumpet and Strings

Transport yourself to the Baroque era through the sound of period strings, harpsichord, and trumpets, all tuned to replicate music as it was heard in that time! Trumpeters Cody Beard, Robbie Collins and Noa Miller appear with the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra Chamber Ensemble in this lineup of Italian, French, Czech, and Bohemian composers from the late 1600s to the late 1700s.

Sunday, December 14
4:00 PM (Corrected Time)

Christmas @ First Pres

The Greenwood Festival Chorale collaborates with the choirs of First Presbyterian Church in "Angels We Have Heard on High." Join us with your family and friends for a moving performance of holiday music.

Sunday, February 15
(Corrected Date)
4:00 PM

Pageantry of Keyboards

Stanley Colbert, Steven Skinner, and Tim Walters return to the keyboards at First Presbyterian Church for another rip-roaring keyboard extravaganza! Enjoy hearing your favorite sacred and popular melodies dazzle under the creativity of these artists!

Sunday, March 15
4:00 PM

Modern Choral Classics

In its annual spring concert honoring the diverse heritage of contemporary composers, the Greenwood Festival Chorale presents modern choral selections. Director Mr. Steven Skinner leads the chorale in its musical offerings to the community throughout the year. For auditions, contact steve@firstgreenwood.com.

MY GIFT TO SUPPORT THE 2024-2025 FESTIVA ARTS SERIES

FRIEND: \$50-\$99 \$ _____; **SPONSOR:** \$100-\$599 \$ _____; **PATRON:** \$500-\$999 \$ _____; **ANGEL:** \$1,000 + \$ _____

Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 ZIP: _____ Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

Please complete this form and mail it to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 426, Greenwood, SC 29648
 or leave it in the church office. Your check payable to
 FPC is tax deductible.

Lenten Service and Lunch Highlights



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please keep in mind that these events/happenings/places are not set in stone. Keep watch in the bulletin, next month's *Spire*, and First Things email for more current information.

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 1	Lenten Service and Lunch (Morris Chapel)
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Friday, April 3	Church Offices Closed
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt (11:00 am, McLeods, 232 Brookfield Dr.)
Sunday, April 5	Easter Worship Walk and Flowering of the Cross (9:00 am, outside Alexander Hall) Breakfast and Flowering of the Cross (10:00 am, Alexander Hall) Easter Sunday Celebration Service (11:00 am, Sanctuary) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering accepted
Monday, April 6	Church Offices closed
Sunday, April 12	Youth Sunday (11:00)
Wednesday, April 15	Noah's Ark Donuts for Dads (8:00 am, Alexander Hall)
Sunday, April 19	Stephen Ministry Recognition (11:00 service)
Wednesday, April 22	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (7:00 am, Alexander Hall)
Saturday, April 25	Salt Shakers
Sunday, April 26	Session (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Thursday, April 30	Noah's Ark End of the Year program (6:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Sunday, May 3	Communion during both services New Members Class begins (10:00 am, Barksdale Room)
Sunday, May 10	Mother's Day Accepting Presbyterian Communities offering New Members Class (10:00 am, Barksdale Room)
Saturday, May 16	Trinity Presbytery Mtg. (9:30 am, FPC, Clinton)
Sunday, May 17	New Members Class (10:00 am, Barksdale Room) Diaconate (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room) PGS Concert (6:00 pm, Sanctuary)

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:

(Home unless noted)

Ann Heironimus -- Wesley Commons Rehab.

Jane Anderson -- SRH

Martha Erwin

Kay Dukes -- SRH

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Don Elder and his family on the passing of his wife, Chris Elder, on March 29, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.



Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during **Our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm on April 2, 2026 in the Sanctuary.**

Deadline for the May issue of The Spire is Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

The church offices will be closed Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th.

TEAM MEETINGS

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** will meet Monday, April 13th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Christian Ed Committee** will meet Sunday, April 19th, at 6:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Committed Prayers Team** will meet Monday, April 27th, at 4:30 pm, in the Chapel.

The **Congregational Care Committee** will meet Monday, April 20th, at 2:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Home Communion/Visitation Committee** will meet Thursday, April 9th at 10:00 am, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Missions & Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday, April 12th, at 4:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, April 27th, at 10:00 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Scholarship Committee** will meet Sunday, April 12th, at 3:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Session** will meet Sunday, April 26th, at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

Stephen Ministry will meet Wednesday, April 8th, at 4:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Worship Committee** will meet Sunday, April 12th, at 12:15 p.m. on the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

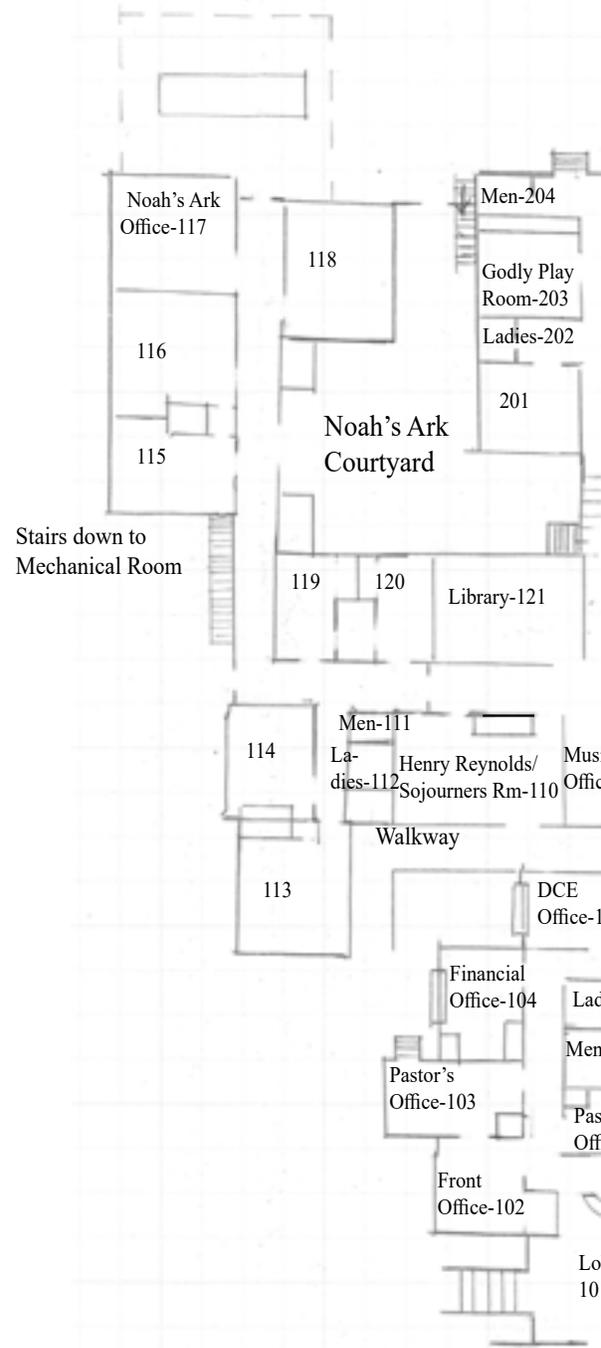
Please note that the place, time, and date of these meetings are subject to change.

Main Level

- 101 Lobby
- 102 Front Office (Lea)
- 103 Pastor's Office
- 104 Financial Office (Nan)
- 105 Pastor's Office (Brad)
- 106 Men's Restroom
- 107 Ladies Restroom
- 108 DCE's Office (Elise)
- 109 Music Director's Office (Steve)
- 110 Henry Reynolds/ Sojourners Classroom (HR)
- 111 Noah's Ark Boys Restroom
- 112 Noah's Ark Girls Restroom
- 113 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 114 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 115 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 116 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 117 Noah's Ark Office (Lauren)
- 118 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 119 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 120 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 121 Library
- 122 Barksdale Room (BR)
- 123 Choir Office
- 124 Choir Room (Ch. Rm.)
- 125 Bell Choir Room
- 126 Ladies Restroom
- 127 Mens Restroom
- 128 Chapel

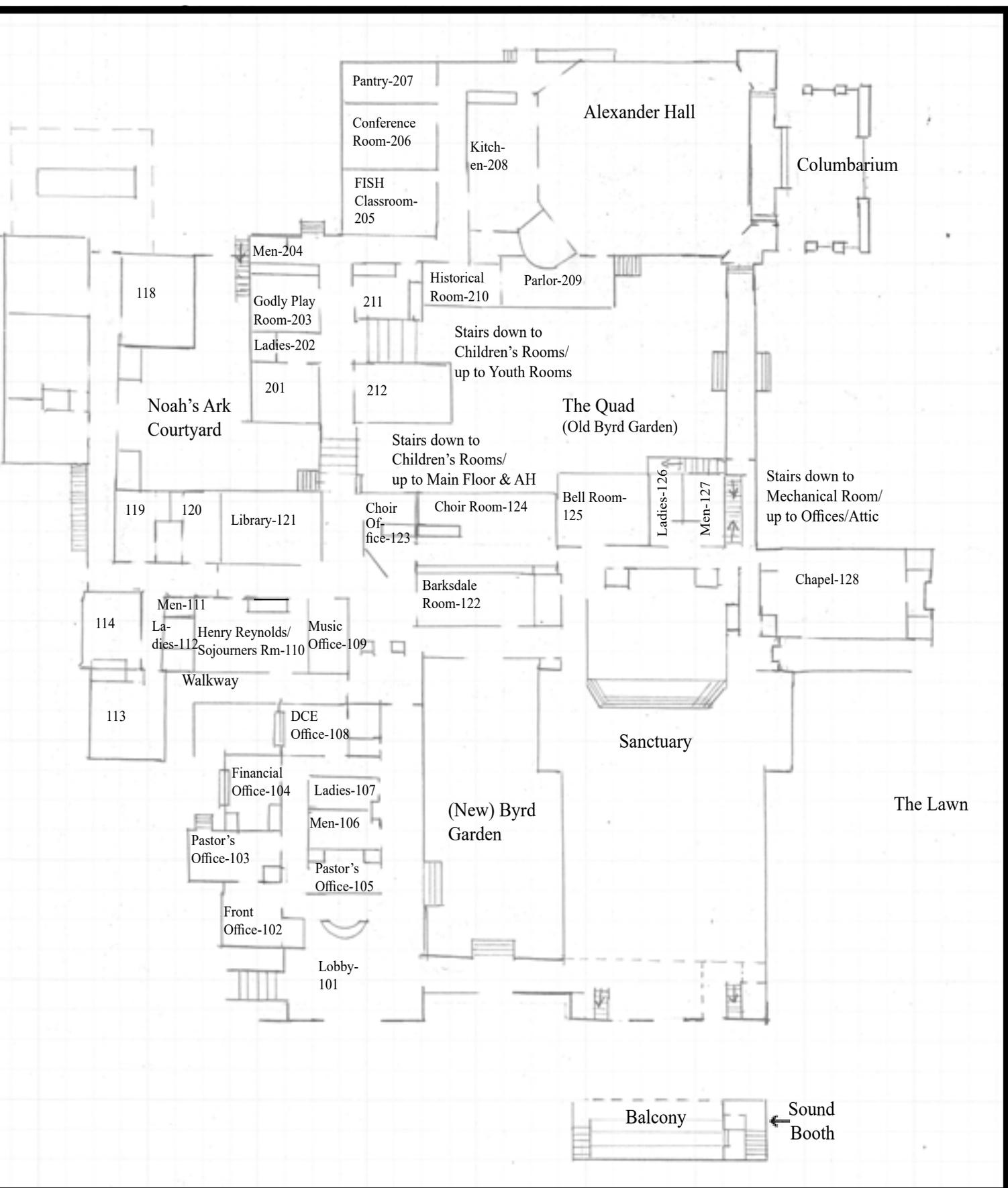
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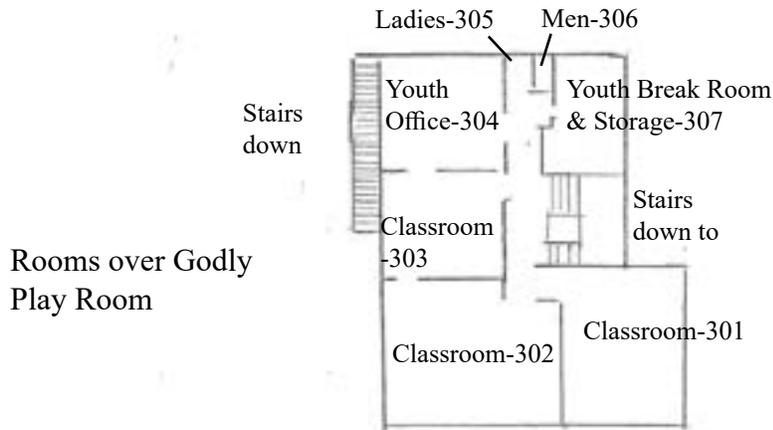
- 201 Noah's Ark Classroom
- 202 Ladies Restroom
- 203 Godly Play Room
- 204 Mens Restroom
- 205 FISH Classroom (FISH)
- 206 Conference Room (Conf. Rm)
- 207 Pantry
- 208 Kitchen (Kit.)
- 209 Parlor
- 210 Historical Room
- 211 Storage
- 212 Noah's Ark Classroom



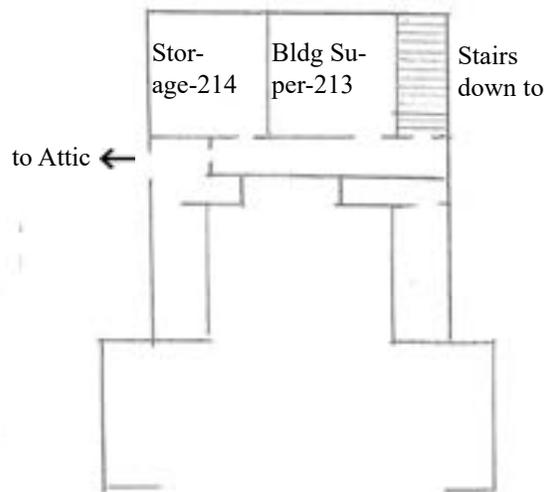
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Main Level





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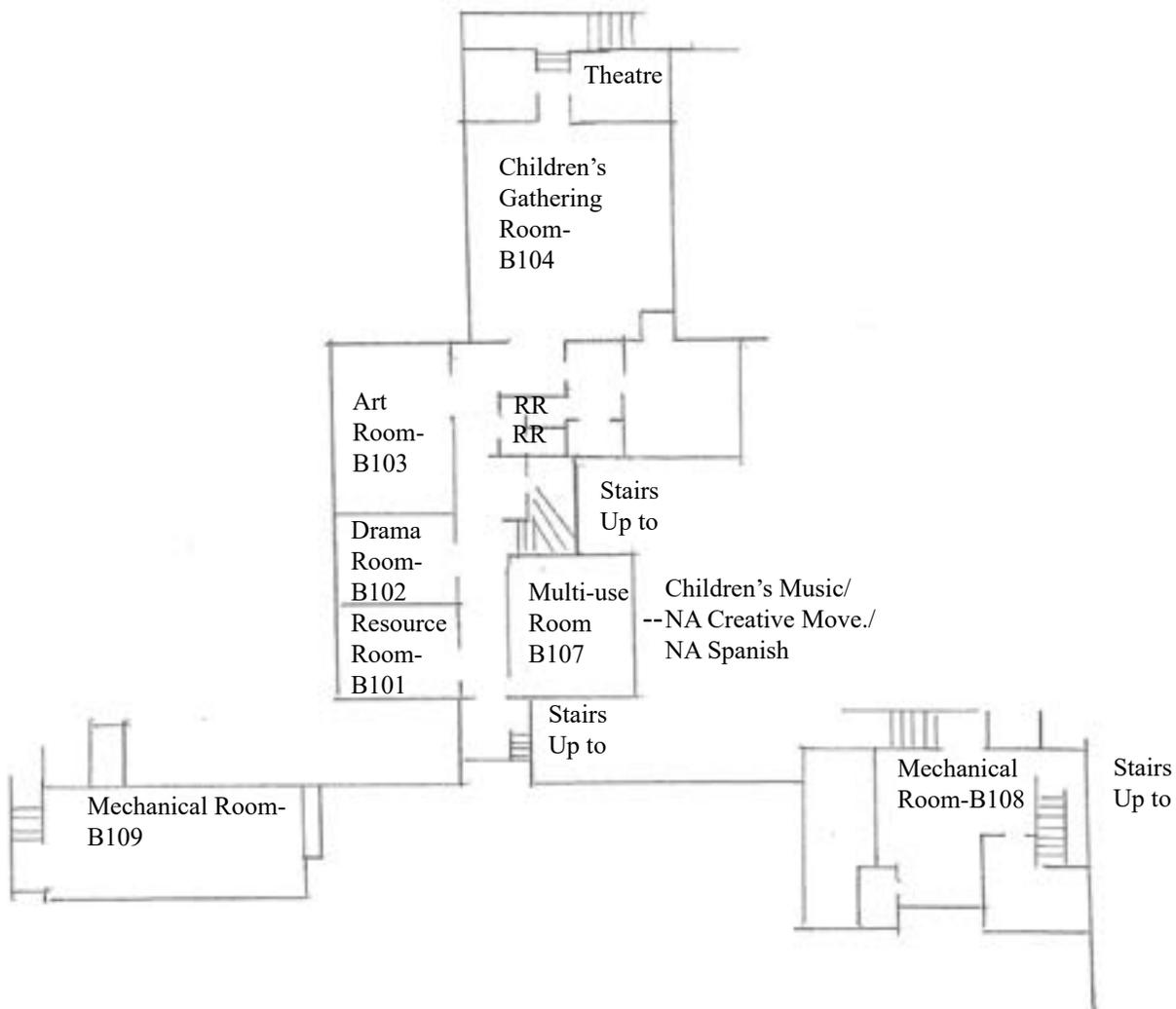
Rooms over Bell Choir Room

- 213 Buildings Superintendent's Office (Juston)
- 214 Storage Room

Youth Rooms

- 301 Classroom (YR)
- 302 Classroom (YR)
- 303 Classroom (YR)
- 304 Youth/Assoc. Pastor's Office (Jade)
- 305 Ladies Restroom
- 306 Mens Restroom
- 307 Youth Break Room & Storage

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Upstairs Level**



Basement Level--Children

- B101 Resource Room
- B102 Drama Room
- B103 Art Room
- B104 Children's Gathering Room (Base)
- B105 Mens Restroom
- B106 Ladies Restroom
- B107 Multi-use Room
(Children's Music/NA Creative
Movement/NA Spanish)
- B108 Mechanical Room
- B109 Mechanical Room

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Basement Level

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION cont.



FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNING

Have you given any thought to pre-planning your funeral/memorial service and in doing so, giving yourself and your family peace of mind? We can help you with that.

We have developed a worksheet that will help you and your loved ones to be a little more prepared for when the time comes.

What scripture would you like read at your service?
What hymns would you like to be sung?

There are several other questions that you may not think about that we will need to know. This will not only help you and your family but it will aid us as well.

If you would like a copy of the Funeral/Memorial Worksheet, please pick up a copy located in the magazine rack to the right of the desk in the front lobby, contact the front office at 229-5814, or office@firstgreenwood.com.

We do ask that once you have completed this form, to please return a copy to us for our records.



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES CABINET

Located in the front desk cabinet in the front lobby, we have several baskets containing emergency supplies. One basket contains a first aid kit, Lifevac (for choking), narcain (for drug overdose), and a wrist blood pressure cuff. A separate basket contains supplies for a diabetic emergency.

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION cont.



OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is accepting Officer Nominations from the congregation.

Please complete the Nominating Form that can be found in the front lobby.

Please place it in the offering plate or return your nomination to the front office.

**Deadline to submit a nomination
Sunday, April 5th.**

Session Report

These are some of the items that were discussed during this month's Session meeting:

- 1.) Approved changes to the church's Wedding Policy
- 2.) Approved hiring summer interns: Charlie Fennell, Ava Hamm, Lily Collins, and Davis Sherrer
- 3.) Discussed the decline in pledge commitments for 2026.
- 4.) Appointed the Community Life Center Committee: Jim Booth, Bill Dixon, David Gardner, Greg Goff, Janice May, Ginger Newlin, Luke Penney, and Caroline Souter
- 5.) Betsy Collins and Martha Ann Davis will serve as commissioners to Trinity Presbytery's meeting on May 16th at FPC, Clinton.



Mark your calendars for these special services coming in May:

May 3: Communion during both services

May 10: Mother's Day. We'll be accepting the Presbyterian Communities Special Offering

May 24: Pentecost Sunday. We'll be receiving New Members during the 11:00 service

May 31: Trinity Sunday and Baccalaureate Sunday



**10:00 am, in the Barksdale Room
(Room 122)**

**Every Sunday morning in May.
You will be received into membership
on May 24th.**

**Please contact the front office
if you are interested, 229-5814 or
brad@firstgreenwood.com.**



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