



The Spire

First Presbyterian Church

May 2026

Greenwood, SC

A Message From Our Pastor...

Missional Direction, Part 2

Last month I wrote about recovering the church's vision statement and more consistently applying it to everything we do: **To be a beacon that encourages people to live with hope, confidence, and peace through the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ.** Nothing will help us do that better than thorough knowledge and deep understanding of the Bible.

People often ask which translation of the Bible they should read. My first response may sound like a cop-out: It depends. How much do you know about the Bible? How much of it have you already read? How often do you read it?

I heard recently that only one third of people identifying as Christian have ever read the whole Bible—that is, from Genesis to Revelation, every chapter, every verse. I suspect that percentage is inflated. If you've never read the whole book, frankly, it doesn't matter which translation you read. You don't know the whole story. You don't know how amazingly the many different parts of the story fit and work together, how the whole story points to and reveals Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

If you haven't read the whole Bible, I suggest doing so in one of the more contemporary translations—the New International Version (NIV), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), or English Standard Version (ESV). The New Living Bible (NLB), Common English Bible (CEB), Contemporary English Version (CEV), and The Message (MSG) are also popular. Because, as some of their titles suggest, they use more familiar current language, they're easier to read, which may make them preferred choices for a first-time read-through.

Three pointers for reading the whole thing:

- 1 Don't rush or force your reading. Don't feel bad if you can't keep up with a "Read the Bible in One Year" plan. Go at your own pace, but read regularly, and *keep going*....
- 2 Try reading in several different translations or versions. Maybe read the Old Testament in the CEV and the New Testament in the ESV. Or read the gospels and Acts in the NIV and the rest of the NT in The Message. Try Psalms in the King James Version!
- 3 Supplement or even alternate your reading with an audio version of the Bible. A variation is to read with a partner, alternating reading from the Bible to each other.

Psalms 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (ESV). Without that light, we can't be the beacon that is the church's calling and mission. So, get reading! And let me know how it goes.

Easteride blessings,

Brad

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day. Please join us as we celebrate all of our mothers, mothers-to-be, and mother figures. We will be accepting the Presbyterian Communities special offering that will benefit residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and need assistance to remain in Presbyterian Communities.



Pentecost Sunday is a major Christian festival celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church. It commemorates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send a comforter, empowering the early church to spread the Gospel, often characterized by symbols of wind and fire. This year, Pentecost Sunday is on May 24th. We will also be receiving new members during the 11:00 service this day.

Trinity Sunday (May 31st) is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar, and the Sunday of Pentecost in Eastern Christianity. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We will also be celebrating our High School Graduates during the 11:00 service.



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

For the months of June, July, and August we will have one worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Sunday School (the Sojourners class) will meet 9:00 am



Palmetto Girls Sing!
Spring Concert



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

6:00 pm

**First Presbyterian Church,
Greenwood**

**\$10 Tickets are available on our website,
www.palmettogirlssing.greenwood.com
or at the door.**



Easter Sunday Highlights



Easter Egg Hunt Highlights





Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven".

- Matthew 18:3-5

Date	Sundays@10 (K3-5th)	Children's Chapel
May 3	Michelle Barksdale	Beth Justesen
May 10	Need a volunteer	Need a volunteer
May 17	Elise Collins	Elise Collins
May 24	Elise Collins	Elise Collins

Coming Soon

Summer Intern Fun is heading your way!

- 1. Let us know what activities/opportunities you'd like to see.**
- 2. Let us know what days and times work best for your family.**
- 3. Other comments, ideas, suggestions, concerns.**

Please email Elise directly at dce@firstgreenwood.com.

We'll try our best to accommodate all input.

And we cannot wait to have fun with your little and not quite as little ones!

Meet Our Summer Interns!



Charlie Fennell



Davis Sherrer



Welcome to our 2026 Summer Interns! We're excited to have you! Parents, please send suggestions, ideas, preferred dates and times, etc asap before we plan for the summer in mid May.

Lily Collins is completing her freshman year at USC. She is an English major who loves reading and hanging out with her friends.

Charlie Fennell is graduating from Greenwood High School and will be attending Anderson University in the fall. He is an avid runner and loves the Lord and playing the guitar.

Ava Hamm is graduating from the SC Governor's School for Math and Science. She will be attending USC in the fall. She loves cats and reading!

Davis Sherrer is graduating from Emerald High School. He will be attending USC in the fall. He enjoys golf, tennis, and clay shooting

All Things Bright and Beautiful



This text, by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander, was first published in her *Hymns for Little Children* (1848). It is one of several hymns which she wrote to interpret phrases of the Apostles' Creed in language that children could understand. This text was written to explain the meaning of the phrase "Maker of heaven and earth," and is based upon Genesis 1:31.

As a small girl, Cecil Frances Humphries (b. Redcross, County Wicklow, Ireland, 1818; Londonderry, Ireland, 1895) wrote poetry in her school's journal. In 1850 she married Rev. William Alexander, who later became the Anglican primate (chief bishop) of Ireland. She showed her concern for disadvantaged people by traveling many miles each day to visit the sick and the poor, providing food, warm clothes, and medical supplies. She and her sister also founded a school for the deaf. Alexander was strongly influenced by the Oxford Movement and by John Keble's Christian Year. Her first book of poetry, *Verses for Seasons*, was a "Christian Year" for children. (Lifeway Women)

Check out these versions:

the Gettys



Luke Powell



Rutter



Hayley Westenra



with commentary
including a banned verse!

Lyrics:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]
2. The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
He made them, high or lowly,
And ordered their estate. [Refrain]

3. The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky. [Refrain]
4. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one. [Refrain]
5. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day. [Refrain]
6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. [Refrain]

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: 

We need children to
come play and learn
about Jesus with us!

**We need youth to
come have fun and
shepherd the children!**

**We need grown-ups to
make this all possible and
to love on the children
shared with us!**

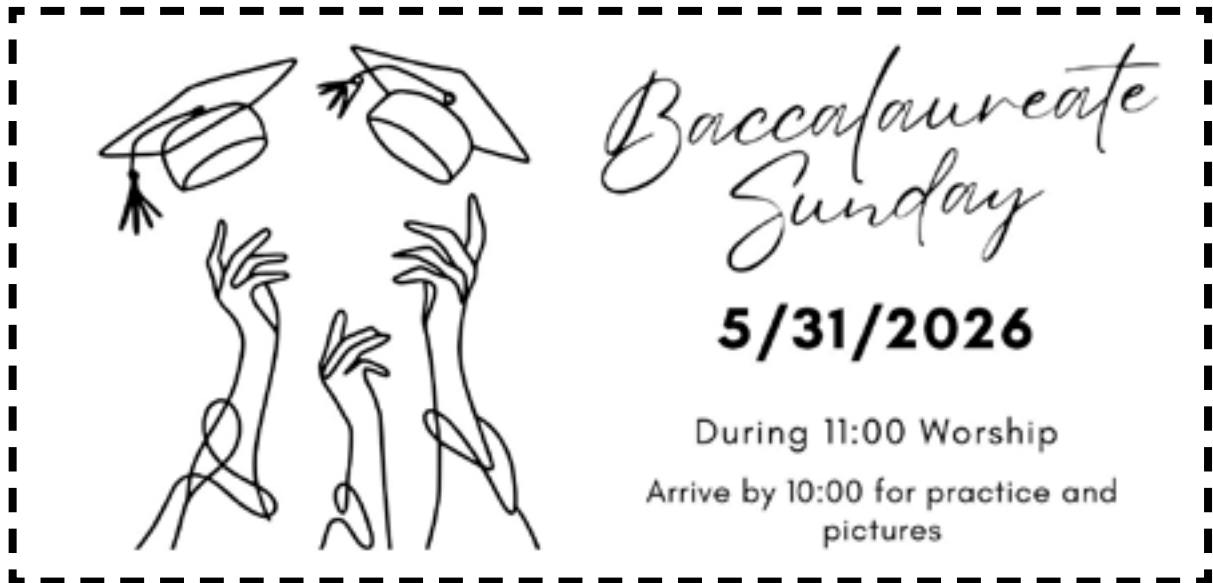
**- SKITS - BIBLE -
- LIVE MUSIC -
- SNACKS/DINNER -
GAMES - CRAFTS**

SIGN UP WITH MICHELLE BARKSDALE OR ELISE COLLINS

**COOK-OUT ON SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 5:30.
A-L, BRING A SIDE; M-Z, BRING A DESSERT**

YOUTH





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.

MAY

YOUTH EVENTS

- *5/2 Senior Dinner at Inn on the Square from 5:00 – 7:00.*
- *5/3 Sunday school from 10:00 – 10:45*
- *5/10 – Mother's Day Flower Shop from 10:00 – 10:45.
Come build bouquets for the motherly figures in your life!*
- *5/17 – Sunday school from 10:00 – 10:45*
- *5/17 – Pool Party at the Moseley's (145 Cambridge Ave E)
from 5:00 – 6:30. Bring a swimsuit, towel, and friends!*
- *5/24 – Sunday school from 10:00 – 10:45*
- *5/24 – Lunch at Panera from 12:15 – 1:15*
- *5/31 – Sunday school from 10:00 – 10:45.
Seniors will be practicing and taking pictures
during this time.*
- *5/31 – Baccalaureate Sunday during 11:00 Worship*



Secret Angel Ministry

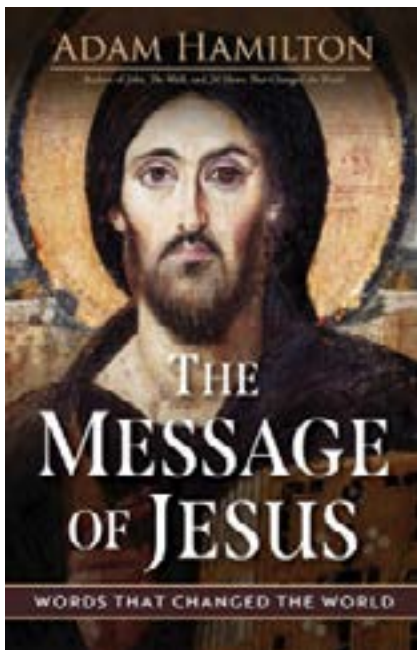
There are some very special Angels at First Presbyterian and during the school year they touch the lives of the First Pres students who attend school out of the Greenwood area through cards, gifts, or other thoughtful ways. While these angels have remained secret during the school year it is time to let the First Presbyterian family know who these angels are. Listed below are the names of these angels and the student they were paired with for the school year with a heartfelt thank you for the love and support they have shown each student. They truly are a blessing to each student.

Students	Hosts
Erika Jo Buchanan	Lynn Mack
Lily Collins	Martha Ann Davis
Emma Collins	Donna Thompson
Ellie DuBose	Tamara McLeod
Jenna DuBose	Lynda Thurman
Bennett Erickson	Men's Bible Study
Laura Margaret Fennell	Kris Teeter
Ava Hamm	Women's Circle #3
Jackson Hamm	Carson Penney
Michael Gardner	Women's Circle #3
Shirley Gardner	Mary Kay Davidson
Thomas Goff	Dr. Marion Smith
Lauren Griggs	Barb Zorzie
Henry Logan	Women's Circle #5
Margaret Stevens	Phyllis Collins
Thomas Rouse	Men's Bible Study
Sam Wieters	Women's Circle #5
Bess Wieters	Elizabeth Hoffsinger



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

Sojourners - Henry Reynolds (Room 110)

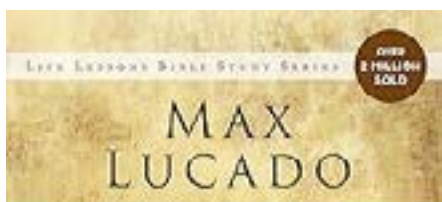


A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

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' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus' preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus' 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



LIFE LESSONS FROM
ROMANS

In this profound epistle, Paul explores all the wrong directions and takes us to the only right one. The wrong solutions are pleasure and pride, and the correct solution is Christ Jesus. Join beloved author Max Lucado as he dives into the book of Romans to consider in Paul's words everything from practical instruction for a growing church to the very core of the Christian faith.

As you read, study, journal, and discuss the book of Romans, watch for these *key themes* that Max will unpack throughout the book:

- All people are in need of a relationship with God.
- God has prepared for that relationship through his own sacrifice.
- Faith is the requirement of that relationship.
- Forgiveness is available from God for anyone.





In the Know

Elise traveled to Puerto Rico for the APCE-SOAP (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators in the South Atlantic and Puerto Rico) conference for Christian Educators. She spent time with other educators from 7:45 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. Yes, that may include time at dinner or in the pool, but the conversation was often on Christian Education or other conference topics. First Pres is a fantastic supporter of staff continuing education, and the staff is so grateful.

We are currently taking ideas for fun summer activities for our church family of all ages! Got ideas? Let Elise know! We want to hear ideas, best dates and times, etc.

Did you know we have a Men of the Church group? Want to get involved? Contact the church office to be added to the list. Got ideas? Let Christopher Collins know.

Both restrooms located behind the Sanctuary have been converted to Family/Handicap Accessible restrooms.





Presbyterian Women News

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

From ancient civilizations to modern times the circle has been a symbol of unity, wholeness, and the cycle of life. They have been used in architecture, art, and religion to represent the divine, the universe and the continuity of existence. Circles have the ability to create harmony and balance, and this has made it a fundamental symbol in various cultures.

Within our community, we have “circles of friends” many who are here tonight. We call our Presbyterian Women’s small groups “circles.” We are all circles of women. We are symbols of unity and wholeness as we study, fellowship, and serve together.

The theme this year of our Bible study has been *Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ*. I looked up the definition of resilience, and it is “the ability of a person or thing to recover from difficulties or return to normal shape after being bent, stretched, or deformed.” Take a second and look at the women in this room; some that you know - some that you do not know. Many have overcome terrible adversity, trauma, grief, loss - BUT they are here - strong, still standing - having found a “new normal” for their lives. They have come full circle. They are whole - maybe a little scared but whole. They have found harmony and balance as they leaned on Jesus Christ and His promise to be with us in the chaos of our trauma.

I loved my mom’s hands. Capable and hardworking - veins on top of them. Weathered from years of helping ladies become beautiful for she owned a beauty salon. Her hands felt my head when I had a fever. I reached for her hand when I was in a crowd to feel safe. She showed me how to cook, how to write my name. They were the hands of care and love. Lately, my hands have begun to look like my mother’s. I like to play in the dirt, plant flowers, and hold hands with my grandchildren. My hands cook, clean, take care of my family, and teach lessons. I hope my hands become the embodiment of love and care like Momma’s.

The hands of Jesus were the most amazing of all time. His hands performed miracles, brought the dead to life, broke bread, fed thousands, helped the lame to walk, and blessed the children. His hands were true hands of care and love. When we use our hands to care for those around us, our hands become like those of Jesus. And those are the hands that can change the world!

At the Loyalty Dinner, each lady present whether they were a member of First Presbyterian Church or not, painted their hand with a color of paint and helped make a visual of our resilience using our hands to make a colorful circular wreath. These hands represent each woman’s unity and resilience in their life with Christ.

Our wreath represents the never-ending care for others, our ability to “spring back” after trauma or adversity and our belief that our hands are the hands of Jesus in a world that is hurting.

Holy God, thank you for the hands that hold, that serve, that show love. Thank you for circles that represent unity, wholeness, and resilience. May our hands always give love to a hurting world. Let our hands represent Your hands as we go into our lives and into our community to be the hands of Jesus to others. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

Peggy Hammett
Loyalty Dinner Devotion 2026

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



Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, May 5th, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.
Contact Jean Mabe 941-7817.

Circle 3 will meet Monday, May 11th, 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, May 4th, at 11:00 am, at the home of Carolyn Taylor.
Contact Carol Umphress 770-316-5010

Circle 5 will meet Tuesday, May 12th, at 12:30 pm, at The Alcoves.
and includes lunch & childcare.
Contact Meg Stevens 993-7536 or Michelle Barksdale 864-344-2450

Circle 6 will meet Monday, May 4th, 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, May 5th, at 10:30 am at the home of Cindy Leary.
Contact Becky Bryson 223-2998.

Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, May 5th, at 11:30 am, at the home of Betty Williams.
Contact Betty Williams 993-0466.

The Rev. Justin M. Schlueter, D.Min.
Executive Director

Stephen B. Glynn
*Director of Administration
and Human Resources*

Joel P. Bretscher
Program Director

Janine L. Ushe, M.Div.
Director of Operations



The Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D.
*Founder and Executive Director Emeritus
and Director of Research*

David R. Bode, M.M.
Director of Information Technology

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Program Staff

Lori M. Kem
Program Staff

April 18, 2026

First Presbyterian Church
108 Cambridge Ave E
Greenwood, SC 29646

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

It is a privilege and an honor to write to you at this significant milestone in First Presbyterian Church's mission to care for people in Christ's name. Thirty years ago, your congregation enrolled in Stephen Ministry, marking the beginning of a journey that has touched many lives.

First Presbyterian Church's three decades of Stephen Ministry are a testimony to your commitment to care during life's inevitable pains and struggles. Because of your Stephen Ministry, people in and around your congregation have experienced the healing that only Jesus Christ can bring. I thank God for this wonderful gift of love you have provided over the past 30 years.

On this special occasion, I commend those faithful individuals who have supported your Stephen Ministry. Over the years, 16 people have served as your Stephen Leaders and dedicated themselves to keep this ministry going strong. They have equipped 70 congregation members to be Stephen Ministers, who in turn have provided hours of care to hurting people. Blessings to all of you who were and are committed to this ministry, now and in the future.

I encourage you in your quest to care for others for many years to come, and I pray that the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit would strengthen all of you at First Presbyterian Church.

In Christ,


Kenneth C. Haugk

Stephen Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry that helps congregations and other organizations organize, train, and supervise a team of lay caregivers to provide strictly confidential, high quality, one-to-one Christian care to people who are hurting.

It is an important way we at First Presbyterian Church care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request a Stephen Minister. There is help...you just need to tell us. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you!

If you are interested in training to become a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Brad Christie. A new class for training will be scheduled in the fall. Interested? Let us know!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STEPHEN MINISTERS & STEPHEN LEADERS**

1996
Libby Bell
Philip Bell
Kristen Downs
John Eichelberger
Kathryn Eichelberger
Elaine Grimes
*Harvey Jeffreys
Scottie Jeffreys
*Diana Rhodes
Paula Taylor

1997
Peggy Agardy
Cindy Leary
Jean Mabe
*Gail Malone

1998
Norma McAlhany
Sandy McCord
Lorraine Truesdale

1999
*Cleo Chamberlain
Sandra Cobb
*Earl Cowan
*Tee Cowan
*Mary Ann Crouch
Mary Carol Jennings
Betsy Sanders
Kenny Sanders

2000
Kris Abell
Terri MacDonald
Ron Taylor

2002
Susie Goodwin
Gerald Pitts
Jymmie Nell Pitts
*Sara Smith
*Phyllis Zuehlke

2005
Bob Erwin
Martha Erwin
Jack Jennings
Beth J. Pruitt
*Pat Wilson

2007
David Dees
Sonya Dees
Ginger Sherman

2010
Brad Christie
Brad Griggs
Lynn Hemphill
Kelly Holmes
Sandy McCord
Charles Ramey
Larry Richardson

2013
Clarissa Blackmore
Bill Dukes
*Janice Jernigan
Jeremy Oropeza
Mary Putnam
*Charlie Raddin

2017
Joanne Clark
Lelion Elledge
Lou Noel
Anna Welborn
Bill Wilson

2019
Joyce Brown
Linda McDonald
Tamara McLeod
Brian Purcell

2022
Andrew Goforth
Jukie Leary
JoEtta Shick

2024
Penny Cannon
Connie Carstens
Terry Robinson
Boyd Yarbrough

STEPHEN LEADERS

Peggy Agardy
Libby Bell
Brad Christie
*Judi Churchill
Aimee Clark

*Ruby Clark
Sandra Cobb
Jill Duffield
Elaine Grimes
Peggy Hammett

*Gail Malone
Norma McAlhany
Karen McLean
Beth J. Pruitt
Paula Taylor
Ron Taylor

* denotes deceased

MISSIONS/OUTREACH

MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT



April was Child Abuse Prevention Month at Beyond Abuse.

Across our community, blue pinwheels were spinning as a symbol of the happy, healthy childhood every child deserves. They remind us that protecting children takes all of us working, speaking up, and standing together.

Last month, you saw pinwheels, CAPM (Child Abuse Prevention Month) billboards, and even the fountain in Uptown Greenwood glowing blue in honor of the children whose voices deserve BIG protection from all of us.

At Beyond Abuse, we believe every child deserves to feel safe, heard, and supported. Join us in turning CAPM into action by helping us prevent child abuse.

Last year, Beyond Abuse served 688 children in our community. Through our mission, Awareness, Advocacy, and Action Beyond Abuse is working hard to make the world safer for all children.

Volunteers are always needed.

Please see our website www.beyondabuse.info for more information on how you can make a difference.

Beyond Abuse is always so grateful for the generous donation from First Presbyterian. Thank you!

MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.



MEDICAL MISSIONARIES IN KENYA

The Missions/Outreach Committee recently invited Drs. Peter and Emily Goodwin to share their mission work in Kenya. Peter grew up in our church, and he was a recipient of our church's Haskins Scholarship as he left for college. Peter and Emily have served multiple one-month missions and two year-long missions in 2020 and 2024 at Tenwek Hospital in western Kenya. The family will be returning to Tenwek as long-term missionaries with World Gospel Mission (WGM) in August 2026 for their initial two-year term.

Emily is a Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist and Peter is a Vitreoretinal Surgeon. They each serve as a channel of Christ's love, sharing the gospel message and praying with their patients and hospital staff. Kenyan children are dying of treatable cancers without access to care, and many are denied restorative vision in an area devoid of any eye care. Peter and Emily, as the only sub-specialists for an area of 10 million people, are called to not only provide present-day treatment, but to also train Kenyan physicians to be the future providers in the critically absent sub-specialties of medicine. Their ultimate desire is to establish a Vitreoretinal Fellowship in Africa and build the only Christian Pediatric Oncology Department in Africa.

Their son and 3 daughters have accompanied their time in Kenya. The 3 daughters will be returning with them in August, while their son will be stateside pursuing college. In addition to her medical work, Emily has been the home school teacher for the children.

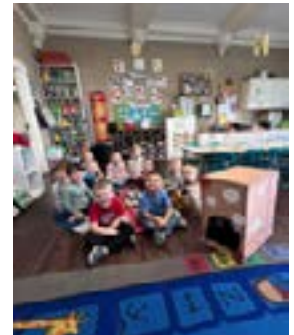
If you would like to receive their newsletter, read about their organization or consider partnering with them, visit their website at: <https://wgm.org/missionary/goodwin>

Noah's Ark News



We are honored to share that Noah's Ark won Best ½ Day Preschool in the Readers' Choice Awards. Tracy Phillips won Best Preschool Teacher and Lauren won Best Administrator.

It's no secret that Noah's Ark is a GREAT place to be! There are a lot of fun things happening at the Ark this month. We had a visit from the bunny and woke up our bears for spring. We hosted Donuts for Dad and had a wonderful turn out. Our parents enjoyed a wonderful message from Dr. Christie during our Chapel after donuts. We are surviving without Mr. Vince, but we have missed him. Mrs. Tracy's class brought him lunch- what a special moment for the kiddos to brighten his day.



Upcoming events at the Ark:

- Mig's Spirit Night: 4/30 from 5-8pm
 - Muffins for Mom: 5/6 at 8am
- Thrive Spirit Day: 5/8 from 6:30am-5:30pm
 - Last day of school: 5/21
 - 4K Graduation: 5/22 at 10am

Noah's Ark still has a few available spots for the 2026-2027 school year in the Nursery. 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!

**Palmetto Girls Sing
Season 12 Registration is
NOW OPEN!**



Audition Dates

May 28
4-6 PM

June 18
4-6 PM

July 23
4-6 PM

**To register your rising 4th - 12th grader,
scan the QR code or visit our website at
www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com**



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.

Saturday, May 2	High School Senior Dinner (5:00 pm, Inn on the Square)
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)
Wednesday, May 20	Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (7:00 am, Alexander Hall)
Friday, May 22	Noah's Ark Graduation (10:00 am, Sanctuary)
Sunday, May 24	Pentecost Sunday New Members Class (10:00 am, Barksdale Room) Receive New Members (11:00 service) New Members Luncheon (12:00 noon, Alexander Hall)
Monday, May 25	Church Offices Closed
Sunday, May 31	Trinity Sunday Baccalaureate Sunday (11:00 service) Graduates Reception (12:00 noon, Front Lobby) Session (4:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room) VBS Cook-Out & Kick-Off (5:30 pm, Side Lawn & Alexander Hall)
Monday-Thursday June 1-4	VBS (5:30 pm, Alexander Hall)
Sunday, June 7	10:00 Summer Worship Time Begins Communion
Tuesday, June 9	Church Offices Closed for Staff Planning Day
Sunday, June 14	Greenwood Festival Chorale Concert (4:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Wednesday, June 17	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (7:00 am, Alexander Hall)

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:

(Home unless noted)

Jane Anderson -- Wesley Commons Rehab

Kay Dukes

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Jane Wood and her family on the passing of her husband, Jim Wood, on April 18, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.



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

Every Sunday morning in May.

You will be received into membership on May 24th with a lunch following.

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

Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during both services on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Deadline for the June issue of The Spire is Monday, May 18, 2026.

The church offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

TEAM MEETINGS

The **Admin Committee** will meet Sunday, May 3rd, at 5:00 pm, in the Conference Room (Room 206).

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** will meet Monday, May 11th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Diaconate** will meet Sunday, May 17th, at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Endowment** will meet Monday, May 18th, at 5:30 pm, in the Conference Room (Room 206).

The **Missions & Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday, May 17th, at 4:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, May 18th, at 10:00 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Session** will meet Sunday, May 31st, at 4:00 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

Stephen Ministry will meet Wednesday, May 13th, at 4:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Worship Committee** will meet Sunday, May 10th, at 12:15 p.m. on the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Youth Committee** will meet Wednesday, May 6th, at 6:00 pm at the home of Amanda Hamm.

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

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.



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