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the weekly schedule

*They devoted
themselves to
the apostles'
teaching and to
fellowship, to
the breaking of
bread and
to prayer.*

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SUNDAY

9:00am Classes/Sunday School
10:00am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship Service
5:30pm Pearce Home Group

TUESDAY

6:00pm GPS Children's Program

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm Swansgate Bible Study
6:30pm Price Home Group

FRIDAY

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast



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pastor
marty



Christmas memories

love the opportunities it affords, like to other time of the year, to tell friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and strangers, that Christmas is about Jesus Christ, our greatest gift.

We are going to have a wonderful Christmas at West End Baptist Church! We are moving home to the West End, increasing the demands of an already busy season. We are serving on ministry teams, planning and executing services, meeting needs in the community, and meeting our new neighbors, all while moving. Exciting Days!

Thank you! Thank you for the unity we are enjoying, for your participation in the mission God has given us, and for your generosity. Thank you for not only being willing but embracing the journey God has led us through these last years. Thank you for the sacrifices you've made and the enthusiasm you bring to our step by step walk of obedience to God.

There are three things I encourage you to do this month particularly. First, celebrate! As you think on the miracle of Christmas – Rejoice! Second, worship. Like the Magi who went to extreme effort to worship Jesus, set aside time to meditate, pray, and express your adoration to God. And finally, tell the people around you about Jesus. Be like the Shepherds who couldn't stop talking about what they had experienced. Make sure your people know who we are celebrating at Christmas.

Suzanne and I love you, and with all of our hearts we wish you a Merry Christmas!

Marty

MARTY PRICE Pastor

One of my favorite Christmas memories from my childhood is that it always involved a journey. We would pack up and head to Kingstree, SC to see my Mom's family, then to Kannapolis, NC to see Dad's. It always felt like going home. Most of the time it was a pretty long trip, whether traveling from Mississippi or Louisiana. (As an adult I learned to sympathize with what it must have been like for my parents, traveling with four small children). We always knew we were getting close to Kingstree when the roads flattened and straightened for long stretches and the huge Oaks on either side of the road were decorated with Spanish Moss, hanging down like leftover Halloween decorations. Fields dotted with weathered tobacco barns let us know we were almost there. Then the turn off pavement onto dirt roads, and we had arrived.

The kitchen was always busy, the table all but groaning under the weight of the many dishes, platters, plates. The almost frenetic playing with cousins we hadn't seen since last Christmas, interrupted by quail, rabbit, and some memorable squirrel hunts, are memories held as much in my heart as my mind. Papa's house still stands, though he has been with Jesus for a long time. My cousin lives there now.

Have I mentioned that I love Christmas! I love the "all out" celebrations, the festivities, (some of) the music, and rejoicing that is inherent in the season! And I

merry
Christmas

from your pastors & staff

Marty Price

Scott Stephens

Jill McAleer

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the Swansgate bible study

The Swansgate Bible Study meets each Wednesday in the Swansgate Clubhouse Parlor (400 Swansgate Place) at 2pm. All are welcome to join! If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Tina Whitworth or call the church office.

From the Financial Secretary's Desk:

End-of-Year Giving

It's getting close to the end of the year and tax time.

The last day to accept contributions or non-cash gifts (such as stock options) for this year will be Friday, December 30, 2022. Your check or gift must be dated no later than December 31, 2022, and if mailed, post-marked no later than December 31, 2022.

Church members will be getting their individual contribution statements emailed to your assigned email address as indicated in Planning Center Online before the end of January 2023. If you'd prefer your giving statement to be mailed to your home address, please call or email to let me know.

If you would like to donate online or text to give, go to <https://webcgreenville.churchcenter.com/giving> and follow the step-by-step directions for easiest way to donate.

If you have questions or would like to know more about WEBC's online giving, please contact me at (864)232-7312 or giving@webcgreenville.org.

Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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starting right here
in the West End.



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you!

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giving of our
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part of our
worship.

2 Corinthians 9:7
Proverbs 3:9
Malachi 3:10

he came as a child of hope

In the late 1700's Michael Bruce and John Morison wrote a beautiful Christmas song, **To Us a Child of Hope is Born**, based on the truths that we read about the Messiah in Isaiah 9:6. In the song, the authors proclaim:

To us a Child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n.
Him shall the tribes of the earth obey, him all the
hosts of heav'n, him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heav'n.

His name shall be Prince of Peace, forevermore
adored, the Wonderful, the Counselor, the great
and mighty Lord. The Wonderful, the Counselor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r increasing still shall spread, his reign no
end shall know. Justice shall guard his throne
above, and peace abound below. Justice shall
guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

The hope that we have in Jesus is amazing to consider! His coming to this earth shows the great love that God has for His creation (John 3:16). Because of the love and sacrifice of God's Son Jesus Christ, our sin is washed clean, and we will have eternal life with Him... an eternal life which no one can take away (1 John 1:7; John 10:28-30). Without His condescension, without Him giving up His position and place beside God, coming to this earth as a baby, and without His ultimate sacrifice on the cross, we would be left to live our lives separated from God, languishing in our selfishness and sinfulness (2 Cor. 8-9; Phil. 2:8; 1 Cor. 15:17). Just the thought of this makes me want to fall on my knees and worship as the hymn **O Holy Night** beautifully describes:

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine
Oh night divine

Christmas is a time of worship and gratefulness. We have received a wonderful gift from our Creator.

The hope that we have in Jesus manifests in another way too. Our Savior has promised a day when He will

Scott Stephens
*Pastor of
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wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev. 21:4).

The sad reality of this fallen world is that Christmas can be a time of sadness and loneliness. Our time on this earth is filled with loss and suffering. Christ knew that these times would come and as a result, He made provision for us in our sorrow and weakness. John 14:16 tells us that Jesus asked the Father to provide us with "another helper," or comforter. He sent the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also identified by the term Paraclete. RC Sproul writes that the Greek word Parakletos means one who is called to stand alongside of you. He goes on to explain that even though the Spirit does provide consolation to those who are in pain and suffering, the old English word "comfort" means "with strength." The Holy Spirit provides power and strength during times of sorrow.

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Father of compassion and God of all comfort. He has promised to provide us comfort in our troubles (2 Cor. 1:3-4). Jesus, who advocates for us at the right hand of the Father, understands what we are experiencing; He sympathizes with us because He has experienced the trials and sorrows of this life too (Heb 4:15-16)!

Jesus has promised that there is nothing that can separate us from His love (Rom 8:35). The Creator of the universe loves us, cares for us, comforts us, guides us, and advocates for us.

It can be hard in times of sorrow to remember these truths, but God provides us comfort during our sorrows. God has provided salvation through His Son Jesus Christ so that we will spend eternity with Him. God has provided the Holy Spirit who gives joy and peace to those who cry out to him in their despair.

God through the Holy Spirit also gives us an understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, so that even though we may be sad, we can fall on our knees in gratitude for the hope he has provided through Jesus.



Our last GPS Meeting of 2022 will be December 13th!

PSBC hosts GPS on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Through teaching, music, and games, the kids age 3 and up learn about the Gospel, God, the Bible, and having good relationships with Jesus Christ and with others.

Our first GPS meeting of 2023 will be January 24th!

We all need some direction in our lives today - especially our children.

Christmas
Eve 2022
west end baptist

Candlelight Service

5:00 p.m., December 24
come early for refreshments

we
rejoice
123 Arlington Avenue

we
look
ahead

Sunday, November 27: Advent Series begins

Sunday, December 4: Last Sunday at the Hilton, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 5 - Friday, December 9: Moving Week

Saturday, December 10: Prayer time/work day at 123 Arlington Ave.

Sunday, December 11: First Worship Service at our new location, 123 Arlington Ave., for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m. 123 Arlington Ave.

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day/Worship Service only at 10:00 a.m.

Please note, West End Baptist Offices will be closed:
December 23rd and December 26th for Christmas
December 30th and January 2nd for the New Year

Inclement Weather Policy

Services may be cancelled during inclement weather, particularly if winter conditions make the roads unsafe. Service and activity cancellations or delays will be recorded on the church answering system at 864-232-7312, the church website at webcgreenville.org, our West End Baptist Church Facebook page, and on WYFF News. During the week, the church office will follow the Greenville County School System with regard to closings and delays.

daily Bible reading

- Dec 1

2 Peter 1, Psalm 142
- Dec 2

2 Peter 2, Psalm 143
- Dec 3

2 Peter 3, Psalm 144
- Dec 4

Catch-up day, Psalm 145
- Dec 5

1 John 1:1-2:2, Psalm 146
- Dec 6

1 John 2:3-27, Psalm 147
- Dec 7

1 John 2:28-3:24, Psalm 148
- Dec 8

1 John 4, Psalm 149
- Dec 9

1 John 5, Psalm 150
- Dec 10

2 John, Proverbs 1-2
- Dec 11

3 John, Proverbs 3-4
- Dec 12

Jude, Proverbs 5-6
- Dec 13

Catch-up day, Proverbs 7-8
- Dec 14

Revelation 1:1-8, Proverbs 9
- Dec 15

Revelation 1:9-20, Proverbs 10-11
- Dec 16

Revelation 2, Proverbs 12-13
- Dec 17

Revelation 3, Proverbs 14
- Dec 18

Revelation 4-5, Proverbs 15:1-29
- Dec 19

Rev. 6, Proverbs 15:30-16:33
- Dec 20

Revelation 7:1-8:5, Proverbs 17-18

- Dec 21

Revelation 8:6-9:21, Proverbs 19-20
- Dec 22

Revelation 10-11, Proverbs 21-22:16
- Dec 23

Revelation 12, Proverbs 22:17-23:35
- Dec 24

Revelation 13, Proverbs 24
- Dec 25

Revelation 14, Proverbs 25
- Dec 26

Revelation 15-16, Proverbs 26
- Dec 27

Revelation 17, Proverbs 27
- Dec 28

Revelation 18:1-19:10, Proverbs 28
- Dec 29

Revelation 19:11-20:15, Proverbs 29
- Dec 30

Revelation 21:1-22:11, Proverbs 30
- Dec 31

Revelation 22:12-21, Proverbs 31

ministry opportunities

We're looking for a few good people!
We have many ministry opportunities at West End Baptist Church. Everything from greeting to singing, to teaching and praying, and much more! If you have an interest in something you think we could be involved in, drop us a line or give us a call. Pray about how God could use you in West End Baptist Church. We're moving and growing, and hoping you'll join us! Call our office at 864-232-7312 or email info@webcgreenville.org for more information.

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR home bound ministry?

We regularly send people to visit and bring our homebound members church literature, special treats, & sometimes a little help around their homes. Want to help out? Call the church office at 864-232-7312 for more information.
It's a great experience for all!

youth Advent classes

Did you know that people were told of Jesus' birth long before he was born? God spoke through the prophets of the Old Testament to prepare the people for the coming Messiah. This Advent season, our middle and high school youth classes will be looking at some of those prophecies, how Jesus' birth fulfilled them, and why it matters to you. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



a new use and a re-tooling

By Dave Ballard
WEBC treasurer & Leadership Team Member

West End Baptist Church (formerly Pendleton Street Baptist Church) was founded as a mission of First Baptist Church almost 130 years ago to serve Greenville's West End. The old sanctuary was built c.1964 at 1100 S. Main St., formerly Pendleton St. This is where I was baptized and married. PSBC had the tallest steeple in Greenville at the time (picture below).

After selling two-thirds of the property on S. Main St., PSBC met at the Hilton Greenville for almost 6 years. We then began construction on our new facility in the West End at the corner of Anderson St. and Arlington Avenue.

Ron Geyer of Good City Architects led our team to create a feature wall in our new Welcome Center, from the copper we had saved from our old steeple. BlueArc Metals on White Horse Road was selected to execute the feature wall for WM Jordan Construction & WEBC. Feature wall installation will begin in a couple of weeks, substantial completion is December 5th.

The church will also be relocating the stained glass window from the old sanctuary's baptistry. During this transition, WEBC was able to donate building components, furnishings, and other items, to some two dozen local churches and non-profit organizations.



During this multi-year process, the church, and myself as an architect, have learned time and time again that the church is NOT a building - it's the people of God. The building is a tool, often a desirable tool, but yet a tool. And sometimes over the length of an organization it needs to "re-tool" to meet its current purpose.



Copper from the steeple - ready to be cleaned and placed on the wall

west end update
123 Arlington Avenue

Our last monthly construction update!
A few things are left to do before we can move in - but everything looks as though we'll be able to have our first worship service in our new building on Sunday, December 11th. Following is the progress report from WM Jordan.

- WMJ punched the new building. Trade partners are working on punch completion.
- Johnson Electric passed their electrical final inspection.
- Tharp Plumbing passed their plumbing final inspection.
- Raby Construction completed the asphalt paving and striping.
- Willow Tree has completed the irrigation and landscape install. Final inspection is scheduled for 11/29.

Praise God for His provision and His perfect timing! Please continue to pray for this wonderful project.

w|e celebrate! this month's birthdays

- Mary Wade

1
- Oregon Lawton

15
- Joseph Page

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- Betty Cresswell

27
- Loretta Stephens

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membership matters

Interested in learning more about West End Baptist, or becoming a member? We have classes periodically through the year for your convenience. Call the office at 864.232.7312 or email us at info@webcgreenville.org for more information.

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Our finances as of 11.27.22

YTD TITHES	\$157,474.15
YTD OTHER INCOME	\$126,648.53
YTD TOTAL	\$284,122.68
YTD EXPENSES	\$359,607.02

