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**9am** Classes

**10am** Coffee & Pastries

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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.*

**ACTS 2**

**SUNDAY**

9:00am

10:00am

10:30am

5:30pm

5:30pm

Classes/Sunday School

Coffee Fellowship

Worship Service

Pearce Home Group

Hearndon Home Group

**MONDAY**

7:00pm

Ladies Bible Study

**TUESDAY**

6:00pm

GPS Children's Program

**WEDNESDAY**

2:00pm

6:30pm

Swansgate Bible Study

Price Home Group

**FRIDAY**

7:30am

Men's Prayer Breakfast



Scan for daily  
Bible readings  
on your phone







# busy busy busy

**MARTY PRICE** Pastor

"I'm busy, too busy" seems a recurring refrain in most casual conversations. And I can certainly relate. I typically spend a portion of Mondays planning my week, prioritizing my tasks, and then trying to figure out when and how I will do them. And that is before any unexpected visits, calls, or other last-minute situations that demand time and attention. There are always unfinished (or not yet begun) tasks at home, schedules to coordinate, meals to be planned and prepared, and never-ending decisions. As Christians, our lives should be joyful, filled with joy (John 15:11). When we fill every day/week without building space to rest, refocus, reflect, or worship; our joy dissipates like fog in the sunshine. It's gone, but we didn't notice it leaving or how it left. And frankly, our absence of joy can harm those nearest us. What can we do?

**Remember God.** As we run through May, and summer approaches, don't "forget God." While that seems impossible, scripture often speaks of God's people forgetting Him, even in the context of serving Him (Ps. 78:11, Amos 5:21). To be clear, forgetting God means that He is not at the forefront of our minds or the top of our priorities. Recognize you can't do everything and schedule the best things first. Don't neglect worship and study (think Mary rather than Martha, Luke 10:38-42). Time with God and His family must be a priority.

**Trust God.** Sometimes our busyness is driven by anxiety and stress. We're busy because we fear failure or equate busyness with success. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We must be intentional about making time to rest in Jesus. God is in control, and He is trustworthy.

**Thank God.** "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south." Psalm 107:1-3. When praise becomes a priority, we will find our attention focused, our dependence transferred from ourselves to God, and our souls refreshed in Him.

Hey, wait a minute! Isn't this an article about being too busy, and you give us three more things to do? Yes, indeed, because the struggle we have is not simply being too busy but being busy not doing the best things. You will see many opportunities to add to your schedule in this newsletter. They are designed to help you remember, trust, and thank God so that your schedule and life glorify God.

These are fun days and exciting times. God is good indeed!

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they're bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

With Keepers of the Kingdom, your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and strong in today's battle for truth.

For ages 3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade



**June 8 & 9 6:00-8:30pm**  
**June 10 9:00-12noon**  
**church-wide picnic**  
*June 10 at noon*

Scan the QR code or go online to register: <https://webc.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/>



## staff announcement



We are pleased to announce that Melodie Edwards has accepted the part-time staff role of Worship Leader. Melodie will lead, plan, schedule, and coordinate the church's music ministry.

Many of you know Parks and Melodie Edwards. They were married at PSBC before moving to Kentucky and North Carolina. They joined our church family early this year after returning to the upstate. Melodie is a gifted vocalist, musician, and songwriter, with experience in planning and leading congregational worship. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Minor in Music Composition from Anderson University.

## meet melodie edwards

I'm Melodie Edwards, and I am passionate about the Lord and loving people! I believe one of my strengths is encouraging and listening to others, and it is my joy to make people feel valued, as they truly are. I believe that truth matters and the beliefs you hold about reality will determine what type of person you are and how you live in this world. While I have much to learn and many ways still to grow, I strive to pursue excellence in everything I do with each breath I am given, all for the glory of God.

I have always loved music. I believe it is a gift God has given us to enjoy and worship Him! I have been involved with music ministry since my youth group days, having had many opportunities to grow as a musician and leader through college worship groups, FUGE camps and serving the local church. One of my greatest passions is to write original songs that call people to thoughtful consideration of what is True, songs that meet people where they are in their weakness and give them the hope of Jesus!

Raised in upstate South Carolina, I attended Anderson University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Minor in Music Composition. It was there that I met my wonderful husband, Parks. We got married in 2015, and after living in Kentucky and North Carolina, we recently moved back home and now live in Simpsonville, SC with our new kitten, Sam! I love to spend quality time with friends, going on hikes and walks, grabbing coffee or breakfast and building relationships. I also love to read and to be a continual student of my craft to serve the Lord and others!

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!

## West End Baptist Church Ministerial & Administrative Staff

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& sermon recordings available  
on our YouTube channel.*

*More information at our website:*

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**Together w|e Glorify God  
by making mature  
disciples of all nations,  
starting right here  
in the West End.**



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# congratulations GRADUATE Payton Saxe Liberty High School Class of 2023



## GPS Children's Program! Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

GPS will meet for the last time on May 16 for GPS Graduation, then break for the summer.

If you would like be a part of GPS in the fall, please contact Mark Foster or the church office for details.



Scan the QR code to register for Fall 2023!



## ministry opportunities

Do you like to be outside in this warm weather? Think about volunteering to greet or direct parking on Sunday morning! Do you like being with kids? We can use teachers and helpers in all our kids classrooms. Do you like to host events? Sign up for our hospitality team. We have so many ways to serve at WEBC, we can find a place for you! Pray about how God could use you. We're reaching and growing, and hoping you'll join us! Call our office at 864-232-7312 or email [info@webcgreenville.org](mailto:info@webcgreenville.org) for more information.

Effective immediately, West End Baptist Church  
has changed our mailing address to:  
123 Arlington Ave, Greenville, SC 29601.

If you have your bank or financial institution process recurring checks  
(or e-bills) for Giving to the PO Box, please notify your bank of this change.

## w|e connect to grow

### men's retreat

Join our WEBC men in a **camp-out at Table Rock State Park!**  
We'll enjoy camping, fellowship, Bible study, and other outdoor activities! **Sign up now - space is limited.**

- May 18-20 (Thursday - Saturday)
- Table Rock State Park
- \$25 each - for men age 16 & up (scan code to register)
- Contact Steven Pearce or the church office for details



### w|e youth bonfire

~Youth grade 5 and up ~ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
~Bannisters' house: creek & bonfire fun  
~Bring a towel/change of clothes!  
~Connect with church friends & new friends!  
~Dinner provided

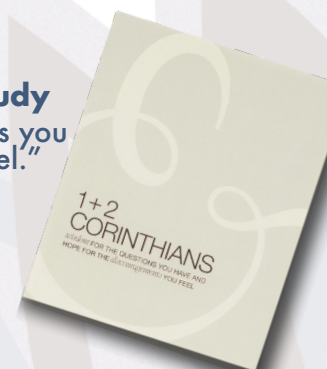
### ladies bible study



SCAN THE CODE or GO TO  
**First5.org** FOR MORE  
INFO and TO DOWNLOAD  
THE APP!

Ladies please join us for our **First 5 Bible study**  
"1 & 2 Corinthians: Wisdom for the questions you  
have and hope for the discouragements you feel."

- Every other Monday
- 7:00 p.m.
- WEBC - 123 Arlington Ave.
- Download the First 5 app to begin the study



## w|e ladies save the date

Saturday, June 24  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
123 Arlington Avenue  
More details and registration coming soon...

## w|e small groups

Small groups are an integral part of our life at WEBC, a special time set aside weekly to build community, apply Truth, and practice accountability. In addition to classes for all ages every Sunday at 9:00am, we have small groups meeting throughout the week. Call our office for more information and location details!

**Sunday**  
5:30pm Pearce Home Group  
Hearndon Home Group

**Monday**  
7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

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

**Friday**  
7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast



## daily Bible reading

may  
2023

### judges

1. ☐ 13-15
2. ☐ 16-18
3. ☐ 19-21

### romans

4. ☐ 1-3
5. ☐ 4-5
6. ☐ 6-8
7. ☐ 9-11
8. ☐ 12-13
9. ☐ 14-16
10. ☐ 17-18

### 1 samuel

11. ☐ 1-3
12. ☐ 4-6
13. ☐ 7-9
14. ☐ 10-12
15. ☐ 13-15
16. ☐ 16-19
17. ☐ 20-22
18. ☐ 23-25
19. ☐ 26-28
20. ☐ 29-31
21. ☐ 1-3
22. ☐ 4-7

### proverbs

1. ☐ 18
2. ☐ 19:1-14
3. ☐ 19:15-29
4. ☐ 20:1-15
5. ☐ 20:16-30
6. ☐ 21:1-16
7. ☐ 21:17-31
8. ☐ 22:1-16
9. ☐ 22:17-29
10. ☐ 23:1-18
11. ☐ 23:19-35
12. ☐ 24:1-22
13. ☐ 24:23-34
14. ☐ 25:1-14
15. ☐ 25:15-28
16. ☐ 26:1-16
17. ☐ 26:17-28
18. ☐ 27:1-14
19. ☐ 27:15-27
20. ☐ 28:1-14
21. ☐ 28:15-28
22. ☐ 29:1-14
23. ☐ 29:15-27
24. ☐ 30
25. ☐ 31



# What do I do?

Scott Stephens  
Pastor of Biblical Counseling



Every day we are confronted with issues and circumstances that cause us to ask, "What do I do now?" Having to make hard decisions is common in this fallen world. Many times, the solutions to the problems we are experiencing are not obvious. As we think through all the alternatives, we have a strong desire to make the "right" decision. Usually as a result, we find ourselves in a state of inactivity. Too many times though, we forget to include God in the decisions we need to make. Yes, we as Christians want to live in God's will, but asking Him for regular guidance, for wisdom, and discernment tends to be an afterthought.

As we find ourselves paralyzed by the thought of making a bad decision, we can rely on truths from Scripture for guidance. Here are a few to meditate on:

God loves us! - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16).

Jesus sustains us! - *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven* (Hebrews 1:3).

God provides wisdom! - *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him* (James 1:5).

God provides His Word for guidance! - *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* (Psalm 119:105).

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness* (2 Timothy 3:16).

God cares about our circumstances! - *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you* (1 Peter 5:6-7).

God is trustworthy to help us! - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take* (Proverbs 3:5-6). *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:6-7).

Deciding what to do about a complex issue is not something to be done quickly or considered lightly. Most importantly, it should not be done alone. God loves us and He wants us to trust Him for guidance. Make sure that you are talking to Him and listening to what He says in His Word. Pray for wisdom and discernment, and don't hesitate to seek a wise and discerning brother or sister in Christ to talk to. Sometimes another perspective can make all the difference!

Always remember this when asking "What do I do?" Every decision should be evaluated by the question, "Will this solution glorify God?"

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## w|e kids playground

These are exciting times for West End Baptist Church! The building we worship in is paid for...we have no debt. God continues to bless us with visitors and the ability to help others in our community.

God is truly good!

In April, I introduced a plan to move forward with purchasing playground equipment for the children in our church. After long consideration, the leadership has chosen equipment based on durability, aesthetics, functionality, and price. Our hope is that we can have the equipment delivered and installed within the next couple of months so that the children can enjoy the outdoors this summer.

Our playground will include a small set for our preschool children, a larger set for older kids, two picnic tables and four benches. The playground equipment meets the requirements to keep our children safe, and includes sunshades on each. The cost of the playground equipment, delivery, and installation is a little over \$40,000.

We as the congregation of West End Baptist Church have a wonderful opportunity to invest in our church, and our children by providing the funds



for this purchase. Please prayerfully consider the gifts you will provide for this worthwhile project.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any of the leadership team.

Blessings to you, your family, and our church family.

Scott Stephens  
Counseling Pastor, West End Baptist Church

Make checks payable to WEBC and write "playground" in the memo, or...

scan to give:  
select "playground"  
in the drop-down box



### Volunteer Opportunity!

- Saturday, May 6, from 8:00 until...???
- Yard work/laying sod
- Cleaning/vacuuming/mopping
- Whatever else is needed!
- Childcare for up to age 4 provided
- Free coffee and a light lunch!

## w|e celebrate! this month's birthdays

Mike Adcock	2	Chris Blackwell	14
Emily Foster	5	Hope Fearn	16
Payton Saxe	13	Mikayla Weed	21

## membership matters

Interested in learning more about West End Baptist, or becoming a member? Our next Membership Matters class will be on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Call the office at 864.232.7312 or email us at [info@webcgreenville.org](mailto:info@webcgreenville.org) for more information.

## w|e GIVE generously

Our finances  
as of 4.23.2023

YTD TITHES	\$66,975.78
YTD OTHER INCOME	\$19,014.94
YTD TOTAL	\$85,990.72
YTD EXPENSES	\$115,567.40

## give online

[www.webcgreenville.org/giving](http://www.webcgreenville.org/giving)

## text to give

Text an amount to 84321

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