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SUNDAY MORNINGS **9am** Classes **10am** Coffee & Pastries 10:30am Worship Service

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the newsletter of West End Baptist Church |NOVEMBER 2023

the weekly **schedule**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ACTS 2

SUNDAY Classes/Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am Pearce Small Group 5:30pm Hearndon Small Group 5:30pm MONDAY Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm TUESDAY 6:00pm GPS Children's Program WEDNESDAY Swansgate Bible Study 2:00pm 6:30pm Price Small Group

Men's Prayer Breakfast





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Collection Sunday November 12th during worship service

connect to serve & grow growing in Christ

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat was an amazing community event that not only brought our neighbors together for a fun-filled celebration but also provided an avenue for ministering to those who attended. From glow in the dark displays and Frozen to jungle scenes and monsters, the church parking lot was filled with creatively decorated car trunks, containing candy and treats to share, laughter, and fellowship. The bounce house as well as serving 180 hot dogs was a hit!

What a reminder of the importance of connecting to serve our community and sharing the love of God!

Olivia and Sharon

Scott Stephens Pastor of Biblical Counseling

growing in Christ

How many of us have gotten to the end of the day, and during our bedtime prayers, we thank God for his protection and guidance, yet we never spoke to Him or searched His Word for discernment as we navigated through the day?

I have been a follower of Jesus for a large part of my life. As I get older, I better understand the importance of seeking Him first in all that I think, say, and do (Matthew 6:33). I have to admit, though, that there are times when I am halfway through the day, and I haven't spoken to or tried to hear from God. Without thinking about it, I've rushed into the day without praying for guidance and protection, asking for forgiveness for my failures, and requesting that the Lord give me the power to glorify Him in all I do. I have not prayed for my family and friends or the circumstances and challenges I will face that day. Inevitably, I've lived that day in my power and my wisdom.

I often tell my counselees that in our lives, either God is on the throne, or we replace Him with ourselves. If He is on the throne, we do all that is necessary to please Him. To please Him, we talk to Him; we find out about Him in His Word. He is to be the primary focus of our day. Our thoughts and actions are aligned with what He has commanded in Scripture (John 14:15).

If we are on the throne, we consider ourselves first. We may not realize that we are placing ourselves on God's throne, but when we don't consult Him and live in self-reliance, we believe that our decisions and activities are sufficient. Sadly, it indicates that our walk with God is less important when His involvement in our life becomes an afterthought. Our goals and tasks for the day have become the priority. God's plans for us are not necessarily considered.

Our Spiritual growth depends on a regular prayer life and time in the Word of God. We cannot grow in Christ without seeking His company. John 15:4 says, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As disciples of Christ, we are not our own; we belong to the Creator (1 Corinthians 6:20). We have a higher calling that we cannot accomplish on our own.

Our purpose is clear: we are to seek God and His righteousness first before anything else (Matthew 6:33). To do this, He has to be the One who guides and directs all that we do. We grow in our relationship with Christ when we talk to Him in prayer and hear from Him as we read the Bible. We learn about Him, His purpose, and how we play a part in what He has planned for His people.

Because we have been created to develop habits, the activities we regularly do or don't do eventually become a regular part of how we function. If we neglect prayer and time in the Scripture, these habits eventually become normal in our everyday activities. Be sure to seek God first by speaking and listening to Him whenever possible. Make it a habit that you will never break!

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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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youth retreat

The church youth enjoyed a few days away from normal rhythm and routines (without electronics!) at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC during our Fall Retreat. Fifteen youth got to experience time together studying the Bible, introducing a new book resource to help their season of life: **10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity** by Rebecca McLaughlin, and enjoy some great food, fellowship, and recreation. We ended one evening with a bonfire and time studying through scripture references of a praise song, and an opportunity of singing with the help of Jill McAleer. We concluded our time with a special fellowship day at the SC State Fair in Columbia, SC. Thanks to all who prayed for our time away and provided financial support through your offerings to make this opportunity available for all, regardless of one's ability to pay! Special thanks to Patty Saxe and Sharon Bannister for their awesome chaperoning (teaching, crafts and more), and Jill McAleer, Emily Foster and Pastor Marty for making the trip the best Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC during our Fall Foster and Pastor Marty for making the trip the best possible experience for the youth! Thanks to Jeannie Davis, Ashley Pearce and Vangie Yau for providing excellent food for the trip! We can't wait until our next opportunity to gather!

Mark Foster



Interested in learning more about West End Baptist, or becoming a member? Our next "Who Are w e?" class will be on Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Call the office at 864.232.7312 or email us at **info@webcgreenville.org** for more information.

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WEBC 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. We all need some direction in our lives today

- especially our children. **SCAN CODE TO REGISTER** OR GO TO WEBCGREENVILLE.ORG/PERMISSION

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Collection Sunday November 12th

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Jude Baker Katie Penland **Krystal Saxe** Michael Adcock Henry Foster Ashley Pearce

*giving*thanks

Many of you already know that I've been going through a big challenge - stage 2a breast cancer, chemo, side effects... but praise God that He IS and always will be on our side! He is bringing me through this, and I have to thank God and thank all of YOU! I am so grateful for my support system - family and friends who have been there for me through thick and thin. Your prayers, calls, meals, and thoughtful gifts have helped me get through the chemo treatments and on to the other side. West End Baptist Church is full of the most wonderful people İ know, and I am so thankful to be a part. Thank you for being a part of my life! I love you all!

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ *Iesus for vou.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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