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Open Monday -Thursday
9am to 4:30pm
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9am-Noon

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Classes
10am Coffee & Pastries
10:30am Worship Service

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SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study

TUESDAY

6:00pm GPS Children's Program

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Price Small Group

THURSDAY

2:00pm Swansgate Bible Study

FRIDAY

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast



Scan for daily Bible readings on your phone



the road to the cross

Marty Price
Pastor



- 3/3 Week 1 – Body, Blood, Betrayal
- 3/10 Week 2 – Mission Sunday
- 3/17 Week 3 – Crucify Him!
- 3/24 Week 4 – The Crucified King
- 3/31 Week 5 – The Empty Tomb.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! This month we are going to be studying just a few of the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. We'll start in the upper room, move to the court of Pilate, then to Calvary, and finally to the empty tomb. For many of you, this will be the first time you've studied these events, and I am praying that God opens your eyes to see Jesus and that you will believe in Him. For others, though, we've heard the sermons, read the Sunday School lessons, opened the resurrection eggs, and the story is no longer new to us. My prayer for us is that we will not be satisfied with summaries or with knowledge previously acquired. I'm praying that we will see Him more clearly and that God will refresh and invigorate our love for Him.

As I've been praying for our church this Easter season I have asked God to use my scripture reading to prompt my prayers. We just completed reading the Gospel of Mark, and in chapter 16 Mark records the

first Easter morning when a few women went to the tomb. They encountered an angel and were naturally frightened. Here are some of the things we can pray together this month:

Mark 16:6 *And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified."*

Father, first just take our fear away. Remind us of your sovereignty and providence. Strengthen our continual faith and dependence upon You alone.

And keep us seeking Jesus. It is so easy to seek other things, to be distracted and lured to seek comfort, acclaim, or our own way. Keep our eyes fully on you.

He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Father, you always keep your promises. Thank you for the empty tomb, the resurrected Savior, the defeat of death, eternal life, and bringing many sons to glory. Thank You that our faith is not blind, but You give us abundant evidence that Your Word is truth.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

Father, let us never be silent about our faith. We've seen you, met you, been saved by You. May we be faithful to tell others of you that they may know Jesus, too.

Marty

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Week of Prayer 3/3-10/24
for North American Missions

Annie Walker Armstrong: July 11, 1850 – December 20, 1938 - 88 years
Annie Armstrong was a lay **Southern Baptist** denominational leader instrumental in the founding of the **Woman's Missionary Union**. She worked with various Baltimore missionary organizations ministering to orphans, African Americans, Native Americans, Chinese immigrants, and indigent women and families. Annie was a tireless advocate for missionaries, rallying the churches to support mission work through prayer and sacrificial giving. She personally visited missionaries serving throughout the U.S. and carried their stories back to the churches and state conventions through her eyewitness accounts and by circulating their letters.

Pray for: missionaries that will serve in the U.S. as they undergo training; resources for missionaries on the field to plant churches and engage in compassion ministries; the creation of evangelism resources; and for the lives of our fellow Americans to be transformed. Prayer Guides are available in the church's welcome area.



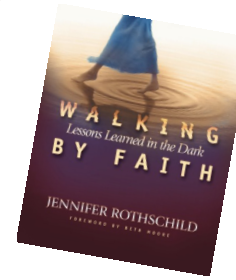
West End Baptist Church exists for one purpose: to make Jesus known. In fact, our mission statement is "Together, we **glorify God** by making *mature disciples of all nations*, starting in the West End." Millions of people in the United States and Canada have no relationship with Jesus Christ. That's why we're partnering with thousands of churches through the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** to raise up and send out new missionaries to meet needs, plant new churches and share gospel hope with the nations in North America. You may give online by scanning the code and choosing Annie Armstrong in the dropdown menu.



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ladies bible study

going through april 15



Ladies Bible Study takes place every other Monday, at 7:00 p.m. (March 4 & 18). We are studying the book, **Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark**, by Jennifer Rothschild. Come jump in wherever you are, the discussion time is great!

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



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.



Do you know of an upcoming **High School or College Graduate** in our WEBC family? Please let us know before April 21st so we can recognize them in worship service and our newsletter.



PSBC Endowment Scholarships: The Endowment Fund Trustees will receive scholarship applications through May 19th. To apply, scan the code or contact the church office.



Interested in learning more about West End Baptist, or becoming a member? Our next class will be Sunday, May 19th after worship service. Scan the code, all the office at 864.232.7312, or email us at info@webcgreenville.org for more information or to sign up.



daily Bible reading

march

- 3/1/24 Luke 8
- 3/2/24 Luke 9
- 3/3/24 **Sunday**
- 3/4/24 Luke 10
- 3/5/24 Luke 11
- 3/6/24 Luke 12
- 3/7/24 Luke 13
- 3/8/24 Luke 14
- 3/9/24 Luke 15
- 3/10/24 **Sunday**
- 3/11/24 Luke 16
- 3/12/24 Luke 17
- 3/13/24 Luke 18
- 3/14/24 Luke 19
- 3/15/24 Luke 20
- 3/16/24 Luke 21
- 3/17/24 **Sunday**
- 3/18/24 Luke 22
- 3/19/24 Luke 23
- 3/20/24 Luke 24
- 3/21/24 John 1
- 3/22/24 John 2
- 3/23/24 John 3
- 3/24/24 **Sunday**
- 3/25/24 John 4
- 3/26/24 John 5
- 3/27/24 John 6
- 3/28/24 John 7
- 3/29/24 John 8
- 3/30/24 John 9

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part of our
worship.

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



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what's there to worry about?

Scott Stephens
Pastor of
Biblical Counseling



About 20 years ago, Loretta and I bought a restaurant. We managed it in Asheville and Greenville for about ten years—five years in each city. There's a saying I've learned to live by... "I'm glad I did it. I never want to do it again." That's the perspective I have on a lot of experiences in my life. As a matter of fact, I want Loretta to put this saying on my tombstone right below my name.

Owning and running a restaurant was one of the hardest things that our family has ever done. It did okay in Asheville, but we moved it to Greenville because this was our home. We believed having a business in Greenville would be wonderful for the family and get us further "plugged in" to the community we love. We built the restaurant in a well-known building on Main Street. We chose the spot because of the projected growth in front of the building. The plans for the area were magnificent, and we were excited to be a part of it.

Long story short, the construction blocked our business for four of the five years we were open. Our dream quickly became a nightmare. We went through a few years of wondering if we would lose everything.

Please understand. This venture was not something that we rushed into. We prayed. We sought advice. We had others pray for us. And we prayed more.

I realize now that my prayers focused on my happiness and prosperity. God, in his grace and love, would use this time in my life for my sanctification. It wasn't my happiness and prosperity He was concerned with. He was concerned with my holiness.

Believe it or not, this time in our lives was the greatest blessing for me and Loretta. Not because the business turned around and was a big success. It didn't. It was because God worked in my heart to make me a better husband, father, and follower of Jesus through this time of trouble.

One of my best lessons was to trust in God's goodness and love. Worry overwhelmed me each day. I had to pay vendors, employees, the government, my landlord, etc. It seemed like a never-ending list. Construction would usually block our entranceway, so if we had \$100 in sales for lunch, that would be a good day.

I learned quickly that this was a circumstance that I could not control. I was at the end of myself, and all I could do was lean on the One who could handle it. My worry was something that I had to address. My greatest obstacle was my lack of faith; would God help me? I remembered that Scripture claims that I

should not be anxious about anything, but in everything, I should make my requests known to God (Phil 4:6-9). I memorized this verse, and every time I began to worry, I would stop myself and repeat, "Be anxious for nothing." By doing this simple thing, I was refocusing my thoughts on God, taking them off of the problems of this world (Proverbs 3:5-6).

To strengthen my relationship with the Lord, I studied His Word. It was haphazard initially, but I believe the Lord guided me to the passages He wanted me to learn. Matthew 6:34 says, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." As I struggled to overcome the act of worrying, I realized that I needed to heed God's Word and focus only on the issues I was confronted with today. This didn't mean that I stopped planning for and praying about tomorrow. It did mean that my focus was to address only the concerns of the present day. Even then, sometimes, the day seemed too long and too much to bear, so I focused on smaller increments. There were times when my focus was only on the next five minutes. Breaking it down into manageable parts made all the difference. I may be unable to have faith and not worry for an entire day, but I can do it for the next five minutes!

consider the lilies...
matthew 6:25-34



I found that worry is something I can overcome! It takes work, prayer, and time in the Word, but worry can be conquered. Amazingly, as the worry subsides, faith in the providence and loving goodness of the Lord grows. Peace comes from knowing God loves me and is concerned about my holiness. His ways are always the best, and He will never do anything that will harm me (Jeremiah 29:11).

All of the things that I experienced during this trying time have been used for my good (Rom 8:28). Thanks to God, the trials were used to make me more like His Son Jesus (Rom 8:29). I am so grateful for the time I had in the restaurant. I didn't earn much money but received something more eternally valuable: the knowledge that God, the Creator of the universe, loves me and has promised to provide for me. Better yet, He's made me aware that I'm just a traveler on this earth for a short while, and one day, I'll be home!

Now, when I consider that, what do I have to worry about?

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Easter Sunday

SonRise Service 8:30 a.m.
Courtyard

Adult & Kids Classes 9:00 a.m.
Classrooms

Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Welcome Area

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Worship Center

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men's retreat

Friday - Sunday, May 17-19
Devils Fork State Park



*For men age 16+
*\$25 includes tent camping, main meals (6 spaces available)
*\$50 includes villa camping, main meals (12 spaces available)

During this week we will spend time in God's word, reflecting on what it means to be men in the Church, in our families, and in the workplace. Our study will be lead by Jason Reid. There will also be an abundance of time to fellowship and deepen relationships with each other while fishing, boating, hiking, and sitting around the campfire. Scan the code to register!



Jocassee Lake
Devil's Fork State Park

ladies... save the date!

special speaker

Christine Chappell

thursday evening
may 23rd



Christine Chappell is an author, certified biblical counselor, and host of the Hope + Help Podcast for the Institute for Biblical Counseling & Discipleship. Her books include **Midnight Mercies: Walking with God Through Depression in Motherhood, Help! I've Been Diagnosed with a Mental Disorder and Help! My Teen is Depressed**, and her writing has been featured on platforms such as *Desiring God*, *The Gospel Coalition*, *Risen Motherhood*, and the *Biblical Counseling Coalition*. She lives in South Carolina with her husband and three children, where they are active members of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Easley. Visit her website at christinemchappell.com. Registration opens soon!

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celebrate!
this month's
birthdays

Tessie Dendy	3	Rowan Blackwell	19
Cody Penland	7	Vicky Wiggleton	20
Juliet McAleer	11	James Styles, Sr.	23
Cynthia Looper	14	Adryana Saxe	25
Kelly Ramirez	15	Danaddia Traynum	27
Jacob McAleer	17		

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Our finances
as of 2.25.24

YTD TITHES	\$44,797.76
YTD OTHER INCOME	\$22,630.78
YTD TOTAL	\$67,428.54
YTD EXPENSES	\$40,836.24