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Open Friday
9am-Noon

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

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may 19th graduate sunday

Join us as we honor our graduates
Sunday May 19th during worship
service at 10:30 a.m. and with a
WEBC Family Lunch afterwards!
All are welcome!

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*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 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

knowing & loving Jesus

Marty Price
Pastor



I was recently asked, "Why do you so often end your public prayers with 'we love you' rather than the more formal 'in Jesus' name'?" And it's a good question. I cannot count the number of times I heard Dad, at the beginning of a worship service, say, "If you haven't told the Lord you love Him yet today, tell him now." And so often, I hadn't told Him. I needed the reminder, even sitting in a pew, that worship, church, serving, and even reading and studying scripture are all about Jesus. It is not that I don't know Jesus, love Him, and want to please Him. It is, however, so easy to make Christianity an impersonal belief system, a series of steps to take, or an ethic to embrace.

We can even lose Jesus in the gospel. When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, described the blessing of eternal life, and confronted her sin and need for a Savior, her mind naturally went to her understanding of religion. She basically asks, "Where do I go to worship, which temple mount? Where do I go to meet God?" In his answer, Jesus declares the end of ritual worship. "True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth..." (John 4:23). I love her response, which basically boils down to, the Messiah (Christ) is coming, and He has all the answers. "I who speak to you am he." A person you can meet, and know, and have a relationship with. A person who knows you and loves you. Remember what He said earlier? "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you..." The wonderful truth is that salvation is knowing Jesus.

Paul, of course, understood both the temptation to reduce Christianity to keeping the law (read Galatians), and the reality that Christianity is Christ. His ministry was characterized by his decision to "know nothing among you (Corinthians) except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1). Jesus prayed in John 17, "3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." Read Peter and Paul's sermons in the book of Acts and you will see they are introducing people to Jesus.

We are taking this whole year to look at the Life of Christ in the Gospels. We need to be sure that we don't approach scripture as simply a handbook on how to make good choices. Remember what Jesus told the Pharisees in John 5, "39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life." You have the scriptures that tell you who I am, but you don't see. I pray that you, like me, will study the scriptures asking, what do I see of Jesus here? What about Him fills my heart and satisfies my soul? Which of His excellencies has captured my affections? How does His presence convict and humble me, while cleansing and exalting me?

Friend, "Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter 1:8-9). Let's not settle for less than knowing Jesus. Don't settle for His worldview, His ethic, or His counsel without HIM. He's worthy. And if you don't know Him, I'd love to introduce you.

Marty

w|e connect to grow

New church directory: We will be printing a church directory soon. If you do NOT want certain information included, please contact the church office as soon as possible. If you want a new picture included, please email your picture to info@webcgreenville.org. Thank you!

ladies bible study



New Ladies Bible Study! We're back with the First 5 app, studying *Am I Doing This Right? How To Live Out Your Faith Through the Wisdom Found in James*. Come join us, every other Monday at 6:30 at WEBC! Our next meetings will be Monday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 29th because of Memorial Day.



Scan the code to get the First 5 app!

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. (Last meeting of the school year is May 14th!)



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

may

- Week 1 (4/28-5/4)
Matthew 5, 6, 7
- Week 2 (5/5-11)
Matthew 8:1-13
Matthew 11
Matthew 12:33-50
Luke 7
Luke 8:19-21, 11
- Week 3 (5/12-18)
Matthew 8:14-10:42
Matthew 13
Mark 4
Mark 5
Luke 8:1-18; 22-56
- Week 4 (5/19-25)
Matthew 14:1-15:31
Mark 6
Mark 7
Luke 9:1-17
John 6
- Week 5 (5/26-31)
Matthew 15:32-16:28
Matthew 17:1-18:9
Mark 8:1-9:1
Mark 9:2-50
Luke 9:18-62

Scan for daily Bible readings on your phone



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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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**Vacation Bible School
Thursday-Saturday
June 6-8, 2024**

scan to register!



To volunteer, see Sharon Bannister!

give online
www.webcgreenville.org/giving

text to give
Text an amount to 84321

thank you! FOR GIVING

Cheerful and sacrificial giving of our finances is part of our worship.

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



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



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. 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. Our worship leader is Cathy Schwartz - a solo handbell ringer who also plays the piano and hammer dulcimer. Cathy serves in the music ministry at Taylors First Baptist Church. Registration is free!



Scan to register!

Other Special Events:

- Friday, May 3** - 10:30 a.m. Crafting Day at Greenville Acute Care (see Susan Williams for details)
- Saturday, May 4** - 8:00 a.m. Spring Cleaning at WEBC! (See Daniel Baker for details)
- Sunday, May 5** - **VBS Volunteer Meeting!** Anyone interested in helping with VBS (June 6-8), come to our short meeting right after Sunday Worship Service.

we celebrate!

this month's birthdays

april	may
Scott Saxe 3	Michael Adcock, Sr. 2
Maddison Clayton 9	Emily Foster 5
Daniel Baker 18	Anyla Miller 5
Austyn Weed 19	Payton Saxe 13
Chuck Fearn 20	Chris Blackwell 14
Steven Hearndon 20	Hope Fearn 16
Tim Mills 24	Rayvon Glover 19
Olivia Baker 24	Mikayla Weed 21
	Mattie Coleman 26

we GIVE generously

Our finances
as of 4.21.24

YTD TITHES	\$78722.66
YTD OTHER INCOME	\$49326.41
YTD TOTAL	\$128049.07
YTD EXPENSES	\$98978.10

congratulations graduates!

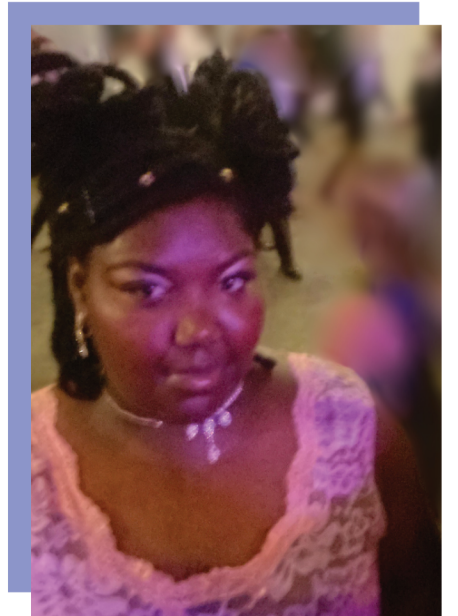
We're honoring our graduates during worship service at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 19th with lunch after the service!



Denerio "Zion" Traynum
Greenville High School



Keegan Hearndon
Classical Conversations



Danaddia Traynum
Greenville High School



Ella Foster
J.L. Mann Academy



Scott Stephens
Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary



special sundays



Easter Sunday



New Members Sunday

It's incredible how God uses everything we encounter to teach us a lesson. Recently, I've had some extra time and have been able to do one of the things I love... yard work. Loretta just had a screened porch built on our house. We've been thinking about new landscaping for the yard and decided to put a water garden right off the porch where we can hear the running water. After digging, laying rock, and manipulating a very thick pond liner, it was time for the water to go in. I built a waterfall feature once I had the water in the pond. One of the steps in the process was to put rocks on the fall and then fill between the stones with liquid expandable foam. This was to prevent water leakage around the fall. The foam was the same color as the black pond liner, so it would be somewhat invisible and look more natural. I started applying the sealer and noticed that the application was a little unpredictable. As a result, I needed to try and manipulate it so it would look better. I began pushing and prodding and quickly noticed that my hands were getting black with paint. I didn't think much of it until I started cleaning up. I couldn't get the paint off my hands. No matter what I tried, no luck. Finally, I read the label warning me to "Use Gloves During the Application."

Once again, God was teaching me a lesson. God is a great teacher. As I scrubbed my hands, I began thinking about the need to slow down, plan adequately, and read and understand the instructions in the pamphlet. My thinking went to another level, though. How many times have I jumped into a circumstance in my life, believing with all my heart that what I hoped to accomplish was God's will for me? What is God's will?

I hate the old cliché about the Bible being man's instruction manual, but Scripture is where the believer should go when seeking to understand God's will. I believe most of us want to live within God's will, but we make decisions without looking for the guidance He provides in Scripture. When making decisions this way, we ultimately have black paint all over our hands, hoping that what we've done is His will. To understand His will, we must take the time to listen to him and utilize the guidance He provides in His Word. When we do, we learn foundational principles that teach us His will.

Here are a few principles to live by:

- In a Psalm that David wrote, he states, "I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart" (Ps 40:8). David understood God's will for him because He meditated on God's law to the extent that he knew it in his heart. It guided his decisions.

understanding God's Will



Pastor of
Biblical Counseling

- In another Psalm, David writes, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!" (Ps 143:10). David's plea is that God will teach him His will with the Holy Spirit's help. This guidance comes from God's Word through the Spirit.
- Matthew 6:33 tells us, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." God's primary will for us is to seek Him above all things. When we try to understand who He is and who we are to Him, he promises that all the things we need (what we will eat, drink, and wear) will be provided for us. Matthew 22:37-40 gives us more clarity about seeking God first. It states, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Suppose we love God to the extent that we should. In that case, we will love others so much that we are obedient to his command to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^(b) the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt 28:19-20).

God's will for us is to seek Him first in everything, love Him more than anything or anyone, and love His people enough to share the good news of what He has done for us.

Have confidence that by doing these, you will live a life that glorifies Him and is within His will. He has promised that when you love Him with your entire being, He will guide you in the other essentials of your life. You don't have to constantly wonder if you're in God's will if you seek Him first, loving Him and others. You'll find that by living these foundational principles, your decisions will most likely be God's will for you.

One final bit of advice. Always read the instructions!

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