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9am-Noon

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9am Classes

10am Coffee & Pastries

10:30am Worship Service

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happy 2025!

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of all nations
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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 6:00pm	Classes/Sunday School Coffee Fellowship Worship Service Foster Home Group Men's Bible Study (2 nd & 4 th)
MONDAY	6:30pm	Ladies Bible Study (2 nd & 4 th)
TUESDAY	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	GPS Children's Program Young Adults (2 nd & 4 th)
WEDNESDAY	6:30pm 6:30 pm	Price Small Group (1 st & 3 rd) Bible Recap study group
THURSDAY	2:00pm	Swansgate Bible Study

from pastor marty



looking ahead!

We have much to thank God for! Looking back at 2024 we have seen God bless us with new believers and members. We've met many new friends who have attended services, and the attendance at GPS has been wonderfully consistent. We've participated financially in planting churches here in Greenville and worldwide, and we've seen many of you grow in faith and communion with God. God is good!

I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in the coming year! While we have much to celebrate, it is a certainty we will face new challenges and opportunities this year. It is so easy to settle for less than God's best or to get distracted from the mission God has for us. We remember our purpose is to **Glorify God by Making Mature Disciples of All Nations, starting here in the West End.** We are not pursuing our comfort but God's plan. We depend

not on our strength but God's power working in and through us. Like the Israelites in Canaan, we have been led to a place to serve God and make His name great.

The beginning of the New Year is a wonderful time to renew our covenant with God and to strengthen our commitment to glorifying Him in our worship, growth in grace and knowledge, service, and giving. I am trusting God to do great things in us and through us this year. I pray that we know God more than ever before, know and follow His will, and that our lives produce every kind of good fruit for His glory.

Marty



- **Philippines Team Meeting** Sunday, Jan. 5 after worship service (RSVP to church office)
- **PWC Baby Bottle Campaign Kick-off** Sunday, Jan. 5 (pick up a baby bottle at church)
- **"Grinch" Day** (taking down the Christmas decorations at church) Sat. Jan. 11th - 8:00 a.m.
- **Family Meeting** Sunday, Jan. 12 at 9:00 a.m. (during Sunday school hour - children will be in their normal classrooms)
- **Sanctity of Life Sunday** January 19th
- **Family Lunch** Sunday January 19th after worship service
- **Save the Date: Marriage Seminar** April 4-5

Incllement 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.



Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Month! Sanctity of Life Sunday - January 19 2025

For 30+ years, Piedmont Women's Center has been educating, equipping, and empowering women throughout the Upstate to make important health-related decisions before, during, and after pregnancy.

For many years, West End Baptist has partnered with PWC and their mission. One way we can support PWC is the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Here's how it works:

- **Step One:** Pick up your baby bottle beginning Sunday, January 5 in the Welcome Area.
- **Step Two:** Fill it with cash, check, or donate online. Checks should be made payable to PWC.
- **Step Three:** Return your bottle to church on **Sunday, February 2.**



If you have questions, please contact Kendra in the church office or speak with Loretta Stephens.

*Your change changes lives!
Every penny counts!*

welcome new members of 2024

David & Cami Sargeant
Austyn & Bryanna Weed
Rico Montoya
Richard Hoopaugh
Sharon Lawson
Rayvon Glover
Henry Foster
Brian Irish

Yeikson & Carolyn Silvestre
Camile Murray
Jody Deyo
Traci Cooke
Daisy Gomez
McKenzie & Tyler Alewine
Elizabeth & Eyker Castro
Marissa & Kyle Sanges



**GPS will be returning soon in 2025!
Look for announcements in the
Sunday Worship Guide!**

WEBC leads the GPS Children's Program on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at 123 Arlington Ave., Greenville SC. 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.

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starting right here
in the West End.**



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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.

we celebrate! this month's birthdays

Rick Blucas	1	Suzanne Price	16
Jamie McAleer	5	Linda Coleman	20
Jennifer Blucas	10	Patty Saxe	21
Scott Stephens	10	Tina Whitworth	26
Martha Merritt	15	Kaleigha Fuller	26

w|e connect to grow

Adult and Kids Classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. We encourage you to connect with one of the following studies to strengthen your walk with God, and to be an encouragement to others.

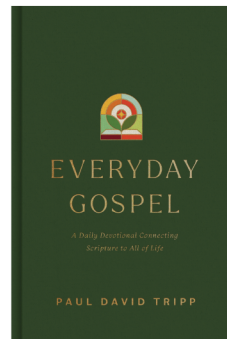
adult classes

Bible Studies for Life: Exodus & Leviticus (led by Oregon Lawton and Dave Ballard) Everyone has days when they wonder if God knows their name. We're all looking for that light of hope at the end of the tunnel. The Israelites were no different. After centuries of bondage, they cried out for help. And God answered through a man named Moses. The books of Exodus and Leviticus remind us that imperfect people can depend on a perfect God to lead them through whatever wilderness they face. As you study how God worked among His people, never forget that He is still at work in your life, as well. He still guides. He still cares. He still protects. Most important, He still delivers.

New Testament Survey (led by Marty Price) "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth". (2 Tim 2:15). Every believer is called to be a student of God's Word. The goal of this class is to equip you to "rightly handle the Word" by exploring the times and cultures during which it was written, the men God used to write it, and to provide summaries of the books of the New Testament. God's Word is living and active, and this course is intended to deepen your understanding of God's eternal truths.

w|e youth middle school & high school

WEBC uses the Group curriculum, **LIVE** for students 6th grade and up. **LIVE** draws students back to Jesus, showing them the joy of centering their lives on Him. They'll explore how His teachings, miracles, and compassion relate to their everyday lives. And they'll wrestle with how to follow Him in a world that says other things are more important.



Our Daily Bible Reading for 2025 will have a slightly different look than the past year. As a church family, we'll be reading through the entire Bible again, this time

using Paul David Tripp's devotional book, **Everyday Gospel: A Daily Devotional Connecting Scripture to All of Life**. We have 39 of these books available to you. If you would like to help us offset the cost, each of these books cost \$15.00 - however, we are making them available for whatever you can afford, or even at no cost. (We ask that you only take one per family.) If you do not wish to use **Everyday Gospel**, you can still read along with us. We will continue to publish our Daily Bible Reading here in the newsletter, and we will continue to publish our reading weekly in the church worship guide each Sunday. We encourage you to read with us, in whatever manner you choose.

Psalms 119:12-16 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!
 13 With my lips I declare All the rules of your mouth.
 14 In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
 15 I will meditate on your precepts And fix my eyes on your ways.
 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

daily Bible reading january

day	chapters
	Genesis
1	1-3
2	4-7
3	8-11
4	12-15
5	16-18
6	19-21
7	22-24
8	25-26
9	27-29
10	30-31
11	32-34
12	35-37
13	38-40
14	41-42
15	43-45
16	46-47
17	48-50
	Exodus
18	1-3
19	4-6
20	7-9
21	10-12
22	13-15
23	16-48
24	19-21
25	22-24
26	25-27
27	28-29
28	30-32
29	33-35
30	36-38
31	39-40

Christmas 2024 photos



The Christmas season at WEBC is always full of fun parties and activities, as well as a special time to remember the Greatest Gift of All, our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can see more photos at our website: <https://webcgreenville.org/christmas-2024/>

w|e kids babies through 5th grade

WEBC uses the Lifeway curriculum, **The Gospel Project** for our preschoolers and kids. It is a Christ-centered Bible study resource that looks at the big picture of God's story—the story of redemption through Jesus Christ. Each week, kids of all ages will follow a chronological timeline of Bible events, all the while learning how each story points to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

w|e GIVE generously

Our finances as of 12.22.24

YTD TITHES	\$208,934.42
YTD OTHER INCOME	\$379,619.65
YTD TOTAL	\$588,554.07
YTD EXPENSES	\$449,077.54

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



West End Baptist Church is sending a team to Masinloc, Philippines May 29 - June 7, to help our mission partners, Pastor Melo & Sister Ruth Lumibao and the Independent Baptist Church of Masinloc, as well as their church plants in the surrounding villages. Our team will be helping with Vacation Bible School, building construction, cleaning, visiting, witnessing... whatever our mission partners need!

This is a calling for our entire church family. Some will go and others will send. Those who will be going to the Philippines will need support and encouragement. Those who are sending will provide the support and encouragement. We ask all of you to be in prayer for our team and for our mission partners in the Philippines, as all prepare for this time of traveling and working together. And please pray about how you can help with the cost of this trip financially. Cost per person will be around \$2500, and we have 21 people committed to go to the Philippines! We are excited about being part of such a great ministry of God.

Pray about partnering with one or more of our team members, to pray with them and to encourage them as they prepare for this trip. Pray about giving to our fund for this trip. You can give by check (just put "Philippines" in the memo line), or online at <https://webcgreenville.churchcenter.com/giving> - click Mission Philippines in the drop-down box. Thank you for your support and prayers.

small groups

Hebrews 10:24-25 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Our small groups are an important part of our WEBC family. Small groups are where we build friendships, encourage one another, and most importantly, disciple one another in the Word of God. Come join one of our small groups - call the church office if you'd like more information on any of these groups.

- Sunday at 5:30pm - Foster Home Group led by Mark & Emily Foster
- 2nd & 4th Sundays at 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study led by Jim Whitworth & Art Ramirez
- 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study (2nd & 4th) led by Loretta Stephens
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm - Young Adults led by John Ramirez & Mikayla Weed
- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - Price Small Group led by Marty Price
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - Bible Recap study group led by the Bakers and Bannisters
- Thursdays at 2:00pm - Swansgate Bible Study led by Jim & Tina Whitworth

ladies bible study

Ladies of all ages! Our Bible study begins again on Monday January 13th at 6:30 p.m. at WEBC! We'll use the **Everyday Gospel** devotional in our study time, and meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays. For more information, contact Loretta Stephens or call the church office at 864-232-7312. Join us any time!

2nd & 4th Mondays

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Scott Stephens
Pastor of
Biblical Counseling

Scott Stephens is the founder and director of Covenant Counseling Center, and the counseling pastor at West End Baptist Church's West End Counseling Center.

Scott serves as the executive director of the Upcountry Biblical Counseling Training Center. Scott earned his MA in Biblical Counseling at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his PhD in Biblical Counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Scott is an Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) certified biblical counselor with a specialization in marriage and family counseling. Scott is currently a "Fellow Candidate" with ACBC.

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the only goal that matters

I believe the New Year is a time to "start anew." During December, I'm always introspective, thinking about my accomplishments and failures, hoping to come up with new goals to help me have a better upcoming year.

Goals help me stay focused on the things I believe are important. I consistently write down daily activities that need to be accomplished. However, this year of planning has been challenging because I've made too many commitments.

All of my commitments have value in one way or another, but recently, the Lord has laid on my heart that I need to focus on things that have eternal value. When I evaluate my activities with this priority, I see some areas that, although they may be good, don't meet that criteria.

As Christians, the best use of our time is doing things that glorify God and point others to His goodness. Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." I wholeheartedly believe this is the foundation from which we are to determine our daily activities.

What does it mean to seek His righteousness? It means that we are to live a life that is pleasing to God. 1 Peter 1:15 explains, "But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct." Living a holy life pleasing to God must be our primary concern and top priority. All of our plans and goals must be centered on this. Our daily activities must have a central focus on doing things that are pleasing to God. We do this by praying for His guidance and reading His Word as we make decisions. Proverbs 16:3 explains that we are to commit our work to the Lord so that our plans will be established.

God's Word teaches us how to live a life in pursuit of holiness, how to have fellowship with Him, and how to love and care for one another with a common purpose. Sadly, while we are in this world, we will never be completely free from sin. Our sanctification will never be completed during our lifetime. But remember, God calls for us to be holy, as He is holy. He tells us to strive for holiness every day (Romans 12:12).

So, what is the goal that truly matters? What is the foundation of all the goals we should have? Love God and glorify Him by seeking holiness in all you think, say, and do.

Including the Lord in my planning is essential to my physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Goals without God's guidance can be confusing and futile (Ecclesiastes 2:11; Psalm 94:11). By setting our minds on what is truly important, God will guide us to live a life that increasingly has purpose and meaning. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."