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Open Friday
9am-Noon

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

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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
6:00pm

Classes/Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship
Worship Service
Men's Bible Study (2nd & 4th)

TUESDAY
6:00 pm

GPS Children's Program

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm
6:30 pm

Price Small Group (1st & 3rd)
Bible Recap group (1st & 3rd)

THURSDAY
2:00pm

Swansgate Bible Study



from
pastor
marty

On one of our early trips to serve with Pastor Melo in the Philippines, our task was to backfill the foundation of a new church building in preparation for a concrete slab. Our tools? Just shovels and feed bags, about the size of a 5-gallon bucket. Someone would fill my bag with dirt, I'd carry it to the foundation, dump it, and return for more. Back and forth for hours. After a while, I secretly hoped the shovel would break!

That experience is a fitting picture of how God works with His people. He fills us—"you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority" (Colossians 2:10)—not just for our own enjoyment, though that is real. He fills us to be poured out for His glory and the good of others (Philippians 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6).

I love the prayer of Psalm 67. It begins with a familiar request: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us." But it doesn't stop there. It continues: "that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." The psalmist understands he is not the end goal—God's purpose extends beyond him to the whole world.

I'm grateful to be part of a church that embraces this truth: it's not about us. Jesus established the church, leads the church, and sends the church to glorify God and make disciples. Our mission is clear: **Together we glorify God by making mature disciples of all nations, starting in the West End.** This month, that includes going around the world, partnering with believers abroad, doing the same work we do here. What a privilege!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (Psalm 67:3)

Remember to pray:

For our Brothers and Sisters in Christ already serving in the Philippines, their own country - and for missionaries to Thailand:

Praise God for His loving hand covering the Philippines and its people! Praise Him for the awe-inspiring work that He has already begun through His children there. We pray for these people, for strength and wisdom as they carry the gospel to their towns and villages. We pray for their health and well-being as they continue to serve God as ministers to their communities, and as members of their own families and churches. (Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 3:6-9)

For the Filipino children:

Father God, we thank you for the children who will attend the VBS while our mission team is in Masinloc. We ask that you give them ears to hear, and hearts that are receptive to the message of Jesus Christ. Help the mission team to bring love and compassion to these children, their families, and their communities. Help the team to love each child as you love them. (Matthew 18:1-5, Matthew 19:13-15)

For those going on the mission trip to the Philippines:

We thank You, Lord, for providing for the trip. Thank You that our church is able to serve in this endeavor. We pray for each of the missions team members, for health and energy, rest and comfort during the trip so that they can be at their best to serve. We ask for Your wisdom, that the team members will know when to listen and when to speak, when to pray and when to sing. Give them servants' hearts and the love that knows no end for the Filipino people! (Romans 15:5-7, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-10)



w|e women's ministry

Join us for a Special Gathering
Dinner & Dessert
at the home of Loretta Stephens
Thursday, June 19, 6:30 PM

Please RSVP by Monday, June 16
Loretta: 864-414-3889



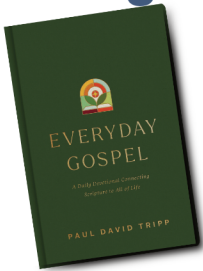
Vacation Bible School
July 16-18 at 6:00 p.m.

See Katie Penland or call the church office for opportunities to serve with VBS! Feeling crafty? See Patty Saxe to help make decorations for VBS on your own time at home!



Scan to sign up!

daily Bible reading



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day chapters
Job

- 1 21-23
- 2 24-28
- 3 29-31
- 4 32-34
- 5 35-37
- 6 38-39
- 7 40-42

Psalms

- 8 1-8
- 9 9-16
- 10 17-20
- 11 21-25
- 12 26-31
- 13 32-35
- 14 36-39
- 15 40-45
- 16 46-50
- 17 51-57
- 18 58-65
- 19 66-69
- 20 70-73
- 21 74-77
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- 26 96-102
- 27 103-105
- 28 106-107
- 29 108-114
- 30 115-118

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



Interested in learning more about West End Baptist, or becoming a member? We have classes periodically through the year for your convenience. Call the office at 864.232.7312 or email us at info@webcgreenville.org for more information. Our next class will be Sunday, June 29th.



PSBC Endowment Scholarships:
The Endowment Fund Trustees will receive scholarship applications through July 13th. To apply, scan the code or contact the church office at 864-232-7312.

w|e celebrate!
this month's birthdays

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|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Ruth Baker | 1 | Patrick Inserra | 18 |
| Nancy Martin | 2 | Keegan Hearndon | 18 |
| John Anderson | 13 | Jessica Miles | 19 |
| Ann Gilstrap | 13 | Brian Saxe | 21 |
| Jackson Lawhorn | 15 | Eastyn Hearndon | 22 |
| Parks Edwards | 15 | Marty Price | 27 |
| Wyatt Penland | 15 | Linda Looper | 29 |
| Noah Sanges | 16 | | |

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End of Semester Celebration!!!

Tuesday, May 13th we had a time of celebration for a great semester of GPS! We enjoyed Chick-fila and ice cream treats, and had a great time playing soccer and corn-hole and jumping on the bouncy slide & bouncy house, provided by the Greenville Baptist Association's Block Party Trailer. Everyone had a great time, kids of all ages, from littles up to ... Pastor Marty's age!



<https://webcgreenville.org/gps-celebration/>
for more pictures!

mother's day brunch

On Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day), the men of WEBC hosted a wonderful family brunch to honor the motherly and godly women in our lives. Our WEBC men really can cook! And clean!



<https://webcgreenville.org/mothers-day-2025/>
for more pictures!



Parks Edwards
Apologetics
Ministry Leader

apologetics in the Bible

Apologetics is the work of giving a defense or reason why we believe what we believe as Christians. This involves both a *defensive* element (addressing objections raised against the gospel) and an *offensive* element (showing why non-Christian worldviews are ultimately

false accounts of reality). The defensive and offensive aspects of apologetics entail it is an inherently persuasive enterprise. But is apologetics Biblical? One perspective says the gospel does not need to be defended; it only needs to be preached. In other words, the church simply needs to proclaim the gospel to a lost world, but the work of defending the truths of the message is not necessary or important. But is this right? Such a view may be well intentioned, but it is not supported by Scripture.

What does the Bible say about apologetics? First, Scripture commands all Christians to be apologists. In 1 Peter 3:15-16, Peter is writing to suffering Christians to encourage them in their faith. When speaking of how they are to live among non-Christians who witness their faith, he tells them first to "regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts." With this as the foundation, Peter then exhorts his readers to be "ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." Further, he says this must be done "with gentleness and reverence." Significantly, the word used for "defense" in this text is the word "apologia" (from which we get "apologetics"). Peter encourages these suffering Christians to keep Christ first in their hearts and live faithfully before a watching world. Included in this way of faithfulness is providing a defense or reason for the hope they have, to those who ask them. This passage reminds us that, in every age, Christians should be those who live reverently before God, walk in humility, and have a reason for the hope that we profess. A lost world needs to know what the gospel is and why they should take it seriously. Inevitably, this will include reasons why it should be accepted as true and not merely one religious opinion among many.

Second, both Jesus and the apostles practiced apologetics. Many do not think of Jesus as an apologist. However, Jesus' interactions with the Pharisees demonstrate that He used reasoning and argumentation when addressing their objections to His claims. One such example is found in Matthew 12:22-32. In this encounter, Jesus has just healed a man who was both blind and unable to speak on account of demon possession. The Pharisees, rather than give glory to God, accuse Jesus of using the power of Satan to drive out the demon. Jesus exposes the error in their thinking. He shows how, if their accusation was true, then Satan would be divided against himself - "If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?" (Matt. 12:26). Furthermore, Jesus asks, by whom do the Jewish exorcists drive out demons? Jesus' apologetic strategy is to assume the Pharisees are right and then show how their view leads to an absurd conclusion. He then points out that if the opposite is true (If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God) then Jesus' message is true - He is the Messiah who brings the Kingdom of God (Matt. 12:28). There are other examples from Jesus' ministry which show He engaged in reasoning with those who disputed His claims (cf. Matt. 22:23-33; Jn. 10:31-39).

In next month's article, we will look at how the apostle Paul practiced apologetics. For now, the exhortation from Peter in 1 Peter 3:15-16 and the example of Jesus in Matthew 12:22-32 show that apologetics is biblical and part of how God advances the gospel in the world. The point is not that every Christian needs to be an expert apologist, but rather that we should all be able to give a reason for the hope within us as we proclaim the gospel.



Find out more on Parks' podcast
Reasoned Hope
Thoughtful Christianity
<https://reasonedhopepodcast.com>

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generously**

Our finances
as of 5.18.25

YTD TITHES	\$85,597.37
YTD OTHER INCOME	\$289,782.17
YTD TOTAL	\$375,379.54
YTD EXPENSES	\$253,889.23

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of our worship.

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