

# The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



## Hyssop

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At first glance, there is nothing special about hyssop. Solomon spoke about the tall-growing cedars of Lebanon and the hyssop that grew out of a wall (1 Kings 4:33; Heb. 9:19). The cedars and hyssop were at opposite ends of the spectrum: from big and beautiful to small and stark. Hyssop is a small, bushy plant that generally grows in arid, rocky places such as walls. Its principal feature is the sponge-like shoots that collect moisture and transfer that moisture to other objects, particularly when the plant is shaken. Its simple ability to collect and disperse liquids is what made it suitable for its most significant function



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in the ceremonial rituals of the Old Testament, all of which were picture prophecies pointing to the sacrificial work of Christ.

New Testament references to hyssop underscore the truth that Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament ceremonies, making their continuance obsolete but not obliterating the significance of their message. Hebrews 9:19 specifically mentions the inadequacy of hyssop along with other elements of the Old Testament sacrifices in order to point to the superiority of the sacrifice of Christ, which actually accomplished what all the Old Testament types could only anticipate. Although not in the context of the Mosaic ceremonies, the reference to hyssop in John 19:29 ironically associates it with the supreme sacrifice of Jesus. The vinegar-soaked hyssop touching the parched lips of Jesus immediately preceded His dying declaration "It is finished" (John 19:30). With that declaration, any further ceremonial use of the hyssop became unnecessary.

**The hyssop specifically reminds us that it is not just the historic fact of the death of Christ that delivers from the power and bondage of sin, but the application of His blood.**

Nonetheless, looking at the hyssop in the Old Testament pictures highlights four realities that Christ's sacrifice accomplished.

### **DELIVERANCE FROM BONDAGE**

The Passover marked the first use of hyssop. The Israelites were suffering a harsh bondage over which they had no control and from which they could not free themselves. In keeping with His covenant promise, God delivered them by a mighty display of His irresistible power. But central to the Passover was the sacrifice of the perfect lamb that was chosen to be a substitute for the firstborn. The lamb was slain as an execution of divine justice, and its blood was shed as a propitiation of divine wrath. Gallons and gallons of blood were shed that night, yet it was not the mere fact of blood that brought deliverance but the application of the blood. Here's where the hyssop enters the picture. The Israelites were to dip hyssop in the blood and sprinkle it on the posts and upper part of the door (Ex. 12:22). Wherever the blood was applied, there was deliverance. This points directly to Christ, our Passover, who was sacrificed for us (1 Cor. 5:7). The hyssop specifically reminds us that

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE

*Aaron Halbert*  
**Honduras**



*Mark Kuo*  
**Taiwan**



Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting its annual Missions Conference on January 27 through January 29. Friday evening begins with a Banquet at 6:00 P.M. followed by Aaron Halbert speaking at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies will gather for an afternoon Tea on Saturday, January 28, from 2:00–4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Speakers will include Jane Kuo (Taiwan) and Jenny Kona (Albania).

On Sunday morning, January 29, Aaron Halbert speaks in the morning services and Mark Kuo speaks during all-adult Sunday School and in the evening service. ♦

Catechism  
for  
Young  
Children  
Original Edition



## Question 14:

Where do you learn how to love  
and obey God?

## Answer:

In the Bible alone.



*Do you get to choose which clothes you wear in the morning?*

*Do you sometimes choose what you eat?*

*What other choices do you make?*

You make many other choices every day. You choose to be sweet to your sister or brother, or you choose to be mean. You choose to obey your parents or you choose to talk back. You choose to share or you choose to be selfish. You choose to work hard in school or you choose to be lazy. The Bible is our guidebook that tells us how to make good choices. It tells us to obey our parents, to be kind to others, to work hard at everything we do.

But there is a problem. Because of our sin, we cannot believe or obey the Bible by ourselves. But God solved this problem. He gave us the Bible, and he gave us another gift to make us able to understand and obey the Bible.

The very same Holy Spirit who guided the writers of the Bible guides us as we read the Bible so that we can learn from it. When we are sad or lonely or tempted to do wrong, the Holy Spirit reminds us of things God has told us in the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us believe and obey the Bible, God's Word. ♦

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at the corner of

# River & Rhett



## WIC TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday mornings at 10:00, ladies gather in the Fellowship Hall to study the book of Romans, led by Ramona White. There is no cost for this class, and everyone is welcome at any time. This class meets weekly except for the second Tuesday of each month when WIC Circles have their meetings. Come once, come twice, come all the time, come whenever you can. You will be blessed by the teaching, prayer, and fellowship of like-minded believers. ♦

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves

# January/February

## Birthdays



has been born of God and knows God.

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>January 24</b>  | Evelyn Senn, Jasper Siemen                                      |
| <b>January 26</b>  | Margaret Hook   |
| <b>January 30</b>  | Cynthia Olsen, Cheryl Traynham                                  |
| <b>February 1</b>  | Priscilla Carmichael, Duncan Therrell                           |
| <b>February 3</b>  | Jill Mann   |
| <b>February 4</b>  | Alan Farley, Joe Little, Mark Strickland                        |
| <b>February 5</b>  | Josh Cancino, David Farr, Steve Moore                           |
| <b>February 6</b>  | David Burman, Dale Hagwood, Andrew McGaughran,<br>Katie Preston |
| <b>February 7</b>  | Joseph DeFranco, Kevin Phillips                                 |
| <b>February 9</b>  | Mark Holbrook   |
| <b>February 10</b> | Dennis Caulder, Silas Johnson, Michaela Oldham                  |
| <b>February 11</b> | Alex Strickland   |
| <b>February 12</b> | Ashley Dodson, Lloyd Wright                                     |
| <b>February 13</b> | Kirby Kee, Stan Woodward  |
| <b>February 14</b> | Mike Dillard, Serge Pomerlyan                                   |
| <b>February 15</b> | Ryan Szrama   |
| <b>February 16</b> | Mamie Riggins, Cassie Therrell                                  |
| <b>February 17</b> | Rich Moran, Nick Thompson                                       |
| <b>February 19</b> | Arlene Wright   |
| <b>February 20</b> | Abby Cancino, Sophia Cancino, Dean Pennington                   |
| <b>February 21</b> | Mac Duncan Jr., Chris McKee, Stephen Schvaneveldt               |
| <b>February 23</b> | Mark Robertson, Bill VanDoodewaard                              |
| <b>February 24</b> | Andi Scoggins   |
| <b>February 25</b> | Gibson Preston, Sandra Saragoni, Jack Tingle                    |
| <b>February 27</b> | Ian Spell, Jude Windt   |

# This Week

## Morning Sermon

*Rev. Aaron Halbert*

THE INSEPARABLE NATURE OF  
WORSHIP AND MISSIONS

Psalm 96

## Evening Sermon

*Rev. Mark Kuo*

THE UNIVERSAL DOMINION OF  
THE RIGHTEOUS KING

Psalm 72

## Sunday, January 29

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL—*Adults in Gym*
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:30 P.M. Missionary Prayer Band (Chapel)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP

## Monday, January 30

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 A.M. Rafiki Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## Tuesday, January 31

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, February 1

- 5:00 P.M. Pastoral Care Committee (Office Work Room)
- 5:15 P.M. WIC Council (Conference Room)
- 5:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER (Gym)
- 6:15 P.M. Hope Choir (K4–K5), Covenant Choir (Grades 1–6), Youth Choir (Grades 7–12)
- 6:45 P.M. Missions Moment
- 7:00 P.M. CAT Kids (3 years old–Grade 4), Covenant Kids (Grades 5–8)
- 7:00 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
- 7:00 P.M. ADULT PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

## Friday, February 3

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Lunch and Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 P.M. Mission to Main

## Saturday, February 4

- 10:00 A.M. Rachel O'Donald Bridal Shower (Fellowship Hall)

# Upcoming Events

[spcgreenville.org/calendar](http://spcgreenville.org/calendar)

<b>January 27-29</b>	Missions Conference
<b>January 28</b>	Calvary Presbytery
<b>January 28</b>	Missions Conference Ladies Tea
<b>February 1</b>	Question & Answer Night with Dr. Phillips
<b>February 11</b>	WIC Prayer Breakfast
<b>February 16</b>	Ladies Precepts Bible Study Begins
<b>February 19</b>	The Lord's Supper (Evening Service)
<b>March 17-18</b>	WIC Ladies Retreat

## Remembering our Shut-ins

Remember in prayer this week the following member,  
sending a note of encouragement:

**Wilma Cagle**  
126 Capers Street  
Greenville, SC 29605





it is not just the historic fact of the death of Christ that delivers from the power and bondage of sin but the application of His blood.

### CLEANSING FROM SIN

The next recorded use of hyssop is in connection with the cleansing from leprosy (Lev. 14). This leprosy was some sort of surface disorder that occurred on skin and in the walls of buildings; it was a vivid picture of the defiling nature of sin that separates man from God (Isa. 59:2). The leper had to be quarantined, separated from the covenant community. But leprosy had a cure, and sin has a remedy.

Enter the hyssop and the ceremony of the two birds. One bird was slain with its blood dripping into water, and the living bird was released after it was dipped in bloody water. The priest then dipped hyssop into the mixture and used it to sprinkle the healed leper, declaring him to be clean and fit for worship at the tabernacle, where God met with His people (Lev. 14:11). This ceremony with the hyssop and two birds points directly to Jesus, whose blood cleanses from all sin (1 John 1:7).

### REVERSAL OF THE CURSE

Death is the ultimate consequence of sin, the climactic manifestation of the curse. The presence of death in the province

of life is a constant reminder of that last great enemy. The next use of hyssop points to the solution to the problem. Numbers 19 records the procedure for dealing with the curse of death. A red heifer was to be killed and completely burned outside the camp. Its ashes were kept in reserve and mixed with water to be sprinkled with hyssop on whatever or whoever had been contaminated by contact with the dead. This ritualistic purification with hyssop pointed to the real and complete defeat of sin's curse by Jesus (see Heb. 9).

### RESTORATION

David's prayer of confession in Psalm 51:7 (literally, "De-sin me with hyssop") figuratively sums up the theological significance of hyssop. His sin had robbed him of fellowship with God, and knowing that the only thing that could restore that fellowship was the hyssop, he expressed his faith in the cleansing of the blood of the sacrifice. So it is that we must appeal to the blood of Jesus in order to experience forgiveness of sins and the enjoyment of restored fellowship with Him (1 John 1:7, 9). There's more to hyssop than meets the eye. ♦ *Dr. Michael Barrett*

Dr. Michael P.V. Barrett is Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, and Professor of Old Testament at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI.

# Announcements

## Precepts Bible Study

A new Precepts class, *Covenant*, a study of God's Covenants, will begin on February 16 in the Conference Room from 9:30–11:30 A.M. This class will continue each Thursday for 10 weeks. If you plan to attend, please call or text Mary Settle (864-918-2269) by February 1 so books can be ordered.

## Missions Conference

Our 2023 Missions Conference begins on Friday, January 27 and concludes on Sunday evening, January 29. Our Missionary speakers include Aaron Halbert (Honduras) and Mark Kuo (Taiwan). The schedule is as follows:

### Friday

- 1/27 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon **Session 1: Aaron Halbert**
- 1/27 5:00 P.M. Book Tables Open
- 1/27 6:00 P.M. Banquet \$10 (Please register at [spcgreenville.org/signup](http://spcgreenville.org/signup).)
- 1/27 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary **Session 2: Aaron Halbert**

### Saturday

- 1/28 2:00 P.M. Ladies Tea (Fellowship Hall)
- (For more information or to register, please go to [spcgreenville.org/signup](http://spcgreenville.org/signup).)

### Sunday

- 1/29 8:30 A.M. Sanctuary **Session 3: Aaron Halbert**
- 1/29 10:00 A.M. Gym/Sunday School **Session 4: Mark Kuo**
- 1/29 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary **Session 3: Aaron Halbert**
- 1/29 6:00 P.M. Sanctuary **Session 5: Mark Kuo**

## Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to celebrate the marriage of Ely and Rachel (Lewis) O'Donald on Saturday, February 4, beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Rachel is registered at Walmart and Target. Ely and Rachel were married on January 7!

## Backpack Blessings

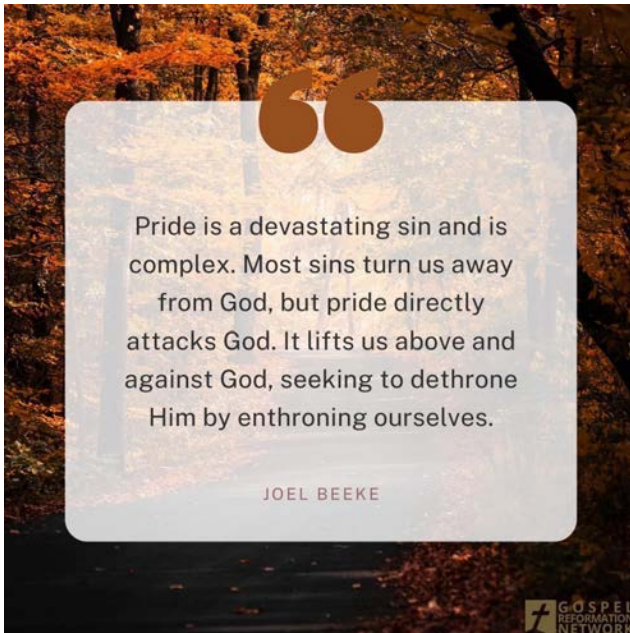
We have been asked again by Augusta Circle Elementary School to provide food for weekend backpacks for children who may not have proper meals when they are not at school. This could be granola bars, fruit cups, microwavable oatmeal, soup or pasta dishes, or any other items children could prepare for themselves. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, please leave any items in the gym or church office, or contact Cyndi Player at [cplayer2021@gmail.com](mailto:cplayer2021@gmail.com).

## Question & Answer Night with Dr. Phillips

Have a question about the Scriptures or Christian practice? Submit any questions you might have to [askthepastor@spcgreenville.org](mailto:askthepastor@spcgreenville.org) by January 30. Dr. Phillips will hold an informative session on Wednesday, February 1, after Prayer Meeting.

## Evangelism Explosion

Would you like to learn how to be more effective in your Christian witness? An interest meeting for the Evangelism Explosion course will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 P.M. in the SPC Conference Room.



**Shut-in of the Week:** Wilma Cagle

**Missionary of the Week:** Missions Conference 1/27–29

**Expectant Mother:** Carrie Anne Joiner

**Births:** Anna Lynn Oldham (John & Michaela Oldham), December 16  
Lynne Grace Early (Jeffrey & Bethany Early), December 21  
Robert James Love (Patrick & Christina Love), December 31

**Deaths:** Pat Wheeler, December 4, 2022  
Kathryn Huber, December 9, 2022

## Members Suffering or Recovering

**Matthew Knox Barbier:** Almost oxygen free during the day; pray he would no longer need oxygen at night.

**Jeff Windt:** Pray for continued improvement in speech therapy for aphasia; pray for financial needs.

**Lee Early:** Nausea and fatigue from new oral chemo. Pray that treatment will be effective and side effects will diminish.

**Wilma Cagle & Welthy Senn:** Pray for improved health and eyesight issues.

**Barry Myers** is dealing with Meniere's Disease.

**Kirby Kee:** Pray for continued progress in building stamina and balance.

**John Griffin:** Progression of Parkinson's affecting mobility.

**Kye Zimmerman:** Pray for effective treatment and healing.

**Spencer Player** has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called ankylosing spondylitis (AS). Pray for effective treatment to slow the disease, for energy and ability to work, and for relief from pain.

**Isaac Maralit:** Praise God for improvement; pray for continued healing from Bell's palsy.

**Ashley Maralit:** Pray about legal issues regarding her father's estate.

**Joe Earle** is recovering at home after a mild heart attack.

**Bill Wheeler:** Remember Bill and his family in prayer as they grieve the loss of their wife and mother, Pat.

**Walton and Gray Families:** Remember these families in prayer as they mourn the death of their mother and grandmother, Sarah Walton.

**Sylvia Long:** Pray for the peace of God in Sylvia's heart as she mourns the death of her sister Gloria.

**Dot Dillard** is in Greenville Memorial for testing and recovery.

**Sharon Phillips** is experiencing lingering effects from her concussion.

**Judy Brigman** is recovering from spine surgery on Friday, January 13.

**Nancy Clay** is recovering from successful shoulder replacement surgery.

**Sharon Satterly** has severe kidney failure with complications from diabetes.

**MARY JONES** will be receiving iron infusions beginning Wednesday, January 25.

**VANDOODEWAARD FAMILY:** Bill's 10-year-old nephew, Owen (in Canada) died unexpectedly on January 12. Pray for the peace of God to fill the hearts of Bill, his sister, Jen Koopman, and their families.

## Friends and Family of Members

**Robbie Cearley** (Pat Shuford's nephew): Robbie has stage 4 cancer.

**Thomas Fletcher** (Jan Hu's father): Home under Hospice care.

**Tracy Fletcher** (Jan Hu's brother): Numerous health and spiritual concerns.

**Hussain Al-Rawi** (Monique's 81-year-old father): Pray for his salvation, stage four lung cancer has returned and he does not know the Lord.

**Scott Martindale** (David & Lynn Martindale's son in Switzerland): On a chemo regimen of pills for a year.

**Kent Martindale** (David & Lynn Martindale's son in Atlanta): Recovering from brain tumor surgery on January 17.

**BECKY GOODWYN** (daughter-in-law of Linda Kirk): In Hospice care.

**Charlton Clark** (grandson of Tony & Barnetta Stephens): With Ranger unit in the Middle East. Pray for physical/spiritual safety.

**Barbara Wagoner** (Steve Burch's sister-in-law) was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will undergo radiation treatment.

**Ben Stevens** (Amy Plourde's brother in Arizona): His cancer is worsening. Starting oral chemotherapy. Praise God for a local PCA church ministering to him.

New Prayer Items are in **ALL CAPS**.

**Search Committee:** Please pray for God's gracious provision as this committee looks to fill the full-time Assistant Minister position here at Second.

# Remember Daily in Prayer:

elders, *deacons*, *staff*, members, missionaries

## January/February

- 29 **Sunday:** *Jeremy Weaver*, Mike Chivers,  
Ben & Melanie Kappers, Utah  
Pray for our Sunday School Community Groups/Teachers.
- 30 **Monday:** *Luke Hoopes*, Jim Church,  
Albert & Jenny Kona, Albania  
Praise God for the Bible's direction to glorify/enjoy Him.
- 31 **Tuesday:** *Joseph Maralit*, Bonnie Church,  
Mark & Jane Kuo, Taiwan  
Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- 1 **Wednesday:** *Remington Siemen*, Allen Clark,  
Marc & Aline Mailloux, MTW-International  
Praise God for the only Redeemer of God's elect,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 **Thursday:** *Daniel Strevel*, Nancy Clay,  
Ethan & Laura McCarter, Northern Ireland  
Pray for those in the military who are far from home.
- 3 **Friday:** *Chuck Swope*, Bill Cross,  
Johannes & Aytan Müller, Berlin  
Remember to thank those who work in our kitchens.
- 4 **Saturday:** *Todd Walton*, Barbara Cross,  
Alonzo & Esther Ramirez, Peru  
Pray for fruitful Mission to Main opportunities.

**PRAYER GUIDELINES:** If you have a prayer request (you or church members' immediate family) that you would like to share with the Second Presbyterian Church family, notify the Church Office: [prayer@spcgreenville.org](mailto:prayer@spcgreenville.org) or call: 864.232.7621 ext. 1001 and leave a voice message. Provide specific information and understand that by sharing the item it will be the Church Office's practice to publish it in *The Intercessor* which will be used by members in prayer meetings. Church-wide prayer emails are sent out by the church office on an emergency basis for items related to our church membership.

# Pray for Sunday School Teachers

*2-year-olds*

*3-year-olds*

*4- and 5-year olds*

*Grades 1 & 2*

*Grades 3 & 4*

*Grades 5 & 6*

*Grades 7 & 8*

*Grades 9 to 12*

*College & Career*

*Acts Community*

*Chapel Community*

*Fellowship Community*

*Westminster Community*

Debbie Martin

Sue O'Brien

Cyndi Player

Toni Huff

Cassie Therrell

Jeremy Weaver

Buck Brown

Jeff Early

Jonathan Master

Kevin Mobley

Bob Anderson

Kirby Kee

Jason Korol

## Psalm 113:7-8

**[God] raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**


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**Office Hours:** Mon–Thur: 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Fri: 9 A.M. – Noon

## CHURCH Services

### SUNDAY:

Morning Worship 8:30/11:00 A.M.

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY:

Supper 5:30 P.M.

Missions Moment 6:45 P.M.

Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Adult Bible Study 7:15 P.M.

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