

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



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God's Wise Providences

In June 2023, The University of Michigan Aphasia Program posted this article on their website.

PART ONE

Jeff Windt served for four years as the Assistant Minister of Youth and Families at Second Presbyterian Church and two years as an intern before that.

Leading youth groups and bringing people together had always been a passion of Jeff's.



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Then, everything changed one night in June 2020. At 44 years old, Jeff had an acute ischemic stroke at home. Ischemic strokes are the most common type of stroke, accounting for nearly 90% of stroke incidents each year.

“I heard Jeff’s phone hit the bathroom floor with a smack,” said Mariah Windt, Jeff’s wife. “That was a bit alarming because it was a brand new phone he had purchased the day before.”

Mariah said Jeff had come home from work that evening and complained of having a headache. She asked him

what had happened with the phone, repeating the question when he didn’t respond. He just shook his head and said “I don’t know,” she recalled. “It was a little odd but I didn’t dwell on it.”

The family sat down and ate dinner together. During dinner, Jeff seemed to be acting normal. After dinner, while cleaning up, Mariah noticed Jeff pacing about the house. It was at this point that she started keeping more of an eye on his behavior.

“I was trying not to overreact about the strangeness of his behavior but at the same time I just felt that something was wrong,” she said.

It was then that a friend called Jeff on the phone.

“They were on speaker phone, and I couldn’t really hear the conversation but I did notice that the other person was talking, but Jeff wasn’t really responding back,” she said. When Jeff held his phone to hang up he dropped it in his lap and was having a hard time picking it back up. It was then I knew something was terribly wrong.”

Mariah went to their bedroom to

take a moment to think. She began to look up the symptoms of a stroke and realized Jeff definitely had some of the symptoms.

She asked herself, Why

would my husband be having a stroke? He was young. Perfectly healthy.

“In fact, he had just been to the doctor a couple of weeks before and had a clean checkup,” she said. “It seemed like the most far-off thing that could be happening BUT he still had a lot of the symptoms.”

Mariah went back to the kitchen and found Jeff sitting at the dining room table. She went up and asked him what was wrong and for him to say something to her but he just stared at her. “I could see in his eyes that he wanted to say something, but he just couldn’t,” she said.

She then told him she was going to call 911.

Spot a Stroke: 6 Common Signs
If you suspect you or someone else is having a stroke, remember to...

B Balance: Loss of balance with onset of headache or feeling dizzy.	E Eyes: Blurred vision, and slight problems combined with other symptoms.	F Face: One side of the face is drooping or can't be controlled.	A Arms: Arms are numb or weakened. Same for legs.	S Speech: Difficulty in speech, like slurring repeating phrases or an inability to speak.	T Time: Getting care quickly can make a world of difference. Call 9-1-1 or go directly to the ER.
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Stroke is the leading cause of the communication disorder aphasia, which affects more than 2 million people in North America, with more than 150,000 new cases each year. The University of Michigan Aphasia Program (UMAP) focuses on helping people with aphasia find their voice again. See: maria.umich.edu/umap or call (734) 764-9440 for more information.

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Ben & Melanie Kappers



Pastor Ben Kappers is a native of Hingham, Wisconsin and is married to his wife of fourteen years, Melanie. Pastor Ben and Melanie have six children: Caleb, Grace, Anna, Drew, Luke, and Elizabeth. Melanie is from South Holland, Illinois; she plays the piano and organ and homeschools their children.

Pastor Ben is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS (M. Div.) and Orlando, FL (D.Min.). Ordained in 2011, He has twelve years of senior pastor experience serving churches both in the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church in America. His call with All Saints is as an evangelist to Southwest Utah under the oversight of the Northern California Presbytery of the PCA.

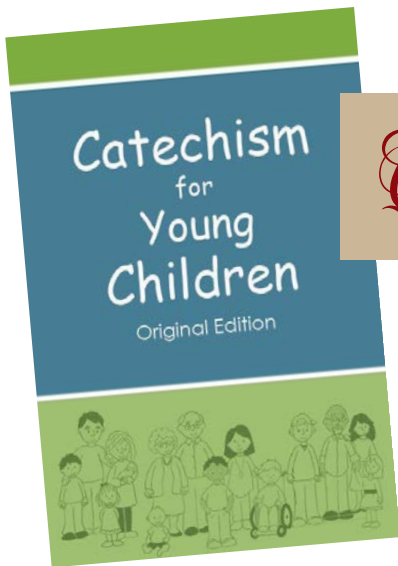
All Saints celebrated its first birthday on August 7, 2023! ♦

Fun Facts

Utah is the second-driest state in the U.S. after Nevada.

The Cleveland-Lloyd quarry in Emery County has yielded more than 600 different species of dinosaur finds—some uniquely found nowhere else on earth!

Salt Lake City has the highest number of plastic surgeons per capita in the U.S.



Question 66:

How is Christ a prophet?

Answer:

Because he teaches us
the will of God.

Peter said:

***But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets,
that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.*** Acts 3:18

The Apostle Peter describes Jesus as fulfilling the office of a prophet. Sometimes we only think of a prophet as someone who tells people what the future holds, but really a prophet is someone who tells us about God. They have a special message from God for His people. There are no more prophets. Do you know why? Jesus was, and is, the perfect prophet. He has told us everything we need to know about God. ♦



From the Lips of Little Ones, Jeff Kingswood



at the corner of

River & Rhett

Covenant Baptisms

Sunday, February 4, 2024



Susanna Jane Shiou & Gabriella Sue Shiou,
daughters of Tim & Megan



Charlotte Rose Gamble,
daughter of Jacob & Carrie



February Birthdays

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Alex Strickland

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Ashley Dodson, Lloyd Wright

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Kirby Kee, Stan Woodward

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Mike Dillard, Serge Pomerlyan

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Ryan Szrama

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Mamie Riggins, Cassie Therrell

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Madison Davis, Rich Moran, Nick Thompson

This Week

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey M. Early
I WILL AVENGE
Joel 3:1-21

EVENING SERMON

Rev. Brendon J. Branigin
BY AWESOME DEEDS YOU ANSWER
1 Kings 18:41-46

Sunday, February 11

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:00 A.M. Membership Class (*Room C-209*)
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP
- 7:30 P.M. Worship and Music Committee (*Conference Room*)

Monday, February 12

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 9:30 A.M. Rafiki Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 P.M. Session Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Tuesday, February 13

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Circle 3 (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 1:30 P.M. WIC Circle 5 (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 7:00 P.M. WIC Circle 2 (*Looper Home*)
- 7:00 P.M. WIC Circle 4 (*Martin Home*)

Wednesday, February 14

- 5:30 P.M. Missions Committee (*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. SPORTS Moment (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. WIC Circle 1 (*Conference Room*)
- 7:00 P.M. CAT Kids (Ages 3-Grade 4); Covenant Kids (Grades 5-8)
- 7:00 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 16

- 9:00 A.M. Raising Up Mothers (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon and Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 1:30 P.M. Mission to Main

Saturday, February 17

- 10:30 A.M. Rachel Enggasser Bridal Shower (*Fellowship Hall*)

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

- February 14** Sports Recognition Night
- February 18** Usher Training
- February 18** The Lord's Supper in the Evening Service
- February 21** Peru Summer Mission Team Interest Meeting
- February 22** Precepts Bible Study Begins
- March 13** Ask the Pastor (after Prayer Meeting)
- March 31** Easter Sunrise Service

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When he didn't say anything back to protest she knew something was definitely wrong.

The paramedics arrived and began evaluating Jeff. His blood pressure was extremely high and he had trouble answering their questions.

The EMTs prepped Jeff to go to the hospital and Mariah hugged him and told him they would figure out what was going on.

Mariah was unable to go and be with Jeff at the hospital due to the COVID-19 restrictions that had been put in place.

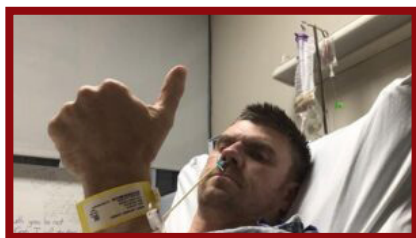
Jeff remained in the hospital for 14 days. The family relied on their faith heavily during those two weeks, many nights signing off Facetime calls with prayer and song, Mariah said.

On July 1, 2020, a speech therapist talked to Mariah and Jeff about the conditions Jeff developed after his stroke, and these included aphasia, hemiparesis, and apraxia. This was Mariah's first time learning of the conditions and how they would affect her husband.

On July 3, 2020, Jeff was moved to the Roger C. Peace rehab facility, where he would remain

for 25 days, completing extensive therapy sessions, six days a week. Because of visiting restrictions related to COVID-19, it was a few weeks before Mariah was eventually able to start attending some of Jeff's sessions in-person.

While at the rehab facility, it was confirmed that Jeff had Broca's Aphasia and acquired apraxia.



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“One of his therapists made a very good synopsis, describing someone’s brain before aphasia being a neatly categorized file box but after a stroke, everything gets thrown about and put back in,” Mariah said. “The retrieval part of words that Jeff is trying to communicate is being thwarted.”

“It wasn’t until towards the end of his therapy there that we realized, other than miraculous intervention, Jeff would never be able to preach again. This was very hard to wrap our minds around,” shared Mariah.

Broca’s Aphasia is a form of aphasia is known as non-fluent or expressive aphasia, according to the National

Aphasia Association. People with this type of aphasia can communicate with simple grammatical sentences, but finding the right word or word-sound can be difficult.

Acquired Apraxia of Speech (AOS) is a speech disorder that affects the muscles used in saying words. People with AOS often have trouble saying what they are thinking, as the brain pathways involved struggle to plan and produce the right speech sounds, according to the National Institute of Health. ♦

Look for the continuation of this article in the next edition of *The West End Herald*.

From Mariah:

One very important thing I want you all to know is that even with these disorders, they have not affected Jeff’s intelligence. He can understand everything that you tell him; he just has a hard time responding back.

Since his stroke, Jeff has a lighthearted and optimistic attitude and outlook for the future. This is a huge answer to prayer. From the very beginning I have been asking for prayer specifically for his overall state of mind so that he would have the drive to face recovery. My prayers have been answered in a way I never thought possible. This is truly super-natural.

We are so grateful to all of you who have reached out to him in person as well as texting, writing, and FaceTime. Keep it coming! There is very compelling evidence that shows social interaction is a crucial factor in a person’s recovery from a stroke. The more interaction he has, the more his communication skills will improve.

This is where you can help. Come up and talk to us, come by for a visit, or send Jeff a text. These are all ways you can give Jeff the support and encouragement that he needs.



When talking to him in person just talk to him how you normally would. He will respond back the best way he can. I am there with him so I will help out here and there if I need to.

Jeff is able to text more words than he can say. Sometimes he is able to get the right words out but sometimes not. He’s not going to make any progress if he doesn’t have an opportunity to try. He loves to hear from his friends. It doesn’t even have to be an open ended conversation. You can just text him about what’s going on in your life.

Talk to Jeff about the things you normally would. Another wonderful thing about the change in his personality is that he doesn’t get easily frustrated in his attempts to communicate back. Please don’t refrain from reaching out because you aren’t sure how to approach us or you’re afraid you might say some-thing wrong. We’ve never done this before either! You’re in good company!

Many thank to those of you who have been so faithful in reaching out to us in any way that you can. It means more than you know.

Announcements

Spring Membership Class

This no-obligation class began on February 4 and will continue for eight weeks. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beliefs or joining our church. Gather with Dr. Richard Phillips as we explore together what makes us uniquely PCA. **Register: spcgreenville.org/signup**

- ◆ The “Solas” of the Reformation
- ◆ The Doctrines of Grace
- ◆ Law and the Gospel
- ◆ Membership Vows
- ◆ Covenant Theology
- ◆ Reformed Worship (*Membership Interviews*)
- ◆ Church History with RE Melton Duncan (*Membership Interviews*)

**Welcome Luncheon &
Reception for New Members**

April 7, 2024

Ladies Precepts Bible Study

Precepts Bible Study of the Psalms begins February 22 from 9:30–11:30 A.M. in the conference room at the church and will continue each Thursday through April 25. If you plan to attend, please text Mary Settle by February 29 because books will need to be ordered.

Bridal Shower

All ladies and daughters are invited to a bridal shower for Rachel Enggasser on Saturday, February 17, at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Rachel is registered at TheKnot.com.

WIC Spring Retreat

Registration is now open for the Women in the Church (WIC) Spring Retreat at Bonclarken in Flat Rock, NC. Dates are March 8–9, Friday evening through Saturday early afternoon. The cost is \$75, and the deadline for registration is February 22. The cost for Saturday only (includes two meals) is \$50. Register at spcgreenville.org/signup.

Peru Summer Mission Team

An interest meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, at 5:30 P.M. in the Conference Room.

Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for our Sunday services this year, please contact Judy Bishop. She maintains a weekly schedule of our flower providers and will work with you in planning the arrangement you desire.

New Covenant Children

February 3: Claire Grace Plourde (Garison & Amy)

February 5: Charlotte Anne Thompson (Nick & Prarie)

Congratulations to these two families!

Communicants Class

Second Presbyterian Church will be offering a communicants class for children who are ready to become communing members of SPC upon their own profession of faith in the Lord Jesus. The class will meet Sunday evenings beginning February 18 from 5:00–5:45 P.M. immediately before the evening worship service. It will be taught by RE Dr. Kevin Mobley and Rev. Jeffrey Early. The class is six weeks long and will focus on questions such as who is Jesus, what is a Christian, and what does it mean to be a communing church member. There is no age requirement but standard age for this class is late elementary school through middle school. If you have any additional questions please contact Dr. Mobley or Rev. Early.

Can You Help?

Wednesday Night meals are a staple of Second's fellowship and require volunteers to serve and clean up afterwards. Right now, we are very low on volunteers and only at a 2- or 3-week rotation. Sports and Fellowship needs another 6 servers and 6 dishwashers to get us to a 6-week rotation so that those who volunteer are still able to enjoy fellowship around the table on their off-weeks. If you are able to help with either position, please contact Tim Johnson or Sean McGaughran.

Ushers are needed to help during Sunday Worship services, and male members of the church are encouraged to participate. Usher Training, for current and prospective ushers, will be held in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour on February 18th. If you are interested, please contact Luke Hoopes and attend the training. Male minors 14 and up are welcome to usher, but we request a parent participate in the training.