

# The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



## Raising Kids to Love the Nations



## Part 2

Last week's article began with these two points:

Tell them the whole story of Scripture.

Pray for them and with them.

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## Introduce real faces and stories.

My kids' love for the particular people group we're serving started with friendship. It took just one friend or two in each of their lives. Even my four-year-old has come a long way since the days of unloving declarations. She probably could not explain what it means to love the nations, but she can tell you that she loves Gem (a local friend whose name has been changed). Now, instead of shutting doors against the local culture, she asks to knock on Gem's door to play.

Many of you do not need to travel far to meet those whose lives and cultures are vastly different from yours. Some of you even go to church with them. Even if not, many of God's people began to love the nations by reading books or missionary stories. Hudson Taylor's father was "deeply stirred about the spiritual state of China" after reading several books, especially one about the travels of a certain Captain Basil Hall.

Start with just one nation (or a few), and teach your kids who they are. Wonder with them over

a map. You could try different foods with them until they find ones they like, or give to the work of the gospel and relief efforts in specific nations. Teach them to give generously, even if it is small, and their hearts might just follow where they've put their treasure.

## Teach them negative examples too.

Wise parents study the false narratives and negative examples that actively compete for our kids' hearts. Do their extended family, cultural history, and society tell them that some ethnicities are friends and others are enemies? Are they learning to look upon some cultures with suspicion and others with favor? As our children look to us, are we perpetuating any lie or hate in our lives with our words or actions?

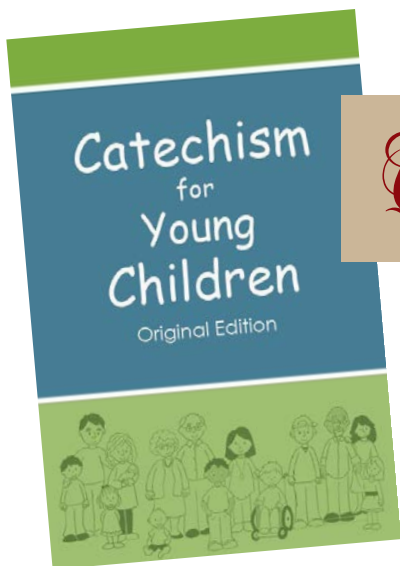
Our enemy of old loves to sow hatred and pit the nations against God and one another. Examples of hate will be plentiful, so our kids must be taught that our adversary is not flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). Satan wants the nations to fear and consume one another, but we remind

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## *José & Yessenia Barriga*



José and Yessenia moved from Wichanao, Peru last August so José could begin his studies at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Many challenges faced this young couple as they have had to learn English, get drivers' licenses, adjust to a new culture, and leave the comfort of home and family in Peru. Pray for José and Yessenia as they prepare to return to Peru after graduation in several years to work with Peru Mission. ♦



## Question 76:

What is the sum of the ten commandments?

## Answer:

To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

*Jesus said:*

***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . and your neighbor as yourself .*** Matthew 22:37, 39

The Ten Commandments are not just a list of rules to keep. They can be summed up in one word: LOVE.

**If we love God,** we will worship only Him and no other gods.  
We will worship God in the right way.  
We will speak of God with reverence.  
We will set aside Sunday as God's holy day.

**If we love others,** we will honor those in leadership.  
We will seek to protect and preserve life.  
We will keep the promises we have made.  
We will not take what belongs to others.  
We will speak kindly and truthfully.  
We will be satisfied with what God provides.

The greatest thing we can do is to love God and to love others. ♦



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# River & Rhett

## Baptisms

April 14, 2024



*Edward Hudson Kinnear*



*Kamaya Brooklyn Kirksey, Ava Grace O'Donald, Jaxon Kamuel Seawright*



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**Karen Gray**

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**Heinrich DuBose-Schmitt Sr., Jimmy Looper,  
Owen Senn**

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**Lindsay Duncan, Andrew Reese, Brian Welch**

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**Bobbie Anderson, Millie Pratt**

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**Jenel Babb, Hilary Caldwell, Jonathan Phillips,  
Ellie Renfrow, Jamieson Sauer, Kathy Whigham**

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**Kamaya Kirksey, Bruce Ostrom**

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**Carlson Clelland, Randolph Johnson,  
Pam Phillips, Jon Waterholter**

# This Week

## MORNING SERMON

*Dr. Richard D. Phillips*

IN JESUS' NAME

Mark 9:38-50

## EVENING SERMON

*Rev. Jeffrey M. Early*

PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD

Amos 4:1-13

## Sunday, April 21

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:00 P.M. Missionary Prayer Band (*Chapel*)
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP

## Monday, April 22

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

## Tuesday, April 23

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 7:00 P.M. WIC Circle 4 (*L. Martin Home*)

## Wednesday, April 24

- 5:30 P.M. Christian Education 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. Missions Moment (*Gym*)
- 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

## Thursday, April 25

- 9:00 A.M. Calvary Presbytery (*Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church*)
- 9:30 A.M. Precepts Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
- 4:00 P.M. Media Committee

## Friday, April 26

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

## Saturday, April 27

- 10:00 A.M. Sr. High Girls Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sr. High Boys Bible Study (*Youth Hut*)

# Upcoming Events

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

- April 21** The Lord's Supper in the Evening Service
- April 25** Calvary Presbytery (Woodruff Road)
- May 3** Building Banquet
- May 8** Graduation Banquet
- May 15** CAT Kids Program

our children that no nation or person can take away our treasure, heritage, or lasting city, and that God means to have a family from every people group on earth. The cross levels every barrier and boundary between us. God “made from one man every nation of mankind” (Acts 17:26), so we do not deride the language, music, customs, foods, or dress of other cultures.

Like us, our children will sin, make mistakes, and fail to love the nations. In those moments, we can show them how to confess sin and seek reconciliation, because God the Father understands and accepts the prayer of the repentant in whatever language (even English).

## Invite other believers into their lives.

Our children will learn a lot from the words and lives of people outside their immediate family. Especially while they are young, we can create good opportunities by sharing our family life with other believers.

Long before we moved overseas, through the blessings of church family, our kids enjoyed the friendship of “aunts” and “uncles” who looked, talked, and ate differently from us. They heard faithful pastors and teachers exposit every part of Scripture. They saw the body of Christ praying for the nations and giving sacrificially. They heard uncomfortable but good conversations about how we

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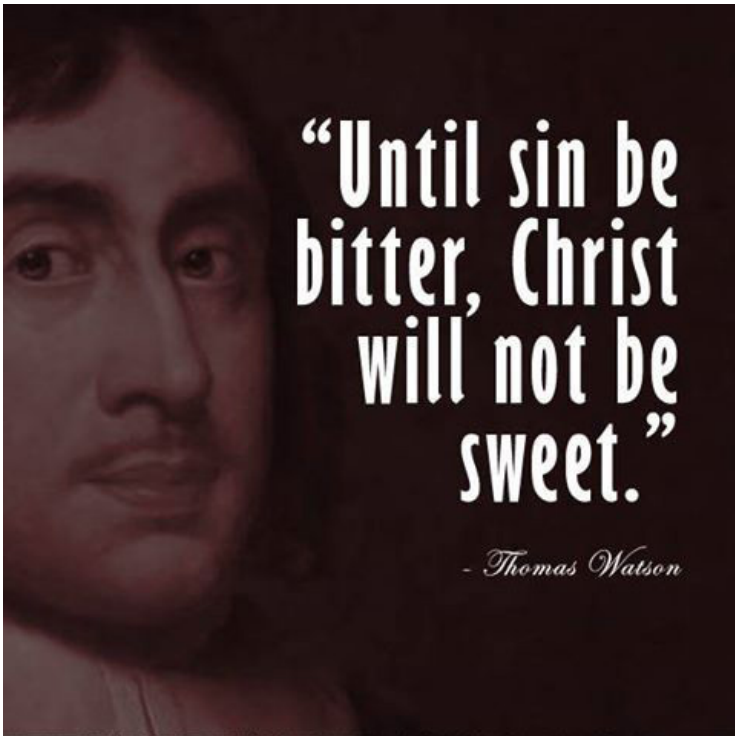


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as a church of various cultures could give preference to one another. They observed God's people expressing love for the nations in ways as different and unique as they were. In our little church, they saw a foreshadowing of the kingdom to come, those ransomed by the blood of the Lamb "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9–10).

As our kids grow up, the responsibility to love the nations will belong to them. For now, though, we can show them the good way and urge them to walk in it, trusting the God who loves the nations to work what is pleasing in and through our children. ♦

Kim is a wife, mother, and writer. Further information is being withheld to allow for ministry among unreached peoples.



# Announcements

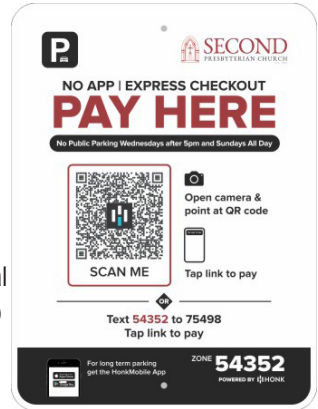
## Graduates!

If someone in your family is graduating from high school, technical school, college, or university, please contact the church office so we can prepare for our Graduation Banquet on Wednesday, May 8.

## Parking Lot Changes

Second Presbyterian Church is implementing a public pay parking option for weekday, evening, and Saturday parking. Going forward, the parking lot will be regularly checked for illegal parkers and parking notices will be issued. Second Presbyterian members will still be able to park for free at any time. Please note the following about parking at Second Presbyterian:

- On Wednesday evenings and all day Sundays—park anywhere
- During the week, please be sure to have your Second Pres parking window sticker or rear-view mirror hang tag visible
- During the week, please park in the area reserved for church members, marked with signs
- If you receive a parking notice, please contact Nate Johnson (njohnson@spcgreenville.org) for the charge to be voided
- If you are member of Second Pres and need a new/additional parking sticker or hang tag, go to [spcgreenville.org/signup](http://spcgreenville.org/signup) to request one



## A Time To Build Motions

The Building Campaign Committee recommended the following to the Session & Diaconate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville for approval on April 7, 2024 (both unanimously adopted):

**to authorize the Committee to plan and host the May 3, 2024 Banquet; A Time to Build in the SPC Gymnasium—presenting the building plan to the congregation,**

May 3, 2024 Banquet; *A Time to Build*

Dr. Richard Phillips, Speaker

LS3P, Architects—Trehel Construction, Builder

Ron Babington, Financial Information

Melton Duncan, Campaign Chairman/Emcee

**Committee Membership:** John Atwood-Ron Babington-Joel Barnett-Melton Duncan-Tyler Hughes-Nate Johnson-Helen Kee-Phil Larson-Bobby Mann-Jill Mann-Johnny Mann-Leslie Martin-Kevin Mobley-Richard Phillips-Todd Walton-Jeremy Weaver

## Christianity Explored

The missions and evangelism team is hoping to lead an in-house training for church members to become prepared in leading the evangelism program Christianity Explored. The 8-week program can be utilized in a large group setting, an in-home setting, or one-on-one. We would like to equip our members with confidence and tools to evangelize friends and family in a more organized setting. If you are interested in participating in this training, please contact Gerilyn McGaughran.

## New Hires

Three people have recently been hired to begin ministry here on May 1.

Ministerial Intern



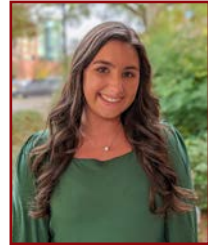
Mr. Josh Lyon will work with youth.

Missions Fellow



Mr. Vitor Cortial will work with missions.

Summer Youth Intern



Miss Caroline Mobley will work this summer with youth.

## Missionary Prayer Band

Come a little earlier on Sunday night, April 21, and meet in the Chapel at 5:00 P.M. to hear updates about our missionaries and uphold them in prayer before the throne of grace.