


The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



graduation ENCOURAGEMENTS



Dr. William
VanDoodewaard,
professor at
Greenville Presbyterian Theological
Seminary (Taylors) challenged our
2024 graduates at the annual Graduation
Banquet on Wednesday, May 8.

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Whether you are a long-ago graduate or anywhere in-between, these encouragements are a challenge to us all. ♦

■ **Remember Your Creator**

Marvel at God's awesome works. Colossians 1:16

■ **Be Realistic about and Alert to Your Sin**

Understand what's wrong within you. Romans 1:21

■ **Know and Stay Close to Your Redeemer**

Jesus Christ is our only hope in this life and the next. Romans 7:24–25

■ **Be a Man or Woman of the Word and Prayer**

Cultivate a relationship with the Living God. Psalm 1:2

■ **Make the Most of Opportunities to Worship God**

Receive rest, orientation, and re-direction in worship. Psalm 63:1–2

■ **Make a Faithful Church the Priority in Deciding Any Move**

Be in a place where you are held accountable. Hebrews 10:25

■ **Build Friendships with Strong Christians, Don't Be Unequally Yoked**

Be wise in your relationships. 2 Corinthians 6:14

■ **Delight in True Beauty and Wisdom**

Even in a broken world, realize what God has made beautiful. Proverbs 8:11

■ **Enjoy God's Good Gifts with Gratitude to Him**

Godliness with contentment is great gain. James 1:17

■ **Make the Most of Living Your Days for God's Glory**

Seize your calling with determination. 1 Corinthians 10:31

EMMANUEL UPSTATE

Missionary of the Week

Emmanuel Upstate is a reformed, bilingual and multi-ethnic church in the upstate of South Carolina, established for the glory of God. They have Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and a

Bilingual Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. They are located at 1100 Piedmont Park Road in Taylors, down the street from Paris Elementary School and Sevier Middle School. Below is a recent update:

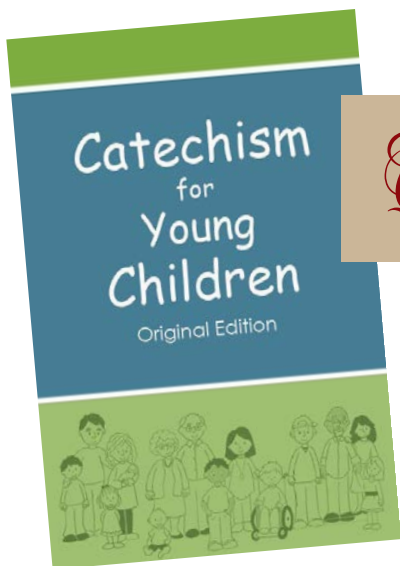


Praises

- 1 We were able to recently elect elders and deacons that will be ordained in August of 2024.
- 2 We are preparing to present our particularization petition on July 27 to Calvary Presbytery.
- 3 We have many upcoming summer activities aimed at fellowship, outreach, and education of the surrounding community and membership.
- 4 We recently cleaned out the parking lot creating more space.
- 5 We have added an additional Sunday School class for both the adults and children.
- 6 We are thankful to witness more members using their gifts in discipleship.

Prayer Requests

- 1 One of the nominated deacons, Alex Diaz, has been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer and is undergoing treatment. As a beloved member of our congregation, this diagnosis has greatly affected our membership.
- 2 We have a tree that fell in the back yard during a recent storm which needs to be removed and the area cleaned. This has caused some hard feelings among our neighbors and we'd appreciate prayers that both the clean up will be scheduled quickly and relational issues with our neighbors resolved. ♦



Question 80:

What is the first commandment?

Answer:

The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment Matthew 22:37-38

There is only one God. Nothing and no one in the whole world is like God. He alone deserves our worship. But because we are sinful and rebellious, we make other gods for ourselves. So the very first commandment God gave tells us plainly not to have other gods.

Many people choose to serve other gods. They live to make money and have nice things or they live to have power or to have pleasure. They think they are doing what will make them happy, but they will finally discover that these things cannot satisfy them. God did not create people for these things. He created us to know and love Him. ◆

from *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds*, Starr Meade



at the corner of

River & Rhett

Graduation Banquet

May 8, 2024



left to right: Anya Barringer, Hanniel Bombaro, Fitz King III, Mary Grace Mobley, Charity Nguyen, Reese Scoggins, Ross Martin

not pictured:



Nate Johnson Jr.

Jake Korol

Rose Branigin

Caroline Master

Dale Hagwood

I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.

Psalm 139:14

- 19** MARY DUNCAN, CALEB NGUYEN, LIZ NOWAK,
FAITH RAPER, DUSTIN WALDSCHMIDT
- 20** MARSHA BRIGGS, CLAIRE BROWN, TIM OWENS
- 21** MATT BARBIER
- 23** SUSANNAH FARR
- 24** ELIANA BARBIER
- 25** HUGH BENNER, EDWARD ENGGASSER,
LYDIA PHILLIPS



MAY
Birthdays

This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

LET THE CHILDREN COME
Mark 10:13–14

EVENING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

WHAT'S KEEPING YOU?
Acts 8:26–40

Sunday, May 19

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

Monday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 22

- 5:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER (*Gym*)
- 6:30 P.M. Covenant Choir (Grades 1–6)
- 6:45 P.M. Hope Choir (Ages 4–6)
- 6:45 P.M. Missions Moment (*Gym*)
- 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, May 23

- 4:00 P.M. Media Committee


Friday, May 24

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon/Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 1:30 P.M. Mission to Main

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

- May 19** The Lord's Supper in the Morning Services
- May 19** Missionary Prayer Band
- May 22** Summer Children's Choir Begins
- May 26** Ice Cream Social (after Evening Service)
- May 29** WIC Summer Bible Study begins
- June 2** All-Adult Summer Sunday School Begins
- June 10-14** PCA General Assembly (Johnson City, TN)
- June 24-29** Sr. High Conference (Pawleys Island, SC)
- July 4** Church Picnic
- July 8-12** Vacation Bible School
- July 22-26** Jr. High Conference (Ridge Haven, NC)



*Sunday Evenings
In the Chapel
5:30 P.M.*

The Heart of Christ

Thomas Goodwin

Foreword by Michael Reeves



Beginning Sunday, June 2
(10:00 A.M. in Gymnasium)

**Books available
for purchase at
Church Bookstore (\$5)**

All-Adult **SUMMER** **Sunday School**

Announcements

Summer Children's Choir

From our Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker:

On Wednesday evening, May 22, the Summer Children's Choir schedule will begin with music making and training opportunities for the children of SPC. Our children in grades 1–6 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M., and ages 4–6 will meet from 6:45 to 8:00 P.M. As the name suggests, the main purpose of these groups will be the training and practice of singing together songs of faith in the praises of our Lord. *Note:* these age categories will be consistent with our Sunday School age divisions with class promotions being held at the beginning of the new term in the fall of 2024. We look forward to seeing your covenant children next week!

Ask the Pastor

Due to scheduling conflicts, Ask the Pastor will resume in the Fall.

Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Hannah Perry on Saturday, June 1. Hannah is engaged to marry Ross Martin on August 24. The shower will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Hannah is registered at theknot.com.

WIC Summer Bible Study

All ladies are invited for a time of study, discussion, and intergenerational fellowship. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up on the church website by May 15 to help with planning.

May 29–August 7 Wednesdays 6:45–8:00 P.M.

The Lord of Psalm 23 book is available in the church bookstore for \$12.

This book is recommended, but not required.

Open Gym Night for Men

All men (high school and up) are invited for a night of fun and fellowship on Thursday, May 23, from 7:00–9:00 P.M. in the Gym. See Kevin Mobley for more details.

Usher Training

Two more Usher training days are scheduled during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary on May 26 and June 2 (material will be repeated, so showing up once will suffice). No need to RSVP, but please attend!

We welcome any new ushers or those interested to show up and learn about serving in this way. No commitment is required, and you can wait to sign up at the training or after. We can set preferences for fathers to serve with their sons, so we welcome pairs/groups!

If you know in advance that you wish to serve as an usher, or are the parent of a 14+-year-old minor who will serve, please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/8GoxjsTFxCnDLk7V9>

You can also fill it out once you've attended the training.

Please contact Luke Hoopes for more information.

Graduation Banquet Awards

Annually, two plaques are awarded to deserving young people at the Graduation Banquet. On Wednesday, May 8, these awards were presented:

The Orders Award has been given out for many years in honor of beloved former member James B. Orders, Ruling Elder and a teacher in this congregation, known for his love of personal evangelism and discipling men.

Recipient: Nathaniel Allan Johnson Jr.

The Elrod Award has been given out for many years in honor of beloved former member J. Henry Elrod, Ruling Elder and a teacher in this congregation known for his love of serving others and facilitating student ministry.

Recipient: Anya Laudet Barringer



Anya Laudet Barringer



Nathaniel Allan Johnson Jr.