

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



Mark Kuo *Taiwan Update*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are deeply grateful to begin this new year with your continued prayers and support!



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Thank you for praying for our Christmas events. On the Sunday before Christmas, our church participated in caroling. One memorable moment was visiting the house of our neighbors, an old couple in their late eighties. We had to pass by their idol shrine, a quite common feature in the houses of unbelievers in Taiwan, before entering their living room to carol. They warmly welcomed us and were happy about our visit and caroling.



Two of Anna's classmates and their families came to our house for lunch and activities. Several church members graciously came to help. Mark led everyone to sing hymns while presenting the gospel. Please pray that God would use these activities to open more gospel conversations and bring unbelievers to Christ.

This past month, our church has experienced multiple conflicts, involving not only adults but also children. Many were due to misunderstandings and a lack of communication. It's common for people to avoid direct communication, harbor bitterness, and even leave the church as a result. In one sad case, a couple stopped coming to our church.

We recognize how easily the devil can use misunderstandings and bitterness to disturb the peace and unity of the church. Please pray for the peace and unity of our church. Pray that people would learn to be quick to listen and slow to speak, to be charitable in judgments, and to forgive and cover one another's sins in love. Pray that those who left would soon return.

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RAFIKI FOUNDATION



Rafiki means “friend” in Swahili and depicts the purpose of the Foundation—to help people know God and raise their standard of living.

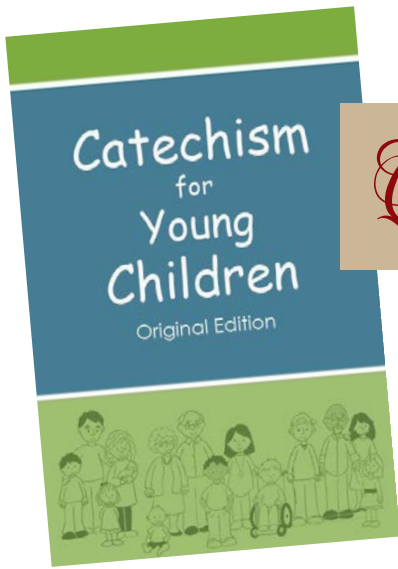
The vision of the Rafiki Foundation is to cultivate a multitude of godly contributors in ten African countries.

To accomplish this, Rafiki established ten Rafiki Training Villages within the African countries of Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, and Ethiopia. These Villages provide living and educational facilities through Rafiki’s six programs: Bible Study, Education, Teacher Training, Orphan Care, Outreach, and Widows.



Rafiki’s strategy is to equip Africans to cultivate a multitude of godly contributors by: caring for and educating orphans, providing Bible study and Classical Christian education to the African church, giving help to widows, and equipping thousands of church schools with high quality education and well trained teachers. ♦





Question 116:

What is the fourth petition?

Answer:

“Give us this day
our daily bread.”

When we pray for our daily bread, we are not asking for bread only. “Our daily bread” means any of the things that we need to live. It includes all our food, our water, our clothing, and our shelter. This is the only one of all the requests in the Lord’s Prayer that asks for things for our bodies. All the other requests are concerned with spiritual things. Because there is only one request concerning things for our bodies, we see that our prayers should be concerned mostly with spiritual things. Still, since there is this request for physical things, we see that these things matter to God. In His goodness, He gives us what we need for our bodies. ♦



from *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds*, Starr Meade

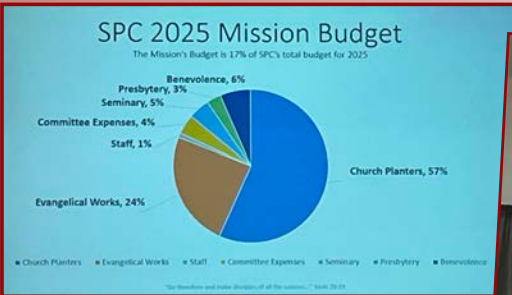


at the corner of

River & Rhett

Missions Conference

January 24-26





- 2 Andrea Martindale, Rory Moss, Brie Waldschmidt
- 3 Jill Mann
- 4 Alan Farley, Joe Little, Mark Strickland
- 5 Josh Cancino, David Farr, Steve Moore
- 6 David Burman, Dale Hagwood, Andrew McGaughran,
Katie Preston
- 7 Kevin Phillips

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Mark has been teaching a new round of membership classes for the Lin family whom you've been faithfully praying for. It's encouraging to see their eagerness to learn and grow. Even the children asked good questions. Please continue to pray for their spiritual growth.

We will soon be counseling a Christian couple. With young children, they have been separated for months. They both feel deeply hurt by each other. Thankfully, they both trust us and are willing to talk openly with us. We are in desperate need of wisdom from God. Please pray that nothing would hinder our meeting. Pray that we would speak truth in love with faithfulness, wisdom, and compassion. Pray that they would respond to challenges in their marriage with faith and repentance. Pray for God's protection over their children. Pray that God would glorify Himself by restoring their marriage.

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This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

THY KINGDOM COME

Daniel 1:1-7

EVENING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

THE GODS HAVE COME!

Acts 14:1-28

Sunday, February 2

- 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
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

- 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 (*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

Friday, February 7

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon and Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 1:30 P.M. Mission to Main
- 6:00 P.M. Friday Night Alive (*Pastor Phillips' Home*)

Saturday, February 8

- 10:00 A.M. Ladies Prayer Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

February 7	Friday Night Alive
February 8	WIC Prayer Breakfast
February 9	Membership Class Begins
February 9	Baptism Sunday
February 10	Diaconate Meeting
February 10	Session Meeting
February 12	Sports Moment
March 7-8	WIC Ladies Conference

NEVER ENOUGH



PLACE:
Second Presbyterian Church

COST: \$25
Dinner Friday night/Lunch Saturday

SPEAKER: Sarah Ivill
Author, Bible Scholar, Teacher

TOPIC: Never Enough
Confronting Lies about Appearance and
Achievement with Gospel Hope

REGISTRATION:
spcgreenville.org/signup

Deadline: February 14

For Ladies High School and Above
No Nursery Provided
Nursing babies welcome
For more information, contact Susan Harmon

Ladies Spring Conference
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 7-8, 2025

Announcements

Sunday Flowers Roster

We are creating our flower roster for 2025. Below are some open dates. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for one of these open dates, please contact Judy Bishop.

March 9	June 1, 29	October 12
May 4, 18	August 3, 31	November 2, 16, 30
	September 28	January 11, 18, 25 (2026)

Wednesday Night Meals

There has not been a price increase in many years, and with the higher food and labor costs, it has been determined to raise the Wednesday evening meals to these new amounts:

Type:	Current Rate:	New Rate:
Child	\$3	\$4
Adult	\$5	\$7
Family	\$18	\$25

This will go into effect on Wednesday February 5. Look for signs by the coffee table. You can pay online or a box is available for cash payments.

Friday Night Alive

All singles are invited to the Phillips Home for a meal, fellowship, and teaching time on Friday, February 7, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Please contact Sharon Phillips if you need a ride or have questions.

WIC Ladies Prayer Breakfast

This annual event will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 8, at 10:00 A.M. No sign up is needed. Food will be provided.

Wedding Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Charlotte Therrell on Saturday, February 15. We will meet at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Charlotte is registered at theknot.com.

Sports Moment

On Wednesday night, February 12, we will recognize the boys basketball team players. Special thanks to the coaches and players!

Backpack Blessings

Second Presbyterian has been privileged to host Good News Club at Augusta Circle Elementary School for more than 20 years. For the past few years we have also contributed to the Backpack Blessings program, providing food over the weekend for needy families. Traditionally, the need has not been as great as it is currently. The school has six children who participate, so if you wish to bring food to help, please leave it on the black covered table outside the gym door or contact Cyndi Player. Things like individual servings of pasta, mac and cheese, soup, oatmeal, fruit and granola bars are ideal for the children.



Membership Class

This no-obligation class meets for eight weeks. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beliefs or joining our church. Gather with others and our minister, Dr. Phillips, as we explore together our church distinctives.

Date: Sundays beginning February 9
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Room C-209
Teacher: Dr. Richard Phillips

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

March 30, April 6
Session Membership Interviews

April 13, 2025
Welcome Luncheon for New Members & Church Family

Register: spcgreenville.org/signup

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We seek to reach out to Anna's classmates. We've invited another classmate and her family to our house next week. Please pray that God would work in their hearts and give us wisdom to share the gospel with them.



As for our family, we recently celebrated the birthdays of Alaina (11) and Owen (7) with great joy. It's always a great delight to engage in conversations with our children about the things of God. Please pray that they would walk with the Lord faithfully and the younger ones would profess faith in Christ. On another note, Mark's dad recently had a lab result that came back slightly above the normal range. His doctor has recommended further testing to rule out the possibility of cancer. Please pray for his healing and conversion.

In Christ,
Mark & Jane, Alaina, Anna, Owen, Francis, Esther, and Jonathan

January, 24, 2025, Yilan County, Taiwan. ◆