

# The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

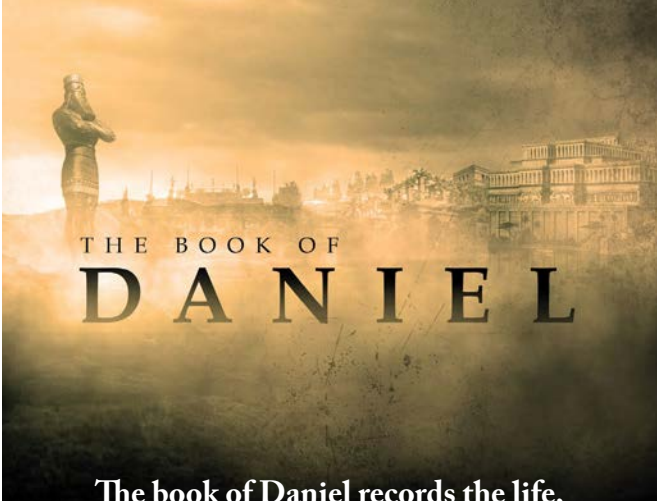


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## THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The book of Daniel records the life, ministry, and visions of the Old Testament prophet by the same name.

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In February, Dr. Phillips began to unpack the blessed truths of this book and its theme—the glorious reign and rule of the Sovereign and all-powerful Christ.

Daniel 1 establishes a time frame for the prophet’s ministry. Based on the historical events described in verses 1 and 21, Daniel ministered from 605–539/538 BC. This makes him a contemporary of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, though Daniel’s ministry ended after theirs.

Daniel has endured more criticism than just about any other prophetic book. Although the events of the book and the way they are described indicate that it was written in the sixth century BC, Bible critics often date the book nearly four hundred years later. Antisupernaturalism tends to drive this conclusion. Since the nineteenth century, many “scholars” have denied either God’s existence or that He would intervene in history even if He did exist. Since Daniel 7–12 predicts with uncanny accuracy the rise of world powers such as Greece, which occurred long after Daniel’s ministry, many scholars dismiss the book as *vaticinium ex eventu*—prophecy written after the events it allegedly predicts.

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# COSTA RICA

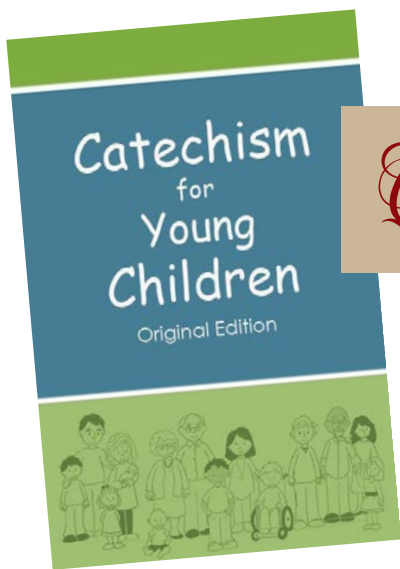
*Missionary of the Week*

## Mission Trip

From January 9–14, 2025, Sharon Phillips, Christian Trautner, Gerilyn McGaughan and Eugenia McKee visited our missionary partner, June Gallman, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

While in Costa Rica, they participated in two eyeglass clinics where they were able to distribute countless Spanish tracks and around 120 pair of eyeglasses to those in need. They spent time visiting with June in her home, exploring her local community and worshipping with her at her church. The experience emphasized the need for missions work in Costa Rica due to the stronghold the Catholic church has over the people and institutions within the country and for the unreached, rural communities outside San Jose. ♦





## Question 118:

What is the fifth petition?

## Answer:

“And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.”

*The Lord Jesus Christ said . . .*

***If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. Matthew 18:15***

If someone sins against you, are you to wait around for them to come to you and apologize? What does Jesus say you are to do? You are to go to them and try to set things straight. If that doesn't work, take someone with you and together see if you can resolve the issue. Notice that it is the person who has been hurt who needs to do these things. We can't sit around nursing our hurt feelings. We need to act according to the Word of God. ♦



*From the Lips of Little Ones, Jeff Kingswood*





at the corner of

*River & Rhett*

# **Baptism Sunday**

February 9, 2025



**William & Laura Fultz family**



**Rainey & Callie Hoopes family**

**We rejoice with these two families in the Covenant Baptism of their children.**



- 16 Cassie Therrell
- 17 Madison Davis, Rich Moran, Nick Thompson
- 19 Jesse Rine, Arlene Wright
- 20 Abby Cancino, Sophia Cancino, Dean Pennington
- 21 Evie Benner, Mac Duncan, Chris McKee,  
Stephen Schvaneveldt

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Relating some of Daniel’s material to what other not-always-reliable sources of ancient history describe is not always easy. Still, there is no real reason to date the book later than the sixth century BC apart from the unwarranted presupposition that God either does not exist or does not reveal His future plans. Though the book of Daniel was written in the sixth century BC, the prophet’s ministry began with his exile to Babylon in 605 BC after Nebuchadnezzar’s first incursion into Palestine (2 Kings 24:1a).

At first, Nebuchadnezzar’s success against Jerusalem left even the godliest person wondering whether Yahweh, the covenant Lord of Israel, had suffered a defeat. Daniel 1:2 answers that question, explaining that “the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into [Nebuchadnezzar’s] hand.” Jerusalem was not captured because God was too weak to protect it; rather, the enemy of Judah—

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# This Week

## MORNING SERMON

*Dr. Richard D. Phillips*

I HAD A DREAM

Daniel 2:1–23

## EVENING SERMON

*Rev. Brendon J. Branigin*

THE LORD WILL TAKE AWAY

2 Kings 2:1–14

## Sunday, February 16

- 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
- 5:00 P.M. Missionary Prayer Band (*Chapel*)
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP—*The Lord's Supper*

## Monday, February 17

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

## Tuesday, February 18

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Ladies Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 P.M. Lightbringers (*Fellowship Hall*)

## Wednesday, February 19

- 12:00 P.M. Winsome Widows (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 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)
- 6:30 P.M. Administration Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 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 21

- 9:15 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 22

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

# Upcoming Events

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

**February 16**

Communion in the Evening Service

**March 7-8**

WIC Ladies Conference

**March 9**

Daylight Saving Time Begins

**Praise God for the wonderful group of Singles/20s who meet at the Phillips home for Friday Night Alive!**



Preparation for the Lord's Supper on February 16:

**How does the Lord's Supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?**

Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him.

With this command he gave these promises:

**FIRST**, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

**SECOND**, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood.

*(Heidelberg Catechism)*



# Announcements

## **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.

## **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 designated table in the Gym breezeway or contact Cyndi Player. Individual servings of pasta, mac & cheese, soup, oatmeal, fruit, and granola bars are ideal for the children.

## **With Appreciation**

In 2015, the Widows Fund was established to help meet the needs of our Widowed members at Second. Though Mamie Riggins was not a widow, her situation was unique in that the members of Second were her family and the only support she had at that time in her life; therefore, she was the primary beneficiary of that fund until her recent death. The fund was made possible by contributions from our members above their regular tithes and offerings. Mamie would have been so grateful had she known of your faithful generosity. Your gifts to this fund made it possible for her to have the care she needed. Mamie did not know of your faithful giving on her behalf and she would not have understood because she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. Had she known of your generosity, she would have asked me to thank you, so for Mamie and from my heart and hers, THANK YOU.

**- Barnetta Stephens, POA for Mamie Riggins**

*The Session dissolved the widows fund at its January meeting, placing all remaining funds under the care of the Diaconate through the Sympathy & Service Committee. If you have questions please contact Session Finance Chairman, Ron McNeely.*

## **Basketball Night**

The last Tuesday night of every month, Sr. High youth and men are invited for basketball in the Church Gym from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. See Sean McGaughan for more information.

## Wednesday Night Meals

With higher food and labor costs, it has been determined to raise the Wednesday evening meals to these new amounts:

Child	\$4
Adult	\$7
Family	\$25

This went 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.

# 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)

Updated

**March 23, 30**

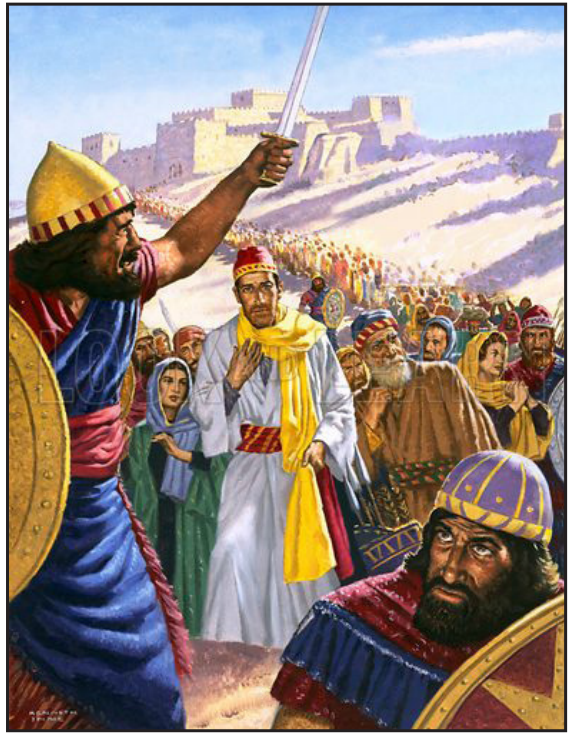
Session Membership Interviews

**April 6, 2025**

Welcome Luncheon for New Members  
& Church Family

Register: [spcgreenville.org/signup](https://spcgreenville.org/signup)

Nebuchadnezzar—was himself a tool in the Lord’s hands to discipline His people. Falling prey to Babylon was not God’s fault but was due to the sin of the Judahites. John Calvin comments, “King Nebuchadnezzar did not possess Jerusalem, and was not the conqueror of the nation by his own valor, or counsel, or good luck, but because God wished to humble his people.” Again and again we will see the Lord revealed as the sovereign determiner of history in the study of Daniel. ♦



**God is the sovereign Lord of history who causes kingdoms to rise and fall according to His decree. Nothing happens apart from His having ordained it in eternity past, and this is a comforting truth. It tells us that everything in history has a purpose even if we cannot now discern what that purpose happens to be. All events great and small are being used of the Lord to advance His glory and our good, and His control over all things is the only way we can be confident of that precious truth.**