

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



LETTER from the Church Administrator

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As we begin the exciting work of *A Time to Build*, our new Christian Education Building, the campus will look and feel different for the next 13–15 months.

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The construction zone (marked in red on the map) occupies the upper parking lot. Sidewalks near the construction area are closed. Yellow arrows on the map will guide you along the safe pedestrian paths to building entrances.

Parking will be tighter than usual. Please carpool whenever possible, and plan to arrive a few minutes early. Every able-bodied person is asked to park in **the new lot** (the former ARC property on Academy Street)—the farthest lot from the church buildings—so that spaces closest to the Sanctuary, Nursery, and Gym remain available for those with limited mobility, parents with young children, and guests.

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KENYA

Nkishon



Nkishon is the ministry of Jay & Sumter Brantley to the Samburu people of northern Kenya. Nkishon Ministries exists to glorify God by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ all throughout Kenya, so that the church is prepared to extend Christ's kingdom into every area of life. They do so by focusing on 3 key areas: 1) Establishing churches through the faithful preaching of God's word and unwavering commitment to the Means of Grace (Word, Prayer & Sacraments), 2) Equipping the churches through discipleship resources in their own language and the training of Kenyan pastors and leaders, and 3) Educating by launching Classical Christian school with indigenous Rafiki-trained teachers in order to shape the next generation of Kenyan believers.



After spending most of 2025 under construction, the Nkishon Classical Christian Academy opened its doors to its inaugural term in January 2026 with close to 50 students. This summer, they completed Term 1, and will commence Term 2 later this month. They are currently in the middle of a summer campaign to raise \$75,000 towards books, supplies, and necessary ongoing upkeep, as well as phase 2 construction. Last month, the children at SPC's VBS raised and contributed over \$3000 to this cause! To learn more about the work of Nksihon, please visit Nkishon.org.



A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions

The prayers in this book are drawn from the largely forgotten deposit of Puritan spiritual exercises, meditations, and aspirations. They testify to the richness and colour of evangelical thought and language that animated vital piety in an important stream of English religious life. ~ Arthur Bennett

Glorious and Holy God,

Provocations against thy divine majesty
have filled my whole life.

My offences have been countless and aggravated.

Conscience has rebuked me,
friends have admonished me,
the examples of others have reproached me,
thy rod has chastised me,
thy kindnesses allured me.

Thou hast seen and abhorred all my sins and
couldst easily and justly have punished me,
yet thou hast spared me,
been gracious unto me,
given me thy help,
invited me to thy table.

Lord, I thankfully obey thy call,
accept of thy goodness,
acquiesce in thy gospel appointments.

THE VALLEY OF VISION



at the corner of

River & Rhett

Early Family Reception

In addition to honoring the Early family on August 9, Brooke Early was recognized for memorizing the entire Children's Catechism.



Rafiki Class Schedule

The first day is Sept. 14, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. in the Conference Room. Please have the first day's questions answered and ready to discuss. The Bible study is Gospel of Matthew, and if you haven't read it through, please try to finish it before class starts. Include in your prayers please, that our Lord will draw those He wants to come and that He, by His Spirit will teach us.

Any ladies (not registered yet) who would like to join the Rafiki class should contact Sylvia Long for instructions on obtaining materials from Rafiki Headquarters.

Wedding Shower

All ladies are invited to a shower for Chase Haws and Ingrid Hogue on Saturday, August 22, at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.



Registry: withjoy.com/ingrid-and-chase-sep-2026



- 16 JAIR BARRINGER, WALTER RUSSELL**
- 17 WINNIE BABINGTON, RICH MCCALL**
- 18 ROSE OLIVER, CARTER THOMPSON**
- 19 CARRIE GAMBLE, CAROLINE LOVE,
KITTY SWILLEN**
- 20 ELEANOR POMERLYAN, PATRICK THOMPSON,
NICHOLAS WATTS**
- 21 JAMES FULTZ, ZIAH LYON, NATHAN MCKEE**
- 22 JACOB GAMBLE**

This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips
I WILL RETURN TO YOU
Zechariah 1:16-21

EVENING SERMON

Mr. Joshua D. Lyon
THE FIELDS OF BETHLEHEM
Ruth 2:1-23

Sunday, August 16

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 10:00 A.M. Rally Day (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:10 A.M. Children/Youth Sunday School
- 10:10 A.M. WIC Annual Meeting (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:10 A.M. Men's Meeting (*Gym*)
- 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
- 7:30 P.M. Youth/Parent Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 7:30 P.M. Worship & Music Committee (*Conference Room*)

Monday, August 17

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

FALL Schedule

Wednesday, August 19

- 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. Ministry 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, August 20

- 6:30 P.M. Mission to Main (*Conference Room*)

Friday, August 21

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon/Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 7:00 P.M. GPTS Convocation (*Sanctuary*)

Saturday, August 22

- 10:00 A.M. Haws/Hogue Wedding Shower (*Fellowship Hall*)

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

August 15	Groundbreaking Ceremony
August 16	Rally Day / WIC Annual Meeting
August 16	Communion in the Evening Service
August 19	Choirs, CAT Kids, Covenant Kids begins
August 21	GPTS Convocation (held at SPC)
August 23	Adult Sunday School Communities Resume Fall Membership Class Begins

A Note from the Church Treasurer

Thanks to your faithful generosity, \$1.3 million has been given to the church this year and we've spent just under \$1.1 million on operating expenses and missionary support. The catch is that \$400k of those contributions were designated to the building project, which means that we are running a fairly significant deficit at this time in annual operating budget terms (~\$170k through July, compared to a \$60k deficit this time last year).

As a result, we ask that you prioritize the General Fund with your giving for the rest of this year; now that we're finally breaking ground on the construction project, 2027 and 2028 have become target years for remaining pledge fulfillments.

For folks who have joined the Second fold since the Summer 2024 A Time To Build capital campaign launch, good news: it's not too late to make your mark on this once-in-a-generation initiative. While we ask that you too would prioritize the General Fund with your tithing activity, you can still make a pledge to the Building Fund and fulfill it in the coming years with special giving that's above and beyond. (All of this pledging and giving activity can be done in Touchpoint online or in the physical offering plates.)

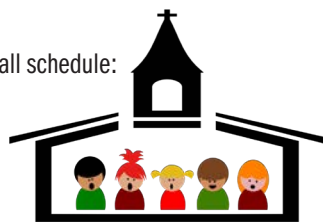
It's thanks to so many of you taking precisely this approach—consistent tithing towards annual operations and sacrificial giving and pledging towards the campaign—that we've come to this point of breaking ground for the new 26,000 square foot Christian education & fellowship building.

May God be pleased to grant success to all these efforts and to use the new space to effectively reach out, fold in, and grow up this and future generations of believers.

Children/Youth/Adult Choirs

On Wednesday, August 19, the following choirs will begin their Fall schedule:

- 6:15 P.M. Hope Choir (K4–K5)
- 6:15 P.M. Covenant Choir (Grades 1–6)
- 6:15 P.M. Youth Choir (Grades 7–12)
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (High School–Adult)



Announcements

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The congregation will meet in the parking lot at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 15, for a short ceremony. Please let us know you're coming (at spcgreenville.org/signup) so seating can be arranged.

Rally Day / WIC Annual Meeting

Adults and children (except Nursery and 2-year-olds) will meet in the Sanctuary on August 16 at 10:00 A.M. Children will be promoted to their new Sunday School classes, women will remain in the Sanctuary for the Annual WIC Meeting, and men will meet in the Gym for a teaching time. Adult Sunday School classes, as well as the Fall Membership Class, will resume on August 23.

Raising Up Mothers (RUM)

The RUM Friday morning Bible Study begins on September 11. Register on the church website: spcgreenville.org/signup.

Evangelism Explosion

Are you prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you? Join Ruling Elder Ken Safford for a 7-week Evangelism Training beginning Tuesday, September 1, at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room. This practical training will equip you to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ with friends, relatives, coworkers, and neighbors. Register by August 31 at spcgreenville.org/signup. Contact Rev. Brendon Branigin for questions or additional details.

Fall Membership Class

This 8-week, no-obligation class meets at 10:00 A.M. in Room C-209 beginning August 23. Scan the QR Code for more information!



Baptism Sunday

If you would like to have your child baptized, please email the church office (clarson@spcgreenville.org). The next Baptism Sunday is August 30.

KEY ACCESS POINTS

- ◆ **Rainy Day Drop-off:** Pull to the curb on Rhett Street to unload passengers (especially helpful for nursery-age children and those with limited mobility). Then turn right onto Oneal Street and proceed to park.
- ◆ **Building Entrances:** Follow the yellow arrow pedestrian paths. Access remains open to the Sanctuary, Nursery, and Gym via the designated routes. Do not enter the red construction boundary.
- ◆ **Limited Mobility Parking:** Spaces nearest the buildings are reserved for those who need them.
- ◆ **Golf Cart Shuttle:** The deacons will be manning shuttle service via a golf cart(s). It will be available at the new bike rack in the new (Academy Street) parking lot. It will ferry folks to the main campus. Please use it if the walk is difficult or if the weather is poor.

SUNDAY MORNINGS & EVENINGS

Expect the highest traffic. Arrive early, drop passengers on Rhett Street, then park in the new Academy Street lot. The golf cart will run continuously before and after services. Carpooling is especially valuable on Sundays—consider coordinating with your Sunday School class, small group, or neighbors. Fewer cars = less stress for everyone and more space for visitors.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Midweek attendance is typically lighter, but the same rules apply. Drop-off remains on Rhett Street. The new lot is still preferred for able-bodied parkers so that convenient spaces stay open for families and those with mobility needs. The golf cart will operate as needed.

RAINY DAYS & INCLEMENT WEATHER

Drivers may choose to drop passengers along Rhett street and use under covered area by the mailbox door or enter the Sanctuary up the stairs through the Vestibule Door along Rhett Street. Again, on rainy days, able bodied people need to -wherever possible- park farther away. Please walk carefully along the yellow-arrow paths, which may be slick. Bring your umbrellas—just watch for others on the narrow routes.

Our deacons and WIC greeters are already discussing reposting to the Nursery area and the Chapel / Ramp areas as the primary exit & entrance zone for the church.

HOW TO DROP OFF SUCCESSFULLY

1. Approach on Rhett Street and pull to the curb (do not block traffic).
2. Unload passengers quickly—especially children headed to the nursery or those needing assistance.
3. Go to Mailbox door directly by the Nursery. Or Walk up the Stairs to the Sanctuary.
4. Continue forward, turn right onto Oneal Street, and proceed to the available parking (preferably the new lot).
5. If you need the golf cart, park in the new lot near the bike rack and wait for the next shuttle.

A WORD ABOUT PARKING & COMMUNITY

We will be tight on parking for the duration of construction. The best gift we can give one another is fewer cars on campus. **Please carpool.** Arrange rides with family, friends, or small-group members. Every space we free up helps a visitor feel welcome and a brother or sister with limited mobility find a close spot.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and cheerful spirit as we build for the next generation. This temporary inconvenience is part of a lasting investment in the Lord's work at Second Presbyterian Church. If you have questions or special needs, please speak with a deacon or the church office—we are happy to help. ♦

