

Indeed, we must not expect to have any measure of success in self-denial, cross bearing, or following if we do not or will not make prayer a routine component of our lives. The reason this is true is because it is only on our knees that we will find the strength to be those who have lived as God has called us to live. We will find it hard to go against the grain of our self-indulgent, cross avoiding, rebellious surroundings if we are not actively cultivating a lifestyle centered on prayer to our Father. I cannot help but think of the disciples near the end of Jesus' life as they were called upon by our Lord to pray with Him in the garden. Surely it is no coincidence that the same men who failed, or refused to pray with our Lord that dreadful night are also the ones who would deny Him three times and be ashamed of Him in His greatest hour of need. What a great example that it really is impossible for us to be disciples if we will not be a praying people.

As I reflect upon my first year serving with you at Second Church, I am ever so thankful to God that He has surrounded me with men and women, brothers and sisters who are both a praying people and true disciples. What a joy and privilege it has been to begin my ministry and marriage in the midst of such dear folk! This week may we reflect upon the connection between prayer and discipleship, and as we do I trust we will spur one another on to good works in the area of discipleship and prayer.

Peace be to the brethren,  
Seth

**The Church Office will be closed  
Monday, July 5th.**

**July 4th Fellowship Supper**

The Deacons will be preparing a Hotdog/Hamburger supper immediately following the evening worship service on Sunday, July 4. Members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes. Following supper and ice cream there will be a special time of fellowship.

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Website:** www.secondpca.org

**Telephone:** Office (864) 232-7621

**Fax:** (864) 232-7622 \* **Email:** info@secondpca.org

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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**Church Services: Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM \* Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

**Wednesday:** Supper - 5:45 PM \* Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

**Radio Broadcast:** Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station WLFJ 660 AM

**Upcoming Events**

July 4	Hotdog/Hamburger Fellowship Supper with Ice Cream Social
July 5	Church Office Closed
July 6	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
July 7	WIC Council
July 7	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
July 8	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
July 8	WIC Book Club II
July 10-17	Senior High Beach Trip
July 11	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
July 12	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
July 13-14	WIC Circles
July 15	WIC Book Club I
July 18	The Lord's Supper at the AM Services
July 23	Senior High Dinner
July 24	Calvary Presbytery
July 25	Ice Cream Social
July 25	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
July 26-30	Jr. High Camp at Ridge Haven
July 28	CE Committee Meeting

**All VBS Staff, Teachers, and Volunteers:**



Thank you so much for all of your assistance in making our VBS Space Probe adventure successful this year. We blasted off each day with around 111-113 "astronauts." During each day's flight, the gospel was clearly presented, the children heard the Word from our space traveling story tellers, and we sang wonderful songs. The children memorized scripture from their logbooks and enjoyed great celestial snacks and games. Our astronauts also raised over \$300.00 for the mission project, "A Kilo of Love." The money will be sent to Alonzo Ramirez in Peru to provide bags of groceries for the poor to whom he ministers.

It was a fun week, but it would not have been possible without the help of so many of you. Our church is indeed blessed to have so many capable, willing servants. We greatly appreciate all of your efforts to spread the love of Jesus to our covenant children and the children in our community. It was truly "out of this world"!

In Christ's love,  
VBS Directors

**Music Notes**

We will not have Adult Choir rehearsal on Sunday, July 4.

**General Assembly**

The 38th PCA General Assembly will be June 29-July 2 in Nashville, Tennessee. Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, Pastor Fluhrer, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE Doug McDaniel, and RE Ken Safford will be attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly by going to www.pcaga.com.

**Benefit Sale For The Evans Family**

Saturday, July 10th from 10 am to 4 pm there will be a Benefit Sale held at 819 East North Street (between the Bi-Lo Center and the Law Enforcement Offices). There will be a yard sale, a barbecue, and a bake sale. All proceeds go to the Spencer Evans family. Plan to attend! Any donated items can be placed in the closet on the far side of the gym.

**Bake Sale**

Attention all bakers and those with servant hearts! We need your help. As part of the benefit sale for the Evans we are holding a bake sale. Volunteers are needed to donate home baked goods, receive and organize goods on Friday, July 9, set up for the sale on Saturday, July 10, and serve 1 hour time slots during the sale. To participate in this special opportunity please contact Sharon Phillips at sharonps103@aol.com or 864-569-8765 or Julie Stoddard at 864-252-7258. Thanks!

**New Address**

Paul and Georgia Settle  
Haywood Estates, Room 230  
1180 Haywood Road  
Greenville, SC 29615

*Please change your church directory.*

**Sympathy**

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Bob Bailey, who went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 27, 2010. Our prayers are with Lee and their family during this time of grief.

**Greenville Literacy Association**

Want to make a difference this summer? Greenville Literacy Association needs many volunteers to help other adults improve their reading, writing, and math skills, prepare for the GED or learn to speak English. No prior teaching experience is required. Greenville Literacy provides training. For more information, please call 467-3456 or visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org. Hurry! Our next training workshop begins July 6.



**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, July 4**

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 6:30 PM Wee Worship Choir
- 7:15 PM Hotdog/Hamburger Supper with Ice Cream Social

**Monday, July 5**

Church Office will be closed

**Tuesday, July 6**

- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

**Wednesday, July 7**

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

**Thursday, July 8**

- 7:00 PM WIC Book Club II

**Friday, July 9**

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, July 10**

Seniors leave for Beach Trip  
Return on July 17

**July Summer Sunday School Schedule**

JULY 4	RICK PHILLIPS	Five Points of Calvinism
JULY 11	RICK PHILLIPS	Law/Gospel
JULY 18	RICK PHILLIPS	Covenant Theology
JULY 25	RICK PHILLIPS	Reformed Worship

*The Sunday School Class meets in the sanctuary.*

**Remembering One Another**

Remember in prayer this week the following member.  
Also, send him a note of encouragement.

**Mr. Jack Denton**  
National Health Care, Room 121  
850 E. Butler Road  
Greenville, SC 29607



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY  
JULY 4, 2010**

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED**

John 19:31-37  
Hymns 710, 254, 252  
Anthem: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord  
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 PM

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Psalm 23  
Hymns 2, 87, 599  
Psalter: Psalm 83  
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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**Letter from the Ministerial Intern....  
Thoughts on the Relationship  
Between Discipleship and Prayer**

As I was gathering my thoughts in preparation for this letter my mind kept going back to the past two Lord's Day evening sermons. Two weeks ago I had the privilege of preaching on discipleship from Matthew 16, and then last week our Senior Minister preached on prayer from Psalm 5. Throughout the duration of Pastor Phillips' exposition of Psalm 5, I couldn't help but think about how intertwined discipleship and prayer really are for the Christian.

For instance, one main point about discipleship taught by Jesus in Matthew 16 is the necessity of discipleship being an entire way of life, or system, for the Christian. It takes self-denying, cross bearing, and unconditional following to be a true disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. Closely related to this is the careful ordering of our lives for the purpose of prayer that Psalm 5:3 speaks of. "O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice, in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch." No doubt, David is a servant of the living God who has made it his priority and purpose in life to be a man deeply committed to the exercise and discipline of prayer.

Thinking on these things caused me to raise a question in my own mind that I wish to share with you. Is it possible to be a disciple of the living God, namely a disciple of the Lord Jesus, and not also be whole-heartedly committed to prayer? Or let me put it another way, can we expect to have any type of vibrant relationship with the living God if we are not also those who have ordered our lives around prayer? The Psalter should convince the Christian that prayer as much as anything was the key to David being "a man after God's own heart." It is true that as we are confronted with Scripture we come face to face with our sins. Yet, the same thing can and does occur when the Christian is consistently taking up the exercise of prayer. Sharing the most intimate of feelings and emotions with our God has a keen way of bringing hidden sins to the forefront of our minds in a most extraordinary way.