

1) *Our giving should be regular and intentional.* The biblical idea is not simply putting some money in the plate as the mood strikes us or as it seems good to us to give. Instead, we should think through our giving, plan for our giving, and give regularly as a matter of habit. Paul thus wrote to the Corinthians, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper" (1 Cor. 16:2). Our data shows that our financial needs as a church can be met if we all give in a regular and intentional way.

2) *Our giving should be proportional.* That same teaching shows that we should give according to the way God has prospered us. The best starting place for our giving should be the tithe, which is the giving of 10% of our gross income back to the work of the Lord (see Lev. 27:30; Dt. 14:22). Some of our families have experienced significant financial downturns during the last year, and this will inevitably cause them to decrease their giving to the church. We should all do our best, however, to give faithfully to the Lord in a proportional way, in keeping with the Bible's teaching.

3) *Our giving should be cheerful and thankful.* Giving to the work of the Lord should never be thought of as a legalistic burden but rather as a privilege and joy. Paul wrote: "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). While we should never give with a thought of what God will do to reward us, the Bible does frankly state that God cares about our generosity in giving to support His work and responds in terms of His provision for us (see 2 Cor. 9:6-11 and Mal. 3:10).

4) *Our giving is something that we do together in order to accomplish God's work together.* One of the vows every member takes in joining our church is to "support the worship and work of the church to the best of my ability." This embraces our whole involvement in the church, but it also speaks to our financial support. Every member should seek to give as much as possible to the work of the gospel, both in and outside of our church. Jesus tells us that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Lk. 12:34), so that our treasuring the gospel of salvation will be seen in our giving to support and spread Christ's work.

I usually do not experience a great deal of anxiety over church finances, since I know that God will wonderfully provide for His gospel. But I know that it is important to each of us to be faithful in this matter and that the Lord cares about what we treasure. Let's each of us do our part individually and let us together seek to provide for the financial needs of Second Church this year. If we do that, I am sure that God will be honored and we will have what we need to minister to our congregation and reach out to the world. Let me express my thanks to the generous and faithful members of this church who honor God with their giving, through which God enables us to spread His saving grace both near and far, to the praise of His name.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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**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 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 at Greenwood PCA
July 25	Reception for Gabriel and Callie Fluhrer
July 25	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
July 26-30	Jr. High Camp at Ridge Haven
July 28	CE Committee Meeting

**NEEDED:**

**Gabe and Callie need boxes for moving. If you have any sturdy moving boxes please bring them to the church office.**

**July Summer Sunday School Schedule**

JULY 11 RICHARD D. PHILLIPS Law/Gospel  
*The Sunday School Class meets in the sanctuary.*

**Treasurer's Report**

**June 2010 & YTD Financial Status**

	Actual		YTD Budget
	June 2010	YTD 2010	
<b>Offerings</b>	61,809	396,840	448,000
<b>Outlays:</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	58,363	319,659	372,910
<b>Mission Disbursements</b>	451	54,089	73,840
<b>Total Outlays</b>	58,814	373,748	446,750
<b>Net Offerings (Outlays)</b>	2,995	23,092	

Offerings in June were \$61,809 and expenses were \$58,814. Offerings for June were \$12,857 behind budget. Offerings in June 2010 were \$12,463 more than June 2009. YTD 2010 offerings are \$12,580 more than YTD 2009. The 2010 Budget is \$64,893 more than offerings were in 2009. Budgeted expenses are still anticipated to be approximately \$896,000. To meet the 2010 budget, offerings for the last 6 months need to exceed the last 6 months of 2009 by \$52,430. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

**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 Scout Hut.

**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 Baby**

We rejoice with Chad and Andi Scoggins in the birth of their daughter, Trystan Anne, on Thursday, July 1, 2010. Trystan weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. We are thankful for the Scoggins family and pray for Trystan, Ashton, and Reece, that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

**"How Textbooks Mislead Students"**

A DVD presentation by the  
**Creation Study Group**  
Thursday, July 15th  
Second Presbyterian Church  
7:00 pm - book table  
7:30 pm - intro/DVD

Do you know what our children are being taught in the public schools? Do you know that the public school system refused to acknowledge the errors in the text books when they were pointed out...and still bought the books? If we do not teach the truth of God's creation to our children, how can they see His glory? *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."*

**Honoring A Special Lady**

You are invited to join the Haywood Estates to celebrate the 100th birthday of  
**Aurelia Miller**  
Monday, July 19 at 3:00 pm  
Birthday cake and ice cream  
You can send a birthday card to:  
Mrs. Aurelia Miller  
The Haywood Estates  
1180 Haywood Road  
Apt. 105  
Greenville, SC 29615

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, July 11**

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 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 Worship & Music Committee Meeting

**Monday, July 12**

**Joint Session/Diaconate**

- 6:00 PM Supper
- 7:00 PM Meeting

**Tuesday, July 13**

- 10:00 AM WIC Circles 1, 2, & 3 meet at the church
- 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the home of Dot Dillard
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the home of Jenny Spears
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 7 meets at the home of Tammy Loooper

**Wednesday, July 14**

- 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
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

**Thursday, July 15**

- 10:00 AM WIC Book Club I

**Friday, July 16**

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, July 17**

Seniors return from Beach Trip

**Remembering One Another**

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

**Mr. Wilton McKinney**  
National Health Care, Room 304  
850 E. Butler Road  
Greenville, SC 29607



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THE LORD'S DAY  
JULY 11, 2010**

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

**SECRET DISCIPLES**

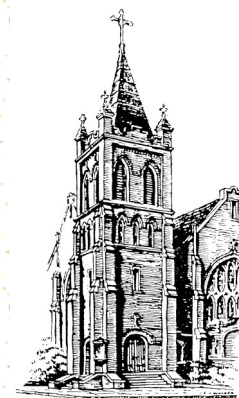
John 19:38-39  
Hymns 53, 455, 252  
Anthem: Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God  
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 PM

**BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH**

Psalms 8  
Hymns 44, 116, 301  
Psalter: Psalm 84  
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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**Letter from the Senior Minister....  
Giving**

Included in our newsletter this week is information on our giving towards the 2010 church budget. We have many reasons to give thanks to God as our giving has increased in recent years, allowing us to support and expand the ministry of Second Church in significant ways. A couple of years ago, increased giving enabled us to call Pastor Fluhrer to serve full time as assistant pastor to youth and families. I think we are all agreed as to what an important contribution Gabe has made to the spiritual growth of our young men and women. We will all be sad to see Gabe and Callie depart as they invest in their long-term usefulness to Christ by beginning the PhD program at Westminster Seminary, but we are grateful to God in providing the Starkeys to take up the mantel in service to our youth.

This summer we are making an addition that I think will be equally significant, the hiring of Melton L. Duncan to serve as church administrator. At present our growing church of over 500 members, with expanding attendance and ministries, has no full-time administrative employees. We praise the Lord for the long and outstanding service of Judy Grant, who as our office administrator is fully engaged in producing our bulletins and newsletters and in serving the daily administrative needs of our staff. It has become increasingly apparent, however, that Second greatly needs a church administrator to tie together all the ministry and facility functions of our church, to coordinate the action items of our church committees, and to foster excellence in our overall outreach and pastoral care.

As our church staff experiences modest expansion in response to our church growth, we are being well served by those church officers who oversee our finances. Through their wise planning, the staff transitions mentioned above are projected to take place within our existing 2010 church budget. It will be important, however, for us to achieve our budget goals for this year as we will begin financially planning for 2011. In short, as church growth requires expanding ministry, we need increased giving so as to keep pace. Our church treasurer, David Rainey, will give a financial report before the worship services this week so as to keep you informed as to our finances. The key item in his report is that at the half-way mark for the year we are \$52,000 behind and we need to make this up over the remaining months of the year.

Please keep our financial needs in prayer, asking that the Lord would provide for us as we desire to serve Him more greatly. Let me offer, as well, four points of biblical counsel about our individual and family giving as church members: