

(6) To set an example for the rest of the body and promote godly fear (1 Tim. 5:20).

(7) To protect the church against the destructive consequences that occur when churches fail to carry out church discipline. A church that fails to exercise discipline experiences four losses:

**The Loss of Purity:** Church discipline is vital to the purity of the local body and its protection from moral decay and impure doctrinal influences. Why? Because a little leaven leavens the entire lump (1 Cor. 5:6-7). This is the "rotten apple" problem or the "snowball" effect. An illustration of this is the Corinthian church which showed a lack of concern for purity. They neglected the responsibility to discipline and suffered as a result. Their insensitivity to one moral issue may have led to their compromise on other issues. Laney writes, "The Corinthians engaged in lawsuits, misused their liberty, profaned the Lord's Supper, neglected the primacy of love, failed to regulate the use of their gifts, and questioned the resurrection." Failure in church discipline in Corinth could be compared to a snowball tumbling downhill.

**The Loss of Power:** Sin in the life of the church grieves the person of the Holy Spirit and quenches His power. If sin remains unchecked by the loving application of church discipline in a body of believers, the Holy Spirit must abandon such a church to its own carnal resources. The unavoidable result will be the loss of the Lord's blessing until the sin is dealt with. The defeat of Israel because of the sin of Achan in Joshua 7 illustrates the principle. This is just as true for the church today, especially when we know certain things exist but ignore them or simply look the other way because it is difficult to deal with or because it involves one of our friends and we do not want to risk causing problems in the relationship.

**The Loss of Progress:** A church that refuses to practice church discipline will see its ministry decline. The church may want to grow and reach out and it may try all kinds of stop-gap measures, promotional campaigns, and programs in an attempt to turn things around, but if there is sin in the camp, it will all be to no avail. See Revelation 2:5 and 3:16 for illustrations of this principle.

**The Loss of Purpose:** As His ambassadors to a lost and dying world, God has called the church to be a holy people, a people who, standing out as distinct from the world, proclaim the excellencies of the works of God in Christ (1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2:9-15). If this is to occur, we must be different from the world and church discipline helps us to both remember and maintain that purpose. One of the recurring judgments against the church today as demonstrated in various polls taken across the country is the fact there is little or no difference between the church and the secular world when it comes to attitudes, values, morals, and lifestyle. We have lost our sense of purpose.

In His Service,  
Pastor Spears

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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

Aug. 1	Ice Cream Social
Aug. 2	Diaconate Meeting
Aug. 4	WIC Council
Aug. 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Aug. 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Aug. 9	Session Meeting
Aug. 10	WIC Circles
Aug. 11	Musical CAT Kids Program
Aug. 12	WIC Book Club II
Aug. 15	The Lord's Supper at the Evening Service
Aug. 19	WIC Book Club I
Aug. 20	Senior High Dinner
Aug. 21	WIC Shower for Rachel Stillman
Aug. 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Aug. 25	CE Committee Meeting
Aug. 25	WIC Circle 6
Aug. 26	WIC Annual Meeting
Aug. 28	Good News Club Training
Aug. 29	Installation of WIC Officers at the Evening Service

### WIC Annual Meeting



All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the WIC Annual Meeting.

Thursday, August 26, 2010  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM

Agenda:  
Election of Officers  
Recognition of New Members  
Refreshments will be served.

### WIC Shower



All ladies of the church are cordially invited to a wedding shower for  
**Rachel Stillman Berens**  
Saturday, August 21, 2010  
10:30 - 11:30 am  
Church Fellowship Hall



### Baptism

Mary Elizabeth Duncan, covenant daughter of Melton L. and Lynda Duncan, received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, July 25, 2010. We are thankful for the Duncan family and pray that Ford, Frances, and Mary Elizabeth will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

*"Every time we baptize a child we bear witness that salvation is from God."*

—B. B. Warfield

### Men of Second Presbyterian Church— The Ushering Committee Needs You!

If you are a Second Presbyterian male church member, age sixteen or over, we need you to help with ushering duties at our Sunday services. Whether you are a new or established member prayerfully consider if this is one way you can serve in the church. If you are willing to usher and will be doing so for the first time please email Kip Altman at [ckaltman@yahoo.com](mailto:ckaltman@yahoo.com) and inform him of your willingness to help and whether you attend the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

### Important Message from the Diaconate

The Deacons would like to ask each member to please use their tithing envelopes every Sunday. If you do happen to miss a Sunday using your envelope, please write your envelope number in the "For" section on your check. This will save the counters a lot of time and assure that your contribution will be posted to the correct account. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Music Notes

Attention parents: As the summer is coming to a close we are almost ready for our Musical CAT kids program! This will take place on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. The children have truly worked hard and are looking forward to showing all they have learned. Thank you for your support. It has been my pleasure to work with them! (The following Wednesday, August 18, will be our end of summer celebration party for our last Musical CAT kids time. August 25 the regular CAT kids program will resume.)

### Nursery Re-locating

During the month of August the nursery will move to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays and Sundays while the Deacons make extensive renovations and improvements to our Nursery. Thank you in advance to our Parents and Workers for your help during this transition.

### Gifts for the Fluhrers

The church family celebrated with Gabriel, Callie and Garner Fluhrer this past Sunday Night at a "going-away" reception in their honor. Gifts presented to them by the officers of the church were rare first editions of works by B. M. Palmer and Thomas Chalmers. The congregation gave individual gifts of cash totaling \$667.

If you wished to contribute but were unable, please give your cash-only gift to Johnny Mann (Elder, Chairman of Administration) this week.

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, August 1**

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 Ice Cream Social

**Monday, August 2**

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

**Tuesday, August 3**

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

**Wednesday, August 4**

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, August 5**

**Friday, August 6**

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, August 7**

**July Summer Sunday School Schedule  
 Senior High and All Adult Classes**

AUGUST 1 SETH STARKEY SPC Membership Vow #1

*The Sunday School Class meets in the sanctuary.*

**Remembering One Another**

Remember in prayer this week the following member.  
 Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

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**The Gardens of Eastside, Room G-14**  
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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
 THE LORD'S DAY  
 AUGUST 1, 2010**

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

**THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNS**

Psalm 93  
 Hymns: 38, 44, 55  
 Anthem: Hallelujah, Amen.  
 Rev. James McGoldrick preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM

**THE KING OF GLORY**

Psalm 24  
 Hymns: 198, 604, 290  
 Psalter: Psalm 86  
 Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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**Letter From The Associate Pastor  
 Church Discipline - the Care, Feeding,  
 and Protection of the Sheep**

In my years as Christian and a pastor, I have found that the subject of church discipline is one of the most controversial – even among evangelical Christians. This is somewhat amazing to me since the reformers listed church discipline as one of the three essential marks of a true church of Jesus Christ (the others being the faithful preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments.) Church discipline does not fit into the modern evangelical understanding of the church being a “voluntary association.” But our Lord Jesus Christ commanded His undershepherds to care, feed, and protect His flock:

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that “by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:10-20)

What is the purpose of Church Discipline?

- (1) To bring glory to God and enhance the testimony of the flock.
- (2) (2) To restore, heal, and build up sinning believers (Matt: 18:15; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; Heb. 12:10-13; Gal. 6:1-2; Jam. 5:20).
- (3) To produce a healthy faith, one sound in doctrine (Tit. 1:13; 1 Tim. 1:19-20).
- (4) (4) To win a soul to Christ, if the sinning person is only a professing Christian (2 Tim. 2:24-26).
- (5) To silence false teachers and their influence in the church (Tit. 1:10-11).