

(and *into*) the culture of the unbelieving world today: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (Jn. 20:21).

Psalm 1 also does not assert that Christians should treat non-believers as those who have nothing to offer us. It is not by accident that Jesus began His witness to the woman by the well by asking her to perform a service for Him, thereby communicating to her an affirmation of her value and human dignity: "Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'" (Jn. 4:7). We likewise should act in a way that will often grant to unbelievers more value and dignity than they accept for themselves.

While all this is true, Christians still can and must uphold the Bible's *No* towards the world. We say *Yes* to the unbelievers' personal worth and *Yes* to God's gospel mission to the world. But we must yet say *No* to the counsel of the ungodly. The spiritual reality of Psalm 1 says that a wholesome, fruitful spiritual life and ministry never results from walking "in the counsel of the wicked" (Ps. 1:1). Worldly psychology will posit values to which we must say *No*. Worldly science will advance theories against which we must insist *No*. Worldly marketing and entertainment will advise church-growth schemes to which we must reply *No*. On what basis do we say *No* to the counsel of the world? On the basis of the clear teaching of the Bible, which offers truth and life from God. How do we know when to say *No*? When the counsel of the world collides with the precepts, commands, and promises of Holy Scripture (as it often will).

In fact, the only true *Yes* religion is that which knows when firmly to say *No* to the world. The only way for us to say *Yes* to God, *Yes* to life and godliness, and even *Yes* to God's call to love and serve the world, is to also resolve to say *No* to the message, standards, and values of the world in its unbelief, sin, and scoffing of God's revealed truth. Let us never be surprised by the need to say *No*, and let's make sure that our *No*'s involve a genuine *Yes* to the lordship of Jesus and the gracious truth of our loving God.

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

- Aug. 21 WIC Shower for Rachel Stillman Berens
- 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
- Aug. 29 Hymn Sing
- Sept. 1 WIC Council
- Sept. 5 Rally Day
- Sept. 5 Ice Cream Social
- Sept. 6 Church Office will be closed
- Sept. 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Sept. 9 WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
- Sept. 12 Deacon Nominations begin
- Sept. 12 New Members' Class begins
- Sept. 12 College Class Dinner (PM) at the Shaws
- Sept. 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Sept. 13 Diaconate Meeting
- Sept. 13 Session Meeting
- Sept. 14 WIC Circles
- Sept. 15 Blood Drive
- Sept. 15 Evangelism Explosion Banquet
- Sept. 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- Sept. 20 Young At Heart
- Sept. 22 CE Committee meeting
- Sept. 23 WIC Book Club
- Sept. 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting

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

Speaker: Mrs. Shirley Duncan

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

The following WIC nominees for officer in the WIC council will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 26th. Installation of the elected officers will be Sunday, August 29th, at the evening worship service:

- President: Jill Mann
- Historian: Dot Dillard
- Christian Growth: Judy Bishop
- Treasurer: Sheryl Plating
- Mission to the World: Pat Tyner
- Circle #1 Chairman: Vicky Rogers
- Circle #2 Chairman: Tammy Looper
- Circle #3 Chairman: Grace Cooley

Children's Church

There is an immediate need for a Children's Church coordinator. This is a challenging and rewarding position that is an ideal way to help children and get to know families within the church. Please contact Mel Duncan (mel@secondpca.org or call 232-7621, ext. 14) today if interested.

Unneeded Nursery Items

The old wooden nursery cribs are marked for replacement as renovations continue in the nursery area. If you have any interest in taking one (or know someone who would like them) contact Rich Moran (430-8840) this week to make arrangements.

Attention: Ladies

Precepts Bible Study of Hebrews will begin Thursday, September 9, at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room and continue each Thursday through December, 2. Hebrews Part II will follow but one is not a prerequisite for the other. This study requires approximately 5 hours of homework per week. You will reap the reward for your diligence. Please let Mary Russell know as soon as possible if you plan to join.
phone: 329-1670 or email: erussell1670@charter.net

Good News Clubs

Volunteers are needed to continue our ministry to two local elementary schools. Good News Clubs will start the second week of September, and continue through March. If you are available on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 pm, please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you serve Him as we teach and encourage children at Augusta Circle and Hollis Academy. Volunteers can teach, be a grade shepherd (sit with the children during club and be a friend), provide snacks, and pray. You will be trained to do any job you are willing to try. Training will be Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am—12:00 noon at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. All workers need to attend this training. Contact Cyndi Player (963-8633) or Jill Mann (895-3351) to volunteer or for more information.

Parents' Meeting

There will be a Parents' Meeting in the Chapel on Sunday, August 22, immediately following the evening worship service. All parents of 7th graders through college are urged to attend. Call Seth (232-7621, ext. 25) if you have any questions.

Public Notice from the City of Greenville

The USA Cycling Professional Championships will be held in Greenville on September 18 and 19. Throughout the road race on Sunday, a number of city streets will be closed. River Street will be one that will be closed. Also, parking on streets along the race route will also be restricted. Please plan on entering and exiting the church parking lot at the Rhett Street entrance. A map of the Road Race Course has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 22

- 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 Parents' Meeting (7th grade - college)

Monday, August 23

Tuesday, August 24

- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, August 25

- 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
- 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
- 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
- 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

Thursday, August 26

- 7:00 PM WIC Annual Meeting

Friday, August 27

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, August 28

- 9:00 AM Good News Club Training at Brushy Creek



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Letter From The Senior Minister A No and Yes Religion

The longer I live as a Christian, the more impressed I am with the wisdom, beauty, and usefulness of the book of Psalms. Of all the psalms, perhaps the most important is the very first: Psalm 1. The reason for this is that Psalm 1 serves as a gateway to the spirituality of the book that follows. The first psalm invites us to begin a life of blessing through the life that flows from God's Word. The one who devotes himself or herself to God's living Word, constantly meditating on the Scriptures, will be established in rich blessing: "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers" (Ps. 1:3). That is the farthest thing from a worldly "prosperity" gospel that promises earthly riches. Instead, Psalm 1 promises spiritual life in every earthly circumstance, through the life that comes from God's Word.

Most Christians know and agree with what I have said so far, at least in principle. Yet it seems to me that increasing numbers of Christians are tempted to lose sight of the full picture given in Psalm 1. The blessed one not only embraces the *Yes* of God's Word but also wisely recognizes the need to say *No* to the counsel of the world. Psalm 1 sets an antithesis before the believer and as a prerequisite to fruitful spirituality. According to Psalm 1, the first thing a believer needs to do in order to flourish spiritually is to take a *negative* stance towards worldly thinking: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Ps. 1:1-2).

Let's be clear on what this is *not* saying. Psalm 1 does not say that we as Christians should absent ourselves from the world. We are not to follow Jonah's example in setting up little booths outside the Nineveh of this world, maniacally awaiting God's wrath to zap our culture-war enemies. God sent Jonah to Nineveh with a gospel call to repent and believe for salvation. Likewise, Jesus has sent us

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Return Service Requested

**WORSHIP AT SECOND
 THE LORD'S DAY
 AUGUST 22, 2010**

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER

John 20:11-18

Hymns: 6, 359, 76

Anthem: Let the People Praise Thee
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

A CRESCENDO OF PRAISE

Psalms 145

Hymns: 101, 100, 642

Psalter: Psalm 88

Mr. Seth Starkey preaching

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**July Summer Sunday School Schedule
 Senior High, College, and All Adult Classes**
 AUGUST 22 BARRY WAUGH SPC Membership Vow #4
The Sunday School Class meets in the sanctuary.

Dear Ones,
 I want to thank you for the love and support you gave me and my family at the loss of my husband. It was so comforting to be able to have the service at the church and to be surrounded by people we love and cherish. I'm sure Robert is up there praising God and enjoying the beauty of heaven. I covet your prayers for me and my family.
 Sincerely, Lee Bailey

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Frances Giles
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Our new members, Roger & Debra Lusk and Randy and Regina Icard, will be introduced to the congregation this Lord's Day.