

thank them for tending the fires for us all. Even better, we should consider joining them. Ask an older member who has learned the discipline of prayer about how they have kept faithful in prayer. Come to the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night and learn how to spend a half-hour or so with your brothers and sisters in prayer. Begin praying for God to protect the blessings that we enjoy: sound doctrine, reverent worship, faithful shepherds, loving fellowship, joyful spiritual vitality and more. These things should not be taken for granted, but should be preserved and promoted in word, speech, and prayer. Then begin praying for God to extend these blessings into more and more lives. Pray that the young people in our church would be inspired with a passion for Christ. Pray that what takes place on Sundays here would extend into our homes during the week. Pray for weary mothers, who are expending their energies in sacrificial love for their families. Pray for burdened fathers, who so often feel the weight of the world on their shoulders. Finally, having prayed for God to protect and extend our current blessings, pray for God to give us new blessings. Pray for a renewing of evangelistic fervor and for new converts in and through our church. Pray for new opportunities of service and gospel outreach. Pray for the resources to expand the potential of our church for ministry in the generation to come. In a church like ours, there is so much to do – but there is nothing more important than for us to pray to God for protection, strength, and blessing.

Like us, Elijah lived in a time when people did not know the Lord. So he prayed, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God" (1 Ki. 18:37). After he had prayed this way, the fire of the Lord descended and consumed the sacrifice Elijah had prepared. When the people saw this, "they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God'" (1 Ki. 18:39). Our historical setting is different from Elijah's, but it remains true that if we will commit ourselves to prayer, we may expect to see God's power at work among us so that people believe that Christ is Lord. In my view, all of us in this church have many reasons to thank the fire-keepers among us and who have gone before us – their prayers are the source of God's grace for our present blessings. Let's learn the lesson and be fire-keepers in our families, keeping the home-fires of faith burning on our knees. Let's be fire-keepers in our church. And as a church, let us be those whose prayers are used by God to shine his light so brightly that many see it and that God's power will overcome unbelief and lead many to know the Lord in saving faith.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

Christian Sympathy

We express our Christian love and sympathy to Paul Settle and family. Wife and mother, Georgia Settle, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 19, 2010. There will be a Memorial Service at the church on Saturday, September 25, at 11:00 AM.

"In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you."
John 14:3

CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: www.secondpca.org

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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

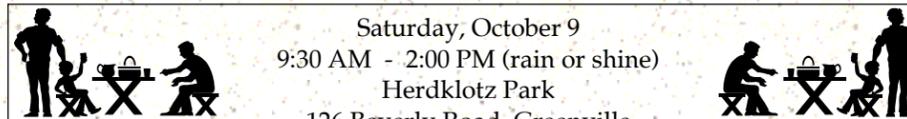
Radio Broadcast: Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station WLFJ 660 AM

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
- Oct. 3 Churchwide Fellowship Supper
- Oct. 5 Evangelism Explosion training begins
- Oct. 6 Blood Drive
- Oct. 6 WIC Council
- Oct. 6 Pastoral Care Committee meeting
- Oct. 9 Fall Church Picnic—HerdKlotz Park
- Oct. 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Oct. 10 College Class Dinner
- Oct. 11 Joint Session/Diaconate meeting
- Oct. 12-13 WIC Circles
- Oct. 15-16 WIC Calvary Presbytery Annual Retreat
- Oct. 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening worship service
- Oct. 18 Young At Heart
- Oct. 20 CE Committee meeting
- Oct. 24 Evangelism/Church Growth meeting
- Oct. 27 Reformation Party
- Oct. 28 Calvary Presbytery
- Oct. 28 WIC Book Club
- Oct. 31 Hymn Sing

If you have any dates for the October calendar, please contact the church office ASAP. (232-7621, ext. 10 or info@secondpca.org)

FALL CHURCH PICNIC



Saturday, October 9
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (rain or shine)
Herdklotz Park
126 Beverly Road, Greenville

The Deacons will be smoking BBQ.

Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

There will be a dessert contest!

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun at the 2010 Fall Picnic. The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks. We request that you bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM but come early. There are playgrounds and lots of room to run at the park, so bring your footballs and Frisbees.



Blood Drive
Wednesday, October 6
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Watch for sign-up sheets

Housing Needed

A third-year distance student family from Pennsylvania is looking to rent a furnished house or apartment for the month of January (1/1 - 1/31) in order to be on-campus at Greenville Seminary for the complete Winter Term. The student and his wife would be accompanied by their four sons, ages 6, 4, 2, and 6 months. They would not be bringing any pets. They are willing to pay \$1000-1500 rent. Call the Registrar's office at Greenville Seminary (322-2717).

Historical Display

Chicora College for Women was established in Greenville in 1893 and continued here until it was moved to Columbia in 1915. The second pastor of Second Church, S. R. Preston, who served the church from 1895 to 1899, was also the president of Chicora College, 1895-1906. The display case in the hall by the Historical Room has a collection of Chicora College artifacts for your viewing. Additional items from Second's history may be seen in the Historical Room between Sunday School and the 11:00 am worship service.

Financial Assistance From Members

There are many needs in our church family due to medical and financial issues. The church has two specific funds to assist members: the Care Fund and the Deacons Sympathy and Service Fund. The Care Fund is administered by Pat Holbrook, Ed Butler and Johnny Mann and is used for emergency needs of Second Church members. The Sympathy and Service Fund is administered by the Deacons and is used to assist members in financial need. The special offering that is taken at the end of the Sunday services each month when the Lord's Supper is administered goes into the Deacon Sympathy and Service Fund. If you would like to contribute money to these funds, designate the fund on your check or offering envelope. If you wish to insure that a donation is used for a specific person in need, you should give directly to that person rather than to the church. If you have any questions, please see Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

Evangelism Explosion

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? Evangelism Explosion is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester will begin Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions.

Greenville Seminary needs volunteers to answer phone, work in library, mailings, etc. Call Gail Anderson (322-2717 ext. 307)

Treasurer's Report

August 2010 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		
	August 2010	YTD 2010	YTD Budget
Offerings	79,193	563,342	597,333
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	73,348	456,613	497,046
Mission Disbursements	22,250	87,337	98,454
Total Outlays	95,598	543,950	595,500
Net Offerings (Outlays)	(16,405)	19,392	

Offerings in August were \$79,051 and expenses were \$95,598: Offerings for August were \$4,527 more than the monthly budget. YTD 2010 offerings are \$39,711 more than YTD 2009. YTD offerings are \$3,600 behind the sum of YTD offerings for 2009 (thru August 2009) plus 8/12 of the 2010 budget increase. The current projection is that the entire 2010 budget of \$896,000 is expected to be spent. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 26

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 9:50 AM **New Members' Class**
- 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 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting

Monday, September 27

Tuesday, September 28

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, September 29

- 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
- 6:30 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

Thursday, September 30

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, October 1

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, October 2

- 10:30 AM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

WIC Love Gift Offering

If you would like to make a donation to the WIC Love Gift Offering, please designate "WIC Love Gift Offering" along with the amount on your check or envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

Music Notes

Calling all singers! We will begin rehearsing for Handel's Messiah on Sunday, October 3. Please consider joining us for this special oratorio that we will present on Sunday evening, December 12. Our regular choir rehearsals will begin at 4:00 pm on Sundays, followed by the Messiah rehearsal at 5:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Greeters

If you are looking for a ministry to get involved with at church why not become a greeter! Friendly people are needed to welcome and guide visitors and members alike into the church, nursery and Sunday School locales. No experience needed just a willingness to welcome. Please contact Mel Duncan (232-7621 ext.14).

Remembering One Another

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

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Greenville, SC 29611

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 20:30-31

Hymns: 303, 705, 679

Anthem:

Surely the Lord Is in This Place

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

KING OF JUDAH

2 Samuel 2:1-32

Hymns: 302, 311, 310

Psalter: Psalm 90

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Letter From The Senior Minister God's Fire-Keepers

In the Iroquois tribe of Native Americans, community life revolved around the log house situated in the center of the camp. Extended families would live there, as well as sleep, work, and play around the great fire kept always burning. In order for the log house's fire to keep burning there needed always to be a fire-keeper. His job was to make sure the flame was never extinguished. When others went out to gather, hunt, or fight, the fire-keeper stayed in the log house keeping the home fires burning.

The church needs fire-keepers, too: those who devote themselves when others may be too busy or distracted and who keep the spiritual fires lit. Christian fire-keepers are otherwise known as prayer-warriors. It is through devoted and disciplined prayer that fire-keepers uphold the church. In the Old Testament, Elijah was a fire-keeper. In a time of idolatry and sin, we read, "Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down to the earth and put his face between his knees" (1 Ki. 18:42). According to the Bible, the faithful prayers of this one godly man made a vital difference in his generation. In the New Testament, James reminds us of Elijah's prayers: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." He then points out that "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours" (Ja. 5:16-17). Notice the emphasis: Elijah was just a person no different from us. But he prayed devotedly in faith and his prayers were used by God to keep faith alive in Israel. The prophets of Baal were trying to stamp out the true worship of God, but Elijah's prayer kept the flame for Israel. When the people were gathered back to the Lord, it was Elijah's prayer that reignited their hearts to trust in God once more. We need today the kind of fire-keepers that Elijah was then.

One reason why fire-keepers are so valuable is that most of us lead weak and inconsistent prayer lives. If we are honest, most will admit that we find prayer difficult and even unsatisfying. This is because prayer is a purely spiritual work, and we are not particularly spiritual people. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to find a reason not to join in prayer? There is always someone to talk to or some time-consuming task; therefore, how easy it is to stay out of the prayer meeting or skip your personal time of prayer. But, as Philip Ryken writes, "There is no other way to receive the blessings of God. All of the spiritual blessings that God has to give come through a life of prayer. Wisdom for life's decisions come through prayer. The awesome presence of God in worship comes through prayer. Conversions come through prayer. The revival fire of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer."

It is because of this truth that we should be so thankful to God for the fire-keepers among us who have kept up the demanding discipline of prayer. How many blessings we presently enjoy as a church are the result of faithful prayers lifted up for God's work in this place? If you know someone who is fervent and devoted in prayer for you, for our church, and for Christ's work, make sure to