

Love and duty are two equally helpful but unique biblical motivations for Christian people to serve in the Church. One can't help but marvel at the number of people at the Second Presbyterian Church who use their God-given gifts to the benefit of others. It's a joy to work with many of you each week and see the ways you are sharing with others while you serve the Master in this place.

I recognize that for many, our ability to share our talents is done out of a dutiful spirit and Christian work is often dutiful in its scope. We have been given an expression of God's love within us, it would be unwise and unhealthy to stifle this – to sing, to build, to hold, to listen, to teach, to visit. As our Minister of Congregational Care exhorted us Sunday night "don't withhold a blessing for others." I commend you to dutifully examine your own gifts and consider what you might be withholding that should be shared with the Church. Duty is a helpful reminder that strengthens our Christ-wrought convictions. Christian duty is ultimately an expression of Christ's resolve and not ours.

I know for others you have found gifts that you did not know you had as you have lovingly served others. Perhaps you felt or still feel that your gifts are limited or unhelpful but you've volunteered anyway and stuck with it because you want to be a blessing to someone else. Well God uses this motivation for your benefit and the Kingdom. Throughout scripture we see many examples of redeemed people properly motivated by love, often time love producing a sense of duty and vice versa. David and Jonathan come to mind.

It's very interesting to discover in the very end of *The Lord of the Rings* as Frodo and Sam approach the apex of their great adventure something very interesting happens in their relationship. Their motivations have reversed: Frodo is now wholly dependent on Sam's newfound sense of duty to the quest and Sam likewise is strengthened by Frodo's love. Sam has become a real leader (and arguably the hero of the story) through patiently and faithfully serving the person whom he was called to serve. Frodo has become a leader by becoming a better friend.

As you serve Christ, I do hope every member of Second Church will share with others that expression of Christ within them. Whether you are "dutifully loving" or "loving dutifully" may God renew your motivation to finish what He has begun.

Your friend,



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

Oct. 9	Fall Church Picnic—Herdklotz Park
Oct. 9	Senior High Bonfire at the Worleys
Oct. 10	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
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. 24	College Dinner at the Shaws
Oct. 27	Reformation Party
Oct. 28	Calvary Presbytery
Oct. 28	WIC Book Club
Oct. 31	Reformation Sunday
Oct. 31	Hymn Sing

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.



WIC Annual Fall Retreat

It's time to register for the
Calvary Presbytery Annual Fall Retreat
Ridge Haven Conference Center
October 15-16, 2010
Speaker: Paula Miles
Bible Study: Colossians 3:12-17
Registration sign-up sheets are posted around the church.
Call Alice Barnett (906-0166) with any questions.

Reformation Party

Our annual Reformation Party will be Wednesday, October 27th. We need your help. We need booths and candy. If you can help with a booth, please see or call Seth (ext. 25). Please leave any donations of candy in a designated box in the gym. Thank you.

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, October 18, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered at \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. **(Please note the price increase).** The guest speaker this month will be Mr. Daniel Radulescu, Director of the Visiting Angels. The Visiting Angels answer questions and help you plan for your elderly years. They also provide in-home health care and assistance in making arrangements for financial and assisted living plans. Don't miss the food, fellowship, and the valuable information.

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 began Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. It's not too late to join. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions.

Jr. High Bonfire Saturday, October 9th 7:00 pm at the Worleys

WIC Circle #2 News

Circle #2 (meeting at Tammy Looper's home on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm) will begin a study of the book "Lord, Change My Attitude Before It's Too Late" by James McDonald. The study will be led by Judy Bishop.

Checking In @ SPC

If you are using the church facility in the evening or early morning hours would you please use our new In/Out notification Board. It is located right across from the nursery entrance on the wall by the stairwell. This will help with false alarms, general security and lock-up in the evening.

New Members

The Session received the following into communicant membership on Wednesday, September 13, 2010:

Ron and Carolyn McNeely
406 Cherokee Drive
Greenville, SC 29615
(Home) 609-9828
(Cell) (Ron) 303-5860 (Carolyn) 380-2188
twomcns@charter.net

The McNeelys will be introduced with the New Members' class in November. New directory inserts will be mailed at that time.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 10

- 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**
- 4:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Messiah 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, October 11

Joint Session/Diaconate meeting

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

Tuesday, October 12

- 10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
- 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion training
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the home of Jenny Spears

Wednesday, October 13

- 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
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

Thursday, October 14

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice

Friday, October 15

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, October 16

- 10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

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! A nursery will be provided thanks to Christa Pomerlyan.

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Lila Riggins
205 Bud Nalley Drive
Easley, SC 29642

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 10, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

BACK TO GALILEE

John 21:1-14

Hymns: 53, 498, 479

Anthem:

Sing Praise To God

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

OLD TESTAMENT FAITH

Habakkuk 2:1-4

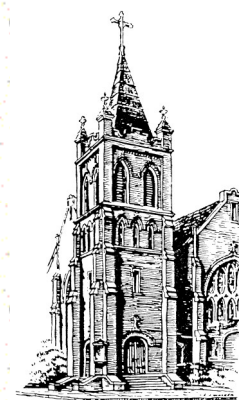
Hymns: 295, 486, 605

Psalter: Psalm 92

Mr. Seth Starkey preaching

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Letter From The Church Administrator In Praise of Volunteers

I would like to tell you about two friends of mine named Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee. They are two friends who unexpectedly accomplished great things together out of different senses of motivation. I think they have something to teach us about why we volunteer.

Other than the Bible, JRR Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* may be the most read book in the English language to date. As a child, a special memory was listening to the works of Tolkien read aloud (and in some cases re-enacted) by my older brothers, something I now take great pleasure in doing with my own children. Many of you have a keen interest in Tolkien, his imaginary (and yet so seemingly real) world of Middle-Earth, his relationship with CS Lewis and involvement in Oxford's famous literary discussion group "The Inklings." Tolkien's stories are not to be understood as explicit Christian allegory like Lewis's world of Narnia, but throughout one will find redemptive metaphors and virtuous characters only understood by a fixed Christian world-view.

Now back to our two friends, Samwise and Frodo. "Sam" has worked for the Baggins family all of his life, as his father before him. He is a beloved loyal servant, a neighbor, a frequent dinner companion, a confidante, and even an eager student of Frodo's (especially anything to do with Elves). Sam, in the best possible human sense - loves Frodo. He worries about his health, he takes care of many of his worldly affairs and wants as much as possible to help him with whatever problems he may be keeping private. When Frodo volunteers to go on a great quest Sam does not hesitate to volunteer himself along "to keep an eye on Frodo" because he's personally committed to Frodo though he has not the faintest clue what it will mean for him. One might say Sam volunteered out of love for his friend's need.

Frodo on the other hand is a leader that is keenly motivated by his sense of duty. When he discovers that a family heirloom is something much more than just a ring, he volunteers out of a sense of obligation to take the ring to its place of origin and destroy it for the good of all. He famously concludes, "I will take the ring... though I do not know the way." For Frodo finishing the task that was laid before him was the motivation he needed to start the job. One might even say Frodo volunteered out of a sense of calling.