

This was a real highlight for me because the foundation for this church building was laid by a missions team from Second (I believe that Second members also put the roof on this church, so we got to start it and finish it!). This 6:30 am service was very well attended and I greatly enjoyed both the reverent biblical worship and the opportunity to preach from John's Gospel. It was clear that Pastor Ricardo and his two associates (who are training to plant their own churches) are doing an outstanding job of evangelism, preaching, and pastoring. We returned after dinner for an evening service. At this service, I was introduced again to mild applause. But then Pastor Ricardo said, "Pastor Phillips serves at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. That is where Pastor Robert Spears also serves." At the mention of Robert's name, there was ecstatic applause, which tells you something of the impact he has had in Peru.

Undoubtedly the low point of my Peru trip was the dreaded night bus to Cajamarca. I will spare you the details, but suffice it to say that after an all-night bus ride from sea level to over 9000 ft, I emerged at 5:30 in the morning in fairly pitiful shape. After Wes Baker and I caught a cab to the home of Dr. Alonzo Ramirez, Senora Ramirez began nursing me back to life because I had a lot of teaching to do there, as well. The work in Cajamarca focuses on pastoral training in a seminary, along with church planting and campus evangelism. Dr. Ramirez is the founding visionary of Peru Mission, having met Dr. Ligon Duncan (a son of our church) during his theological studies in Scotland and having gained his Ph.D. at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. I cannot do justice to the significance of Alonzo's ministry in Peru. Suffice it to say that it is a great privilege for our church to partner with so significant and outstanding a man of God as him. In Cajamarca, I gave daily lectures in the seminary on the Book of Zechariah and I lectured at the Universidad Privada del Norte (where Alonzo also teaches) on the topic of leadership.

Let me conclude with some parting observations. First, for all the interesting and innovative missions activities taking place in Peru, by far the most valuable is the tried and true method of pastor training, church planting, and the pastoral ministry of preaching, evangelism and pastoral care. The churches we are planting could not possibly afford to pay a dedicated, trained pastor. But because of Peru Mission, supported in part by our missions giving, these churches have full time pastors (along with interns in training for things like youth ministry) through whom Christ is aggressively building these churches. Far more exciting to me than the innovative programs like the micro-finance bank and the woodworking business was the old-fashioned ministry taking place in the churches. Second, I was extremely impressed with the missionaries themselves and with the organization of the Peru Mission. Pastors Baker and Ramirez are investing their lives in a large number of dedicated missionaries and local pastors in a way that is truly inspiring. I particularly enjoyed our Sabbath-day meal in Trujillo at the Baker's home (Wes and his wife Jami have seven children). All the missionaries gather for this meal each Sunday, including a half-dozen missionary interns: vibrant Christian young men and women fresh out of college who are giving a year or two to missions. The worship, prayer, and evident godliness of this group were a blessing to my soul.

Lastly, as is usually the case, I was the chief beneficiary of my trip to Peru. I am struck anew about how important it is for our church members to personally visit and serve alongside missions like this: we must not merely give our money but also ourselves! While the trip was physically draining for me it was spiritual renewing. The Lord is doing great things through His Word and it is an overwhelming privilege just to be a part of the great gospel work taking place in our generation throughout the world. Thanks for your support of the Peru Mission, along with all of our missionaries, and thanks so much for your faithfulness in praying for me while I was away in Peru.

In Christ's Love,

Rick Phillips

Upcoming Events

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
Nov. 1	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 3	WIC Council
Nov. 3	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 7	New Members' Luncheon
Nov. 7	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 8	Session Meeting
Nov. 9-10	WIC Circles
Nov. 14	College Dinner at the Shaws
Nov. 15	Young At Heart
Nov. 19-21	FULL CONFIDENCE CONFERENCE
Nov. 21	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Dinner and Program
Nov. 25-26	Church Office Closed
Nov. 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting

If you have a date for the November calendar, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or judy@secondpca.net) this week.



REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2010



REFORMATION PARTY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010

We need booths, prizes, and candy.

If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Seth (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes, there is a box in the gym for your donations.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the winners of the dessert contest at our annual Fall Picnic. All entries were wonderful but the following were this year's winners:

Taste: 1st - **Rich McCall** (Kentucky Derby Pie), 2nd - **Sarah Martin and Ruth Bechtel** (Lemon Cake), 3rd - **Carolyn Fields** (Pecan Cake)

Presentation: 1st - **Amelia Gray and Addison Maralit** (Monster Cheese cake), 2nd - **Rebekah Johnson** (Turkey Cupcakes), 3rd - **Ann Guest** (Creamy "10 Karat" Cake)

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred and sixty second stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 28, 2010, at Woodruff Road PCA, beginning at 9:00 AM. Commissioners attending from our church are Ken Safford, Al Wills, and David Bragdon, Visitors are welcome.

2010-2011 CONFERENCE SERIES

FULL CONFIDENCE



The Bible Should It Be Trusted?

November 19-21, 2010
Second Presbyterian Church
Friday: 7-9 pm
Saturday: 9-12 Noon
Sunday: 8:30 & 11 am

Speakers:
Rev. Dr. K. Scott Oliphint
Rev. Dr. Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
Rev. Dr. David B. Garner
Rev. John Currie

Register today at
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Operation Christmas Child

Once again we have the opportunity to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box project. Informational brochures are available through Pat Tyner, the church office, or posted throughout the church. Information on gift ideas and how to pack the box can be found in the brochure. Please plan on bringing your prepared box(es) to the church office by Sunday, November 14th.

Music Notes

- ◆ A big "welcome" and "thank you" to Dr. Duane White for being our choir conductor on Sunday morning, October 24, as Elizabeth is out of town.
- ◆ Choir members please remember that our rehearsal on Sunday, October 24 begins at 4:30 for regular Sunday music and 5:00 for Messiah Music. We will return to our regular 4:00/5:00 schedule on October 31. Thanks for making a note of this change!

Seminary Book Sale

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary will be holding their annual all-day book sale on November 13th. Everyone is invited to attend and buy! If you have used books that you would like to contribute please leave them ASAP in the reception boxes by the church library.



Hymn Sing



Sunday, October 31st
Immediately following the evening worship service.
Join us as we sing your favorite hymns from the Trinity Hymnal.

Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution

The Creation Study Group (CSG) features this DVD by Dr. Jobe Martin of Biblical Discipleship Ministries, Rockwell, TX. Dr. Martin is a retired dentist and teacher at Baylor School of Dentistry, whose evolutionary scientific and medical training was challenged by his study of *remarkable, unexplained animals*. Come and bring a friend on Thursday, October 28th, 7:30 PM with book browsing at 7:00 PM. This program will cause you to marvel over the ingenious creativity and even sense of humor of our great God! See yellow CSG cards for details.

—Thanks to Johnny King of A Press for the delightful animal graphics.—

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 24

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
 4:30 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 College Dinner at the Shaws

Monday, October 25

5:30 PM 5th/6th grade Basketball practice

Tuesday, October 26

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 5:30 PM Midget Boys' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion training
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, October 27

5:45 PM Family Night Fellowship Supper
 6:30 PM Covenant Choir
 6:45 PM REFORMATION PARTY
 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Thursday, October 28

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Woodruff Road PCA
 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice
 7:00 PM WIC Book Club

Friday, October 29

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Saturday, October 30

10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

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. Rubye Benchoff
 304 Dupont Drive
 Greenville, SC 29607
 235-9958

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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

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 24, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

FOLLOW ME

John 21:18-25

Hymns: 55, 585, 654

Anthem:

How Firm A Foundation

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

RELIGIONS IN COLLISION

Matthew 15:1-20

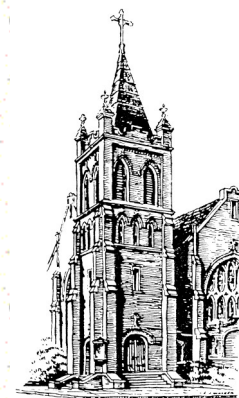
Hymns: 179, 88, 139

Psalter: Psalm 94

Dr. James McGoldrick preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister The Peru Mission

It was my great privilege to travel to Peru from September 29 to October 7. For many years, our church has partnered with the Peru Mission in its work of pastor training, church planting, and evangelism. This work takes place in the northern region of Peru, centered in the cities of Trujillo and Cajamarca.

Let me first comment on travel to a place like Peru. It was surprising to me that this country is actually in our time zone: Peru is virtually due south of South Carolina. I flew from Greenville to Atlanta, and there boarded a six+ hour flight to Lima, the capital city of Peru. I arrived to find a very modern and convenient airport, with the exception that they had the audacity to speak a language that I do not understand. (Actually, I took four years of Spanish in high school and four semesters of Spanish in college - yet still I can speak only a bare minimum of the language. Kids, pay attention in class!). Since I got in after midnight, I checked into a Ramada Inn next to the airport (where all the employees spoke English) and slept three hours before getting up to board my 6:00 am flight to Trujillo.

My first stop was Trujillo, a bustling city of over a million people on the Pacific Ocean coast of Peru. This is the largest city in the northern part of the country. Arriving a little after 7:00 am, I checked into a hotel next to the mission offices and was teaching by 8:30 am. Talk about world travel - arrive in country at midnight, teaching by 8:30 am. It was like being back in the Army!

Let me describe the work of Peru Mission in Trujillo. It is led by Rev. Wes Baker, a missionary long supported by our church (and a seminary pal of Robert Spears). This is a multifaceted church planting mission. The core of their work consists of a seminary where pastors are trained and the churches they have planted in and around the city. In addition, they operate a wildly successful micro-finance bank, which makes small business loans (usually around \$100) to help people launch a small business. They also operate a much-needed medical clinic (a second is waiting for funds to be built) and a wood-working shop that provides jobs for church members. One very exciting new outreach is the Peru branch of Reformed University Fellowship: Pastor Baker is gathering over 70 students weekly for this campus outreach to the colleges of that city.

My time in Trujillo was occupied mainly in teaching and preaching, along with touring the mission projects. Each morning, I lectured for two hours on the doctrine of the atonement. For lunch, I was hosted by members of the mission. I had the afternoon off for rest and study and then I preached for two hours at a conference they held in the evening. These sermons were preached on the Psalms and focused on the Christian life.

Sunday was a particular highlight for me. It turns out that this was national election day - yes, Sunday - and by law no organizations are permitted to hold public meetings. I was gratified to see that the Christians ignored this law, since it violated God's commands. But for prudence sake they held their morning service at 6:30 am. The church was the Aruvula Presbyterian Church in Trujillo.