

The Pauline Eschatology, by Geerhardus Vos. The book that enabled me finally to understand eschatology (the doctrine of the end). This is a very academic book and difficult to read, but still great. The easy-to-read version of the same teaching is Sam Waldron's *The End Times Made Simple*. Strongly recommended.

Children of the Living God, by Sinclair B. Ferguson. The best of Ferguson's short but outstanding books published by Banner of Truth. They are all terrific, but this book will give strong biblical shape to your relationship to God as a dearly beloved child in Christ.

Holiness, by J. C. Ryle. When I was first converted, I was frightened by the idea of holiness, since it seemed so threatening and impossible to reach. These classic biblical studies not only made holiness seem possible but also eminently desirable.

Christ's Call to Discipleship, by James Montgomery Boice. A hard hitting book that will seriously challenge you by straight teaching from Jesus on carrying your cross and following Him. A gripping and inspiring book.

Whatever Happened to the Gospel of Grace? by James Montgomery Boice. A penetrating study of the church today and the pressing need for reformation.

The Sovereignty of God, by A. W. Pink. After so many decades this remains the classic and overwhelming study of God's sovereignty in all things (and especially salvation). This book not only ends the argument about predestination but will turn you into an ardent lover of the doctrines of grace (with the added bonus of numerous spiritual blessings to you).

These would all be great books for you to begin reading (or to give as presents to one another). I give thanks to God for these and other books that have made such a difference in my life, and which I know will do likewise for you.

On behalf of my family, let me also wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving. I give thanks to God for this wonderful church, your commitment to God and His Word, and your loving support of my ministry as your pastor. May the Lord bless you all this Thanksgiving week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

Nov. 25-26	Church Office Closed
Nov. 27	WIC decorates the church for Christmas
Nov. 28	Informational Budget meeting - pm service
Dec. 1	WIC Council
Dec. 1	Administration Committee meeting
Dec. 2	WIC Precepts Bible Study: Hebrews 2
Dec. 2	WIC Wreath-making Party
Dec. 4	Messiah Rehearsal
Dec. 4	Choir Christmas Party
Dec. 5	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Dec. 6	Diaconate Meeting
Dec. 8	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Dec. 8	Ushering Meeting
Dec. 12	Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support the 2011 budget
Dec. 12	Messiah Presentation at the evening service
Dec. 13	Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 13	Session Meeting
Dec. 14	WIC Circles
Dec. 15	Christmas Supper and Caroling Downtown
Dec. 16	Rivertree Singers at Second
Dec. 18	Jr. High Christmas Party
Dec. 19	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Dec. 21	College Class Christmas Party at the Shaws
Dec. 22	No Wednesday night activities
Dec. 23-27	Church Office Closed
Dec. 24	Lessons and Carols
Dec. 29	No Wednesday night activities
Dec. 30-31	Church Office Closed

Perry Correctional Christmas Outreach

Following the morning services on Sunday, Dec. 5th, the deacons will be taking up a special offering for the support of an outreach at Perry Correctional. Second Church is sponsoring a dorm for Christmas and will orchestrate a Christmas program where each inmate receives a Bible, hygiene bag, and a meal. The Gospel will be preached and hymns of praise sung. Please give generously to this outreach and mercy ministry. The actual Christmas program will be held at the prison on Saturday, Dec. 11th. If you are interested in singing in a small choir or otherwise participating in the distribution of the food and hygiene items, please see Bill Watkins (304-4737).

Ushering

Any man, high school age and above, interested in serving as an usher for any or all of the Sunday services next year, please contact Kip Altman as soon as possible. (ckaltman@yahoo.com or 292-3353) There will be an informational meeting for all interested, future and current, on December 8th at 8:15 in the sanctuary.

Music Notes

- ◆ **Choir Members:** Saturday, December 4th, we will rehearse Messiah from 4-6 pm in the sanctuary. Following rehearsal we will have our annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres, spouses, and a white elephant gift.
- ◆ **Attention parents:** All children, Wee Worship through Covenant Choir will be singing at the Thanksgiving program, Wednesday, November 24. Covenant Choir will also be singing Sunday morning, November 28 for the 11:00 am worship service and need to be in the choir room by 10:30 am. Thank you for making a note of these two dates.

Congregational Meetings

—There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, November 28, immediately following the evening worship service. David Rainey, church treasurer, will present the 2011 budget.

—There will be a congregational meeting at 9:55 am in the sanctuary on December 12, to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2011 budget. Immediately following the congregational meeting there will be a joint Sunday School class for all communicant members. Visitors will meet in the Chapel with Pastor Spears.

WIC Wreath-Making Party

WIC invites women and girls of all ages to our Annual Wreath-Making Party on Thursday, December 2, 6:30 PM, in the church gymnasium. An evening of fellowship and fun will be had by all as we make Christmas wreaths. Please bring a simple dessert (cookies, etc.) to add to our festive party. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Cost is \$7.00 if you bring your own PVC wreath from a previous wreath-making party. **Please sign up** on the church bulletin boards or in your Sunday School Class. Also, bring enough greenery/berries, etc. to fill your wreath and share with others. Also, please bring your own clippers/gloves. If you have any questions please call Leslie Martin at 271-2022.

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon will be Monday, **December 13** (not December 20) at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. A special catered Christmas lunch will be \$7.00 per person payable at the door. Make your plans to join us as we enjoy good food and fellowship.

Thank You

Greenville Presbyterian Seminary thanks everyone who contributed to the recent book sale. This event realized about \$2700 which will go to improvement of the library.

Welcome

We welcome Rev. Dave Osborne, RUF at Western Carolina, to the pulpit at the morning worship services on November 28th. We also welcome Rev. Paul Settle to the pulpit for the evening service.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. They will be in the church from December 5 through the 26. This year you may purchase a Poinsettia for \$10.00. **Please consider being a part of making our church beautiful for Christmas.** If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Please do not put in the offering plate.)**

I would like to purchase _____ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

(Name) _____ Telephone # _____

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 28

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 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 Informational Budget Meeting

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

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, December 1

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:30 PM Administration Committee meeting
 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
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, December 2

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study: Hebrews 2
 6:30 PM WIC Wreath-making Party

Friday, December 3

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

Saturday, December 4

10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 4:00 PM Messiah Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Choir Christmas Party

Rivertree Singers

(Bob Jones Alumni Choir)

Thursday, December 16, 2010

8:00 pm

Second Presbyterian Church

A concert of sacred and secular Christmas Music

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Aurelia Miller
 The Haywood Estates, Room 105
 1180 Haywood Road
 Greenville, SC 29615

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 28, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

THE ENTRANCE EXAM
 Mark 12:28-34

Hymns: 38, 80 649

Anthem:

How Can I Give You Thanks?
 Rev. Dave Osborne preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

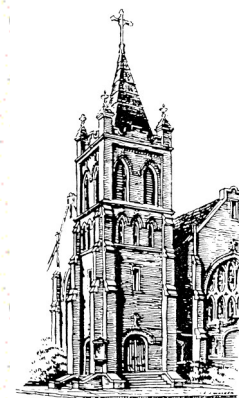
GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Hymns: 17, 565, 585

Psalter: Psalm 98

Rev. Paul Settle preaching



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Letter From The Senior Minister Books For Which I Am Thankful

In previous years I have written a note of general thanksgiving at this time of year, recalling all the many blessings showered on me and our church by a gracious God. I certainly want to continue giving thanks to God for all His many blessings, and to our wonderful congregation for the love, encouragement, and response to God's Word. However, I thought this year I would give thanks to God for particular books that have been a blessing to me and have left a strong imprint on my life. Perhaps this will encourage you to devote yourself to rich Christian writings and even to some of these that God has used to bless my life.

The first book I have to mention is the Bible. The Holy Scriptures are God's revealed Word that has given life to my soul and continues to feed me on the manna of heaven. Where would I be – in the past, present, or future – without the Bible? I very seriously would rather lose my life in this world than lose the Word of God.

Having given place of precedents to the Scriptures, here are other books for which I give hearty praise to God. If you are a new Christian, or if you have recently decided to get more serious in reading godly literature, this would be a good list for you to begin with:

Knowing God, by J. I. Packer. One of the truly significant books written in recent years (1978). A meaty but very readable (and often brilliant) tour through the attributes of God. (There are few studies more important than the attributes of God!).

The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment, by Jeremiah Burroughs. This book really shook me up about my relationship to the world and the things of the world. Learning the "secret" of contentment is a life-long journey, but mine was deeply affected by reading this Puritan classic.

The Sermon on the Mount, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Practically everything in the massive (and growing) MLJ collection of books is pure gold. This is one of his first published books (perhaps the first?). His key point: "The way to happiness is through righteousness."

The Holiness of God, by R. C. Sproul. One of the classics published during our lifetime. The opening chapter on Isaiah 6 and the chapter titled, "The Insanity of Luther" are unforgettable.