

of biblical doctrine, so an elder must sincerely uphold this confessional standard. During elder training, I will have gone entirely through the *Westminster Confession* and all candidates will have passed a written test in doctrine prepared and graded by me. Moreover, an elder should be able to teach the Bible and sound doctrine. This does not necessarily mean that he possesses impressive public speaking gifts – although this is certainly a plus for an elder – but that he can competently present the Bible’s doctrine and effectively refute errors.

- *Blameless in life, exhibiting a sobriety and holiness of life that becomes the Gospel.* This calls for both a negative and a positive evaluation. An elder should manage himself with self-control, having repented of serious sins and avoiding any behaviors that would scandalize the gospel and Christ’s church. Consider, therefore, how a man treats other people and handles difficult situations. If he is harsh, worldly, divisive, or argumentative, he should not be called as an elder. Positively, an elder should exhibit a godliness that is worthy of emulation from others. Hebrews 13:7 exhorts us: “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith” (Heb. 13:7). These words should be able to be said of any men we call to the office of elder.
- *Rule of his own house.* The Bible tells us to evaluate elder candidates by considering the way they rule their own households. The logic is that “if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?” (1 Tim. 3:5). This does not mean that an elder candidate’s wife or children have to be perfect! Rather, it urges us to consider if these are families who are faithful Christians, active in the ministry of the church, promoting peace and godliness, and growing in the grace of the Lord. Does the elder candidate’s marriage show the love characteristic of a biblical relationship? Do the children bear the marks of faithful, godly parenting?
- *Of good repute outside the church.* An elder should be respected in the world for integrity, faithfulness, and godliness. To be sure, many godly men will be disliked by the world. But the way that elders conduct their public affairs should win general admiration. Likewise, a man who is engaged in public scandal in which he is at fault, whether moral or not, should not be made an elder in the church. Paul says, “He must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil” (1 Tim. 3:7).

We believe that the Holy Spirit calls men to office through the sanctified will of the congregation. This week’s nominations are therefore important as the Lord works His will in and through our church. Our part is to be prayerfully obedient to the Word of God, as our congregation seeks His blessing on the nominations you will make this week.

In Christ’s Love,

Rick Phillips
Senior Minister

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

Feb. 6 Elder Nominations close after evening worship service
Feb. 7 Diaconate meeting
Feb. 8-9 WIC Circles
Feb. 9 Pastoral Care Committee meeting
Feb. 9 Called Session Meeting
Feb. 11 Valentine’s Banquet
Feb. 13 Worship & Music Committee meeting
Feb. 13 College Class Lunch
Feb. 14 Session meeting
Feb. 15 PCRT Pastor’s Luncheon
Feb. 20 The Lord’s Supper at the evening worship service
Feb. 21 Young At Heart
Feb. 23 CE Committee meeting
Feb. 24 WIC Book Club
Feb. 27 Evangelism/Church Growth meeting

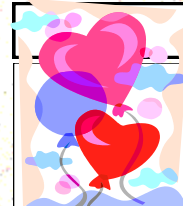
BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, February 2 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Watch for sign-up sheets

There will not be a Churchwide Fellowship Supper in February. Will resume March 6th.

Lifetime of Romance



Valentine’s Banquet

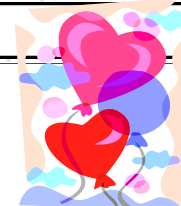
February 11, 2011 - 6:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person (12 years and up)

Make reservations by Sunday, Feb. 6

with Ken Safford, Sheryl Plating, or Robert Spears

Registration sheets available on shelf outside the library.



Offering Envelopes

Please do not use your 2010 envelopes for your 2011 contributions. Each year the envelope numbers are reassigned and you may not get the same number you were assigned the previous year. We are asking that you throw your old 2010 envelopes away and use the new 2011.

WIC Annual Meeting

CALVARY PRESBYTERY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 5, 2011

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Fairview Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC

Price to cover lunch: \$8.00 per person payable at the door

—Find out what’s going on for women in Calvary Presbytery.

—Find out what Women in the Church is all about.

—Hear an inspiring message on Proverbs 4:18.

—Hear about missions in the upstate.

—Eat a great lunch that you didn’t prepare.

—Meet and encourage women from other churches in your presbytery.

Free Babysitting will be provided.

As Presbyterians, we are part of something bigger. We are connected...we are to encourage one another. One way to do that is with our presence. We have two large meetings a year, the annual meeting and the fall retreat. Please join us this year.

New Members’ Class

Begins Sunday, March 6, 2011

10:00 AM in Room C-209 (on second floor)

Taught by Pastor Phillips

The class will meet each Sunday for 6 weeks.

Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church, however, you are required to take the class before joining the church.

Church Directory

We have begun working on a new church directory. If you need to make any changes to the existing directory, please email these changes to judy@secondpca.org. For the next few Sundays, Hank Ludwig will be set-up in the sanctuary to take pictures for our new directory. If you would like to have a new picture in this year’s directory please stop by and have your picture taken. Also, if you do not have a picture in the existing directory we encourage you to have your picture taken for our new directory. With so many new members it helps them learn their new church family faster if they have a face to match a name. If you would like to submit a digital picture via email (judy@secondpca.org) please do so as soon as possible.

Music Notes

- We welcome to the conductor’s stand our own Steve Moore, who is filling in for Elizabeth while she is at a music convention in Charleston. Thank you Steve, for your excellent work!
- K4-2nd grade parents: Please note that there is NO Wee Worship this Sunday, February 6. We will resume February 13. Thank you for making a note of this.

Elder Nominations

This Lord’s Day, February 6, following the evening worship service the nominations for Elder will close. Please find listed below a corrected list of the members eligible for the office of Elder. Nomination slips are available from the ushers at the Sunday worship services or in the church office.

Altman, Kip	Dillard Marion	Knox, Bill	Russell, Earl
Anderson, Waddy	Dillard, Mike	Kozma, John	Russell, Tindell
Atwood, John	Eskridge, Frank	Laughter, Marcus	Safford, Kenneth
Bargar, Duane	Evans, Spencer	Leathers, Jim	Schvaneveldt, Steve
Barnett, Joel	Farley, Alan	Ludwig, Hank	Scoggins, Chad
Bechtel, Bill	Farris, George	Mahon, Frank	Senn, Andy
Bechtel, Brian	Francis, James	Mahon, Ron	Senn, Byron
Braeckelaere, Bill	Frazier, Andy	Maralit, Joseph	Shuford, Jack
Briggs, Larry	Frazier, Erwin	Martin, Henry	Stevens, Brian
Bulla, Don	Gamble, Jacob	Martin, Joe	Stevens, Joe
Butler, Ed	Gray, John	Moore, Robert	Stoddard, Dan
Caldwell, David	Griffin, John	Moore, Steve	Therrell, Billy
Campbell, Woody	Griffin, Matthew	Montgomery, Henry	Watkins, Bill
Carey, Mike	Guest, Jon	Moran, Rich	Waugh, Barry
Chivers, Mike	Haskell, Ray	Morgan, Mike	Whigham, Martin
Chivers, Richard	Holbrook, Mark	Owens, Tim	White, Duane
Cook, Ken	Holman, Bob	Palmer, Walter	Windt, Jeff
Crunk, Tim	Holman, Michael	Patton, Jon	Woodard, Don
DeShields, Dick	Hook, John	Pennington, Trey	Woodard, Ken
Detmer, Bill	King, Harry	Rainey, David	Worley, Kevin
Dickerson, Larry	King, John	Rogers, Reed	

**Annual Sports’ Banquet
Wednesday, March 2, 2011.**

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 6

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:55 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, February 7

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, February 8

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 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 Christa Pomerlyan

Wednesday, February 9

5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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
 8:15 PM Called Session meeting

Thursday, February 10

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, February 11

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:30 PM Valentine's Banquet

Saturday, February 12

10:30 AM JB Girls' B'ball game at 1st Pres.
 10:30 AM Midget Boys' B'ball game at OLR
 11:30 AM JC Girls' B'ball game at 4th Pres.
 12:30 PM JC Boys' B'ball game at St. George

Memorial Flowers

There are still openings for Memorial Flowers in 2011. If you would like to place Memorial flowers in the church sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office (ext. 10) or Judy Bishop (246-0951). Also, there are sign-up sheets posted throughout the church.

**February 6, 20, 27; April 3; May 1, 22, 29;
 July 17, 24; August 21; Oct. 2, 9, 16**

Remembering One Another

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

Miss Sara Cater
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 Greenville, SC 29617
 246-3292

The Second Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY FEBRUARY 6, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

GOD MY HELPER

Psalm 54
 Anthem: Hear My Prayer
 Hymns: 21, 94, 246
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

2 Samuel 6:1-7
 Hymns: 103, 105, 100
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Elder Election

This last Sunday (Jan. 30, 2011), we held a congregational meeting in which we agreed to elect two new elders to join our Session. The Session is the ruling body of a Presbyterian church, consisting of the elders of the church that exercises authority and oversight over the church. Second Presbyterian Church ordains its elders for life, which is the best expression of the Bible's teaching, and which also makes our election especially serious. This week, members should be prayerfully considering which men to nominate for election from the list provided last Sunday. (The list of eligible men is not a recommendation by the elders, but simply provides the names of those men who have been members for at least two years, are at least 30 years old, and are members in good standing.) Nominations can be brought to the church office any time this week and may be placed in the offering plate during next Sunday's worship.

Let me recap the process that will lead to the congregational vote on May 29, 2011. After the nominations have been made by the congregation, the Session will communicate with the nominees and determine if there is any clear reason why any nominees should not go forward in the process. Nominees will then be invited to attend an elders' training class that I will conduct on Wednesday nights after our prayer meeting. This class will conclude with a written examination, after which the nominees will each receive a detailed examination of their doctrine and manner of life before the Session. It is the Session's duty to ensure that all candidates meet the biblical requirements of 1 Timothy 3:1-1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. After the Session interviews, those nominees wishing to stand for election will appear on a slate that will be presented to the congregation not later than a week prior to the congregational meeting. We have scheduled June 19, 2011, for the ordination of the new elders during our Lord's Day evening worship.

Since this is the week when you are being asked to make nominations, let me provide you the guidance in our denomination's *Book of Church Order*, which summarizes the Bible's teaching on the qualifications of elders. These are matters you should consider – not popularity or worldly attainments – when you nominate men to serve as elders. An elder must be:

- *Competent in Human Learning, sound in faith, and apt to teach.* A man who is called to serve as elder should have competent intellectual ability, so as to be able judiciously to assess arguments and arrive at sound decisions. He must especially be sound in his embrace of the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. Our church holds the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms* as the true summary