

order to present it to you. This is why expository preaching is demanding of a preacher; it keeps him always studying and always learning. But it provides the important blessings of continuous spiritual growth for the minister himself and forces him to sit at the feet of the Lord in the exercise of his preaching office.

Lastly, expository preaching is *good for the Church*. It keeps the pulpit from being limited by the experience, knowledge and outlook of the minister himself (what a terrible thought!). It provides a broad and wholesome diet of God's Word. Just as the Bible contains promises, encouragements, rebukes, and instruction, the expository pulpit will issue forth in the same. And since the Bible is itself Christ-centered, expository preaching is the best way for the church to keep the focus where God wants it to be.

It is my great privilege to be called by God to exposit his holy and inerrant Word, and my pleasure to preach for your spiritual blessing. But it is a greater task than any man can fulfill on his own. I need your prayers, and I need you to desire to hear God's Word. I hope you will attend to the preaching of God's Word in the church, since it is the very food your soul needs, and I pray for God to be honored here through the Holy Scriptures as He builds up His Church through the preaching of His Word.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Boy Scout Sunday

This Sunday, February 27, Second Presbyterian Church will be honoring Boy Scout Sunday. Troop 828 is an established troop sponsored by SPC. It has been here for 2 years now and many of our scouts are members of the church. The leaders are Duane Bargar and Frank Mahon. They meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Scout Hut, (the Greenhouse), and invite future scouts and leaders to attend. Our troop goes on many campouts and hikes throughout the year. The Scouts will serve as ushers in the 11:00 am worship service this Lord's Day. Please take a moment to welcome them and learn more about our troop. The Scout ushers are: Allen Mahon, Keith Valdivia, Blake Bargar, Dylan Bargar, Trey Bargar, Peyton Ross, and Matthew Phillips.

PCA Prison Ministry

We welcome Mark Casson, Executive Director of Metanoia Ministries (The PCA's prison ministry) for a special presentation this Sunday night at 5:55 in the sanctuary. Mark is a Ruling Elder in the PCA and a frequent speaker on this topic. Come early to hear about the PCA's outreach to prisoners.

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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

Mar. 2	WIC Council
Mar. 2	Sports' Banquet
Mar. 6	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Mar. 6	New Members' Class begins
Mar. 7	Diaconate Meeting
Mar. 8-9	WIC Circles
Mar. 8-10	Greenville Seminary's Spring Conference
Mar. 9	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Mar. 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Mar. 14	Session Meeting
Mar. 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Mar. 21	Young At Heart
Mar. 23	CE Committee Meeting
Mar. 24	WIC Book Club
Mar. 24	Jessamines
Mar. 26	Churchwide Work Day
Mar. 27	Nursery Workers' Banquet
Mar. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting

Annual Sports' Banquet

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
Dinner: 5:45 pm * Program: 6:45 pm
Speaker: Pastor Robert Spears
The entire church family is invited to this event as we honor our young people who participated in this year's sports events.

Jessamines

5th—8th grade girls along with their moms are invited to join us for dinner and the monthly meeting of **JESSAMINES** Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Judy Bishop will be speaking on "JOY"
Each girl should bring a Bible and a pencil
Moms bring *anything chocolate* to share
If you have any questions call Leslie Martin (271-2022 or 350-4574)

Save the Date

Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology 2011
Children of God: Adopted into the Father's Love
April 1-3, 2011
Second Presbyterian Church
Speakers: Joel Beeke, Richard Phillips, Derek Thomas, David Wells

2011 WIC Annual Meeting

CALVARY PRESBYTERY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH
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.
Speaker: Rev. Peter Spink, Senior Pastor, Fairview Presbyterian Church
"It's Your Time to Shine"
Free Babysitting will be provided.
See Jill Mann (895-3351) if you have any questions.

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.

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or judy@secondpca.org). We want to recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

Wednesday Night Price Increase

The increases are as follow and will begin Wednesday, March 2, 2011:

Children 12 and under	\$3
Adults and children over 12	\$5
Family 4 or more	\$18 (no more than \$18)

These are modest increases and hopefully budget friendly. Wednesday night supper is an excellent time of fellowship and good food.
—The Diaconate and the Fellowship and Athletic Committee

Gym/Conference Room Renovation

Beginning this week the Gymnasium, Kitchen and Conference Room are undergoing a long planned and much needed renovation. A new oven, serving window, gym storage rooms and a redesigned and improved conference room is in the works. While use of the gym itself will not be affected, the conference room will be off limits until mid March. If you are involved in ministry in these areas we appreciate you working around our building schedule. Now is a great time to collect belongings (clothing, serving wares, etc.) that have been left behind in the gym area. **A general giveaway for "lost and found" items not claimed will occur at the end of this month.** See the Administrator for details.

Greenville Seminary's Spring Conference

Power From On High
THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
A Biblical Examination of the Spirit and His work for and in the church.
March 8-10, 2011 at Greenville Seminary
Online registration deadline is Thursday, March 3, 5:00 pm
For more information go to www.gpts.edu
or call the seminary at 322-2717

Music Notes

- Parents, please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 27. Wee Worship will sing the introit and Covenant Choir (3rd-8th grade) will sing the anthem for the 11:00 am worship service. They need to report to the choir room for rehearsal between 10:30-10:40 am. Thank you. Elizabeth
- Calling all Singers! It is now time to begin rehearsing music for the PCRT. Please consider joining us at 5:15 on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Elizabeth Guest with any questions. (313-0193)

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 27

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:55 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 10:00 AM Communicants Class
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal for PCRT
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, February 28

Tuesday, March 1

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, March 2

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:45 PM **Annual Sports Banquet**

Thursday, March 3

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, March 4

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, March 5

Welcome

We welcome Rev. Tim Udouj, RUF at Furman University, to the pulpit this Sunday morning while Pastor Phillips is out of town.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I am so encouraged by your generous support of me as I head to Madrid, Spain in the next couple of months. I'm thankful for your gracious financial gifts toward the building of the kingdom in Spain, and for your prayers for me as I prepare to share the Gospel with students who very likely have never opened the Bible in their lives. I look forward to sharing with you the ways that I see God working among the 350,000 students studying in downtown Madrid.

*With thanks in Christ,
 Heather Waugh*

Remembering One Another

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

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 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

THE SURPRISING JOY OF HUMILITY

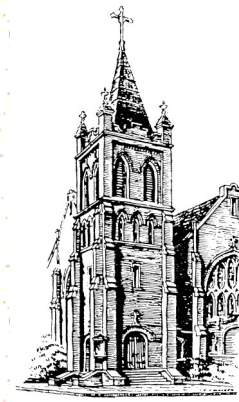
1 Peter 5:5-11
 Hymns: 53, 688, 610
 Rev. Tim Udouj preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

TO YOU, YAHWEH, I WILL CRY!

Psalms 28
 Hymns: 660, 655, 522
 Psalter: Psalm 104 (vs. 24-35)
 Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Expository Preaching

Our pulpit ministry here at Second Presbyterian is guided by a commitment to expository preaching. This means that I usually preach through whole books of the Bible, passage by passage. Sometimes these will be fairly long series, such as my sermons on the Gospel of John, which lasted from the summer of 2007 to the fall of 2010, and my evening series on the books of Samuel, which began in the fall of 2008 and still has quite a long way to go before we are finished. Other series may be shorter, such as my sermons on Jonah, Micah, and Ephesians chapter 2. I am currently about halfway through a morning series on book 2 of the Psalms (Ps. 42-72), which should wrap up this summer, after which I plan to preach through Paul's two letters to the Thessalonians in the mornings. Why would I preach in this way, when other approaches might be thought to be more user-friendly? The answer is that I am firmly persuaded that expository preaching is the best way for me to fulfill my calling as a teacher and for our church to be fed the Word of God.

So what is expository preaching? Expository preaching is an approach that concerns both the week-to-week practice of preaching and the handling of an individual sermon. The aim is to teach the Word of God as it is presented in the Bible, sequentially working through a book of the Bible passage by passage, week by week. In preaching a particular expository sermon, my goal is to 1) proclaim the message of the text; 2) explain the meaning of the text; 3) and apply the text to the practical lives of the listeners.

I think there are good reasons to approach preaching this way. First, it is *a good way to handle the Scriptures*. There is always a danger that we will misread a passage of Scripture because we do not approach it in context. The books of the Bible were written as wholes, and the message of the Holy Spirit in a particular passage can only really be grasped in context with the whole book. Expository preaching therefore allows us to follow along with the Spirit as He has revealed God's Word through a particular book. But won't this be boring if we spend a long time in a single book? The answer is decidedly No, for the simple reason that the Bible is very exciting. Long books of the Bible cover practically every topic you would want to consider. But these topics are handled in a biblical context, not in a context invented by the preacher.

Secondly, expository preaching is *good for the minister*. Instead of delivering to you what is on my mind and heart, it causes me to learn what is on God's mind and heart. The first step in any of my sermons is to place myself in your shoes, humbly receiving the message of God's Word in