

more important than frequency. If our families held family worship one night per week, that would make a massive difference. Two nights a week would be a good goal.

Timing: Any time that consistently works. And it may shift during different seasons of our children's lives. Since our family has been home schooling, we no longer have so much pressure to get our children out the door in the morning, so breakfast has worked well for daily Bible study and prayer. What will work for you will depend on your family's schedule (although what we schedule always reflects our priorities in life).

Length: Don't worry too much about this and don't think you have to make it a huge production. However long it takes to study the Bible together, pray, and sing. When we do family worship in the evening, complete with singing, it takes about 40 minutes. Daily devotions at the table take about 20 minutes for us.

Discipline: The flesh wars against the spirit, and our children sometimes find family worship to be difficult. As they have gotten older and more used to family worship, it is increasingly rare for a spanking to be delivered during family worship, but it has happened many times in the past. This is why family worship is a team endeavor of Mommy and Daddy together. Generally, the father will lead the worship, and the mother will help but in sharing her insights to the children and in helping keep the children attentive.

The bottom-line is that our families need to make a commitment to worship in the home. If we don't do this, when will we read the Bible and pray with our children? When will our children see an open window to look upon our faith? When will we bond as a family at the altar of prayer? What will happen to our children if we don't? Family worship may get de-railed from time to time, and we will need to jumpstart it again. But it is a commitment that will pay eternal dividends. I would urge all the families of our church to seriously consider making a commitment to family worship.

Dr. Beeke recounts that for his parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary, each of their five children wrote a note of thanks for one particular thing. Interestingly, every one of them thanked their mother for her prayers and every one of them thanked their father for leading family worship. In Beeke's booklet, *Family Worship*, he reminds us that great revivals have often begun through a recommitment to family worship. Our own nation desperately needs revival: perhaps it will begin in our living rooms, at our kitchen tables, and in the hearts of our own precious boys and girls.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

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*
Registration brochures are located around the church.

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

Mar. 24	WIC Book Club
Mar. 24	Jessamines
Mar. 25-26	Churchwide Work Day
Mar. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting
April 1-3	PCRT CONFERENCE
April 3	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
April 6	WIC Council
April 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
April 10	Nursery Workers' Banquet
April 11	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
April 12-13	WIC Circles
April 16	WIC Shower for Meredith Altman
April 17	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
April 18	Young At Heart
April 20	No Wednesday evening activities
April 21	Maundy Thursday Service
April 22	Good Friday Lunch and Service
April 24	Sunrise Service
April 27	CE Committee Meeting
April 28	Calvary Presbytery
April 28	Jessamines

If you have any April activities or meetings to schedule please call (232-7621, ext. 10) or email (judy@secondpca.org) the church office this week. All activities, meetings, etc. need to be put on the church calendar to avoid any conflicts in scheduling.

Mark Your Calendars!

Graduation Banquet	May 4
CAT Kids Program	May 11
Blood Drive	May 11
New Members' Luncheon	May 15
General Assembly	June 6-10
Vacation Bible School	June 20-24
Sr. High Summer Conference	July 10-16

Upcoming Graduates

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

Music Notes

Calling all Singers! It is now time to begin rehearsing music for the PCRT. Please consider joining us at 5:00 on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Elizabeth Guest with any questions. (313-0193)

Churchwide Work Days

Church Work Day Part 1: Friday evening, March 25th
Church Work Day Part 2: Saturday, March 26th

We will be doing interior and exterior spring cleaning to include mulching the yard, post construction clean up in the gym, classroom and sanctuary deep clean and de-clutter, etc. Please bring mulching equipment (pitch forks, shovels, etc.) As in years past, Phil Bryant, our landscaper, will be bringing his tractor to help transport the mulch piles. Young and old....all are welcome.

Old Conference Room Chairs

If you are interested in taking one of the old conference room chairs they can be picked up after Wednesday night supper in the gym on a first come first serve basis.

Women's Mini-Retreat

GOD'S TREASURE IN BROKEN VESSELS

Saturday, April 9

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Mitchell Road PCA

(207 Mitchell Road, Greenville, SC)

\$15, payable at the door

(includes conference, light breakfast, and lunch)

Speaker and Author Sue Jakes

Special Music

Discussion Time

RSVP to mrpcwomen@gmail.com (required) by April 3

or call Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church

Meals on Wheels

In 2010, Meals on Wheels served more than 379,000 meals to homebound neighbors in Greenville County. While delivering meals, the volunteers provide the personal companionship that many of their clients do not have. Meals on Wheels also works with other professional organizations to ensure that clients' homes are safe and comfortable. If you would like to learn more about Meals on Wheels, or become a volunteer, please contact them at 864-233-6565.

Next Jessamines—Thursday, March 24

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to place in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone special, please call Judy Bishop (246-0951) by **Friday, April 15**. Also fill out the form below and place in the church office in Judy Grant's mail box along with \$10.00 for each lily.

I would like to place _____ (how many) Easter Lily(ies) in the church on Easter Sunday:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 27

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM New Members' Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 10:00 AM Communicants Class
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 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, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

- 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

Thursday, March 31

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, April 1

PCRT CONFERENCE

- 8:00 AM Pre-Conference Registration
 9:00 AM Pre-Conference: **Fathers, Sons, and Daughters**
 (Richard Phillips with Steven Lawson and Joel Beeke)
 6:00 PM Conference Registration
 7:00 PM Opening of 2011 PCRT
 First Address: **Behold, What Love!** (David Wells)

Saturday, April 2

PCRT CONFERENCE

- 8:00 AM Late Registration
 9:00 AM Second Address: **Saved into the Family** (Derek Thomas)
 10:00 AM Third Address: **Like Father, Like Son** (Joel Beeke)
 11:00 AM Question and Answer Session
 2:00 PM Fourth Address: **The Family Privileges** (Richard Phillips)
 3:15 PM Seminars
 6:30 PM Sacred Concert
 7:00 PM Fifth Address: **Many Sons to Glory** (Derek Thomas)

Remembering One Another

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

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WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
MARCH 27, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

IN THE WATCHTOWER
 Psalm 59

Anthem: Come, Christians, Join to Sing
 Hymns: 92, 457, 621
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

WHEN JESUS COMES
 II Thessalonians 1:1-12
 Hymns: 302, 318, 327

Psalter: Psalm 105 (verses 23-45)
 Rev. Paul Settle preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Family Worship

During the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology, which met in Grand Rapids, Michigan last week, I had the occasion to speak on the subject of family worship. One of the other speakers there, my friend Joel Beeke, has written eloquently on this subject:

Every church desires growth. Surprisingly few churches, however, seek to promote internal church growth by stressing the need to raise children in covenantal truth. Few seriously grapple with why many adolescents become nominal members with mere notional faith or abandon evangelical truth for unbiblical doctrine and modes of worship. I believe one major reason for this failure is the lack of stress upon family worship.

I agree with Dr. Beeke. Over the years, I have observed the mistake many parents make in their hands-off approach to the Christian nurture of their children. They assume that if they bring their children to Sunday School and church, and if they home school them or send them to a Christian school, and if their children participate in a Christian youth group, that will be sufficient to ensure their children's commitment and growth in Christ. But this is wrong, since it just is not enough to provide a Christian environment to our Christian. We must personally disciple their minds and hearts unto Jesus Christ. And if we do not practice regular family worship, I cannot imagine when parents would be able to disciple their children in the faith.

What is family worship? Family worship is the gathering of the father, mother, and children to worship God in the home. It involves two essential elements: the reading and teaching of God's Word and prayer. It is also good for the family to sing together. Our family begins with a short prayer, after which we sing a psalm together (we use the Trinity Psalter). Next is a time of family Bible study in which I teach, allowing questions and discussion (presently, we are working through Acts). I have often been thrilled by the insightful questions asked by my children, which shows they really think about biblical things (and really are learning in Cat Kids and Sunday School!). After the Bible lesson, we pray together, with every member of the family participating. At the very end, we stand together, hold hands, and sing the Doxology.

I know that many families are intimidated about family worship because it just seems undoable. However, a quick look at our use of time will show that we do have the time if we make this a priority. To help you get started, let me address some specific concerns:

Frequency: Does family worship have to happen every night? No. It would be impossible for our family to gather for worship every night. Along with Sundays and Wednesdays, there are many other nights when I am out or some activity makes family worship impossible. I would suggest that consistency is