

always controlled by the presuppositions of men and women. I say this not to demean science but simply to clarify the scientific enterprise. Therefore, to submit the Bible to the authority of science is to place the ideas of unbelieving men and women over the Word of God, the end result of which cannot possibly be anything other than atheistic, secular humanism.

- *Belief in evolution compromises not only the Bible's teaching on creation but ultimately compromises faith in the gospel. "Creation" doctrines like belief in a historical Adam and Eve cannot be isolated from New Testament salvation doctrines, since Jesus was sent by God to remedy the problem created by Adam's fall. The biblical doctrine of sin and judgment results from the Bible's historical teaching on Adam, his first sin, and his position as the first of all humans. The biblical teaching on death as the curse of sin is radically revised under evolution, so that death is no longer an enemy of mankind but part of God's good, creative process. Moreover, the humanistic demands of secular science cannot be contained to creation doctrines. The same naturalism that rejects a historical Adam and Eve is unable to tolerate the virgin birth and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. For this reason, those who seek secular approval by abandoning biblical creation doctrine will find themselves under great pressure to reject the whole of Christian teaching.*

- *Belief in evolution is joined to a recent movement to deny the inerrancy of Scripture. The reason for this is obvious, since the plain teaching of Scripture cannot reasonably accommodate any form of evolution. To this end, Dr. Enns published a book in 2005 titled, *Inspiration and Incarnation*. In this work, for which Enns was dismissed from the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary (my alma mater), he claims that since the Bible is both a human and a divine book it must contain error. To uphold biblical inerrancy, he insists, is to violate the "humanness" of Scripture. The effect of Enns' teaching is practically to eradicate the meaning of divine inspiration, so that Scripture is reduced virtually to the status of non-Christian sacred books.*

What should we conclude from this controversy? First, we must become biblically discerning so that we cannot be easily led astray by appealing but deceptive assertions. Second, we must raise our children to know what they believe and why from the Bible, since the world they are entering is so hostile to biblical faith. Third, let us pray that God would have mercy by strengthening His churches to withstand such subtle assaults on truth and such a tempting accommodation that will ultimately cause us to lose the gospel.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips



Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Dr. Gordon Early and his family in the death of his father, Ira Gordon Early on Monday, April 4, 2011, in Winston Salem, North Carolina. We pray for Gordon and his family during this time of grief.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: www.secondpca.org

Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621

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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

- April 10 Missions Committee Meeting
- 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 22 Church Office Closed
- April 24 Sunrise Service
- April 27 CE Committee Meeting
- April 28 Calvary Presbytery
- April 28 Jessamines
- April 28 WIC Book Club

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

Music Notes

Dear Musicians,

Thank you so much for all of your hard work in making the music for PCRT a success! I appreciate your countless hours of rehearsal and preparation and I can not thank you enough for all your efforts. You all are a blessing to me!

With love and appreciation, Elizabeth Guest

Nursery Reception

The Nursery Reception scheduled for April 10th has been rescheduled. The new date will be announced later in the spring.

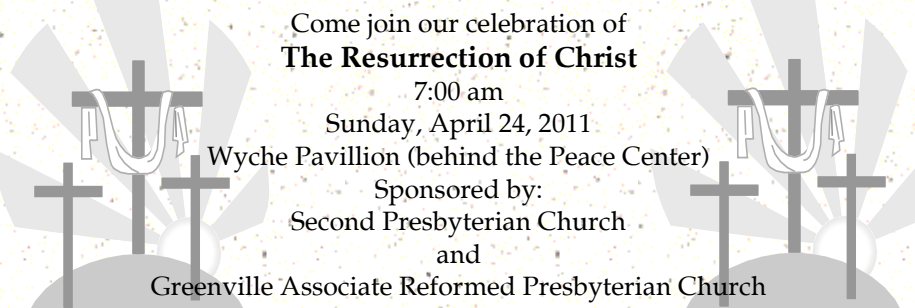
Use of Conference Room

Please help us keep our refurbished conference room clean. Children are not to use the room unsupervised. Use of the room for ministry meetings needs to be schedule through the church office.

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.

Community Easter Sunrise Service



Come join our celebration of
The Resurrection of Christ
 7:00 am
 Sunday, April 24, 2011
 Wyche Pavillion (behind the Peace Center)
 Sponsored by:
 Second Presbyterian Church
 and
 Greenville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service

April 21, 2011

7:00 PM

Good Friday Lunch and Service

April 22, 2011

Lunch—11:45 am * Service—12:30-1:00 pm

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, April 18, at 11:45 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. The catered lunch will be \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. This month we are honored to have as our special guest speaker, Mr. Michael Cogdell, WYFF News Anchor. Michael will share with us his new book "Story of Hope" about his years growing up in North Carolina. He will also bring several of the children's books he has written and will be available for book signing following the presentation. Don't miss this special time of fellowship, good food, and a very fascinating guest speaker.

WIC Shower



All ladies are invited to a WIC bridal shower for

Meredith Altman

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Church Fellowship Hall

Meredith is registered at Belk and Bed, Bath and Beyond.



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, April 10

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM New Members' Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, April 11

Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting

6:00 PM Supper
 7:00 PM Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

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, April 13

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

Thursday, April 14

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, April 15

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, April 16

10:00 AM WIC Shower for Meredith Altman

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Aurelia Miller
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Greenville, SC 29615

The Second Presbyterian Church

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 Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
 THE LORD'S DAY
 APRIL 10, 2011**

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

UNDER GOD'S BANNER

Psalms 60

Anthem:

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hymns: 48, 604, 446

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A PLACE FOR MY PEOPLE

2 Samuel 7:1-11

Hymns: 35, 353, 345

Psalter: Psalm 106 (verses 13-31)

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister The Recent Controversy over Theistic Evolution

Christians who are well connected to the internet are probably aware of a controversy that took place here in Greenville during the homeschool convention from March 17-19, 2011. The conflict arose from the appearance at the conference of Dr. Peter Enns, a noted proponent of theistic evolution, and the barring of Dr. Ken Ham because of his public criticism of Dr. Enns. Ken Ham is the founder of the Answers in Genesis ministry, as well as the Creation Museum, and is a strong critic of evolutionism. It is not my intention to weigh in on the controversy itself. However, being quite familiar with most of the people involved as well as with the issues, I thought it would be good to point out how the matters involved here are part of a broader challenge to biblical faith within the Evangelical movement in America.

At the heart of the homeschool convention controversy is the growing advocacy of theistic evolution among Evangelical scholars. Theistic evolution states that while God is the Creator of all things, Christians should agree with secular scientists in admitting that mankind came into being through evolutionary processes occurring over millions of years. Dr. Enns is the senior fellow for biblical studies of the Biologos Foundation, whose pro-evolution teaching is distributed on www.biologos.org. This foundation asserts that science has proven the truth of evolution and that honest Christians must be willing to accept this doctrine of human origins. Since evolution is at odds with established interpretations of Bible teaching, the Biologos website includes materials intended to point out errors in the Bible and offer new interpretations of biblical passages. An example is the series of articles in which Dr. Enns shows how the apostle Paul believed in a historical Adam and Eve but states that Paul was simply in error because of his scientific ignorance. Christians should be alarmed by this agenda and these teachings for a number of reasons, including the following:

- Despite all efforts to claim the contrary, *belief in evolution* – even so-called “theistic evolution” – unavoidably *requires Christians to reject the Bible's history* as false. Such a position is devastating to biblical faith, since the truths of Christian doctrine rely on the truthfulness of biblical history. Recognizing both the conflict with evolution and the importance of biblical history, pro-evolution scholars like Dr. Enns are proposing a new hermeneutic which will permit reinterpretations of historical passages in the Bible. For instance, it is increasingly taught in Evangelical seminaries, and many churches, that Genesis 1 is a poem that makes no attempt to teach historical facts. This is argued despite the reality that Genesis 1 does not fit established poetic literary standards. Christians need to beware of falling prey to glib assertions regarding the Bible that in reality serve the cause of unbelief rather than faith.

Belief in theistic evolution requires Christians to submit the Bible to the authority of secular science. Proponents like Dr. Enns freely admit that this is the case, arguing that Christians must accept that science is correct even if that admits that the Bible is wrong. Doing this makes a god of science and commits horrible idolatry against God and His Word. The reality is that science is never objective and is



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