

an oath-bond under penalty of death. And we can be certain that these promises are *for us* because we have entered into the Covenant of Grace through faith in Jesus.

- *To be in covenant with God is to have received obligations as His people.* A covenant relationship always involves both blessings and obligations. This same is true whenever we enter into a meaningful association: if we really belong somewhere we have obligations towards our people. The condition of entering God's saving covenant is faith in Jesus Christ. The obligation is that we would walk with Him in faith, obeying His Word and serving His kingdom. Peter summarized our calling with these memorable words: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9). What a privilege it is to be part of this covenant people and to take up this covenant duty!
- *To be in covenant with God is to enter an eternal relationship of love with God in Christ.* A covenant is a legal bond, securing rights, blessings, and obligations. But the covenant secures for us a relationship of love and devotion with the God who says to us: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jer. 31:3). Covenant salvation means that we give ourselves to God as He has given himself to us in love. John said, "We love because He first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19), and our covenant relationship with God is designed to lead us into an unending experience of giving and receiving in a love relationship with God Himself.

I hope that understanding even a little bit about covenant theology is a help to you in your faith, as it certainly is to mine. If you wish to explore the subject more deeply, I would suggest O. Palmer Robertson's *The Christ of the Covenants* or Peter Golding's *Covenant Theology*. What a blessing it is to be in covenant with so gracious a God as our Father in Jesus Christ!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips



SAVE THE DATE

WIC Mother/Daughter Extravaganza

Friday, May 6, 2011

6:00 PM

Church Fellowship Hall

(watch for sign-up sheets)



CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: www.secondpca.org

Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621

Fax: (864) 232-7622 * Email: info@secondpca.org

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 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

Admirals to All Hands: Chart Your Course!



Plan now for a fantastic summertime adventure!
 Join Second Presbyterian Church's sailing crew and come aboard with Summer Seaquest, a high seas VBS voyage to meet the God who saves!

- ⇒ Monday, June 20- Friday, June 24
- ⇒ 8:45-12:00
- ⇒ "Sea Explorers" 4 yrs. old to 6th grade (completed)
- ⇒ Second Presbyterian Church

We will need many volunteers to help out with this seafaring adventure! Please pick up a flyer outside the library or in the church office and select an area in which you would like to help. You can call, talk, or e-mail Jill Mann (bjmhmman@att.net) or Sandy Waugh (slwaugh@bellsouth.net)-Admirals.

Treasurer's Report

MARCH 2011 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		
	Mar. 2011	YTD 2011	YTD Budget
Offerings	76,784	221,210	241,587
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	137,023	265,051	219,843
Mission Disbursements	0	30,176	32,245
Total Outlays	137,023	295,227	252,088
Net Offerings	(60,239)	(74,017)	

Contributions in March, 2011 were \$76,784 versus budget of \$80,529. Contributions for 3 months ending March, 2011 were \$221,210 versus \$189,919 for the same period in 2010. Operating expenses for March, 2011 were \$137,023 versus the budget of \$68,181. Three months of Missions and Benevolences were paid in February. The large deficit in operating expenses was due to the renovations in the gym and conference room. If you are behind in your contributions for 2011, we encourage you to catch up. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

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 17

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**
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, April 18

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

No Wednesday night activities

Thursday, April 21

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 7:00 PM **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Friday, April 22

Church Office Closed
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH AND SERVICE
 11:45 AM Lunch
 12:30 PM Service

Saturday, April 23

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.

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Doris Miller
National Health Care, Room 223 B
1305 Boiling Springs Road
Greer, SC 29650

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
 THE LORD'S DAY
 APRIL 17, 2011**

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I
 Psalm 61

Anthem: Palm Sunday
 Hymns: 235, 237, 655
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7:11-17
 Hymns: 310, 311, 420
 Psalter: Psalm 106 (verses 32-48)
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Covenant Theology

In last week's new members' class I gave a brief overview of covenant theology. I was so blessed to teach again on these great themes that I thought I would share them with you as a reminder of our great heritage as God's covenant people. One way to see the importance of covenants is to realize that the Bible's most basic division is based on this way of thinking. "Old Testament" and "New Testament" mean "Old Covenant" and "New Covenant." Moreover, the unfolding of the Bible's story of redemption is structured in terms of God's successive covenants with mankind, starting with Adam and concluding in Jesus Christ. God relates to man by way of covenant and He organizes human society in covenant relationships. Moreover, it is through the covenants that the Bible's commands and promises are connected to us, as we enter into those covenants through faith. Finally, God seals our assurance of salvation by binding himself in covenant with us, so that we have them as "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Heb. 6:19).

To believe in Jesus Christ is to enter into a saving covenant with God the Father through His Son. I would suggest the follow list as keys to understanding this biblical approach to salvation:

- *To be in covenant with God is to benefit from the covenant (federal headship of another.*
 Just as mankind fell into sin and death when our first covenant head Adam sinned against God's commandment, believers are saved by the obedience and sacrificial death of our new covenant head, Jesus Christ (see Romans 5:12-21). This is why Jesus is called "the last Adam" by Paul (1 Cor. 15:45). Christ's people are saved by what *he did for us*, acting *as our covenant head*. This means that everything you need to do to be saved, Jesus did for you and now gives to you as Lord and Head of the Covenant of Grace. This is why Paul wrote: "you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:30-31)
- *To be in covenant with God is to be the recipient of God's oath-bound promises.*
 God has solemnly bound himself to his people with a covenant oath. Hebrews 6:17-19 says that God bound himself in this way not to ensure his own faithfulness – which He hardly needed – but so that "we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us." We can be certain that God's salvation promises will be fulfilled because God bound Himself to