

steady, consistent, immovable, and never changing. God sits high above on His throne and He lovingly leads and directs us through each season of life.

Dear friends, this should cause us to be a hopeful people who are ready for the next season in our lives to happen. He gives us life abundantly in and through our precious Lord Jesus no matter where we live or what school we find ourselves attending. The world relies on perfect circumstances to find happiness, fulfillment, and a feeling of success. The Christian says, these things don't matter, my God is able and willing to supply me with everything I need no matter what the road looks like around the blinding curve.

As one who has gone through, not so long ago, the change in season graduation brings, let me impart to you this wisdom as you prepare for the new (I would prefer to say fresh) season in your life. The writer of Ecclesiastes brings his letter to a close this way. "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Beloved, your first priority in this fresh phase of life is to seek out ways to fulfill this, your duty. Place this on the top of your priority list and I can make you a guarantee that no matter what the next season of life looks like, you will live in the fullness of joy, freedom, and love that God promises to all who love Him and keep His commandments. I lay before you an amazing task. The charge is simple, fulfill your duty first and foremost to your Lord and everything else truly will fall into place. This is so much more than a cliché, it is true, it is good, and it will guide you into the future no matter how unknown that future may be.

Peace be to the Brethren,

Seth



Summer Missions Opportunities

- Peru Mission Trip - June 25-July 2 - Trip to Trujillo Peru - construction, evangelism and medical ministries - Approx Cost \$2000/person
- Richmond Hills (near Savannah), GA - July 18-23 (approx. dates) -- neighborhood VBS and diaconal work - Approx Cost \$200/ person

If you are interested in either trip, please contact Pastor Spears as soon as possible. (430-7389 cell)

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

Upcoming Events

May 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
May 9	Session Meeting
May 10-11	WIC Circles
May 11	Blood Drive
May 11	CAT Kids Program
May 13	CAT Kids Spring Fling
May 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
May 18	Musical CAT Kids begins
May 22	New Members' Luncheon
May 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
May 25	CE Committee Meeting
May 26	WIC Book Club
May 29	Hymn Sing
May 30	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Young At Heart

There will **not** be a monthly Young At Heart luncheon in the month of May. However, the Youth/Young At Heart Cookout will be at the church, Saturday, June 18, beginning at 11:00 am. Please watch the Herald for further details.

Graduation Banquet

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

5:45 pm in the gymnasium

Speaker: Dr. Carey Hedgpeth

Don't miss this time of fellowship as we honor our 2011 graduates.

Meredith Altman	University of South Carolina
Sarah Altman	Blue Ridge High School
Sam Andrews	North Greenville University
Aryn Baxa	Home School
John Compton	Home School
Alexandra Carey	Greenville Technical College
Daniel Evans	University of South Carolina
Matthew Evans	Clemson University
Rebekah Evans	Home School
Jacob Farley	Bob Jones University
Andie McDaniel	Vanderbilt University
Alexandria Morgan	North Greenville University
James Pratt	Upstate Home School Co-op/Fine Arts
Faith Ann Russell	Home School
Anna Rogers	University of South Carolina
Thomas Russell	Yale University
Ethan Shreve	Palmetto E-School
Bethany Stoddard	North Greenville University
Mitchell Worley	Wofford College

Organ Moving Project

On Wednesday, May 11th, after the CAT Kids Program, we need everyone who is able to help us move the Harrison & Harrison Organ onto a truck for future storage transport.

BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Watch for sign-up sheets

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.

Mother-Daughter Extravaganza



Don't miss the WIC Mother-Daughter Extravaganza
For **ALL** Women and Girls
May 6, 2011, 6:00 PM ... Until
Fellowship Hall

Supper will be provided (donations will be accepted)
If you have any questions please call Alice Barnett (906-0166).



Help Needed

If anyone is interested in either helping out with light house or yard work for members needing help, or would like to have their name added to the list of work to be done, please contact John Atwood (275-9821) or leave a message with the church office.

CAT Kids Program

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
7:00 PM

Immediately following the Family Night Fellowship Supper
Come see what our children have learned this year in CAT Kids.

Music Notes

Attention Wee Worship parents:
Sunday, May 1, was our last Wee Worship meeting for the spring. We will take a break through the summer because your children will have musical Cat Kids on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00 pm beginning May 18. We will resume Sunday evenings in the fall. Thank you for continuing to allow me to work with your little ones! —Elizabeth

WIC Bible Study

The Tuesday morning WIC Bible Study will be continuing during the summer months with an indepth study of 1 Peter. A nursery will be provided. Visitors and guests are welcome. Please note the following Bible Study dates for this summer:

- May 3, 17, 24, 31
- June 7 and 28
- July 19 and 26
- August 2, 16, 23, 30

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 8

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, May 9

- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

- 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, May 11

- 5:00 PM **BLOOD DRIVE**
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 7:00 PM CAT Kids Program
 8:00 PM Elder Training
 8:00 PM Organ Moving Project

Thursday, May 12

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, May 13

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:00 PM CAT Kids Spring Fling

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service this Lord's Day.

Praise for Christian Mothers

*Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain;
 But a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
 Give her of the fruit of her hands
 and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

Proverbs 30:30-31

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Sara Weathers
 11 E. Augusta Place, Apt. 219
 Greenville, SC 29605

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 Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY MAY 8, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 10:00 AM

THIRSTING FOR GOD

Psalms 63
 Anthem:
 For the Beauty of the Earth
 Hymns: 53, 498, 662
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

IDOLATRY ON TRIAL

Isaiah 41:21-29
 Hymns: 100, 441, 296
 Psalter: Psalm 107 (verses 33-43)
 Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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Letter From The Assistant Minister There Is A Season...

The writer of Ecclesiastes picks up in some detail the cyclical pattern of life on this earth. For the non-Christian, the question is often asked what the purpose is to anything in life. Is there any significance to what I have done in my life so far? Monumental occasions in life such as graduations, weddings, job promotions, and moving to a new town bring with them a long list of emotions and thoughts as we say goodbye to one phase of life and welcome another. What are we as Christians to make of this?

The two most pronounced emotions that come upon us in an occasion such as graduation are joy and sadness. Yes, they are opposite emotions and yet somehow they find partnership during special occasions. We are filled with joy because we have reached a benchmark in our lives. That which we have set out to accomplish is now complete. We have overcome the obstacles that stood in our way and by the grace of God and through His power and urging, we finally reach the end of a season. For some, the phase of life they were in wasn't so great, making new beginnings something to cherish and anticipate.

We are sad because there will always be goodbyes and what-ifs. We will wonder if our deep seeded friendships can stand the test of time and distance. Then there are the teachers, tutors, mentors (and youth ministers!!) who have invested countless time and energy into the journey. We wonder, can what comes next really be as good as the experiences already had in life.

And yet, there is a component to all of this that we as Christians can add to the list of emotions. That component is thanksgiving. Thanksgiving to God for His steadfast love to poor sinners, thanksgiving to God for a covenant fidelity that refuses to leave us without hope and purpose, thanksgiving to God for His protection from the evil one, thanksgiving to God knowing that "He works all things together for those who love Him" and that His future plans for us are to prosper us, not to harm us.

You see, the contrast between the cyclical pattern of Solomon and our Sovereign Lord is that God doesn't change even when our seasons do. That is the beauty of the Christian faith after all. Life changes, circumstances change, towns change, and even friends and acquaintances change. However, at the end of the day the Christian can face and even enjoy all of that because they serve and are upheld by a God who is