

of a sinful laziness. However, I can personally verify that sometimes our students (no matter what stage of education they are in) feel as though something has to give to meet the expectations of parents, teachers, and coaches. Unfortunately, what oftentimes goes first is prayer, meditation, and Bible reading. Is this ultimately the fault of the student? Yes! Even so, in our striving for excellence as Christian families and students, we have inadvertently fostered an environment where the school year is the hardest time for our students to grow in grace.

So how does this tie into a sanctified summer? Let me offer these suggestions if I may. Allowing our children to spend significant amounts of time with their Christian peers is not a negative thing. Fellowship is a vital component for Christian growth and what better time to experience that than in the summer. Allow your children to spend significant amounts of time reading the Scriptures and other devotional reading. Allow your children to spend significant amounts of time in prayer, meditation, and reflection on the glory of God. Believe it or not, often times we confuse these things with laziness or lack of productivity when in reality they are the most productive thing a Christian can do. You see, summer is a season of "fortress building" because it is a time when our Christian students feel as though they have time to enjoy, participate in, and be strengthened by the means of grace that will feed them and cause them to grow in the likeness of their Savior.

Finally, let me now offer a few words to the rest of the congregation who aren't students, parents, or grandparents. Summer is generally the season when every industry slows down (I realize there are exceptions). Let me encourage each member of this church to use the summer as a season of sanctification. Use your extra time to participate in the means of grace both personally and corporately. May the summertime be a season of sanctification that strengthens our hearts in such a manner that we no longer become depressed, discouraged, or declining in our commitment to Christ throughout the year. It is my prayer for each of you that this summer will become a time when Christ becomes so lovely to you, you would not even think about straying from His graces at anytime of the year.

Peace be to the brethren,

Seth

P.S. For those of you who will be out of town this summer on a Sunday, feel free to either consult one of the Ministers or our denomination's website (www.pcanet.org) to find a Reformed church to worship in while you are away. We would be more than happy to assist you with this!

CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: www.secondpca.org

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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

May 22	New Members' Luncheon
May 22	VBS Meeting
May 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
May 25	CE Committee Meeting
May 26	WIC Book Club
May 28	Wedding of Meredith Altman and Daniel Evans
May 29	Hymn Sing
May 30	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 1	WIC Council
June 5	Ice Cream Social
June 6	Diaconate Meeting
June 6-10	General Assembly in Virginia Beach
June 8	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
June 12	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
June 12	VBS Meeting
June 13	Session Meeting
June 14-15	WIC Circles
June 18	Youth/Young At Heart Cookout
June 19	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
June 20-24	Vacation Bible School
June 22	CE Committee Meeting
June 23	WIC Book Club
June 25-July 2	Peru Mission Trip
June 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting

New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service this Lord's Day.

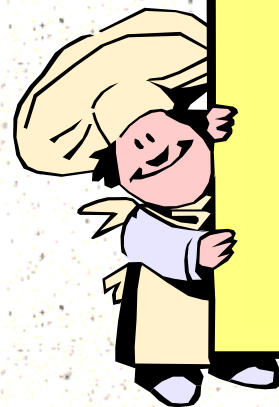
New Members' Luncheon

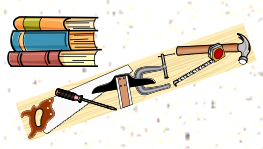
All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, May 22, 2011**

Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

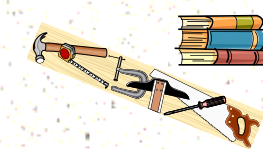
Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.

Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.





All men in the church are cordially invited to a Tool/Book Shower for Daniel Evans



Thursday, May 19, 2011
Drop-In: 7:00-9:00 pm
114 Converse Street, Greenville, SC 29607
Call Steve Moore for Directions (608-6428)

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30.



Calling All Hands!

Vacation Bible School Meeting
 Sunday, May 22, 2011
 5:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a meeting to prepare for VBS's Summer Sequest adventures! We will be organizing and planning for each different department in Vacation Bible School. If you are planning on helping in any way and will not be able to attend this meeting, please let Jill Mann or Sandy Waugh know. See you there!

Ice Cream Social



Come join us for a Second Pres. tradition....

Our first ice cream social of the season will be Sunday night June 5, after the evening service. Come enjoy some refreshing ice cream and wonderful fellowship. The church will provide the ice cream and toppings.



Hymn Sing



Sunday, May 29

Following the evening service in the sanctuary. A special time of fellowship as we sing your favorite hymns from the Trinity Hymnal.



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.

Music Notes

Parents, please mark your calendars: We will begin our Summer Musical CAT Kids on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:45 pm. This is a weekly program that goes up through 5th grade. Reminder: There is no Wee Worship on Sunday evenings during this time. Thank you for noting these changes.

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

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)

Summer Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School classes (Jr. High and above) will be meeting in the sanctuary in the months of June, July, and August, with Rally Day/Promotion Sunday on August 28th. During the summer we looking forward to teaching from our pastors as well as Rev. Paul Settle.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 22

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:15 PM New Members' Luncheon
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM VBS Meeting
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, May 23

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Thursday, May 26

7:00 PM WIC Book Club

Friday, May 27

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, May 28

2:00 PM Wedding of Meredith Altman and Daniel Evans

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY MAY 22, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

GOD'S SAVING ARROW
 Psalm 64

Anthem:

With a Voice of Singing

Hymns: 310, 359, 668

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

A SEASON OF PRAISE
 Isaiah 42:10-17

Hymns: 101, 457, 76

Psalter: Psalm 108 (verses 7-13)

Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

Letter From The Assistant Minister A Sanctified Summer

Well dear friends, believe it or not summer time has arrived yet again. For students (and moms who teach their children), this is the most glorious time of the year. In fact, until one graduates from college, the entire year is either a build up to summer or a letdown because it's over. For parents, a sense of fear and dread is beginning to set in. The question in your mind just now goes something like this. What will I do with these kids all summer? Though I cannot offer you a fully developed treatise that will provide a satisfactory answer to this question, I would like to suggest some ways for the families and children of our church to use the summer as a season to grow in sanctification.

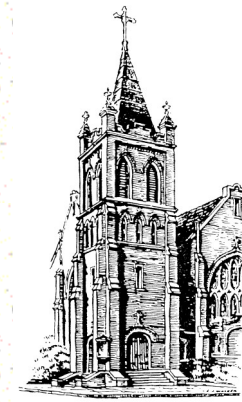
Rest, relaxation, fun, and more fun are words we associate with summertime. Our grandfathers were always thinking we needed jobs in the summer from the age of 3 and our grandmothers believed that time off was always a bad thing because remember, idol hands are a tool of the devil. I think we can view rest, relaxation, and fun in a more positive light. If the summer is a time to develop patterns of laziness, carelessness, and neglect then yes, we should despise the notion of fun and busy ourselves with whatever mundane activity will prevent these things. On the other hand, if the summertime is a season where we rest from one form of labor to enjoy another, then I can see no problem with this. Summer is the season of "fortress building" for the young Christian. In other words, there is a spiritual ebb and flow to the calendar year that experiences its peak in the summer season. For example, the patterns of personal worship, fellowship, and general attitude of praise to the living God are at their healthiest state 99% of the time in the adolescent/pre-adolescent church member in the summer. Now, this no doubt raises the question of why.

I would offer a few answers to this interesting observation regarding summertime and sanctification. First, we are an increasingly busy people. Children today are involved with 5 times the activities that I was when I was in school (and I'm still a spring chicken compared to many of our members so this wasn't all that long ago). As a result, the school year often becomes a season of spiritual depression for students. It goes this way; parents are rightly concerned about top tier grades, well rounded involvement, and enough extracurricular activities to guarantee the scholarship that is so badly needed to pay for college. All these are good things; there is just one problem, where does a growing, thriving relationship with the living God fit into this equation? It is true that a majority of the time we fail to worship God personally and daily because

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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