

- In 1 Tim. 2:11-12, Paul commands: "Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet." Recently, some scholars have asserted that Paul was only forbidding women to *abuse* them rather than to *exercise* authority, since the word for "exercise authority" can also mean to "usurp authority." However, the context shows that Paul is restricting women from authority over men in general. After all, how can a woman serve as a pastor or elder when she may not teach and is to remain quiet? Others charge that Paul was dealing only with a local problem pertaining to the women of Ephesus (where Timothy was pastor). But in verses 13-15, Paul grounds his doctrine not in local problems but in God's creation design and intent.
- Throughout the New Testament, there is a correlation between male headship in the home and family and male headship in the church, which is the "household of God." The New Testament teaching on male headship of the marriage and home can hardly be disputed (see Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1-7). The New Testament also makes clear the correlation between the family and the home in this respect (see 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:32; 1 Tim. 3:2, 12). Moreover, a man can hardly be head of his home if his wife is the pastor or elder in his church in spiritual authority over him.

There are a number of questions that arise in response to this teaching, which I will briefly seek to address:

- Doesn't Gal. 3:28 undermine the teaching of male-only rule in the home and church, since Paul says that in the church "there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"? The answer is that the same Paul who wrote this also wrote the passages referred to above, so he did not see a contradiction. The point of Gal. 3:28 is not to deny all gender order and distinction, but to make the radically wonderful statement that women are equal partners and participants in the church together with men. This teaching is not undermined by male-only leadership.
- The Greek text of Romans 16:1 may be read to say that Phoebe was a deacon. Doesn't this open the possibility that women held this office? It is true that the word for "servant" is the same word as for "deacon," so that some say that Phoebe was an office-holder rather than a non-ordained servant. The problem is that the office of deacon is restricted to males (1 Tim. 3:12). Moreover, in Romans 13:4, the Roman emperor (probably Nero) is also described as a "servant" of God, using the same word. Unless we are willing to accept Nero into the diaconate and to set aside the biblical qualifications for deacons, we must interpret Romans 16:1 as describing Phoebe as a lay servant of the church (and a highly valued one at that!).
- Even though women cannot serve as elders and deacons, shouldn't they nonetheless read the Scriptures, lead in prayer, or collect offerings in the church service? The answer is No. When Christ restricted the church offices to men, he also restricted the associated functions to men. We should not seek to "get around" the Bible's teaching by having women perform the functions associated with the offices that Christ has restricted to men.
- Aren't women just as competent as men in these areas? Aren't we wasting their gifts? In some respects, women are just as able as men, although we should note that God did not create women for an authoritative role over men (see 1 Tim. 2:13-15). The point, however, is Christ's sovereign rule over His church. Our Lord is wiser than we, and it is His wisdom that we desire to exalt in the church. We do this by whole-heartedly, joyfully, and deliberately implementing the teaching of His Word.

I hope this is a helpful summary of the New Testament teaching that governs our practice as a church. Please pray for the officers of our church – especially the two men recently elected as elders – and for all the men of our church. Next week I will consider the important and wonderful contributions women make in the life and ministry of the church. May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

Upcoming Events

June 12	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
June 12	VBS Meeting
June 13-17	Master Flute Camp
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 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
June 26	Ordination and Installation of Elders

Mark Your Calendars! Church Picnic -- Monday, July 4, 2011

Welcome



We welcome to the pulpit this Lord's Day, June 12, 2011, Dr. Charles Dunahoo, Coordinator of PCA Christian Education & Publications. Dr. Dunahoo is responsible to the General Assembly for the ministry of CEP. He oversees the program, writes, trains and consults with local churches across the denomination. We welcome Dr. Dunahoo to both our morning worship services.

Youth/Young At Heart Cookout

Saturday, June 18, 2011

11:00 am in the gymnasium

The cookout is catered by Kitty Swillen.

There will not be a cost for lunch.

The youth will be presenting a special program for the Young At Heart.

Don't miss out on this special fellowship time in our church family.

Master Flute Camp

The Master Flute Camp, taught by Tadeu (Portugese for Thaddeus) Coelho, world-renowned flute teacher and master clinician is June 13-17. He comes to Second Church with other faculty and Amanda Barrett, program coordinator and Professor of Flute at BJU. Mr. Coelho teaches music and flute techniques through a Christian perspective. His Christian testimony is reflected in the beginning of each morning class with devotions. Participant places are filled, but auditors may call Amanda Barrett for information. (704-3976)

You shall have a song . . . And gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel.
Isaiah 30:29 NKJV)

Fun Friday for Second Pres. Kids

SPC Nursery Kids and their moms please come out to play . . .

1st Play date - Friday, June 10 at Herdklotz Park @ 10:00 am

Meet at the center playground just beyond restroom area.

...Casual...No RSVP...Just show up

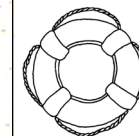
Older siblings are welcome too.

Questions? Call Kelly Woodard (895-1241) or Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)

Future dates are posted throughout the church/Direction sheets at nursery desk.



VBS Teacher & Assistant Teacher Meeting



Sunday, June 12, 2011

5:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Calling all teachers and assistants: We will be having a meeting to review the curriculum for VBS, go over the schedule, and discuss any questions that you may have! Please bring your materials and questions. If you are not able to attend, please e-mail (slwaugh@bellsouth.net) or call Sandy Waugh. Thank you for your desire to be a "Captain" or a "First Mate".



Prepare For Your Sea Adventure!



Full speed ahead! It's almost time to set sail! We will begin our VBS sea exploration at Second Presbyterian Church on Monday, June 20th. Make sure to come prepared! You will need to sign up for your crew by going to www.secondpca.org, and fill out the registration form. The following "gear" will be needed to set sail:

- 1st – 6th graders:** Bring your "Seaquest Guidebook" – Bible – make sure that it has your name in it.
- Begin learning your first memory verse:**
K4-K5 –
1st – 2nd graders - "...there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior..." Isaiah 45:21
3rd – 4th graders - "...there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me." Isaiah 45:21
5th – 6th graders - "...there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior, there is none but me. Turn to me and be saved..." Isaiah 45: 21-22
- Invite someone to join you on this voyage!

Baptism

Anna Abigail Fluhrer, covenant child of Gabe and Callie Fluhrer, received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, June 5, 2011. We are thankful for the Fluhrer family and pray that Garner and Anna will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

Treasurer's Report

MAY 2011 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		
	May 2011	YTD 2011	YTD Budget
Offerings	79,150	382,288	402,646
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	63,897	405,105	374,237
Mission Disbursements	<u>30,570</u>	<u>60,746</u>	<u>53,741</u>
Total Outlays	94,467	465,851	427,978
Net Offerings	(15,317)	(83,563)	

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

Contributions in May, 2011, were \$79,150 versus budget of \$80,529. Contributions for 5 months ending May, 2011, were \$382,288 versus \$335,031 for the same period in 2010. Operating expenses for May, 2011, were \$63,897 versus the budget of \$68,181. 3 months of Missions and Benevolences were paid in May, 2011. The excess expenditures in YTD operating expenses are due to the renovations in the gym, kitchen, and conference room. If you are behind in your contributions for 2011, we encourage you to catch up. As we approach the summer months, please be faithful in your giving so we can reduce the cash flow deficit of \$83,563 for 2011. Cash reserves are very low at this time. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 12

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
 5:00 PM VBS Teachers and Assistant Teachers Meeting
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, June 13

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

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, June 15

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
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

Thursday, June 16

Friday, June 17

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, June 18

9:00 AM VBS Workday
 11:00 AM Youth/Young At Heart Cookout in the Gym

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your many cards, visits and outpouring of love to us during Ron's heart cath and surgery. Most of all we thank you for your faithful prayers. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church.

Love in Christ, The McNeelys

Music Notes

Please save empty 1.5, 2, and 3 liter bottles (with caps) and give to Elizabeth Guest by Wednesday, June 15, for a Musical CAT Kids/VBS craft.

Thanks, Elizabeth

Remembering One Another

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

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JUNE 12, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-20

Anthem:

O Lord Most Holy

Hymns: 342, 131, 347

Dr. Charles Dunahoo preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

RESTORATION AND PRAISE

Psalm 30

Hymns: 80, 457, 520

Psalter: Psalm 109 (verses 21-31)

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Male Leadership in the Church

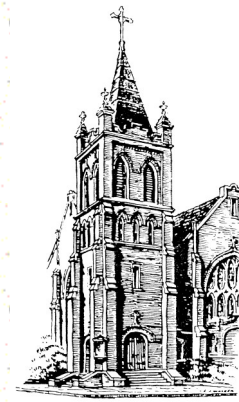
You do not have to be around our church for long before you realize that all of our church officers – elders and deacons – are men. The practice of male-only rule stands out in our culture, which insists that men and women have equal opportunity and equal status in everything. Critics of our practice may assume that we demean women or are dominated by male egos. Whatever faults we may have, however, the reality is that our church values very highly the gifts and contributions of our women. Why, then, do we restrict the offices of the church to men only? The answer is that our church is ruled by the Lord Jesus Christ and that He establishes the rules and structures of His church.

In this letter, I intend to highlight both the practice and the teaching of Christ and His apostles in their call for male leadership in His church. Next week, I intend to follow up with biblical guidelines for the varied and valuable contributions of our women as partners with the men in the gospel ministry.

First, we should notice Jesus' practice in appointing twelve men to be apostles. Some will counter that Jesus was living in a world that expected and demanded male leadership because of its chauvinistic views of women. This is an alarming idea, however. In appointing His apostles, Jesus was laying the very foundation for His church. If Jesus corrupted His practice because of sinful cultural pressures, then He did not build very soundly. Moreover, if Jesus "caved in" to worldly pressure in this matter, in what other matters must we judge Jesus to be in error? In fact, however, there are no instances of Jesus accommodating wrong or oppressive demands from the religious or cultural authorities. Jesus was crucified precisely because He would not give in to pressure from the cultural elites to conform! Moreover, while it is true that the culture of Jesus' time was oppressive to women, Jesus flouted these standards so as to bless and lift up the value and status of women and to show compassion to women in need (see Luke 7:36-50; 8:1-3; John 4:1-45; 7:53-8:11). So if Jesus appointed only men to found and rule His church, it was *not* because of cultural accommodation or a wrongfully low view of women. We must assume, instead, that Christ intentionally intended for His church to be led by men only. This view is strengthened when it comes to the appointing of seven men to form the first diaconate (Acts 6:1-7). This election is particularly interesting in that the problem at hand dealt with meeting the needs of widows. Today, we would assume that in order to minister to women's needs you must at least have some women in authority. The apostles thought differently, and appointed seven men to distribute the alms to the women of the church.

When we consider the relevant apostolic teaching in the New Testament, we find a similarly uniform emphasis on male-only leadership. For brevity's sake, let me summarize the apostle Paul's teaching as it pertains to gender and office:

- In setting forth the biblical qualifications for church office, Paul explicitly calls for males. Among other things, an elder must be "the husband of one wife" (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6). The same is true for deacons (1 Tim. 3:12).



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