

- A strong and growing personal relationship with Christ that will supply the zeal and stamina needed to fulfill so demanding a calling. It should be obvious that serving as an elder is physically exhausting. It is also spiritually consuming in such a way that it demands a close walk with the Lord. Pray that God would communicate this priority to our new elders in a special way as they are consecrated for this office.
- A combination of careful biblical discernment and supernatural wisdom. Elders must be men of the Word of God, training themselves to think and act biblically. Bear in mind that our ruling elders usually have not gone to seminary and have secular vocations that demand greatly from them. So pray for God to give them the ability and the motivation to continue to develop their biblical competency. Then pray for God to grant them wisdom. As a full-time pastor with some years of experience, I still find myself facing situations that require careful biblical consideration and a higher level of wisdom than I normally possess. For both biblical discernment and prayer, the elders are in great need of prayer.
- A Christ-like love for the flock of God and a joy in the service of so great a king as Jesus Christ. A man can only succeed as an elder if he develops a love for the people of God that comes from the greater love of Jesus. The Christian flock consists of sheep that bite. And kick. And refuse to yield to instruction and rebuke. So a Christ-like shepherd must love them and must communicate that love in all things. This love flows from prayer for the flock, but also from a joy in the service of so great a Master as the Savior Jesus Christ, who has loved us by dying for our sins. Pray for this love and joy to work together in the hearts of our new elders.
- Pastors and elders are prime targets for spiritual attack, so pray for God to protect these men from Satan and his devices. Pray that they would guard themselves from temptation and that their ordination would grant them a new zeal for personal holiness. Pray that they would realize how dire is their daily need of God's Word and of private prayer.

May God be praised for providing our church with our faithful elders, old and new. I greatly look forward to the ordination of our two new elders and of serving together with them in this church for what I pray will be many years of fruitful ministry. Let me also express my dear love for all of our elders and my humble appreciation for the outstanding service they render to Christ and Second Presbyterian Church. Few people beyond the pastors and the elders' families realize how great are the sacrifices our elders make for the well-being of this church. None but the elders themselves realize how dire is their need for your prayers, along with your loving support.

May God bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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Fax: (864) 232-7622 \* Email: [info@secondpca.org](mailto:info@secondpca.org)  
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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

June 26	Ordination and Installation of Elders
June 29	Called Session/Diaconate Meeting
July 4	Church Picnic
July 4	Church Office Closed
July 5	Summer College Ministry @ Second
July 6	<b>No Wednesday night activities</b>
July 7	WIC Shower for Julie Russell
July 8	Friday Playdate @ Riverplace Watersprays
July 10	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
July 10	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
July 11	Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting
July 11-16	Senior High Summer Conference
July 12-13	WIC Circles
July 12	Summer College Ministry @ Second
July 16	WIC Shower for Christa Pomerlyan
July 17	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
July 18-23	Richmond Hill Mission Trip
July 19	Summer College Ministry @ Second
July 22	Friday Playdate @ Cleveland Park Zoo
July 23	Calvary Presbytery
July 24	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
July 25-29	Junior High Conference at Ridge Haven
July 26	WIC Bible Study
July 27	CE Committee Meeting
July 31	Hymn Sing

**If you have a date for the July calendar please call or email the church office this week. It is important for all dates to be on the church calendar to avoid conflict in scheduling. 232-7621, ext. 10 [judy@secondpca.org](mailto:judy@secondpca.org)**

#### Greenville Area Summer RUF

July 5th, 12th, and 19th  
Second Presbyterian  
7:00 pm  
Seven Deadly Sins  
*anger, envy, sloth, lust, greed, gluttony, pride*

### Church Picnic - July 4, 2011 - 6:00 pm until



Eating Good Food \* Enjoying great fellowship  
Old Fashioned Games for all  
(Stick around for fireworks from County Square.)

Deacons will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers.  
Every family is asked to bring a side dish  
and/or dessert.

*(Someone may want to bring  
a churn of homemade ice cream.)*

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fireworks  
from County Square at 9:00 PM.

Don't miss this time together as we will enjoy  
great fellowship \* delicious food \* and fun games.  
Look forward to seeing you on Monday, July 4th, rain or shine!

**There will not be an ice cream social in July.  
The church office will be closed Monday, July 5 .  
There will be no Wednesday evening  
activities on July 6.**

### Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders

The Service of Ordination and Installation for Tim Crunk and David Rainey will be this Lord's Day, June 26, at the evening worship service.

### Church Directory

The Church Directory is very near completion. This is the last call for any address, telephone, cell phone, or email changes that you would like to make. You can email these changes to [judy@secondpca.org](mailto:judy@secondpca.org).

### Mission Trip to Savannah, Georgia

We are finalizing our mission trip to assist a PCA church plant near Savannah, Georgia:

Dates: Tuesday, July 19 - Friday, July 22  
Mission work: Vacation Bible school, nursing home visitation, diaconal work, Adult Bible studies  
Cost: \$100/person  
Ideal team size: 10-15  
Suitable for: middle-schoolers and up, parents and children, singles

Please:

- 1) Pray for God's provision in members, finances, travel, blessing in teaching and ministry
- 2) Give to the summer mission program - any amounts are helpful
- 3) Sign up - If you and/or your family are interested, please contact Pastor Spears immediately - 430-7389 (cell) or 232-7621 x16 (study)

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, June 26

- 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  
Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders

### Monday, June 27

### Tuesday, June 28

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

### Wednesday, June 29

- 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
- 8:00 PM Called Session/Diaconate Meeting

### Thursday, June 30

### Friday, July 1

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, July 2

### Recycle Your Bulletin

We are asking everyone to please help save expenses on the printing of our Sunday bulletins. Bring the bulletin you receive on Sunday morning back to the evening service instead of picking up a new bulletin. You can also leave your Sunday morning bulletin on the deacon's pew to be recycled and used again at the evening service. Thank you for your help in this endeavor to save on printing costs.

### Remembering One Another

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

**Mrs. Catherine Elrod**  
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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JUNE 26, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

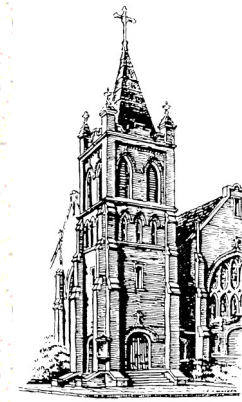
#### FATHER OF THE FATHERLESS

Psalm 68:1-27  
Anthem:  
Open My Eyes  
Hymns: 6, 32, 35  
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Hebrews 13:15-19  
Hymns: 347, 660, 348  
Psalter: Psalm 111 (verses 1-4)  
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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## Letter From The Senior Minister Praying for Our Elders

This coming Lord's Day marks a special and significant event in the life of our church: the ordination and installation of two new ruling elders, Dr. Tim Crunk and Mr. David Rainey. What a solemn occasion this is in the life of these two godly men and of their families. I urge our entire church to be praying for them especially as God sets them apart for this high and holy calling. To this end, I would like to describe the duties they will now undertake and offer some advice for how you should pray for them.

According to our Book of Church Order, an elder is called an *overseer* of the flock and household of God. This means that the elders are required to govern and rule over all the affairs of the church. "It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein" (BCO 8-3). According to Paul, the elders are required to ensure the order of the church (Tit. 1:5) and to guard the treasures of Christ (Tit. 1:7). As a pastor, I have observed that most church members do not realize how important this overseeing function is. While the Session is not a board of directors in a business sense, the elders do meet as a board to direct the church's affairs. This overseeing work involves chairing and participating in important committees and meeting frequently to deal with matters that require a great deal of biblical discernment and wisdom.

Second, an elder is called to be a *minister* of the people of Christ. This calling requires our elders to minister comfort, counsel, and sometimes rebuke to individual members of the church. They are called to visit their fold members in the hospital when they are sick. "They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care... They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock" (BCO 8-3). Peter emphasized this calling to minister, saying, "shepherd the flock... not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you to do... not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-3).

Third, an elder is a *steward* of the gospel and a *teacher* of the Word of God. Not all elders are specially gifted as theologians and preachers, which is why teaching elders are set apart for full-time labor in the Word of God. Yet ruling elders must be sound theologians who can guard the trust of sound doctrine. Elders must be able to exhort and instruct the people in biblical truth. Equally important, we need ruling elders to oppose error in the church - both the congregation and denomination - and to serve as pillars of truth. Experience shows that most heresies and theological problems arise from errant teaching elders - ordained ministers - so that our ruling elders must band together with sound teaching elders to oppose false teaching in and out of our denomination.

These three callings organize the main work of elders, and as you can see they are far more than any mere man can fulfill in his own strength. These items also help us to know how to pray for our new elders and for all of our serving elders. Let me encourage you specifically to pray for the following: