

Wednesday night and learn how to spend a half-hour or so with your brothers and sisters in prayer. Begin praying for God to protect the blessings that we enjoy: sound doctrine, reverent worship, faithful shepherds, loving fellowship, joyful spiritual vitality and more. These things should not be taken for granted, but should be preserved and promoted in word, speech, and prayer. Then begin praying for God to extend these blessings into more and more lives. Pray that the young people in our church would be inspired with a passion for Christ. Pray that what takes place on Sundays here would extend into our homes during the week. Pray for weary mothers, who are expending their energies in sacrificial love for their families. Pray for burdened fathers, who so often feel the weight of the world on their shoulders. Finally, having prayed for God to protect and extend our current blessings, pray for God to give us new blessings. Pray for a renewing of evangelistic fervor and for new converts in and through our church. Pray for new opportunities of service and gospel outreach. Pray for the resources to expand the potential of our church for ministry in the generation to come. In a church like ours, there is so much to do – but there is nothing more important than for us to pray to God for protection, strength, and blessing.

Like us, Elijah lived in a time when people did not know the Lord. So he prayed, "Answer me, O LORD; answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God" (1 Ki. 18:37). After he had prayed this way, the fire of the Lord descended and consumed the sacrifice Elijah had prepared. When the people saw this, "they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God'" (1 Ki. 18:39). Our historical setting is different from Elijah's, but it remains true that if we will commit ourselves to prayer, we may expect to see God's power at work among us so that people believe that Christ is Lord. In my view, all of us in this church have many reasons to thank the fire-keepers among us and who have gone before us – their prayers are the source in God's grace for our present blessings. Let's learn the lesson and be fire-keepers in our families, keeping the home-fires of faith burning on our knees. Let's be fire-keepers in our church. And as a church, let us be those whose prayers are used by God to shine his light so brightly that many see it and that God's power will overcome unbelief and lead many to know the Lord in saving faith.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

Calvary Presbytery

The 111th meeting of Calvary Presbytery is Saturday, July 23, 2011, beginning at 9:00 AM at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville. Please be in prayer for the pastors and elders that will be attending: TE Seth Starkey, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE David Bragdon, and RE Tim Crunk. Visitors are welcome.

Rally Day - August 28, 2011

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

July 25-29	Junior High Conference at Ridge Haven
July 26	WIC Bible Study
July 27	CE Committee Meeting
July 29	Friday Playdate @ Legacy Park
July 31	Hymn Sing
Aug. 1	Diaconate Meeting
Aug. 3	WIC Council
Aug. 3	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Aug. 6	Recipe/Pantry Shower for Lori Sparkman
Aug. 7	Ice Cream Social
Aug. 8	Session Meeting
Aug. 9	WIC Circles
Aug. 10	Musical CAT Kids Program
Aug. 12	Fun Friday Playdate @ Riverplace Fountains
Aug. 17	Musical CAT Kids end-of-summer celebration
Aug. 21	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Aug. 24	CE Committee Meeting
Aug. 24	Regular CAT Kids resumes
Aug. 25	WIC Annual Meeting
Aug. 26	Fun Friday Playdate @ Jones Gap State Park
Aug. 28	Rally Day
Aug. 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting

Calling All Ice Cream Makers



We will be having an ice cream social Sunday August 7, after the evening service and we need your help.

We are asking for volunteers to churn up some good ol' homemade ice cream to share with everyone. Come enjoy some refreshing homemade ice cream and wonderful fellowship. Contact Tindell Russell (294-7540).



Music Notes

Parents, please mark your calendars: Our Summer Musical CAT Kids' final program will be on Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00 pm. Our end of the summer celebration will be on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:45 pm. Regular CAT Kids will resume on Wednesday, August 24. Thank you for noting these events.
—Elizabeth Guest

Lost and Found

There are quite a few items on the Lost and Found shelf located in the hallway outside the Janitor's Closet. If you have lost an item please check the lost and found within the next week. All items remaining at that time will be donated.

Fun Friday Playdate



ATTENTION:

Second Pres. Nursery Kids and Moms

Our next Fun Friday Playdate

July 29, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

Legacy Park

336 Rocky Slope Road, Greenville, 29607

(Meet near the covered areas and playground.)

For questions call Kelly Woodard @ 895-1241

or Rebekah Johnson @ 430-3408



Welcome to the Pulpit

We welcome to the pulpit this Lord's Day at both morning worship services, Rev. J. R. Foster. Rev. Foster is the Area Coordinator (South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida) for Reformed University Ministries. Also, we welcome to the pulpit this Lord's Day at the evening worship service, Dr. David B. Garner, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Vice President for Institutional Partnerships at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia/London.

Reclaim Them For God's Glory

Creation Study Group presents "Dragons or Dinosaurs" Thursday, *July 21st*, at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Darek Isaacs, an author, film producer and speaker for Creation Ministries International, will show us that evolution is not true science and how you can hold your own in the science classroom. Don't let your faith go extinct! See yellow CSG cards for details, and come bring a friend.

Hymn Sing



Hymn Sing

Sunday, July 31

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



Hymn Sing

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Scott and Sarah Grubbs and their family in the death of their 12 year-old son, Jeffrey, on Tuesday, July 12, 2011. We pray for the Grubbs family during this time of grief and sorrow.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3

WIC Recipe/Pantry Shower



Ladies, you are all invited to a Recipe/Pantry Shower for Josh Sparkman's new bride, Lori, on Saturday, August 6, 10:30-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we welcome Lori into our church family. Please bring some pantry items and a favorite recipe to share.



Report of the WIC Nominating Committee

The following slate of Officers have been nominated by the WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council. The election will take place in the August Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013.

President-elect:	Margaret Holman
Vice President	Frankie Casey
Secretary	Barnetta Stephens
Chair MNA	Susan McDaniel
Circle #4 Chairman	Jean Pennington
Circle #5 Chairman	Pat Shuford
Circle #6 Chairman	Cindy Worley

The WIC Nominating Committee:

Shirley Duncan, Chair

Janice Leathers, Leslie Martin, Mary Russell, Doris Youngblood

WIC Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2011, 7:00 pm
Church Fellowship Hall

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 24

- 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 Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, July 25

Jr. High Conference at Ridge Haven (25th-29th)

Tuesday, July 26

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, July 27

- 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 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, July 28

- 7:00 PM WIC Shower for Storie and Braylon Dalton

Friday, July 29

- 10:00 AM Playdate at Legacy Park
 7:00 PM Rivertree Singers' Concert @ Second

WIC Shower

Needs:
 6 months clothes and
 up; size 2 diapers; if
 you would like to
 contribute to a larger
 gift please contact
 Jamice Leathers
 (895-6646).

*The WIC
 cordially invites all ladies
 to a Baby Shower
 for*

Storie Dalton and Braylon

Thursday, July 28

7:00 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

*We hope you will join us in this
 time of fellowship and love!*



*It's
 a
 Boy!*



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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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JULY 24, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WHERE IS GOD?

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Anthem:

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymns: 92, 316, 65

Rev. J. R. Foster preaching.

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

HIGHER MATH

James 1:1-11

Hymns: 38, 528, 499

Psalter: Psalm 114

Dr. David B. Garner preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister God's Fire Keepers

In the Iroquois tribe of Native Americans, community life revolved around the log house situated in the center of the camp. Extended families would live there, as well as sleep, work, and play around the great fire kept always burning. In order for the log house's fire to keep burning there needed always to be a fire-keeper. His job was to make sure the flame was never extinguished. When others went out to gather, hunt, or fight, the fire-keeper stayed in the log house keeping the home fires burning.

The church needs fire-keepers, too: those who devote themselves when others may be too busy or distracted and who keep the spiritual fires lit. Christian fire-keepers are otherwise known as prayer-warriors. It is through devoted and disciplined prayer that fire-keepers uphold the church. In the Old Testament, Elijah was a fire-keeper. In a time of idolatry and sin, we read, "Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down to the earth and put his face between his knees" (1 Ki. 18:42). According to the Bible, the faithful prayers of this one godly man made a vital difference in his generation. In the New Testament, James reminds us of Elijah's prayers: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." He then points out that "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours" (Ja. 5:16-17). Notice the emphasis: Elijah was just a person no different from us. But he prayed devotedly in faith and his prayers were used by God to keep faith alive in Israel. The prophets of Baal were trying to stamp out the true worship of God, but Elijah's prayer kept the flame for Israel. When the people were gathered back to the Lord, it was Elijah's prayer that reignited their hearts to trust in God once more. We need today the kind of fire-keepers that Elijah was then.

One reason why fire-keepers are so valuable is that most of us lead weak and inconsistent prayer lives. If we are honest, most will admit that we find prayer difficult and even unsatisfying. This is because prayer is a purely spiritual work, and we are not particularly spiritual people. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to find a reason not to join in prayer? There is always someone to talk to or some time-consuming task; how easy it therefore is to stay out of the prayer meeting or skip your personal time of prayer. But, as Philip Ryken writes, "There is no other way to receive the blessings of God. All of the spiritual blessings that God has to give come through a life of prayer. Wisdom for life's decisions come through prayer. The awesome presence of God in worship comes through prayer. Conversions come through prayer. The revival fire of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer."

It is because of this truth that we should be so thankful to God for the fire-keepers among us who have kept up the demanding discipline of prayer. How many blessings we presently enjoy as a church are the result of faithful prayers lifted up for God's work in this place? If you know someone who is fervent and devoted in prayer for you, for our church, and for Christ's work, make sure to thank them for tending the fires for us all. Even better, we should consider joining them. Ask an older member who has learned the discipline of prayer about how they have kept faithful in prayer. Come to the weekly prayer meeting on