

Another church member attended Evangelism Explosion training because he “wanted to be equipped to engage our lost family, friends, and associates in a friendly gospel conversation.” At first, he worried that he would not be able to remember all the details of the presentation, but he learned that success in witnessing does not rely on our memory of every detail. Even in an imperfect manner, he found that he was able to present the biblical gospel in a way that the Holy Spirit would bless for the salvation of others. As an example, he tells of meeting some men at the water fountain in Falls Park. They were willing to speak about the gospel, although they initially held strong objections to it. But our friend was able to effectively explain man’s problem in sin and God’s gift in sending His Son to die for our sins. After hearing the gospel, the man asked why he would speak to someone he did not know about Jesus Christ. Our church member answered: “because I am simply grateful for the great gift I’ve been given.” When asked if he wanted to receive the same gift, the man stated that he did. Our evangelist expressed his joy over what took place: “I saw a rebel become a friend of God before my eyes because God worked salvation in his heart.”

Would you prayerfully consider attending Evangelism Explosion training? The next class begins on Thursday, October 6, and takes place at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. These classes also perform a vital ministry for our church by doing follow-up visits with those who visit our church for Sunday worship. Please be in prayer for the witness of the gospel in and through our church, not only as it is preached from the pulpit but as it is shared from the lips of loving Christians who are telling family, friends, and visitors about the love of God in Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Noah’s Ark...A Deluge of Evidence

Was Noah’s Flood *really* worldwide? How could all those animals, *including dinosaurs*, fit in that little boat? God specified Noah’s Ark to be 300 x 50 x 30 cubits in size. . . . What in the world is a cubit? The Creation Study Group invites you to come see a large-scale model of Noah’s Ark and hear the “Ark Man,” Mr. Rod Walsh, answer your questions about Noah’s Flood on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. See yellow CSG Card for details. Bring a doubting friend!

Senior High Girls’ Basketball practice

FIRST PRACTICE!!
Saturday, September 10
10:30 - 12:00 pm in the church gym

A Word About Safety and Security

The Officers are aware of the safety and security needs of the congregation. An active and thorough review of all existing procedures and emergency response plans is ongoing and any extra measures will be implemented as necessary. It is our intent to make Second Presbyterian a place where any and all can safely gather. Please talk with your Fold Elder or the church administrator with questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 11 Good News Volunteers’ meeting
- Sept. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Sept. 12 Session Meeting
- Sept. 12 Diaconate Meeting
- Sept. 13-14 WIC Circles
- Sept. 14 CE Committee Meeting
- Sept. 18 Congregation Informational Meeting
- Sept. 18 The Lord’s Supper at the morning services
- Sept. 18 New Members’ Class begins
- Sept. 19 Young At Heart
- Sept. 22 WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
- Sept. 25 Joint Corporation and Congregation Meeting
- Sept. 25 Patterson Fold Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth meeting

Good News Club Meeting

There will be a meeting of all Good News Clubs’ volunteers on Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All volunteers are urged to attend. If you cannot attend or have any questions please call Cyndi Player (963-8633).

New Members’ Class

You are invited to the Pastor’s Membership Class. This class will meet Sunday mornings at 9:50 am in Classroom C-209. It will be taught by Pastor Phillips and will last for seven weeks. The purpose of the class is to give you an opportunity to get to know our Pastor and to learn about Second Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. We request that any who are interested in becoming members of Second Presbyterian Church attend this class, but attending the class does not obligate you to become a member of this church. For further information contact the church office at 232-7621, ext. 10 or Midge Cooley at 395-3301. Come and meet other visitors. The coffee pot will be on.

Young At Heart Resumes

The Young At Heart monthly luncheon will resume September 19, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall with a catered lunch. The lunch will be \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. Mark your calendars now and don’t miss out on this special time of good food, fun, and fellowship as we look forward to everyone coming back to our monthly meetings. Mrs. Linda Francis will be our speaker.

Attention: Women in the Church

Precepts Bible Study begins September 22, from 9:30-11:00 am and will continue each Thursday for 11 weeks. We will be studying Covenant: Knowing God’s Covenant. Precepts requires approximately 5 hours of homework per week. Join us as we grow in God’s Word together. Please let Mary Russell (329-1670) know as soon as possible if you plan to attend as books need to be ordered.

Basketball Sign-Ups

Basketball sign-up sheets are now located in the gym. If you have any questions please contact Alan Farley (268-2674). **Last day to sign-up is September 11th.**

2012 Church Budget

Planning and preparations are now being made for the 2012 Church Budget. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Pat Holbrook, or David Rainey.

Diaconate Election

It is time for the congregation to prayerfully consider spiritually qualified men to serve as Deacons for the Class of 2015. The following schedule has been approved by the Session:

- Nominations: September 4-18
- Called Session Meeting: September 21
- Training: September 25 - November 6
- Congregation Election: December 4
- Ordination/Installation: December 11

Men Eligible for the Nomination to the Office of Deacon

Altman, Kip	Cook, Ken	Holbrook, Mark	Mobley, Kevin	Spears, Daniel
Anderson, Waddy	DeShields, Dick	Hook, John	Montgomery, Henry	Shuford, Jack
Atwood, Nathan	Detmer, Bill	Hopple, Jim	Moore, Robert	Stoddard, Daniel
Bassett, Brian	Dickerson, Larry	Huber, Ray	Moran, Rich	Strickland, Mark
Baxa, Mark	Dillard, Marion	Johnson, Nathaniel	Morgan, Mike	Therrell, Billy
Bechtel, Bill	Dillard, Mike	Johnson, Timothy	Owens, Tim	Turek, Bill
Bechtel, Brian	Eskridge, Frank	Kee, Kirby	Palmer, Walter	Waugh, Barry
Bishop, Jim	Evans, Daniel	King, Harry	Patton, Jon	Whigham, Martin
Braeckelaere, Bill	Evans, Spencer	King, John	Plating, Steve	White, Duane
Briggs, Larry	Farley, Jacob	Knox, Bill	Player, Spencer	Windt, Jeff
Bulla, Don	Farley, Thomas	Korol, Jason	Pomerlyan, Serge	Woodard, Don
Caldwell, David	Farris, George	Kozma, John	Rogers, Reed	Woodard, Ken
Campbell, Woody	Fields, Chuck	Leathers, Jim	Russell, Earl	Worley, Kevin
Carter, Jordan	Francis, James	Ludwig, Hank	Safford, Kenneth	Worley, Mitchell
Carter, Randy	Frazier, Andy	Mann, Max	Schvaneveldt, Stephen	Zeigler, Dale
Casey, Erik	Griffin, John	Maralit, Joseph	Scoggins, Chad	
Chivers, Mike	Griffin, Matt	Martin, Henry	Senn, Byron	
Chivers, Richard	Guest, Andrew	Martin, Joe	Sexton, Joshua	
Compton, Jimmy	Hiskell, Raymond	Martin, Sam	Shreve, Tom	

The above adult men are eligible because they have been a member in good standing of Second Presbyterian Church for 2 or more years. Members may chose up to 9 qualified men from this list for nomination.

Men’s Ministry

Chili Cook-off and Kickoff Fellowship

Friday, September 30

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Second Pres Gym

Pastor Phillips will be speaking on “The Masculine Mandate”.

We need brave “chefs” to sign up to bring their very best chili concoction.

Our judges will award the best chili a first place prize.

Contact Bill Hedgpeth at billhedge@bellsouth.net

Men’s Lunch Fellowship

Tuesday, September 13th

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Tommy’s Ham House on Poinsett

Thank You

Mere words fail to express the depth and sincerity of our love and gratefulness to our church family at Second Pres. Thank you for sustaining us physically with monetary gifts and with meals. Thank you for sustaining us emotionally with your loving cards and phone calls. And we especially thank you for sustaining us spiritually with your love, concern, and prayers. Spencer still has a way to go – but the Lord has graciously brought him through a very long and difficult path these past 17 months. We give the Lord all of the praise and glory as we daily see Him doing great and mighty things in the life of Spencer and our entire family.

—With much gratitude, Spencer and Lora and the entire Evans’ family

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 11

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 Good News Club Volunteers' Meeting
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir
 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, September 12

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM Session Meeting - Conference Room

Tuesday, September 13

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 828
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread on Augusta Street

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

Congregation Meetings

- There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, September 18, at 10:00 am (during the Sunday School hour) presented by the Long Range Planning Committee. There will be an insert in next week's Herald with more information.
- The Session has called a joint corporation and congregation meeting for Sunday, September 25, 2011, at 10:00 am (during the Sunday School hour) to vote on the recommendation made by the Long Range Planning Committee.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Classes will meet on September 11th in their regular locations. Please note that the ACTS and Westminster Sunday School Classes are now located: Westminster Class - S-308 (RE's Bobby & Johnny Mann)
 ACTS Class - S-307 (Rev. Robert Spears)

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Rubye Benchoff
 304 Dupont Drive
 Greenville, SC 29607
 235-9958

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105 River Street
 Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

ELECTION AND ITS EFFECTS

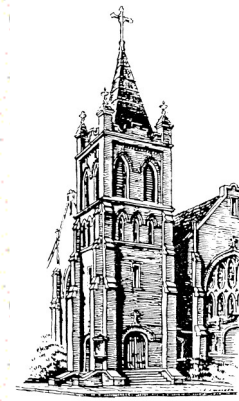
¹Thessalonians 1:4-5
 Anthem:
 My Eternal King
 Hymns: 4, 469, 703
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE CHURCH

Acts 2:1-4; 42-47
 Hymns: 710, 101, 347
 Psalter: Psalm 119 (Part II)
 Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Evangelism Training at Second Church

"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

One of the most exciting experiences is to be used by the Lord to lead another person to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. I might add that one of the most important things in our lives is for us to possess the ability to explain the gospel to people we know and love who have not yet believed. This requires us to devote some time and energy to evangelism training. Like most other meaningful things in life, evangelism doesn't always just happen, although we certainly praise the Lord for extraordinary opportunities. But normally we will be able to speak to others in a clear and accurate way about Jesus Christ because we put the effort into preparing ourselves for such an opportunity. For this reason, a modest investment in time and effect for evangelism training will provide a life-long benefit to us and may, by God's grace, make an eternal difference in the life of others whom we love.

Many people are hesitant to witness because they aren't sure exactly what to say. Others are inhibited by concerns that such a conversation would go poorly and sever friendships. But the goal of our evangelism training is to equip you naturally and effectively to convey the truths of the gospel to anyone. Our training employs the Evangelism Explosion method, which is an outstanding and proven approach to presenting the gospel. I have personally been through the EE training and found that it was an enormous help to my ministry and my personal witness. I have also witnessed the excitement that it creates for speaking to people about Christ. Evangelism Explosion teaches a biblically accurate and compelling approach to telling others about God's wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in Christ, so that students are not only equipped for their witnessing but are greatly strengthened in their own faith.

One member of our church said this about her experience in our Evangelism Explosion training:

I really enjoyed taking the Evangelism class with Ken. He really has a gift of teaching this class. As a Christian, we should all want to be trained and ready to share the gospel to anyone when the opportunity presents itself. After you take the EE class, you will be more assured of how to easily share the gospel with anyone. It has really helped me to have the confidence to share the good news of Christ with others.