

Some of the major topics covered include: communication, safety, preparedness, appropriate security measures, existing security strategy, transportation for the disabled, notification, public statements on behalf of the church, ministry to those who have been traumatized by the event and even "what constitutes an emergency."

Here is a representative sample of the consensus from all our officers – firstly it is agreed that we do not have a communication problem or communication breakdown between church staff, deacons and elders. Those who needed to know about pastoral care situations, acted promptly when a threat to the safety of the church occurred. With regards to safety - absent a new threat to the church or a member of the church *there is no good reason* to hire security officers on Sundays/Wednesdays. We do not want to over react and militarize the campus because of an isolated incident. With regards to "preparedness" while there is always a need to improve, the officers are confident that we have a good existing plan which we continue to work on. Long term issues related to our wheel-chair bound members have been referred to the Long Range Planning Committee. They are already making plans to address known "American with Disability Act" (ADA) issues within our building and campus. The Session with and through the Senior Minister will authorize and make any public statements on behalf of the church. These are ordinarily done only in response to specific requests from legitimate parties. We have work left to do on preparedness issues and hope to do so in the coming months.

In conclusion we certainly wish to express that the officers of Second Presbyterian are working to make our facility a place of safety for all who come inside our doors. Please do not hesitate to ask your Fold Elder or your Pastor questions and express to us *any* concerns you may have.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whoever will come;  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers her welcome in the name  
of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

For the Officers of the Church,

*Alan Farley*  
*Jonathan A. Mann*

Alan Farley & Jonathan A Mann

#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

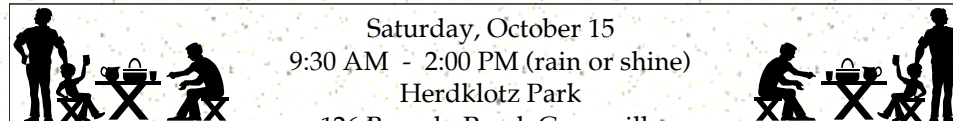
Wednesday: Supper - 5:45 PM \* Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

Radio Broadcast: Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station WLFJ 660 AM

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 12	Blood Drive
Oct. 15	Church Fall Picnic
Oct. 16	The Lord's Supper - evening service
Oct. 17	Young At Heart
Oct. 19	CE Committee Meeting
Oct. 21-22	WIC Fall Retreat
Oct. 26	Reformation Party
Oct. 27	Calvary Presbytery
Oct. 27	Jessamines
Oct. 30	Reformation Sunday
Oct. 30	Hymn Sing

### FALL CHURCH PICNIC



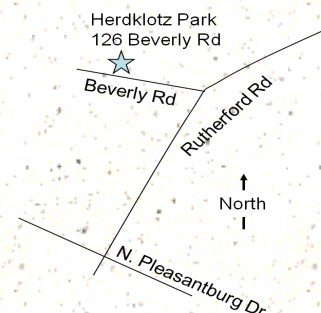
Saturday, October 15  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (rain or shine)  
Herdklotz Park

126 Beverly Road, Greenville  
The Deacons will be smoking BBQ.

Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

**There will be a dessert contest!**

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun at the 2011 Fall Picnic. The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks. We request that you bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM but come early. There are playgrounds and lots of room to run at the park, so bring your footballs and Frisbees.



### Food and Drink in Sanctuary

The sanctuary of Second Church is our location for gathered worship. We are not spectators when we enter in, we are participants in a grand encounter. Would you help us keep the sanctuary reverent and everyone inside focused on worship by not bringing food or drink into the hall. Obviously if you have a medical need to do so this will be allowed.

### Special Offering

The congregation approved the purchase of 225 South Academy at its 9/25 meeting. If you wish to contribute to the down payment please designate "225 South Academy" on your contribution. Enclosed in last week's Herald was a special offering envelope for your contribution. These envelopes are also available each Sunday in the church pews.

### Evangelism Explosion Training

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? EE is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester began Thursday, October 6, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions. It's not too late.



**HYMN SING**  
**Sunday, October 30th**

**Immediately following the evening worship service.**



### Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child  
"The Power of A Simple Gift"

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Pamphlets on how to pack a shoe box and all other instructions are located throughout the church, on bulletin boards or in the church office.

### WIC Fall Retreat

The Great Escape 2011  
October 21-22 in Saluda, NC

Cost: \$75.00 per person

(includes lodging, two meals, teaching sessions, fellowship times.)

Speaker: Sharon Phillips

If you have any questions or need further information please contact Jill Mann.



REFORMATION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2011



REFORMATION PARTY  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011

We need booths, prizes, and candy.

If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Seth (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,

### Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, October 17, at 11:45 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. The catered lunch is \$6.00 per person payable at the door. Come join us for this special time of fellowship and good food. Our program this month is "A Pleasant Season, A Study in Ecclesiastes" by our own Pastor Seth Starkey.

### History Room Display

"The first pastor of Second Church, N. J. Holmes, was the minister of our church, 1892-1895. There is a display in the case in front of the history room dedicated to him. Over the course of the next few years there will be a series of displays concerning the ministries of the pastors of Second Church. Please come by and see the clippings, photographs, and other items regarding the first pastor of our church. Rev. Holmes' father, Rev. Zelotes L. Holmes, is credited with having constructed the first concrete house in South Carolina, circa 1858."

### The Grand Canyon: Marvelous Wonder

How was it really formed? The Creation Study Group invites you to come hear Dr. Tony Beam, Director of the Christian Worldview Center and Vice-President of Student Services at North Greenville University, bring answers to this and many other questions about this wonder of God's creation. On October 20th at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary, he will present what he saw and learned on his recent rafting trip down the Colorado River. Come and bring a friend. See yellow CSG card for details.

### Pledge/Contribution Report

225 South Academy Street Report for 10/10/11

Pledges Received: \$14,420

Contributions Received: \$3,680

Please turn in your pledges during the month of October.



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, October 16

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM New Members' Class  
 9:55 AM Deacon Training  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 4:00 PM Regular Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 4:45 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

### Monday, October 17

11:45 AM Young At Heart  
 4:45 PM I-Mites Basketball Practice

### Tuesday, October 18

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study  
 12:00 PM Men's Bible Luncheon at Tommy's Ham House  
 6:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball Practice  
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828  
 7:00 PM 5th and 6th grade Boys' Basketball Practice

### Wednesday, October 19

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**  
 6:55 PM Deacon Training  
 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' Basketball Practice

### Thursday, October 20

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

### Friday, October 21

**WIC FALL RETREAT IN SALUDA, NC**  
*(Will return Saturday, October 22)*

### Saturday, October 22

10:30 AM Senior High Girls' basketball practice

## Music Notes

The adult choir is holding its regular rehearsals at 4:00 pm and the Christmas Cantata rehearsals at 4:45 pm. If you are interested in joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata, please come! **We are especially in need of men, both tenors and basses. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this way.**

## Jessamine Group

The next Jessamine Group (5th-8th grade girls and their moms) will be Thursday, October 27th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be "A Servant's Heart in the Kitchen, Baking with Barnetta", led by Mrs. Barnetta Stephens. Dinner is Italian Pot Luck-please bring a dish to share.

## Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.  
 Also, send her a note of encouragement.

**Sara Edwards**  
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## WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 16, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

### NOT OF MEN BUT OF GOD

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Anthem:

O Divine Redeemer

Hymns: 498, 303, 509

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

### THE BANISHED ONE RESTORED

2 Samuel 14:1-33

Hymns: 499, 520, 420

Psalter: Psalm 119 (verses 41-48)

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching



# The West End Herald

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## The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
 Greenville, South Carolina

October 10, 2011

### Letter from the Chairman of the Diaconate and the Chairman of Session's Administration Committee

Dear Church family,

A few weeks ago our Senior Minister wrote a note to the congregation that was posted initially on our church website and then on the Facebook page. Here is part of that message...

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3). I want to give praise to God for His protection of our congregation during the frightening events of last Sunday morning (Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) and also for the grace He has shown to members who are in distress. Together with all of you, I deeply grieve the actions of our dear friend and the loss of his life. May God comfort each of you according to your particular need through the ministry of His Holy Spirit.*

*I want to encourage our members not to be afraid to return to the church building or sanctuary. If you are particularly distressed, please let us know so that we can minister to you. This is a time for us to show our faith in the Lord. God will protect us. By means of the peace He gives and the faith that answers our fears, we have an opportunity to bear testimony to God's faithfulness as the Protector of His people. Meanwhile, the elders and deacons will be discussing the lessons we should learn from this incident and will inform you of any safety precautions or procedures we deem necessary. Please feel free to share your concerns with us or to ask any questions as you may have them.*

*An incident like this reminds us of how precious our church family is to all of us. It calls us to love one another in the grace that God gives. It calls us to greater fervor in prayer. And it calls us to give thanks to the Lord, who neither slumbers nor sleeps but guards His people, watching over our "going out and coming in, both now and forever" (Ps. 121:4, 8).*

The officers of the church have met on this matter "jointly" (all the deacons and elders together) twice to conduct a thorough examination of issues related to safety and security within the congregation and on the church campus. Individual officers, relevant committees and staff have met numerous times and will all continue to meet to review the matter. The formal work of safety and security review began on the afternoon of Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and then with a joint meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> a thorough review of concerns and a self evaluation of our response to recent events occurred. The overall assessment was that we had a good response from pastors/officers to an isolated act of violence on our church campus and that no major recommendations need to be made to existing policy or procedure at this time.