

God's mind and heart. The first step in any of my sermons is to place myself in your shoes, humbly receiving the message of God's Word in order to present it to you. This is why expository preaching is demanding of a preacher; it keeps him always studying and always learning. But it provides the important blessings of continuous spiritual growth for the minister himself and forces him to sit at the feet of the Lord in the exercise of his preaching office.

Lastly, expository preaching is *good for the Church*. It keeps the pulpit from being limited by the experience, knowledge and outlook of the minister himself (what a terrible thought!). It provides a broad and wholesome diet of God's Word. Just as the Bible contains promises, encouragements, rebukes, and instruction, the expository pulpit will issue forth in the same. And since the Bible is itself Christ-centered, expository preaching is the best way for the church to keep the focus where God wants it to be.

It is my great privilege to be called by God to exposit his holy and inerrant Word, and my pleasure to preach for your spiritual blessing. But it is a greater task than any man can fulfill on his own. I need your prayers, and I need you to desire to hear God's Word. I hope you will attend to the preaching of God's Word in the church, since it is the very food your soul needs, and I pray for God to be honored here through the Holy Scriptures as He builds up His Church through the preaching of His Word.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,

Richard D. Phillips  
Senior Minister



### Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred and twelfth fall stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 27, 2011, at Palmetto Hills PCA, Simpsonville, SC, beginning at 9:00 AM. Commissioners attending from Second are TE Rick Phillips, TE Robert Spear, TE Seth Starkey, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE David Bragdon, and RE Ken Safford. Visitors are welcome.

### Pledge/Contribution Report

225 South Academy Street Report for 10/16/11  
Pledges Received: **\$19,795**  
Contributions Received: **\$9,420**  
*Please turn in your pledges during the month of October.*

**CHURCH INFORMATION**  
Website: www.secondpca.org  
Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621  
Fax: (864) 232-7622 \* Email: info@secondpca.org  
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. 21-22	WIC Fall Retreat
Oct. 26	Reformation Party
Oct. 27	Calvary Presbytery
Oct. 27	Jessamines
Oct. 30	Reformation Sunday
Oct. 30	Hymn Sing
Nov. 2	WIC Council
Nov. 5	WIC Shower for Maria Pennington
Nov. 6	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 6	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Nov. 7	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 8	Election Day
Nov. 8-9	WIC Circles
Nov. 9	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 12	WIC Shower for Rachel Berens
Nov. 13	New Members' Luncheon
Nov. 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 14	Young At Heart
Nov. 14	Session Meeting
Nov. 17	Jessamines Group
Nov. 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Dinner and Service
Nov. 24-25	Church Office Closed
Nov. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
Nov. 30	CE Committee Meeting

**If you have a date for the November calendar, please contact the church office this week: 232-7621, ext. 10 or judy@secondpca.org**

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of the dessert contest at our annual Fall Picnic. All entries were wonderful but the following were this year's winners:

Presentation:

1st Place:	Rebekah Johnson—Chocolate Strawberry Ganache Cake
2nd Place:	Sarah Martin—Lemon Verbena Cake
3rd Place:	Addy Maralit—The Great Pumpkin

Taste:

1st Place:	Laurie Griffin—Mocha Apple Pecan Cake
2nd Place:	Carolyn Fields—Lemon Chess Pie
3rd Place:	Fran Turek—Apple Crisp

**HYMN SING**  
**Sunday, October 30th**  
Immediately following the evening worship service.

**WIC Shower**  
*All ladies are invited to a WIC bridal shower for Maria Pennington*  
Saturday, November 5, 2011  
10:30 am - 12:00 noon  
Church Fellowship Hall  
*Maria is registered at Belk and Bed, Bath and Beyond.*

### Operation Christmas Child

**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. Please plan on bringing your prepared box(es) to the church office by Sunday, November 13th.

**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,*

### Thank You

*Dear Family at Second,*  
*"Our soul waits for the LORD: He is our help and our shield." Psalm 33:20*  
*Words are inadequate to express our love and gratitude for the support and provision you all have been for our family at this difficult time. As Psalm 143:7 says, "The righteous will surround me, for you [God] will deal bountifully with me." Thank you for all the cards, practical helps, gifts, and outpouring of love through which God has comforted and cared for each of us. We thank God for our church family and for this faithful provision for us.*  
*In Christ alone, The Pennington family*

### 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."

**New Members' Luncheon**  
All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,  
**Sunday, November 13, 2011**  
Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.  
**Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.**  
**Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.**



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, October 23

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 24

4:45 PM I-Mites Basketball Practice

### Tuesday, October 25

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 26

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir  
 6:45 PM **REFORMATION PARTY**  
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**  
 6:55 PM Deacon Training  
 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' Basketball Practice

### Thursday, October 27

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Palmetto Hills PCA  
 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training  
 6:30 PM Jessamines Group

### Saturday, October 29

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 and/or give her a call.

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 23, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

#### MOVED BY AFFLICTIONS

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

Anthem:

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Hymns: 655, 689, 528

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### ABSALOM'S REBELLION

2 Samuel 15:1-37

Hymns: 376, 598, 257

Psalter: Psalm 119 (verses 49-56)

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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## Letter from the Senior Minister Expository Preaching

Our pulpit ministry here at Second Presbyterian is guided by a commitment to expository preaching. Currently I am preaching through 1st Thessalonians in the morning services and 2nd Samuel in the evening service. I intend to follow 1st Thessalonians with 2nd Thessalonians. Since these are fairly short books, I expect to finish them in the late spring or early summer. 1st and 2nd Samuel are much longer books: I began this series in the fall of 2008 and expect to finish sometime in the spring of 2012. Meanwhile, I have been preparing to preach the book of Revelation, starting in the morning services next fall, Lord willing. After 2nd Samuel I will return to the book of Psalms in the evenings to preach through books 3 and 4 (Psalms 73-106). With these plans, nearly all my preaching in our church for the next few years will be from these books of the Bible. Why would I do this? The answer is that I am firmly persuaded that expository preaching is the best way for me to fulfill my calling as a teacher and for our church to be fed the Word of God. So what is expository preaching?

Expository preaching is an approach that concerns both the week-to-week practice of preaching and the handling of a given sermon. The aim is to teach the Word of God as it is presented in the Bible, sequentially working through a book of the Bible passage by passage, week by week. In preaching a particular expository sermon, my goal is to 1) proclaim the message of the text; 2) explain the meaning of the text; 3) and apply the text to the practical lives of the listeners.

I think there are good reasons to approach preaching this way. First, it is *a good way to handle the Scriptures*. There is always a danger that we will misread a passage of Scripture because we do not approach it in context. The books of the Bible were written as wholes, and the message of the Holy Spirit in a particular passage can only really be grasped in context with the whole book. Expository preaching therefore allows us to follow along with the Spirit as He has revealed God's Word through a particular book. But won't this be boring if we spend long in a single book? The answer is decidedly No, for the simple reason that the Bible is very exciting. Especially, long books of the Bible (John and Samuel, for instance) cover practically every topic you would want to consider. But these topics are handled in a biblical context, not in a context invented by the preacher.

Secondly, expository preaching is *good for the minister*. Instead of delivering to you what is on my mind and heart, it causes me to learn what is on