

More Than Conquerors, William Hendriksen (Baker, 1956). This is the classic study of the Book of Revelation that has shaped the thought of Reformed preachers for two generations. When James M. Boice asked my advice on a book to read prior to his epic exposition of Revelation, I recommended this book. It is a definitive study of the structure and message of the last book of the Bible.

Understanding Dispensationalism, Vern Poythress (P&R, 1993). Occasionally, I have contrasted the Reformed approach to eschatology with the Dispensational approach that has been so dominant in our time. Poythress' book is a kind, cordial, and devastating critique that will help you to understand how Dispensational teaching so seriously distorts the Bible.

The Return of Christ, G. C. Berkouwer (Eerdmans, 1972). I admit that this is a very academic, but also a brilliant scholarly work on eschatology. I have read through it in preparation of my sermons and was enormously blessed. Very technical, however.

In addition to these studies of eschatology, let me recommend a few books on the Christian approach to death and grief:

Fear Not! Ligon Duncan (Christian Focus, 2008). A readable and pastorally sensitive study of the Bible's teaching on death and dying.

If I Should Die before I Awake: What's Beyond This Life, Sinclair Ferguson & Scott Oliphint (Christian Focus, 2005). Trusted authors providing a comprehensive tour of the Bible's teaching.

A Grief Sanctified, J.I. Packer (Crossway, 2002). The great Reformed scholar's exploration of grief and eternal hope in the aftermath of his wife's death.

From Grief to Glory, James W. Bruce, III (Banner of Truth, 2008). A study of grief from the loss of a child, exploring the experiences of great Christians from the past and the hope granted to us from God's Word.

May the Lord bless you through our studies of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. If you are interested in exploring these subjects further, any of the above books will reward your effort richly. May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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

Feb. 17	Annual Valentine's Banquet
Feb. 19	The Lord's Supper at the evening worship service
Feb. 20	Young At Heart
Feb. 22	CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 23	Jessamines Group
Feb. 24	Senior High Supper and Games in Gym
Feb. 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Feb. 29	Missions Committee Meeting
Feb. 29	Annual Sports Banquet
Mar. 3	WIC Calvary Presbytery Annual Meeting
Mar. 4	New Members' Class begins
Mar. 4	Communicants' Class begins
Mar. 4	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Mar. 5	Diaconate Meeting
Mar. 7	WIC Council
Mar. 7	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Mar. 11	College/Career Group Luncheon
Mar. 11	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Mar. 12	Session Meeting
Mar. 13-14	WIC Circles
Mar. 18	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Mar. 19	Young At Heart
Mar. 22	Jessamines Group
Mar. 23	Senior High Game Night
Mar. 25	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Mar. 28	CE Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

New Members' Luncheon	May 6
Graduation Banquet	May 9
Mother/Daughter Tea	May 11
CAT Kids Program	May 16
Hartsville, SC Missions Trip	June 10-14
General Assembly	June 18-22
Vacation Bible School	June 25-29
Senior High Trip	July 16-20
Richmond Hill, GA Missions Trip	July 17-20
Jr. High Ridge Haven Trip	July 23-27
Trujillo, Peru Missions Trip	August 3-11
Marriage Retreat at Bonclarken	August 17-18

"Love Is All Around"

Second Presbyterian Church
Valentine's Banquet
"Love Is All Around"
February 17, 2012
6:30 PM - Church Gym
\$10.00 per person (12 years old and up)
Child Care will be provided for ages 11 and under.

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, February 20, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of the catered meal is \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. This month Bill Watkins will speak to us on "Prison Ministry." Don't miss this special time of fellowship and good food.

Senior High Night

On February 24th the Senior Highs will meet at 7:00 pm at Greenville Academy of Martial Arts, 115 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615. Member Jason Korol will be conducting a class on self defense in his studio. Be sure to wear athletic clothing. After the class we will walk to Brusters so bring some money for ice cream. Pick up or departure will be from Brusters at 9:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact John (864-275-9821) or Margaret Atwood (864-271-2344).

Sunday School Helpers

If you are interested in helping with our Sunday School program now is a good time to get involved. There is an immediate need for a 2 year-old Sunday School Class Assistant. Please contact Mel Duncan if you can help. (232-7621, ext. 14)

New Members' Class

Begins Sunday, March 4, 2012
9:45 AM in Room C-209 (on second floor)
Taught by Pastor Phillips
The class will meet each Sunday for 7 weeks.
Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church,
however, you are requested to take the class before joining the church

Communicants' Class

A Communicants' Class will be held for 5 weeks beginning Sunday, February 4, 2012. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in classroom S-307 (balcony level). Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class. Please see Pastor Starkey if you have any questions.

Annual Sports Banquet

Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Dinner: 5:45 PM * Program: 6:45 PM
Speaker: Mr. Bill Hedgpeth
The entire church family is invited to this event as we honor our young people who participated in this year's sports events.

2012 WIC Annual Meeting

CALVARY PRESBYTERY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH
Saturday, March 3, 2012 * 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Second Presbyterian Church
Price to cover lunch: \$7.00 per person payable at the door.
Speaker: Rev. Brian Habig, Senior Minister, Downtown Presbyterian Church
Also speaking, Debbie Richards, Missionary to Japan
Make reservations to Jill Mann (bjmhmman@att.net) by Feb. 22nd.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Words can never express my thankfulness to you for all the things you have done for me: Yard work outside, fix it jobs inside. And the cards, calls, visits, food, knowing you are praying for me and the love you have shown me is a special blessing. Thank you so much and since my words are not sufficient I will ask Jesus to thank you for me and cause His face to shine upon you.

*Go under His mercy,
Joy Smith*

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 19

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
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, February 20

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, February 21

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, February 22

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 & Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 23

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

Friday, February 24

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study
 6:30 PM Senior High Night

Jessamines' Group

The next Jessamines' Group (5th-8th grade girls and their moms) fellowship will be Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. The program will be "A Servant's Heart in the Workplace and on the Mission Field" led by Miss Elizabeth Johnson. Dinner is International Pot Luck. Please bring a dish to share.

Pledge/Contribution Report

225 South Academy Street Report for 02/05/12
 Pledges Received: **\$96,918**
 Contributions Received: **\$95,460**

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.
 Also, send her a note of encouragement.
Sara Edwards
 3 Ila Court
 Greenville, SC 29611

The Second Presbyterian Church

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 Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY FEBRUARY 19, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 and 11:00 AM

VICTORS VALLIANT

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

Anthem:

Salvation Is Created

Hymns: 585, 623, 358

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

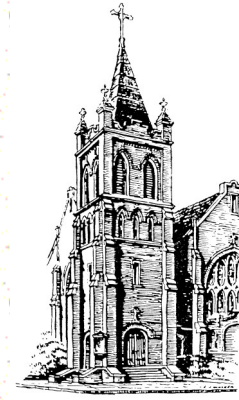
TAKE HEART; IT IS I

Matthew 14:22-32

Hymns: 173, 669, 623

Psalter: Psalm 120

Rev. Paul Settle preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister Eschatology Reading List

One of the reasons I wanted to preach through Paul's letters to the Thesalonians was for us to spend time in Paul's teaching on the Second Coming of Christ. As we have seen, the return of Christ is a major Christian doctrine – more than that, the coming of our Lord is the "blessed hope" for which we are all to be eagerly waiting (Tit. 2:13). I trust that our studies have been informative, and I have had a number of people ask me for recommendations for further reading. There have been some extremely helpful books written in recent years on eschatology (the study of end times), and I am happy to make the following recommendations for those wishing to study further:

The Promise of the Future, Cornelis P. Venema (Banner of Truth, 2000).

This is a wonderfully devotional book on eschatology, focusing on a study of all the important biblical texts. It is a book for the motivated reader, who will be richly repaid by the diligent study of this significant book. Dr. Venema preached in a conference at our church a couple of years ago, and I have come to admire him.

The Pauline Eschatology, Geerhardus Vos (P&R, 1979). I have to mention this book because it is the single greatest work on eschatology written in the last century. When I read this in seminary I was told that it would change my life – and it did. Unfortunately, it is pretty technical and not very readable, which is why most people would do better with...

End Times Made Simple, Samuel Waldron (Calvary Press, 2007). This book takes Vos' approach to eschatology and makes it simple to understand. This book may change your life, as you come to understand the Bible's own approach to history, in "this present age" and "the age to come." I can hardly recommend this book enough for those beginning their study of these doctrines.

The Bible and the Future, Anthony Hoekema (Eerdmans, 1994). Until Venema's book came out, this was the most accessible and thorough book on Reformed eschatology. A classic and very sound exposition of end times teaching.

These Last Days, Richard D. Phillips and Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer (P&R, 2011). An introductory survey of end-times themes that will be a good place to start understanding the Reformed approach to eschatology.

A Case for Amillennialism, Kim Riddlebarger (Baker, 2003). A readable and comprehensive study of the millennial approach most widely embraced by Reformed scholars today.