

church in Philippi, he writes to the Christians who have committed to one another there and to their leaders.

4. In Hebrews 13:7, Christians are commanded, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." This clearly assumes what we know as church membership, since this command can only be fulfilled by believers who are under the authority of elders in a local church body. Hebrews 13:7 tells believers to "remember your leaders... and imitate their faith." Living as believers under godly shepherd-leaders, especially those who are "keeping watch over your souls," is one of the chief biblical provisions for your perseverance and growth in faith.

In short, just as salvation involves a covenant relationship with God, the life of faith also involves a covenant relationship with other believers under Christ's authority in the church. To this end, my constant prayer is that Second Presbyterian Church would not only be a place where God's Word is faithfully taught but also where God's people are faithfully shepherded. The more I grow in experience, the more I see how important the second of these is, together with the first. If you have been attending Second Church regularly, I would therefore ask you to consider your calling to join the church. The schedule of the upcoming New Members Class, meeting in Classroom C-209 at 9:45 am, is as follows:

- March 4: The "Solas" of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- March 11: The Five Points of Calvinism (Pastor Phillips)
- March 18: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- March 25: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- April 1: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- April 8: Easter Sunday - no class
- April 15: The Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- April 22: Presbyterian Church History (Dr. Barry Waugh)
- April 22 & 29: Elder Interviews

If you have any questions about our church or church membership, I am simply delighted to answer them. I look forward to getting to know many of our recent visitors better during this class, with thanks to God for the way He is increasing the numbers at our church.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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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

Upcoming Events

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. 13	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. 25	Worship & Music 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

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.

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.

Communicants' Class

A Communicants' Class will be held for 5 weeks beginning Sunday, March 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.

Senior High Night

On Feb. 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).

Wednesday Night Supper and Families

During our weekly Wednesday night family supper let's use this time proactively to engage with new people and make an outreach to others. Look for others to include who are new and seem to be sitting alone. Also, parents with young children, please be reminded that from 5:45 until 7:00 pm there is to be no organized ballgames while families are eating. Deacons are being asked to lock up basketballs until after supper is over. It would help if parents would enforce this directive. Also, we are asking that footballs not be thrown in the gym until after 8:00 pm. Thank you.

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or judy@secondpca.org.) We want to recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

Boy Scout Sunday

This Sunday, February 26, Second Presbyterian Church will be honoring Boy Scout Sunday. Troop 828 is an established troop sponsored by SPC. It has been here for 3 years now and many of our scouts are members of the church. The leaders are Duane Bargar and Frank Mahon. They meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Scout Hut, (the Greenhouse), and invite future scouts and leaders to attend. Our troop goes on many campouts and hikes throughout the year. The Scouts will serve as ushers in the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services this Lord's Day. Please take a moment to welcome them and learn more about our troop. The Scout ushers are: Matthew Phillips, Jonathan Phillips, Gran Baxa, Peyton Ross, John Calvin Bechtel, Michael Morgan, Allen Mahon, Dylan Bargar, Trey Bargar, and Bryson Bargar.

Church Directory

Please make the following changes to your directory so you will have correct and current information.

- Lloyd Wright's original address is correct:**
3 Bendingwood Circle, Taylors, SC 29687
- Linda Francis' cell phone number:** 864-238-6048
and her new email address: granofsix@gmail.com
- Bobbie Houser's new address:**
1 Hoke Smith Blvd., PC 16, Greenville, SC 29615
Cell Phone: 569-9752
- Elizabeth Johnson's new address:**
97 Jamestowne Way, Unit 101, Taylors, SC 29687
- Chris and Michelle Lynch's correct home phone number:** 417-5595

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 26

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
 7:15 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, February 29

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET**

Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study

Saturday, March 3

9:30 AM WIC Calvary Presbytery Annual Meeting

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)

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 02/12/12
 Pledges Received: **\$96,928**
 Contributions Received: **\$95,470**

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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MORNING WORSHIP
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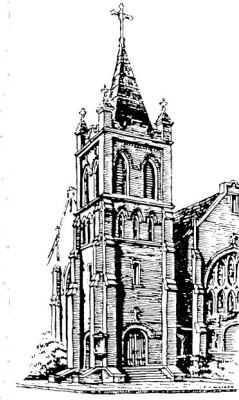
1 Thessalonians 5:9-11
 Anthem:
 Fairest Lord Jesus
 Hymns: 115, 623, 703
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

THE REBELLION OF SHEBA

2 Samuel 19:41-20:26
 Hymns: 94, 481, 474
 Psalter: Psalm 121
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Spring 2012 New Members' Class

On March 4, we will begin our new members' class for the spring. The purpose for this class is to provide information on the key beliefs of Second Presbyterian Church and to provide an opportunity for visitors to enter into our church membership. We ask that those seeking to join attend the class not only so that they can learn about our church but also so that we can get to know them and begin to incorporate them into our church life. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, and some may wish to attend simply to learn about the Reformed faith and Second Church. At the end of the class the Session will be available to meet with prospective members, who join by presenting a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ and agreeing to fulfill the membership vows as stipulated by the Presbyterian Church in America.

In recent years, I find that many Christians have underestimated the importance of church matters. Many may not understand the biblical basis and calling for Christians to enter into covenant relationship with a local congregation of believers. Let me give some reasons why it is important for you to be a member of a faithful church and perhaps why you should consider joining our congregation:

1. The very first thing we see after Pentecost in Acts 2:42ff is that Christians immediately began to gather together. They "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." The early Christians did not stay at home and say, "I can be a Christian by myself," but they committed themselves to a local body of fellow Christians.
2. In Hebrews 10:25, God commands Christians not to neglect meeting together but to encourage one another, "and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This teaches at least 3 things: 1) Christians are commanded by God to gather together corporately for the purpose of encouraging one another; 2) Christians gathering together is not to be an infrequent thing, but rather it is to be a regular occurrence; 3) Christians are to encourage one another, which requires knowing one another; and knowing one another implies regular commitment to the same local body of Christians – which again is what church membership signifies.
3. In Philippians 1:1, Paul states that he is writing "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons." This implies that "all" the Christians ("saints" means those who have believed in Christ and are set apart for holiness) are committed to gathering together regularly in a church with officers (elders and deacons, cf. 1 Tim. 3) appointed or elected to oversee their affairs. When Paul writes to the