

Another book we are giving to grads this year is the new title, "What is the Gospel?" by Southern Baptist (and reformed) Pastor Greg Gilbert. When Dr. Derek Thomas was recently asked what resource would you give a new Christian to understand his faith he recommended this title. In his book *Gilbert argues that... the gospel consists of four main subjects: God, man, Christ, and a response. The book carefully examines each and then explores the effects the gospel can have in individuals, churches, and the world.* It is the hope of your elders that our graduates will know how to discover God's will in their lives because they know the Gospel well.

There are some fabulous new resources about understanding the gospel that are soon to be available in book, media and online form. This past spring Pastor Phillips, "Dr. Phillips" (more on that next week) participated in the annual Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology. The topic was "What is the Gospel." Visit alliancenet.org to order dvd's and publications. Our own, soon to be "Dr. Gabe Fluhrer" (more on that next year) is editing books from historic "PCRT" conference addresses on major themes in the Christian faith. We value the work of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals.

In case you didn't know, the best place in the entire Upcountry to find great Christian literature is the Bob Jones University Bookstore. I say this as someone who is a voracious consumer of books. There is a terrific selection of reformed literature available, and the best variety of quality Bibles in the region. I know we live in the age of nook, kindle and amazon. But before the bookstore goes the way of the horse and buggy take advantage of the sensation of wandering through a good Christian bookstore (like BJU) and appreciate the craftsmanship of a book made for the glory of God.

Lastly, while I'm talking of books let me end with a word of appreciation of the Second Church-Opal Holbrook Library. We have a hidden treasure tucked beautifully beside our chapel in the library. It is full of good fiction titles, biographies, helpful Bible commentaries and works on Christian living. Everyone should love this library, it's also free and it's not just for children.

Congratulations to our 2012 graduates. May you use your time well.

Your Friend,

Melton L. Duncan

Church Administrator

All Hartsville team members need to attend a training session on Saturday, May 12 from 9-12 at Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

May 11	Mother/Daughter Fun Night
May 13	Mother's Day
May 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
May 14	Session Meeting
May 16	Missions' Committee Meeting
May 16	CAT Kids Program
May 18	Drop-in for Pastor Phillips at the church
May 19	Men's Whitewater Rafting Trip, Nantahala River
May 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
May 21	Young At Heart
May 23	CE Committee Meeting
May 23	Musical CAT Kids Begins
May 23	WIC Circle 6
May 25	Jr. High Get Together
May 25	Sr. High Supper and Game Night
May 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
May 28	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 29	Summer RUF Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

Hartsville, SC Missions Trip	June 10-14
General Assembly	June 18-22
Vacation Bible School	June 25-29
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

Mother-Daughter Fun Night

Don't miss the WIC Mother-Daughter Fun Night
What kind of cupcake are you?
For **ALL** Women and Girls
Friday, May 11 * 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Supper will be provided (donations will be accepted).
Watch for upcoming sign-up sheets. (See Jenny Spears with questions).

CAT Kids Program

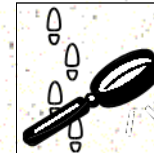
Wednesday, May 16, 2012
7:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary
(Immediately following the Family Night Fellowship Supper.)
Come see what our children have learned this year in CAT Kids.

Men's Whitewater Rafting Trip

Nantahala River
Saturday, May 19th (one day trip)
\$32.00 per person
(includes lunch and guide-assisted rafting—bring extra money for breakfast and gas)
Contact Bill Hedgpeth (414-4145) **ASAP** to sign-up

Reformed University Fellowship

Summer 2012 (May 29 - July 10)
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church
I AM
Good Shepherd, True Vine, Gate, Bread, Way, Light, Resurrection, Life, Truth



**THE SCOTTISH SLEUTHS
AND
THE CASE OF THE PUZZLING PARABLES**

Vacation Bible School
June 25-29, 2012

If you would like to minister to the children during VBS this year, please contact **Fran Turek** at **299-6034** or franturek@bellsouth.net.

Music Notes from Elizabeth Guest

Attention Covenant Choir Parents: On Sunday, May 13, the Covenant Choir (3rd through 8th grade) will be singing the offertory anthem for the 11:00 am service. Please have them in the choir room at 10:30 am so we can get robes on and rehearse. They will return to you so they can sit with your during the sermon. Thank you so much for your help and I hope this will be a blessing for you all on Mothers' Day. **There will be NO adult choir rehearsal on Mothers' Day.**

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, May 21, at 11:45 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. Cost of the catered meal is \$6.00 payable at the door. This month our own John Gray will update us on "Long Range Planning." Come join us for good fellowship, food, and a very informative program. This will be our last luncheon until the fall.

Upcoming Men's Ministry Event

*We had such a good time at Fluor Field last month we are planning another event.
This men's event is open to families.*

**Greenville Drive v. Charleston RiverDogs (NYY)
Friday, June 1, 7:00 pm**

**Tickets are \$7.00 per person (advanced purchase)
Make check payable to Bill Hedgpeth no later than Sunday, May 27.**

Sympathy

We express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mr. Earl Russell who went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 6, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at the church on Wednesday, May 9, at 11:00 am. We are thankful for the life and Christian service of Earl and our prayers go out to the family during this time of loss and grief.

*The Second Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to join
In celebrating the conferring of a Doctor of Divinity Degree
upon our senior minister*

*The Reverend Mr. Richard Davis Phillips
by Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Friday, May 18, 2012*

*Drop In for Greetings and hors d'oeuvres
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm * Church Fellowship Hall
Awarding of Degree at Graduation Program*

*7:00 pm at the Seminary
200 East Main Street, Taylors, South Carolina*

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 13
 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 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, May 14
 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 15
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, May 16
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30 PM Missions' Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 7:00 PM **CAT KIDS' PROGRAM**

Friday, May 18
 12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
 4:30 PM Drop-In for Pastor Phillips at the church

Saturday, May 19
 All-Day Men's Whitewater Rafting Trip

Praise for Christian Mothers

*Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain:
 But a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
 Give her of the fruit of her hands
 and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

Proverbs 30:30-31

You Are Invited....

Installation Service for
Gabriel Fluhrer
 as Organizing Pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church
 at St. David's School Chapel in Raleigh, North Carolina
 Friday, May 11 at 7:00 PM
 Speakers: Dr. Lane Tipton, Rev. Richard D. Phillips, Rev. R. Carlton Wynne

You Are Invited....

BACH GREENVILLE - SPRING CONCERT
Thursday, May 10, 2012, 6:00 pm
 Second Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
 This year's concert theme:
 Peace, Joy, Adoration
 Features works by Forrest, Rutter, and Clausen

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.
 Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.
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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 13, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS

2 Thessalonians 1:10-12

Anthem:

God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

Hymns: 55, 100, 467

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE MIGHTY ONE OF JACOB, OUR CONTENDER

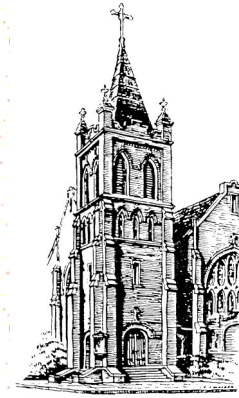
Isaiah 49:14-26

Hymns: 94, 65, 295

Psalter: Psalm 132 (verses 1-10)

Rev. Seth Starkey preaching

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Letter from the Church Administrator

Thoughts on the Graduation Season and a Few Good Books

It was the first week of June. Several thousand people had gathered in the sweltering Sahara-like heat of Sistine Stadium to watch high school Seniors march across the field and receive their diplomas. Your humble church administrator had been given the position of honor, asked to speak on the occasion of his own commencement for the last gathering of the Class of '88 under the yoke of the School District of Greenville County. But what would I say?

Back in those days there was no restriction on what a student could say for such an occasion, it was *still truly South Carolina*; student led Christian prayers *happened* at games and events. Still some teeth left in the mouth of our nominal Christian culture. I remember being caught up in the moment, surely there was never any occasion in the history of higher learning greater than *this* graduation. I also remembered being saddened by the finality of it all, we will never be all together again; our merry band of "Red Raiders" soon departing for the world.

I looked around at my friends. Some of us had gone all the way through our school years together in the same classrooms, from geometry and band to gym and Latin. Most of my life had been spent with these people. The ones I knew best I deeply respected. Of course I didn't know everyone, but I felt like I did. In the end I decided that my graduation speech should be short. The theme of Ecclesiastes, I resolved would be my helper, everyone understands the wisdom of Solomon, even the pagans! "There is a time and place for everything."

Afterwards we laughed, a few cried and we said our good-byes to one another. That was 24 summers ago; college, jobs, marriage, children-how quickly life goes by.

I'm so glad that in the Christian life, we don't ever really *graduate*. There is never a time that we outgrow faith in Christ or ever truly master all the learning of our Biblical faith. I'm grateful for "the school of the Bible at Second Presbyterian Church" and the generations of teachers, leaders and classmates that have gone before. I'm grateful to be a humble member of our household of faith.

A helpful book we are giving to this year's high school and college grads at Second Pres. is "**Discovering God's Will,**" a classic by Sinclair Ferguson. Dr. Ferguson pastors First Presbyterian Church in Columbia and was a seminary professor of our Senior Minister. He helpfully challenges readers to know that "*for every Christian the question arises... What is the will of God in this particular, unique situation in which I find myself?...How do we discover the will of God when we are faced with a possibly bewildering array of choices?*"