The college ministry I was involved in as a student was instrumental in deepening, grounding, and maturing my faith. It was a place where I was allowed and encouraged to ask real questions and to search for Biblical answers with friends and mentors. The answers I discovered were truly life changing! It was a place where I could be real about my sin, and labor to bring Christ's glory alongside other believers who were passionate about honoring God with their lives. Additionally, the Lord used the class to bless me with deep and long-lasting friendships that have dramatically strengthened my Christian walk. It is my prayer that this study will be intellectually stimulating, challenging, Gospel saturated, and God honoring. I hope to see you all there!

Your friend and brother,

Jim McCarthy SPC Junior Ministerial Intern

#### Welcome Dr. Jon Payne

Our guest minister this week, Jon D. Payne was born and raised in Santa Clara, California and is the minister of Grace Presbyterian Church in Douglasville, Georgia. Dr. Payne also serves as a Visiting Lecturer in Practical Theology at RTS Atlanta. His wife Marla is a full-time mom and also works one day a week as a pediatric physical therapist with special needs children. The Paynes have two children, Mary Hannah (9) and Hans (6). Dr. Payne will be bringing us the Word at our evening worship service.

#### From the Church Historian...

The third of the series of displays concerning the pastors of Second Church is available for viewing in the display table in the hall in front of the history room. George G. Mayes (1866-1942) was the minister of the church beginning October 29, 1899 and he concluded his service on June 23, 1904. He was born in Mayesville, and the churches he served during his life were all in South Carolina. The history room is currently open between Sunday School and the beginning of the 11:00 am service.

#### Thank You

Dear Second Presbyterian Friends,

Our hearts are overwhelmed by your love and support for our family. We especially appreciate Rev. Robert Spears and the meaningful memorial service.

Our heartfelt thanks,

Ernest Ray and Lynne Ouzts and The Rushton Family

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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**

Aug. 15	Missions' Committee Meeting
Aug. 15	Musical CAT Kids Program
Aug. 17	Fun-Friday at Jones Gap State Park
Aug. 17-18	Second Pres. Marriage Retreat
Aug. 19	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Aug. 21	WIC Bible Study resumes
Aug. 22	CE Committee Meeting
Aug. 22	Musical CAT Kids Fun Night
Aug. 23	WIC Annual Meeting
Aug. 24	Men's Ministry-Greenville Drive Game
Aug. 24	Sr. High Fellowship at the Barnetts'
Aug. 26	Rally Day
Aug. 26	WIC Installation of Officers
Aug. 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Aug. 26	7th-12th grade Parents' Meeting
Aug. 29	Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes
Sept. 2	SS-Summer Missions' Reports
Sept. 2	Ice Cream Social
Sept. 2	Deacon Nominations begin
Sept. 3	Church Office Closed
Sept. 5	WIC Council
Sept. 5	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Sept. 9	SS-Website/Media Report
Sept. 9	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Sept. 10	Diaconate Meeting
Sept. 10	Session Meeting
Sept. 11-12	WIC Circles
Sept. 13	WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
Sept. 16	New Members' Class begins
Sept. 16	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Sept. 16	Deacon Nominations end
Sept. 17	Young At Heart resumes
Sept. 23	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
Sept. 26	CE Committee Meeting
Sept. 28	Sr. High Fellowship at the Spears'

# If you have a date for the September calendar please contact the church office this week.

#### **Music Notes**

Please mark your calendars with upcoming dates:

Musical CAT Kids Program

Musical CAT Kids fun night

Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resume

Wednesday, August 15th

Wednesday, August 22nd

Wednesday, August 29th

# **Fun Friday Playdate**



Second Pres. Nursery Kids and Moms
Our next Fun Friday Playdate

August 17th @ 11:00 AM River Wading at Jones Gap State Park

Meet at the Jones Gap State Park 303 Jones Gap Road, Marietta, 29661

Pack a lunch, bring lots to drink, and dress to wade in the river.

Admission fee is \$3.00 per adult, kids are free - you must have exact cash.

Questions call Rebekah Johnson @ 430-3408.

## **WIC Annual Meeting**



All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. Thursday, August 23, 2012
Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM
Agenda:
Flection of Officers

Election of Officers Recognition of New Members Guest Speaker: Susan Barry Refreshments will be served.

Installation of Officers: August 26th/evening service

## 7th—12th Grade Parents' Meeting Sunday, August 26th @ 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall



# RALLY DAY Sunday, August 26th Rev. Paul Settle



## **WIC Precepts**

Ladies in the church, you are invited to join us for Precepts Bible Study as we begin a 12 week study, Spiritual Gifts. We will meet each Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 am starting September 13th. Each lesson requires approximately 5 hours of homework per week. If you plan to participate, please let Mary Russell (329-1670) know by August 24th as books need to be ordered.

#### **Good News Clubs**

Volunteers are needed to continue our ministry to local elementary school children. Good News Clubs will begin the week of September 17th. If you are available on Tuesday or Friday afternoons from 2-4 pm, please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you serve Him as we teach and encourage the children. Volunteers are needed to teach, to shepherd the children weekly (sit with them during club, encourage, listen to verses, be a friend), provide snacks, and pray. You will be trained to do any job you are willing to try. Training will be Saturday, August 18, 9:00 am—2:00 pm at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. Contact Cyndi Player (963-8633) to volunteer or for more information.

#### You Are Invited...

The 50th anniversary of Shannon Forest PCA
September 15 & 16, 2012

Saturday will be a day for family fun, food and entertainment.
Sunday, Pastor Al Lutz, founding pastor will preach God's Word.
Lunch will be served following the Sunday service.
Entire Presbytery is invited-come and get reacquainted with old friends.
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 1ST. CALL 678-5100

## **Upcoming Men's Ministry**

This event is open to families.

Greenville Drive v. Asheville Tourists
Friday, August 24th, 7:00 pm
Tickets are \$7.00 per person (advanced purchase)
Make check payable to Bill Hedgpeth no later than Sunday, August 19th.

### **Church Calendar**

Sunday, August 19

MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 AM

Children's Chapel 9:45 AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:00 AM 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** 

Tuesday, August 21

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, August 22

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:00 PM **CE Committee Meeting** 

5:45 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids Fun Night

6:45 PM Youth Bible Study

6:45 PM PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, August 23

7:00 PM **WIC Annual Meeting** 

Friday, August 24

Sr. High Fellowship at the Barnetts' 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Men's Ministry—Greenville Drive Game

**All Adult Summer Sunday School Class** Sunday, August 19, 10:00 am, sanctuary Ken Safford - "God's Will and Personal Evangelism"

# **WIC Morning Bible Study resumes**

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 \* 10:00 am Fellowship Hall Studying 2nd Peter Nursery will be provided

#### **Meals for New Mothers**

The WIC's program "Meals for New Mothers" is online at takethemameal.com. If you would like to take a meal to the Starkey family after the birth of their new baby, please sign up using Starkey and password 1892. If you have any questions you can call Janice Leathers at 895-6646 or 616-4854.

# Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

John and Wilma Crawford 4 Richbourg Court Greenville, SC 29615 244-1571

# **Praying For One Another**

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Cale and Kellie Bigbee Millie and Mac

Jim and Judy Bishop

Aaron and Kaitlyn Bouchillon

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Service Requested

Return

MORNING WORSHIP JOHN'S BURNING BUSH I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymns: 38, 162, 34 Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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# Letter from the Junior Intern

Hello college students!

How were the books of the Bible selected and compiled? Was Christ capable of sinning? Why did God save me? Are there gradations of sin? How can I effectively share my faith with a non-Christian? Are there levels of heaven? Should Christians work to have Christian values in public policy? Are we living in the last days? Should Christians impose their ethics on non-Christians?

My name is Jim McCarthy and this a sample of the questions we will be discussing in the college Sunday school class beginning in September. We will be working through R.C. Sproul's book, Now That's a Good Question, in which the Reformed pastor and theologian attempts to provide Biblical answers to over three hundred difficult questions facing Christians. The questions are arranged into 22 categories such as: Knowing God, Who is Jesus, The Way of Salvation, The Growing Spiritual Life, Understanding Satan, Sharing the Faith, and Marriage and Family. The course is designed to be highly conversational and I am looking forward to the challenging and encouraging discussions that we will have!

Just a bit of background about me: I am twenty-seven years old and am about to begin my second year of study at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. I have been married to my beautiful wife, Jordan, for two years. We have been members of Second Pres. for one year and I have recently come on staff as a pastoral intern. Jordan and I are eager to get to know, serve, and form lasting friendships with each of you.

So, why provide a Sunday school class that is just for college students and young adults? College can be a uniquely challenging time for young believers. For most, college brings with it new freedoms, responsibilities, and pressures that can shake even the strongest Christian to the core. The skepticism and hostility that characterize American academia can be frustrating, overwhelming, and confusing. As a freshman at Eckerd College, I was grieved to see how many "Christian" students rejected the faith after professors and students raised questions and doubts that the student was not prepared to answer. By God's grace, this college class will equip students to not only stand their ground in the faith but to accomplish God glorifying victories in their Christian witness.

College brings with it new relationship pressures as well. In a culture that is so often characterized by sexual immorality and substance abuse, how and with whom is the Christian to forge relationships? What should one be looking for in a Godly husband or wife? Hopefully, this college class will provide an opportunity to form new and lasting relationships grounded in Christ.