

and everything in between. It should stop us in our tracks that the transcendent God who is the Sovereign over the entire cosmos cares enough about His people to be involved in every aspect of our lives. This is the biblical God. It is a distinctive trait of Christianity compared to other world religions. Our God has specifically told us what He requires of us and has made provision for us through Christ because we failed to meet that requirement. Christ and He alone will give us the strength this fall to make our grindstone centered on the fear of God and obedience to His law. It is an undertaking greater than our abilities and loftier than our ambitions. Yet, it is an undertaking that will leave us with a greater understanding of love, grace, atonement, salvation, calling, and God. We will be amazed afresh at the patience He has with us and the steadfast love He pours out on us. We will be committed with a new zeal to being those who find our greatest passion and fulfillment in our lives being lived out in the center of His will.

Beloved, be an ambitious people this fall. Be a people who undertake new endeavors that will challenge you and stretch you like never before. Be a people who are spent and being spent on the calling God has placed on your life. But above all, be a people who find your joy and delight in fearing God and keeping His commandments. It's not a burdensome thing. It's not a legalistic thing. Rather, it IS the means God has placed in your life to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. It IS how you come to understand grace better and believe in it more. It IS what will cause you to be salt and light in a world that so desperately longs for someone to show and tell them the purpose of this life. It IS a grand picture of biblical Christianity that will draw the people of God together at Second Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2012. I'm on board. Are you?

Peace be to the brethren,

Pastor Starkey

### Boy Scout Troop 828

I am Duane Bargar the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 828. We meet at 2nd Presbyterian Church. We are getting ready to start our year and wanted to invite all boys who are 11 years of age or older to join us, or men who would like to be involved in a ministry opportunity to help build our future leaders of tomorrow with Christian principles and the outdoors. We are a good mix of 23 scouts coming from home school, public school, and private school boys with ages ranging from 12-18. Our first meeting is Sept 4 at 2nd Presbyterian starting at 6pm and will last for one hour. If you have any interest for your son or maybe you would like to get involved in a great ministry, please give me a call or email me. My phone number is 787-3299 or my email is [duane@bargarrealty.com](mailto:duane@bargarrealty.com). Feel free to pass this information on to anybody you know that might be interested.

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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. 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'

### 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:

Election of Officers

Recognition of New Members

Guest Speaker: Susan Barry

Refreshments will be served.

**Installation of Officers: August 26th/evening service**

### 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)

Contact Bill Hedgpeth for more information.

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

### WIC Morning Bible Study resumes

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 \* 10:00 am \* Fellowship Hall

Studying 2nd Peter

Nursery will be provided



### Rally Day



Sunday, August 26, 2012

10:00 AM - Church Sanctuary

Rev. Paul Settle: "How To Study the Bible"

*Our children and young people will be promoted to their new classes.*

### Our Sunday School Teachers:

Sunbeams (2 year-olds)	Mrs. Margaret Atwood
King's Kids: (3 year-olds)	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Woodard
4 and 5 year-olds:	Mrs. Cyndi Player
1st and 2nd graders:	Mrs. Cindy Mann
3rd and 4th graders:	Dr. Steve Schvaneveldt
5th and 6th graders:	Mr. Jeremy Weaver
Jr. High:	Mr. Jeff Windt
Sr. High:	Rev. Seth Starkey
College Class:	Mr. Jim McCarthy
Young Adults Class:	RE Tim Crunk
Westminster Class:	Mr. John Duncan
Acts Class:	Rev. Robert Spears
Chapel/Outlaw Class:	Dr. Jim McGoldrick/ Dr. Barry Waugh

### 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. 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

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

*Please know my deep appreciation for the love and sympathy shown to me and my sister and best friend, Ruth, during her illness and in her death. Also, thank you for the same at the death of my other sister a few weeks earlier. It has been a real outpouring from the hearts of loving folks at Second.*

*Bill and Evelyn Watkins*

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 26

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
 10:00 AM RALLY DAY  
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM 7th-12th grade Parents' Meeting  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP  
     **WIC Installation of Officers**  
 7:15 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, August 28

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

### Wednesday, August 29

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:45 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir  
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids  
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 PM PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

### Basketball Sign-Ups

Basketball sign-ups coming soon!! Watch for sign-up sheets in the next few weeks. They will be located in the gym. If you have any questions please contact Alan Farley (268-2674).

### Young At Heart Resumes

The Young At Heart monthly luncheon will resume September 17, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall with a catered lunch. The lunch will be \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. Mark your calendars now and don't miss out on this special time of good food, fun, and fellowship as we look forward to everyone coming back to our monthly meetings. John Duncan will be speaking to us on "Christian Media."

### 2013 Church Budget

Planning and preparations will soon begin for the 2013 Church Budget. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Bobby Mann or David Rainey.

### **SAVE THE DATE!** **Calvary PresWIC Fall Retreat** **October 26-27, 2012**

### Remembering One Another

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

**Marion and Iris Dillard**  
 3504-319 Highway 153  
 Greenville, SC 29611  
 295-2220

### Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Bill and Janet Braeckelaere**  
**David and Linda Bragdon**  
**Ann Brand**

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 26, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### TO HIM WHO LOVED US

Revelation 1:5-7

Anthem:

Spirit of God

Hymns: 172, 181, 547

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### FRETTING AND FAITH

Psalms 37

Hymns: 2, 689

Psalter: Psalm 144

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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## Letter from the Assistant Minister Is It Really That Time of Year Again?

How many of us have asked this question as hot August evenings have given way to a breeze familiar to all of us? A breeze that signifies fall is here. Football is here. Oh, and yes, school is here. As the years roll by, the faster they roll. I remember as a child thinking that the next birthday and Christmas would never get here. Now, my general sentiment is "didn't we just celebrate that last week?" We all know the calendar year begins on January 1. In church life, however, fall is the new beginning. It is when we try new things, retire old things, and rejoice together that God has brought us to the beginning yet again. It is also time for us as Christians to make the most of a return to a sense of normalcy and routine. Sometimes I think we underestimate how much the first 18 years of life shape a people and a culture. Though some of us have been out of school for 60+ years, we still have it built in our DNA that summer is the time of year to put the cruise control on and fall is when we instinctually return to the grindstone, as it were.

So let me ask us another question. What grindstone will we return to this fall? Or let me phrase it this way. What are we going to give our passion, commitment, and energy to in the fall of 2012? There are many attractive offers out there. For students it could be the new sport, debate team, challenging subject, or difficult teacher. For parents (grandparents/aunts/uncles) it could be the freedom of an empty house, a series of books that have been on the backburner for months, or perhaps a new employment opportunity with endless potential. Whatever the "thing" is, I would challenge us to start asking this question about it. How will the goals, dreams, visions, desires, and aspirations we undertake this fall make us better prepared for an eternity in heaven where we are surrounded by the reality of our Union with Christ, adoption as children, and the unchanging and ever blessed love of the Father? You see, this really and truly is the most important question we can ask and answer in the Christian life and I am convinced that fall is just the time to do it.

"The Preacher" concludes the book of Ecclesiastes in this way. "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13) Will we embrace this as our delightful duty this fall? The glorious thing of it is this basic teaching embraces all of life. It isn't speaking simply of our posture on Sunday and Wednesday. It isn't confined to how we interact with other believers. Rather, it tells us that wherever we live, learn, work, and play the fear of God and the keeping of His commandments goes with us. I hope we can marvel together at how comforting a thing it is to know that God cares very much about what we do for worship, work, leisure,