

doing *in us*. Paul said to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12-13). Therefore Christians are to work hard at sanctification. Through prayer and practical obedience, we are to mortify our sins: "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness" (Col. 3:5). Likewise, we are actively to cultivate good works: "present... your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:14).

4. *Sanctification relies on God's grace, received through God's Word, prayer, and the sacraments.* God's grace in our lives has the goal of making us holy. Paul wrote: "For the grace of God has appeared... training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age" (Tit. 2:11-12). Our primary resource in sanctification is *God's Word*. Jesus thus prayed to the Father: "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (Jn. 17:17). Paul's classic call to sanctification centered on mind renewal through the Word: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). *Prayer* is also vital to our sanctification, since the power we need to turn from sins is received from God in prayer. Jesus was especially talking about our sanctification when he promised: "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you" (Lk. 11:10). Finally, the sacrament of *the Lord's Supper* is intended to focus our faith on the all-sufficiency of Christ's death for us and to turn our eyes to Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith. Paul thus wrote: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

There are few more pressing needs today than for Christians to live holy lives unto God and before the eyes of the world. Our own spiritual well-being relies on the work of sanctification, the blessings we will receive as a church will come through the spirit of holiness in sanctification, and our witness to the gospel consists not only of words but also by a demonstration of the power of Christ to save. May we all press on in holiness, in the joy of the Lord, with thanks to the God who cleanses us from our sin and leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

Men's Ministry Golf Outing

Second Presbyterian "Captain's Choice" Golf Tournament
Saturday morning, November 3
Summersett Golf Course, near Furman University
\$31.00 per person

This is designed to be a fun fellowship event for our men, regardless of skill level. In a "Captain's Choice" format, teams consist of 3-4 golfers with various handicaps. As play begins, each player will tee off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second shots from that spot. The best of the second shots is determined, then all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed. In a nutshell, it's a team effort...and a lot of fun for anyone who wants to play, **regardless of skill level!**

Please see Bill Hedgpeth for info and to sign up (deadline: October 31).

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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

Oct. 18	Jessamines
Oct. 18	Budget Meeting
Oct. 21	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Oct. 24	CE Committee Meeting
Oct. 25	Calvary Presbytery at Shannon Forest PCA
Oct. 26-27	WIC Fall Retreat
Oct. 28	Elder Interviews for Membership
Oct. 28	REFORMATION SUNDAY
Oct. 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Oct. 31	REFORMATION PARTY
Nov. 2	Choir Workday
Nov. 3	Basketball games begin
Nov. 3	Men's Ministry Golf Outing
Nov. 4	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 4	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Nov. 4	Elder Interviews for Membership
Nov. 5	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 6	Election Day
Nov. 7	WIC Council
Nov. 7	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 8	Girls' Night Out
Nov. 11	New Members' Luncheon and Reception
Nov. 11	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 12	Session Meeting
Nov. 13-14	WIC Circles
Nov. 14	Missions' Committee Meeting
Nov. 15	Jessamines
Nov. 17	WIC Shower for Lori Sparkman
Nov. 18	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Nov. 19	Young At Heart
Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Dinner and Service
Nov. 22-23	Church Office Closed
Nov. 25	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Nov. 28	CE Committee Meeting

If you have a date for the November calendar, please contact the church office this week: 232-7621, ext. 10 or judy@secondpca.org

Save The Date!!

Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
July 22-26, 2013

Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC
July 29-August 3, 2013

Jessamines Group

The next Jessamine Group (SPC young ladies 5th-8th grade and their moms) will be Thursday, October 18, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. "Using Your Gifts for the Lord" will be our theme as girls will bake cupcakes with our resident baker Mrs. Jessica LaBombard, and create their very own fondant decoration. Our dinner theme is Italian. Please bring a generous portion to share.

Budget Meeting

Reminder: The committee heads will meet on Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room to discuss the 2013 budget. Any Deacon or Elder who is not a committee head is welcome to attend, just be sure to let David Rainey know you are coming.



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2012



REFORMATION PARTY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012

We need booths, prizes, and candy.

If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Seth (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes, please mark and leave in the gym.

Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child
"The Power of A Simple Gift"

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Pamphlets on how to pack a shoe box and all other instructions are located throughout the church, on bulletin boards or in the church office.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of the dessert contest at our annual Fall Picnic. All entries were wonderful but the following were this year's winners:

Presentation:

1st Place:	Emily Weaver—Apple Pie
2nd Place:	Maria Player—Nutella Cheesecake
3rd Place:	Carolyn Fields—Pumpkin Pecan Cake

Taste:

1st Place:	Janice Leathers—Peach Cobbler
2nd Place:	Ann Guest—24 "Carrot" Cake
3rd Place:	Sarah Martin—Tres Leche

"What the Rest of the Bible Says about Genesis"

The Creation Study Group invites you to hear Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., President of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, when he presents Genesis as a foundational document for the rest of Scripture. He will discuss how the rest of Scripture confirms a literal translation of Genesis 1:1-2:3 in the Sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, October 25th. Book table opens at 6:30 PM. Program begins at 7:00 PM. Come and bring a friend! For details visit <http://www.creationstudygroup.org>.

Music Notes

The choir will be performing selections from Handel's oratorio, The Messiah, on Sunday evening, December 9. Please consider joining the choir for this special Christmas service. Our regular choir rehearsals are now at 4:00 pm on Sundays and our Messiah choir rehearsals are at 5:00 pm on Sundays. We would love to have YOU join us!

Please contact Elizabeth Guest with any questions. 864-313-0193

DATE CHANGE!

The Jr. High Fellowship and the Sr. High Fellowship have been cancelled for Friday, October 26th. Both will resume in November.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred and sixteenth fall stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012, at Shannon Forest PCA beginning at 9:00 AM. Commissioners attending from Second are TE Rick Phillips, TE Robert Spears, TE Seth Starkey, RE Melton L. Duncan, and RE David Bragdon.

Visitors are welcome.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 21

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM New Members' Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:00 PM Regular Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Christmas Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:30 PM Wee Worship Choir

Tuesday, October 23

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 4:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 5:45 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, October 24

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
 6:15 PM Youth Choir
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 7:00 PM Diaconate Training
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, October 25

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Shannon Forest PCA
 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 5:30 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Friday, October 26

WIC Calvary Presbytery Fall Retreat (return on 27th)
 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship Lunch

Saturday, October 27

10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 11:30 AM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member.
 Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Gerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Tim and Cindy Crunk
Ashley and Jonathan
George and Brenda Cumbus
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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 21, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

WHERE SATAN DWELLS

Revelation 2:8-11

Anthem:

Go, Make of All Disciples

Hymns: 103, 571, 578

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A WARNING AGAINST UNBELIEF

Hebrews 3:7-12

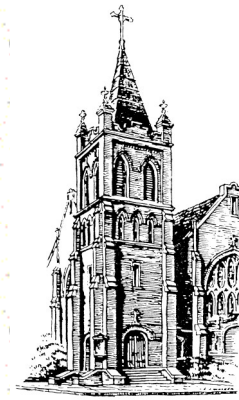
Hymns: 345, 528, 420

Psalter: Psalm 1

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Letter from the Senior Minister What Is Sanctification?

"This is the will of God – your sanctification" (1 Thess. 4:3).

In the last two pastor's letters we have considered the problem of legalism and the proper uses of God's Law. This week I would like to complete these thoughts by turning to sanctification. It is vital that Christians understand this aspect of our salvation, since so much of the New Testament is given to exhorting and commanding Christians to a holy life.

So what is sanctification? The Westminster Shorter Catechism says: "Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness" (A 35). By saying that sanctification is a *work* of God's free grace, the catechism distinguishes this from justification, which is an *act* of grace. An act of grace is a once for all event, whereas a work of grace is an on-going project. Thus sanctification is a life-long process in which we grow in holiness, by being renewed in the image of God, dying to sin, and living more and more in righteousness (see Eph. 4:22-24).

Given the clarity of our doctrinal standards, it is unfortunate that there is so much confusion in the Reformed world today about this most important subject. Let me offer four statements that I think will help us think biblically about sanctification:

1. *Sanctification is necessary, not optional, to salvation.* According to the Bible, it simply is not possible to be a Christian without sanctification. Jesus said that in the final judgment, he will reject those who claimed to serve him but who continued in lives of flagrant sin: "I never knew you," he will say, "depart from me, you workers of lawlessness" (Mt. 7:22-23). This is not to say that we are saved *by* our sanctification. Rather, we are saved *to* a life of growing holiness and good works (see Eph. 2:10). Sanctification is not *perfect* in this life – no Christian is perfectly holy (see Phil. 3:12), but it must be *present* in our lives. Jesus said that sanctification is the necessary evidence of salvation: "Thus you will recognize them," he said, "by their fruits" (Mt. 7:20).

2. *Justification and Sanctification, though different, are inseparable graces of salvation.* The commonly held idea that we may trust Jesus as Savior without submitting to him as Lord is utterly contrary to Scripture. In saving faith, we embrace the whole Christ: prophet, priest, and king; Lord and Savior. To be sure, we must distinguish between justification and sanctification. One common error is to base our justification on our sanctification. This will poison our spiritual lives, for the simple reason that our sanctification is never good enough to justify us. Thank God that we are justified by Christ's performance, rather than by our own performance! But while justification and sanctification are different, they always go together. In saving faith, we receive the once-for-all act of justification – God declares us righteous in Christ forever – and the life-long work of sanctification begins at the moment when we are born again.

Whereas faith is passive in justification, faith is active in sanctification. In justification we are saved as our faith receives and rests upon the perfect work that Christ did *for us*. In sanctification, our faith enters into the work that Christ is now