

day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper" (1 Cor. 16:2). Our data shows that our financial needs as a church can be easily met if we all give in a regular and intentional way.

2) *Our giving should be proportional.* That same teaching shows that we should give according to the way God has prospered us. The best starting place for our giving should be the tithe, which is the giving of 10% of our gross income back to the work of the Lord (see Lev. 27:30; Dt. 14:22). Some of our families have experienced significant financial downturns during the last year, and this will inevitably cause them to decrease their giving to the church. We should all do our best, however, to give faithfully to the Lord in a proportional way, in keeping with the Bible's teaching.

3) *Our giving should be cheerful and thankful.* Giving to the work of the Lord should never be thought of as a legalistic burden but rather as a privilege and joy. Paul wrote: "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). Moreover, while we should never give with a thought of what God will do to reward us, the Bible does frankly state that God cares about our generosity in giving to support His work and responds in terms of His provision for us (see 2 Cor. 9:6-11 and Mal. 3:10).

4) *Our giving is something that we do together in order to accomplish God's work together.* One of the vows every member takes in joining our church is to "support the worship and work of the church to the best of my ability." This embraces our whole involvement in the church, but it also speaks to our financial support. Every member should seek to give as much as possible to the work of the gospel, both in and outside of our church. Jesus tells us that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Lk. 12:34), so that our treasuring the gospel of salvation will be seen in our giving to support and spread Christ's work.

I do not experience a great deal of anxiety over church finances, since I know that God will wonderfully provide for His gospel. But I know that it is important to each of us to be faithful in this matter and that faithful giving is an essential component of spiritual health. So let's each of us do our part individually and let us together seek to provide for the financial needs of Second Church this year. If we do that, I am sure that God will be honored and we will have what we need to minister to our congregation and reach out to the world.

Let me express my thanks again to the generous and faithful members of this church who honor God with their giving, through which God enables us to spread His saving grace both near and far, to the praise of His name.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

Thank You

Thank all of you who poured out the love of Christ during my time of illness. The prayers, visits, phone calls and cards were a great blessing to me and George. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

—My love and thanks, Brenda Cumbus

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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

Nov. 8	Ladies' Night Out
Nov. 11	New Members' Luncheon and Reception
Nov. 11	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 12	Young At Heart
Nov. 12	Session Meeting
Nov. 13-14	WIC Circles
Nov. 13	Gingerbread House Contest Tutorial
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. 21	Thanksgiving Dinner and Service
Nov. 22-23	Church Office Closed
Nov. 25	Informational Budget Meeting
Nov. 25	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Nov. 28	CE Committee Meeting
Nov. 30	Jr. High Fellowship
Nov. 30	Sr. High Fellowship

December Calendar

Please call the church office this coming week if you have a December date for the calendar. We encourage Sunday School classes and other church groups to be sure and let us know the date if you are planning a Christmas party. Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, and this busy time of year, we would like to have all dates on the church calendar before Thanksgiving Day. **The office will be closed Thursday and Friday of that week.**

Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child
Please have your boxes in the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 7th

Ladies' Night Out

Thursday, Nov. 8th, 6:00 pm at the Olive Garden on Laurens Road.
All women in the church (college age and above) are invited.
Questions and Reservations: Alice Barnett @ 289-0536

New Members' Luncheon

Members and visitors are invited to a luncheon honoring our new members:
Sunday, November 11, 2012
immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the gym.
Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.
Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

Young At Heart

PLEASE NOTE: The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 12th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. This date is moved up one week because of Thanksgiving. The Duncans will present a musical concert. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this special time of good food, wonderful fellowship, and a musical blessing.

Good Grief

Good Grief is a dinner fellowship for all those at Second Presbyterian that are in mourning or grief.
Monday, December 3, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Please make your reservations with:
Pastor Spears (430-7389) Barnetta Stephens (438-1962) or Judy Pitts (228-2004)

Worship at Perry Correctional

On Saturday evening, November 10, 2012, Second Presbyterian will be leading a worship service at Perry Correctional Institute in Pelzer. There are a variety of ways you can help be a part of this prison ministry and help our church's outreach to those in need of the Gospel behind bars. Please contact Kirby Kee (907-7546) or Pat Shuford (244-0615) to join in this vital Gospel endeavor.

Jessamines

The Jessamines (5th-8th grade girls and their moms) will meet Thursday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program this month is "Christian Hospitality & Southern Etiquette" with Mrs. Ann Guest. The dinner theme is "Thanksgiving Delights of the Season." Please bring a generous portion to share.



It's a Boy!!

WIC Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a
WIC Baby Shower for
Lori Sparkman

Saturday, November 17, 2012

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Lori is registered at Babies 'R Us and Target



It's a Boy!!

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service Wednesday, November 21, 5:45 pm



Gingerbread House Contest

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
5:45 pm

(Judging will begin at 6:30 pm)

Categories: Difficulty, Most Creative, and Theme

Age Groups: (18 yrs. & older) (13-17 yrs. old) (8-12 yrs. old) (3-7 yrs. old)
Each contestant will need a GingerBread Packet which will include rules, recipes and other instructions. See Jessica LaBombard or Pat Shuford for packets.

Please Note!!!

Jessica LaBombard will present a Gingerbread House tutorial
for all those interested in being a contestant on
Tuesday, November 13th, 7-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a white Poinsettia for \$10.00. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 2nd. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Please do not put in the offering plate.)**

I would like to purchase _____ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____
Given by: _____
(Name) _____ Telephone # _____

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 11

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM NEW MEMBERS' LUNCHEON
 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
 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, November 12

11:45 AM Young At Heart
 6:30 PM Session Meeting
 7:00 PM Sr. High Girls' 1 Basketball game at home
 7:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball game at ARP
 8:00 PM Sr. High Girls' 2 Basketball game at home

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 4:30 PM I-Mites and Mites Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church
 7:00 PM Gingerbread House Contest Tutorial

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30 PM Missions' 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 WIC Circle 6
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, November 15

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 5:30 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 6:30 PM Jessamines
 9:00 PM Men's Basketball game at W. Pres.

Friday, November 16

12:00 PM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship Lunch
 3:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Saturday, November 17

8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball game at St. James
 9:30 AM Jr. High Boys' Basketball game at St. George
 10:30 AM WIC Shower for Lori Sparkman
 12:30 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball game at Christ Church
 2:30 PM Mites' Basketball game at W. Pres. II

Remembering One Another

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

Sara Weathers
 11 E. Augusta Place, Apt. 219
 Greenville, SC 29605

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Marion and Iris Dillard
John and Cindy Duncan
McDow, Blair, Knox, Lindsay
Mel and Lynda Duncan
Ford, Frances, Mary Elizabeth

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

LIFE FROM THE DEAD

Revelation 3:1-6

Anthem:

Shout the Glad Tidings

Hymns: 523, 486, 542

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE PUZZLE PIECES OF

REDEMPTION ACCOMPLISHED II

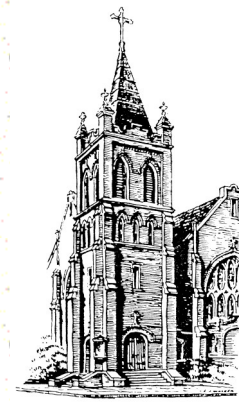
THE PRICE OF PEACE

Isaiah 53:4-6

Hymns: 295, 254, 257

Psalter: Psalm 4

Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister Church Finances Update

Praise God from whom all blessings flow...

We sing these words each Lord's Day as our deacons present our tithes and offerings. The reason is our awareness that every good gift comes from above and that it is God who provides for His Church. But we also know that when it comes to church finances, God provides through the generosity of His people. Church members should take seriously their vow to support the church to the best of their ability, and together we should embrace a commitment to achieving our church budget each year. I can scarcely express how grateful I am to serve a congregation that embraces these convictions, saying together with the apostle Paul, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you... because of your partnership in the gospel" (Phil. 1:3-5).

The Session desires us to provide regular information on the finances of the church, and our treasurer provides the following information (through October, 2012):

2012 Contributions:	\$793,665 (increase of \$15,411 over 2011)
2012 Operating Expenses:	\$673,195
2012 Missions/Benevolences:	\$ 79,846
2012 Total Expenses:	\$753,041
2012 Net Offerings:	\$ 40,624

Contributions in October 2012 were \$69,525 versus budget of \$83,148. YTD contributions are \$793,665 versus \$778,254 for the same period in 2011. Through October 2012, actual contributions are behind budget by \$37,813. Operating expenses for October 2012 were \$62,578 versus the budget of \$73,462. The fourth quarter missionary commitments will be made in November. Missionaries have been paid three-fourths of their annual commitment.

You can see from our treasurer's report that we are in good position to make our budget this year. Your faithfulness in the final two months of the year can ensure that we do. With this in mind, we should remember that our goal is not merely to fund the spiritual needs of our own church and our own families, but to do as much as possible for the gospel and the kingdom of Christ. So it would be terrific if our giving exceeded the budget this year, since those would be funds we could put to good use in support of ministry and missions. We truly have so much to be thankful for, especially in a poor economic environment. I take the giving of this church as a sign of our overall spiritual vitality and am blessed to see how God's Word accomplishes so much when it is received in the obedience of faith.

Christians frequently ask about what the Bible teaches about financial giving, for which I would offer the following counsel from the Scriptures:

1) *Our giving should be regular and intentional.* The biblical idea is not simply putting some money in the plate as the mood strikes us or as it seems good to us to give. Instead, we should think through our giving, plan for our giving, and give regularly as a matter of habit. Paul thus wrote to the Corinthians, "On the first