

church in Philippi, he writes to the Christians who have committed to one another there and to their leaders.

4. In Hebrews 13:7, Christians are commanded, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." This clearly assumes what we know as church membership, since this command can only be fulfilled by believers who are under the authority of elders in a local church body. Hebrews 13:7 tells believers to "remember your leaders... and imitate their faith." Living as believers under godly shepherd-leaders, especially those who are "keeping watch over your souls," is one of the chief biblical provisions for your perseverance and growth in faith.

In short, just as salvation involves a covenant relationship with God, the life of faith also involves a covenant relationship with other believers under Christ's authority in the church. To this end, my constant prayer is that Second Presbyterian Church would not only be a place where God's Word is faithfully taught but also where God's people are faithfully shepherded. The more I grow in experience, the more I see how important the second of these is, together with the first. If you have been attending Second Church regularly, I would therefore ask you to consider your calling to join the church. The schedule of the upcoming New Members Class, meeting in Classroom C-209 at 9:45 am, is as follows:

- February 3: The "Solas" of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- February 10: The Doctrines of Grace (Pastor Phillips)
- February 17: Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- February 24: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- March 3: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- March 10: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- March 17: Presbyterian Church History (Dr. Barry Waugh)
- March 10/17: Elder Interviews
- March 24: Reception of New Members and New Members' Luncheon

If you have any questions about our church or church membership, I am simply delighted to answer them. I look forward to getting to know many of our recent visitors better during this class, with thanks to God for the way He is increasing the numbers at our church.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rick Phillips

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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

Feb. 1	Men's Bible Study/Lunch begins
Feb. 3	New Members' Class begins
Feb. 3	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Feb. 4	Diaconate Meeting
Feb. 6	WIC Council
Feb. 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Feb. 7	WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
Feb. 7	Jessamines
Feb. 9	WIC Baby Shower for Jordan McCarthy
Feb. 10	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Feb. 11	Session Meeting
Feb. 12-13	WIC Circles
Feb. 13	Missions Committee Meeting
Feb. 15	Annual Valentine Banquet
Feb. 17	The Lord's Supper at the Evening Service
Feb. 18	Young At Heart
Feb. 20	CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 22	Jr. High Fellowship
Feb. 22	Sr. High Fellowship
Feb. 24	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
Feb. 27	Annual Sports Banquet

Lost and Found

Have you missed something lately? A coat, a Bible, a textbook for school or maybe a pair of shoes! If you left these items at the church they may be sitting on the lost and found bookshelf which is located in the bathroom hallway of the gym building. Items will be given away or taken to the Rescue Mission on January 31st. Please retrieve your lost item today. For more questions ask Mike Carey, Chairman of Sympathy & Service.

2013 Mission Trips

REMINDER OF COSTS AND DEADLINES:

- Trip 1: Hartsville, SC, June 9-13, \$50 per person by February 1
- Trip 2: Richmond Hill, GA, July 16-19, \$50 per person by February 1
- Trip 3: Trujillo & Cajamaraca, Peru, June 21-29, \$1,250 deposit due by February 1
- Trip 4: Dundee, Scotland, tentatively June 28-July 8, \$1,200 deposit due by Feb. 1

Boy Scout Sunday

February 3 is Boy Scout Sunday. The following Boy Scouts from Troop 828 will serve as ushers for the morning worship services: Trey Bargar, Blake Bargar, Bryson Bargar, Matthew Phillips, Jonathan Phillips, Gran Baxa, Josh Baxa, Allen Mahon, Alex Whitten, Caedmon Storm, and Isaac Aliaga.

SS Classes Moving & Notices

The ACTS SS Class will be taught by RE Mel Duncan and others the next few weeks while Pastor Spears assists the New Members' Class. ACTS Class will be moving to a new location during this time: Room S-308 (behind the balcony). The Fellowship Class (Tim Crunk) will also move down the hall to Room S-307.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
We want to thank everyone so much for loving us through this difficult time. Your labor of love-sitting with Marti, prayers, cards, meals, and fellowship have been more than we could ever have expected and a tremendous testimony for Christ! You are truly "loving one another deeply from the heart."

Love, Joe, Ben, Brian, and Amy Stevens



Paul Settle to Teach Men

We welcome back the Rev. Dr. Paul Settle, beloved former pastor of the church as our Men's Ministry Coordinator. His weekly Men's Bible Study Luncheon will begin on Friday, February 1st at noon in the Fellowship Hall with the study being on the life of Elijah with the theme "Show Yourself a Man." Men, please make plans now to attend.



Jessamines

The Jessamines will begin the New Year with their first meeting of 2013 on February 7th, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Barnetta Stephens, speaking on "Serving our Seniors and Shut-ins." Girls will make Valentine cards for our shut-ins with Mrs. Jenny Spears. Dinner theme is soup and salad. Please bring a generous portion to share.

WIC Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a WIC Baby Shower for
Jordan McCarthy
Saturday, February 9, 2013
10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Jordan is registered at Babies 'R Us, Buy Buy Baby and Target.

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BANQUET

"For Sentimental Reasons"

Friday, February 15, 2013; 6:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person (12 years and up)

Make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 6

with Ken Safford or Robert Spears.

Registration sheets available on shelf outside the library.

Baptism

Elijah Lucas Windt, covenant son of Jeff and Mariah Windt, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 27, 2013. We are thankful for the Windt family and pray that Elijah and Jonah will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

Prayer For Church Family

The Prayer Email List connects us to one another and critical needs/information and is coordinated through the church office. When you receive a "Prayer" email take time briefly to pray for the specific request which will generally be limited to hospitalizations/medical emergencies, birth announcements and death notices. We ask everyone to keep the church office informed by letting us know how the church family can pray. While the prayer email list is limited in scope to immediate critical needs/information and updates, every prayer request will be noted at our two weekly prayer meetings led by Pastor Spears on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. Sign up at prayer@secondpca.org or through membership section of spcgreenville.org.

Memorial Flowers

The 2013 Flower Roster for memorial flowers has been posted in several areas around the church. If you would like to sign up to put memorial flowers in the church on Sunday in honor or memory of someone there are many Sundays available throughout the year. Information about the procedure is found on the roster. If you would like to check an available date you may call the church office or Judy Bishop.

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 3

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM New Members' Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 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**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir
 7:15 PM CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
 A-J Side Dishes * K-Z Main Course
Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink.

Monday, February 4

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, February 6

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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**

Thursday, February 7

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 6:30 PM Jessamines

Friday, February 8

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study

Saturday, February 9

10:30 AM WIC Baby Shower for Jordan McCarthy

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.

John and Margaret Hook
 2 Brynhurst Circle
 Greenville, SC 29615
 288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Luella Henderson
Emil Henning
Mark Holbrook

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY FEBRUARY 3, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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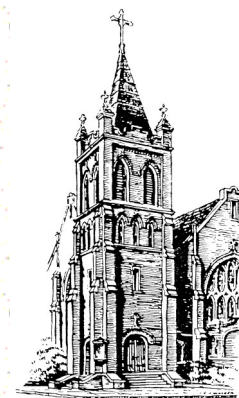
Revelation 7:9-17
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 Jesus Paid It All
 Hymns: 164, 549, 172
 Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

GOD'S CHASTENING HAND

Psalm 38
 Hymns: 77, 670, 486
 Psalter: Psalm 12
 Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Spring 2013 New Members' Class

On February 3, we will begin our new members' class for the spring. The purpose for this class is to provide information on the key beliefs of Second Presbyterian Church and to provide an opportunity for visitors to enter into our church membership. We ask that those seeking to join attend the class not only so that they can learn about our church but also so that we can get to know them and begin to incorporate them into our church life. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, and some may wish to attend simply to learn about the Reformed faith and Second Church. At the end of the class the Session will be available to meet with prospective members, who join by presenting a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ and agreeing to fulfill the membership vows as stipulated by the Presbyterian Church in America.

In recent years, I find that many Christians have underestimated the importance of church matters. Many may not understand the biblical basis and calling for Christians to enter into covenant relationship with a local congregation of believers. Let me give some reasons why it is important for you to be a member of a faithful church and perhaps why you should consider joining our congregation:

1. The very first thing we see after Pentecost in Acts 2:42ff is that Christians immediately began to gather together. They "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." The early Christians did not stay at home and say, "I can be a Christian by myself," but they committed themselves to a local body of fellow Christians.
2. In Hebrews 10:25, God commands Christians not to neglect meeting together but to encourage one another, "and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This teaches at least 3 things: 1) Christians are commanded by God to gather together corporately for the purpose of encouraging one another; 2) Christians gathering together is not to be an infrequent thing, but rather it is to be a regular occurrence; 3) Christians are to encourage one another, which requires knowing one another; and knowing one another implies regular commitment to the same local body of Christians - which again is what church membership signifies.
3. In Philippians 1:1, Paul states that he is writing "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons." This implies that "all" the Christians ("saints" means those who have believed in Christ and are set apart for holiness) are committed to gathering together regularly in a church with officers (elders and deacons, cf. 1 Tim. 3) appointed or elected to oversee their affairs. When Paul writes to the