

Like the new members class, attendance does not obligate anyone to join the church. It is possible that upon completion of the class either the parent and/or child do not feel ready to proceed with a profession of faith. With the exception of March 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be teaching the class. The outline of the class is as follows:

- February 24<sup>th</sup>: What is the Gospel?
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>: What does it mean to be a Christian?
- March 10<sup>th</sup>: What are the ordinary means of grace?
- March 17<sup>th</sup>: What is a healthy Church member?  
(Taught by RE Melton Duncan)
- March 24<sup>th</sup>: What is the purpose of membership vows?

In addition to these dates, everyone interested in pursuing admission to the Lord's Table will be scheduled to meet with the Session on either March 17<sup>th</sup> or March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to sign your child/children up for the class.

Peace be to the brethren,  
Pastor Seth Starkey

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Click on the church website and scroll down for the following helpful links:

Information on this Summer's General Assembly  
GA, Greenville 2013

Weekday Devotional  
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Good Articles on Theology and Current Events  
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This Week @ Second  
includes reliable, real time information about:  
Announcements  
Church-wide calendar  
Wednesday Night Menus

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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. 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 Communicants' Class begins
- Feb. 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
- Feb. 27 Annual Sports Banquet
- March 2 WIC Calvary Presbytery Annual Meeting
- March 3 Churchwide Fellowship Supper
- March 4 Diaconate Meeting
- March 6 WIC Council
- March 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- March 10 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- March 11 Session Meeting
- March 12-13 WIC Circles
- March 13 Missions Committee Meeting
- March 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- March 18 Young At Heart
- March 20 Spring begins
- March 20 CE Committee Meeting
- March 20 Peru Mission Team Meeting
- March 21 Jessamines
- March 22 Jr. High Fellowship
- March 22 Sr. High Fellowship
- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 24 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
- March 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
- March 27 No Wednesday Night Activities
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Service
- March 29 Good Friday Service
- March 29 Church Office Closed
- March 31 Easter Sunrise Service
- March 31 Easter Sunday

**If you have a date for the March Calendar please contact the church office this week. [jgrant@spcgreenville.org](mailto:jgrant@spcgreenville.org) or 232-7621, ext. 10**

**To All Ladies of Second Pres Church**

There is an extraordinary event happening in Greenville this summer! From June 17-21st at the TD Center, Greenville, over 2,000 people will be convening for the **41st Annual General Assembly of the PCA**. (Where all the big decisions of the PCA are made.) Would you be willing to be a hostess for this national conference? The women's committee would like to put together a group of "Ask Me" ladies who could volunteer for two hour segments throughout the week to welcome, answer questions, give direction, offer a warm smile, and make our guests comfortable. **Come and join the team for this important event!** Please contact Lynda Duncan ([lr Duncan@charter.net](mailto:lr Duncan@charter.net)) 864-350-2693, or sign up on the postings around the church. (A schedule with more details will be sent out later to those who sign up.)



**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. 13**

**with Ken Safford or Robert Spears.**

**Registration sheets available on shelf outside the library.**



**Young At Heart Valentine Luncheon**

The Valentine's Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, February 18, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal is \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Following lunch we will have a "Valentine Party" which will be a special time of fellowship with one another. Come join us.

**Senior High Fellowship**

DINNER AND BONFIRE

Friday, February 22nd

6:30-9:00 pm

Home of the Evans

Bring \$3.00 for dinner.

**Annual Sports' Banquet**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Dinner: 5:45 pm \* Program: 6:45 pm

Speaker: Mr. Jim McCarthy

The entire church family is invited to this event as we honor our young people who participated in this year's sports events.

**2013 WIC Annual Meeting**

CALVARY PRESBYTERY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Saturday, March 2, 2013 \* 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Norris Hill Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC

Watch the Herald for further information.

**Meals for New Mothers**

The WIC's program "Meals for New Mothers" is online at [www.takethenameal.com](http://www.takethenameal.com). If you would like to take a meal to the Early family (Gordon and Lee) after the birth of their new baby, please sign up using the log in "Early" and password 1892. If you have any questions you can contact Janice Leathers.

**Daniel Grubbs' Eagle Scout Award Ceremony**

You are invited to attend the Eagle Court of Honor for Daniel S. Grubbs, Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 3:30 pm in the sanctuary of Second Church. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Congratulations Daniel!

**Turn in Team Jerseys to Your Coach**

The Church League Basketball season is now over at Second. The church requests that players return their team jerseys (in clean condition) to their coaches the night of our sports banquet (2/28). Coaches we ask that you help us by folding and labeling your jerseys to be stored in the sports closet in the gym. See Kevin Worley with questions.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 17

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

### Monday, February 18

11:45 AM Young At Heart Valentine Luncheon

### Tuesday, February 19

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

### Wednesday, February 20

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**

### Thursday, February 21

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

### Friday, February 22

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Jr. High Fellowship  
 6:30 PM Sr. High Dinner and Bonfire at the Evans

### 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.

**Michael and Julia Holman**  
**Eugene**  
**Susan Holman**  
**John and Margaret Hook**

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY FEBRUARY 17, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### THE FOUR TRUMPETS

Revelation 8:6-13  
 Anthem:  
 Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven  
 Hymns: 103, 571, 474  
 Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
 6:00 PM

#### SUPERNATURAL SECURITY

Isaiah 54:11-17  
 Hymns: 94, 345, 420  
 Psalter: Psalm 14  
 Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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## Letter from the Assistant Minister What Is a Communicants Class?

In Chapter 6 of our Book of Church Order there is a helpful distinction made between the non-communicating and communicating member of a local PCA church. 6-1 says: "The children of believers are, through the covenant and by right of birth, non-communicating members of the church. Hence they are entitled to Baptism, and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the church, with a view to their embracing Christ and thus possessing personally all benefits of the covenant." 6-2 says: "Communicating members are those who have made a profession of faith in Christ, have been baptized, and have been admitted by the Session to the Lord's Table. This is our starting point for understanding the purpose of a communicants class in our church. The first thing we note is that children who complete this class and are admitted by the Session to the Lord's Table are NOT joining our church. Rather, they are already members (non-communicating) by virtue of their birth into a Christian home and are simply changing their status from non-communicating to communicating members. Furthermore, we see the great need for our children to make an informed profession of faith before the Session and eventually the congregation.

Few things could be more dangerous than professions of faith that are the result of peer pressure, parental urging, or cultural expectations. Thus, we have consciously made the decision not to set an age limit in our church for taking this class. The alternative to this is to thoroughly instruct our covenant children as to their obligation to personally embrace and profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Again, the Book of Church Order in 57-1 says: "Believers' children within the Visible Church, and especially those dedicated to God in Baptism, are non-communicating members under the care of the Church. They are to be taught to love God, and to obey and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. When they are able to understand the Gospel, they should be earnestly reminded that they are members of the Church by birthright, and that it is their duty and privilege personally to accept Christ, to confess Him before men, and to seek admission to the Lord's Supper."

To this end, we have a long established custom of taking those interested in being admitted to the Lord's Table through a communicants class to ensure they have intentional exposure to the cardinal doctrines of our holy faith. Parents who have expressed interest in their children publically professing their faith in Christ should make every effort for their children to take part in this class. As always, parents are encouraged to attend as well in the hope that you can reinforce the content and questions at home.