

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 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 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 7:15 PM **CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 A-J Side Dishes * K-Z Main Course
Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink.

Monday, April 8

Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting

6:00 PM Supper
 7:00 PM Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, April 10

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**

Thursday, April 11

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, April 12

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
WIC SPRING RETREAT
 at Black Mountain, NC
 will return on Saturday, April 13

Upcoming Events

April 3	WIC Council
April 3	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
April 7	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
April 7	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
April 8	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
April 9/10	WIC Circles
April 10	Missions Committee Meeting
April 12-13	WIC Spring Retreat
April 15	Young At Heart
April 17	Peru Mission Team Meeting
April 17	Administration Committee Meeting
April 18	Jessamines
April 21	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
April 24	CE Committee Meeting
April 25	Calvary Presbytery
April 26	Jr. High Fellowship
April 26	Sr. High Fellowship
April 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date

May 1	Graduation Banquet
May 4	Mother/Daughter Tea
May 8	CAT Kids Program
May 15	CAT Kids Spring Fling
May 22	Musical CAT Kids begins
June 10-14	Flute Camp
Week of June 17	General Assembly in Greenville, SC
June 20-29	Peru Mission Trip
June 24-28	Vacation Bible School
July 16-19	Richmond Hill, GA Mission Trip
July 22-26	Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
July 29-Aug. 3	Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC

Scripture Reading for the Week

Romans 8:11

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Remembering One Another

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

John and Wilma Crawford
 4 Richbourg Court
 Greenville, SC 29615
 244-1571

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week
 the following members.

Hunter Leigh
Lucille Lindsay
Laura Lizak
Hanna

Missionary of the Week

OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Please commit to pray daily for the teams:

1. for the Holy Spirit to inhabit and empower all aspects of the trip
2. for love, unity, truth, and zeal for the teams
3. for a servant attitude to pervade the teams
4. for fruitfulness on the field
5. for growth in grace
6. for the knitting of our hearts to the missionaries and our brothers and sisters in these other lands
7. for the conversion of the lost
8. for our Lord to call some of our people to full-time missions work
9. for full financial support

OLD CHURCHES (Dr Barry Waugh's History Blog)

Edward Payson Davis was the fourth pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina. During his twenty-year ministry he saw the church move from a single room frame building with a session house and manse on the property at the corner of Rhett and Wardlaw Streets to the brick structure at Rhett and River Streets designed by the architect C. E. Choate in June 1910. When he was installed as the minister in 1905, the statistical report from the church session to Enoree Presbytery reported a membership of 130, but when E. P. Davis retired in 1925, the flock had increased to 519. According to the figures in A. V. Huff, Jr., *Greenville*, 1995, p. 421, as interpolated between the decades, the city population increased about eighty-five percent from fourteen to twenty-six thousand in the same period.

Edward Payson was born at Rutherfordton, N. C., on July 12, 1851, to Rev. Thomas E. and Harriet Lee Dobson Davis. Edward's father was born in Lancaster, South Carolina, and he received his college education at Davidson before studying for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Thomas and Harriet Lee Dobson were married in Tennessee in 1846. Rev. Thomas Davis had been ordained in 1845 and went on to serve churches in North Carolina, Georgia, and then South Carolina where he was a church pastor and a principal at the Reidville Academy, 1857-1861. Like his father, Edward matriculated at Davidson College, graduated in 1873, and like his father, he knew he was called to the ministry, so he sought a seminary for theological preparation. Instead of following in his father's footsteps to Union Seminary, he prepared for the pastoral ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Young E. P. Davis was ordained in 1877 to serve his first call at the Hopewell and Willington congregations in Abbeville County, South Carolina. The Willington Church had been served for many years in its history by Dr. Moses Waddel, who was the founder of Willington Academy and what is currently the University of Georgia. During E. P. Davis' Abbeville years, he met and married nineteen-year old Mary Agnes Lowry of Calhoun Falls, Dec. 29, 1880. For the years 1883-1892, he ministered for short terms in North Carolina at Shelby, Kings Mountain, Shiloh, and the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. During his ministry in Winston-Salem, his church completed a new building and his professor from Columbia Seminary, John L. Girardeau, participated in the dedication services. Rev. Davis then moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where he preached the Word in the First Church for eight years. In 1900, he moved east in Alabama to near the winding Chattahoochee River across from Columbus, Georgia, to the Opelika Church. In the year Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated for his second term, 1905, Rev. Davis returned to South Carolina to accept a call to Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, which would be his last and longest pastoral call.

Read more about E. P. Davis at www.BarryWaugh.blogspot.com

GREAT ESCAPE 2013

SPC Women In the Church Spring Retreat April 12-13 Black Mountain, NC

Nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, NC, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly is a full-service conference center situated on 1200 acres of woodland beautified by mountain streams, wildflowers, ridges, valleys and spectacular views. In addition to sweet times of hymn-singing and prayer in the common room of our lodge, we will study some of the names of our God, led by several ladies from our own church family. Our very own Rich McCall will be preparing our meals during the retreat. The cost for the Great Escape 2013 is \$75.00 per person, if paid by March 31, and \$85.00 for later registrations. Space is limited so be sure to make your reservations early. There are purple registration envelopes located throughout the church or contact Alice Barnett (906-0166) with any questions. Come join the fun!

Church Directory Online

The church directory is currently being updated for the website. The new members will be added along with any changes that need to be made to existing members. If the information the church office currently has on file for you is inaccurate or has been changed please let us know. We strive to have the most updated and current information available for you on our website.

232-7621, ext. 10
jgrant@spcgreenville.org

Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, April 27
11:30 am

Fairview Presbyterian Church
126 Fairview Church Road, Fountain Inn, SC
Come hear Paula Hemphill's compelling story
Be challenged to "Tell the Generations"
In your family, across the street, and around the globe.
Cost: \$8.00 prepaid / \$10.00 at the door
Reservations by April 20th: contact Debbie Spink
864-848-9514 or dpspink@charter.net

Calling All Bakers

The Bill Watkins and the Kairos Prison Ministry team need cookies for the upcoming 4-day class on basic Christianity that will be held at Perry. While only 30 inmates are in the class, all 1000 inmates during the weekend receive bags of cookies with Bible verses and visits from the Kairos ministry team. Please bake as many dozens as you feel led to do and bring them to the kitchen at Second Church on Sunday, **April 7, 2013**. Please package them in disposable containers such as paper bags or shoe boxes. If you have any questions, call Bill Watkins at 304-4737.

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart Luncheon for April will be on Monday the 15th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The delicious catered meal is \$8.00 per person payable at the door. Our guest speaker this month will be Dr. Barry Waugh. Mark your calendars now and join us this month for this special fellowship time.

Jessamines

The next Jessamines' Group (5th-8th grade girls and their moms) fellowship will be Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Watch the Herald for additional information.

Nursery Help Needed

Nursery help is needed during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 am. You may respond to kwgray@mac.com, or 864-414-1130. Please consider serving in this way. Thank you.

**Reminder: Upcoming Graduates
please contact the church office.
232-7621, ext. 10 or
jgrant@spcgreenville.org**

Q: What is the biblical basis for covenant baptism, as opposed to believer's baptism?

A: Here are the basic biblical considerations that lead us to this practice:

- Infants were included in the covenant family and received the sign of the covenant (circumcision) in the Old Testament. This principle is never altered or revoked in the New Testament, whereas other Old Testament practices are revoked. The burden of proof lies not with those who continue what God ordained but with those who would cancel it.
- In general, the new covenant expands rather than contracts the scope of God's grace. We therefore should not expect to see children included in the Old Testament sacrament but excluded in the New.
- God's covenant promise explicitly includes children in the New Testament: "The promise is to you and to your children" (Acts 2:39). Since children receive God's salvation promise, they should receive the sign of God's promise, baptism.
- God's way of salvation has always embraced families. Not all believers' children are saved, but they are all comprehended within God's covenant community: "This is my covenant... between me and you and your offspring after you" (Gen. 17:9-10).
- Of the twelve baptisms recorded in the New Testament, three are household baptisms. In these cases, we are not told that children individually believed, but rather that the head of the household believed and the household was baptized.
- Conferring the covenant sign and seal upon our children is consistent with Jesus' exhortation and example: "Suffer the little children to come to me and do not forbid them... And he took them up in his arms and put his hands upon them and blessed them" (Mk. 10:14, 16).

Q: Why do we baptize by sprinkling, instead of immersion?

A: Because the Bible consistently relates baptism to sprinkling. Consider the example of Exodus 24:6-8, the teaching of Hebrews 9:11-22, and the prophecy of Ezekiel 36:25-26, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put with you."

Q: Why does the Nicene Creed say, "We believe in one baptism for the remission of sins?"

A: People sometimes object to these words as unbiblical. In fact, they are practically a quotation from the Bible: "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). Does this mean that we are confessing that forgiveness comes through the ritual of baptism? The answer is *No*. The Bible is clear that forgiveness comes only through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Baptism is a symbol of the washing of our sins as we call on his name. Speaking the words of the Nicene Creed, we thus believe that baptism is a symbol of the remission of our sins. The word for ("one baptism for the remission of our sins") should thus be taken and spoken to mean "corresponding to".

Baptism, like the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is meant to be a picture, not a textbook. Therefore, perhaps the most important thing whenever we witness the baptism of a child or a new converted adult is for us to marvel, saying, "Christ washed away my sins and now he calls me to walk in purity and spiritual power as I bear His name in the world."

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

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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

At the Corner of River and Rhett

Easter Sunday's Sunrise Service was a glorious time this year. Despite a steady drizzle of rain and chilly weather the deacons estimated that 249 people attended the service at the Wyche Pavillion and breakfast to follow. We were delighted to welcome back friends from Mountain View Baptist Church (last year's Sunrise Service invited guest) in attendance including Rev Stacey Mills and his family. Some Spanish language ministry leaders from Mt Calvary PCA in Spartanburg came over to be a part of the service as well as folks from area downtown churches. Since 2008 SPC has hosted 6 different area churches (Christ Reformed-Anderson, Downtown PCA, Greenville ARP, Mountain Bridge Bible Fellowship, Mountain View Baptist, Segadores Mission) to be a part of our Easter Sunrise events. Check facebook.com/SPCGreenville for pictures.

Dr. Phillips will travel next week to be a part of the National Conference of the Gospel Coalition (thegospelcoalition.org) in Orlando, FL. He will be speaking on several panels dealing with ministry and the Gospel and be a part of several video interviews on current theological topics.

Rev Starkey and RE Duncan will travel this week to Florence, MS to be a part of the Twin Lakes Fellowship, an annual conference to encourage networking for church planting and church extension primarily within the PCA sponsored by First Presbyterian Jackson. (twinlakesfellowship.wordpress.com)



-The Editor

Loving One Another

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." John 13:34

It is a cold, cruel world that we live in. Just open your newspaper or listen to the daily news. Killings, rapes, robberies, divorce, abuse, beatings, extortions, corruption, scandals, and every other crime are the common news of our day, even in our home town. But the world started out so well – beautiful, peaceful, lovely, the perfect paradise. Then Satan, self, sin, and death entered the world. Soon every sin and debauchery afflicted mankind and the world.

When the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth purposed to redeem the world through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son, He began to undo the curse upon the world. He was making all things "new" or maybe better, "renewed." This begins with giving new hearts to His children. The first fruit of this new heart is faith and repentance. But closely accompanying conversion is love toward God and man, especially for our brothers and sisters in faith. Jesus tells his Apostles, in the upper room on the night of His betrayal, that their love for one another will be THE sign of Christian discipleship. The world has a hard time seeing our love for God, but the love we have for one another is the unmistakable evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The same Spirit that renews our heart and mind also gives us love for God and one another.

May I suggest some evidences of Christ's love among us?

No one is on the "outside" – we are an "inclusive" not an exclusive body – we purposefully look around for those who are not fully engrafted into our body life.

New members are enfolded – when our Lord brings new members, we go out of our way to welcome them and include them. This often is initiated by inviting the new members to your house for a meal or a get-together or including them in a ministry.

The old visited and included – we spend time with the "shut-ins" and write them notes or call them on the phone. We offer to pick them up for church or special events and have them over to our homes for meals.

The young are discipled and trained – the "older" members (20 years old and up!!) make opportunities for our young adults and pre-teens to be included in activities, ministries, and fellowship times.

Extreme needs are met – we rise, by God's grace, to meet the needs. There are no "cliques" – though we have our friendships within the church, we constantly broaden our relationships.

Bearing one another's burdens – when one is weak or needy, others rally to help in physical, financial, Spiritual, and emotional ways.

Self-sacrificing love for one another is evident.

Enjoying and celebrating one another's victories, accomplishments, and accolades; praying for each other's trials, sorrows and joy.

—Pastor Spears

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
APRIL 7, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE WOMAN, THE CHILD,
AND THE DRAGON

Revelation 12: 1-6

Anthem: Christ Is Risen

Hymns: 17, 275, 348

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

THE CERTAIN SUCCESS OF SALVATION

Isaiah 55:6-13

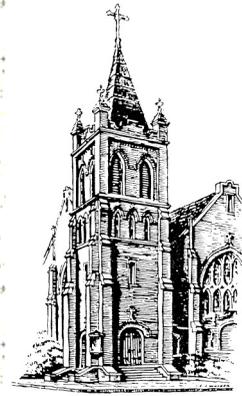
Hymns: 32, 75, 16

Psalter: Psalm 18 (vs. 27-37)

Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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Pastoral Letter Questions Regarding Baptism

Since questions concerning the sacrament of baptism have dogged the church for centuries, it is no surprise that I receive a good number of questions regarding baptism. Therefore, I thought it would be good to provide answers to some questions that I frequently receive.

Q: What do the words *baptize* and *baptism* mean?

A: The Greek word for "to baptize" (*baptizo*) means permanently identify with someone or something. Thus baptism is a way in which we are publicly identified as belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ. The word for "baptism" (*baptisma*) means to either wash by pouring or dipping in water. For this reason, the word itself does not determine whether sprinkling or immersion is the correct mode, since it can mean either.

Q: What does the sacrament of baptism represent?

A: The sacrament of baptism is not "an outward sign of an inward change," as is often said, but rather baptism is a "sign and seal of the covenant of grace." Baptism points to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ (most especially his atoning death and the sending of the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal). Baptism also functions as an official seal, by which God officially marks someone who belongs to his covenant people (see Rom. 4:11).

Q: Why do we practice infant baptism?

A: Strictly speaking, we do not practice infant baptism. We practice covenant baptism. That is, we baptize Christian infants not because they are infants but because they are covenant children through their relationship with Christian parents.