

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 19

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

Monday, May 20

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Youth Choir
 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**

Friday, May 24

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
 6:30 PM Jr. High Fellowship
 6:30 PM Sr. High Fellowship

Saturday, May 25

10:00 AM College Fellowship Pancake Breakfast
 at the home of the McCarthys

Upcoming Events

May 18 WIC Shower for Rebekah Evans
 May 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 May 20 Young At Heart
 May 22 BLOOD DRIVE
 May 22 CE Committee Meeting
 May 22 Musical CAT Kids begins
 May 24 Jr. High Fellowship
 May 24 Sr. High Fellowship
 May 25 College Fellowship Pancake Breakfast
 May 26 Ice Cream Social and Reception
 for Josh and Lori Sparkman
 May 27 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

**If you have a date for the June calendar
 please contact the church office this week.
 There are many activities taking place
 this summer and we need all dates
 on the calendar ASAP.**

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 jgrant@spcgreenville.org**

Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date

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

Psalm 119: 17-18
*"Deal bountifully with Your servant,
 That I may live and keep Your word.
 Open my eyes, that I may see
 Wondrous things from Your law."*

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.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hook
 2 Brynhurst Circle
 Greenville, SC 29615
 288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week
 the following members.

Joe and Leslie Martin
 Sarah and Ross

Dan and Patty Maycock
 Daniel, Benjamin, and Samuel

Rich and Lois McCall

Missionary of the Week

SPC SUMMER MISSION TRIPS 2013

**TRUJILLO AND CAJAMARCA, PERU MISSION
 (June 20-29)**

**RICHMOND HILL, GA
 (July 16-19)**

See Team Rosters listed in Herald.

1. Pray for plans and preparations for each trip.
2. Pray for safety and wellness for each member.
3. Pray for fruitfulness for each team.
4. Pray for full support for the Peru Mission Trip.

The Session wanted to say a word on behalf of our 2013 Peru Mission team and ask the congregation to support as able (above and beyond the tithe). If you have not contributed to summer missions please do so soon and be sure to mark your envelope "Peru Missions."

CAT Kids Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 15, 2013
6:45 PM
At the church

Showering with Love
WIC
cordially invites you to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
for
Rebekah Evans
Saturday, May 18, 2013
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Young At Heart

The May Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, May 20, at 11:45 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. Cost of the catered meal is \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. This month Ernest Ray Outz will entertain us with his ventriloquist friend, Eddie Einstein. Come join us for good fellowship, delicious food, and a very fun and entertaining program. This will be our last luncheon until the fall.

Musical CAT Kids

We will begin our annual Summer Musical CAT Kids on Wednesday, May 22. We will meet weekly from 6:45 until 8:00 pm and will sing, play instruments, study music history, music theory, as well as have weekly crafts. At the end of the summer we will present a program where we will demonstrate all that we have learned. If you have children or grandchildren age 3 through 6th grade, please allow them to come to Summer Musical CAT Kids each week. Also, if any of you are interested in teaching, helping with crafts, or assisting in any way, please let Elizabeth Guest know. (864-313-0193)

Baptism

Elizabeth Merriam McCarthy, covenant daughter of Jim and Jordan McCarthy received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 12, 2013. We are thankful for the McCarthy family and pray that Ellie will love and serve the Lord Jesus all the days of her life.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
5:00 - 8:00 pm * Church Gym
Please watch for sign-up sheets in your SS classes and give the gift of life.

Wednesday Night Help

We are in need of helpers for our Wednesday night Fellowship Suppers. We need volunteers to help serve and also to help clean-up. If you are willing to serve in this capacity please contact Kip Altman at ckaltman@yahoo.com.

Ice Cream Social & Reception

Come join us
for a Second Pres. tradition....
and a reception for...
Josh and Lori Sparkman
Our first ice cream social of the season will be Sunday night May 26, after the evening service. Come enjoy some refreshing ice cream and wonderful fellowship. The church will provide the ice cream and toppings. We will also have a "farewell" reception for Josh and Lori. Josh will bring his last message at SPC at our evening service.

Summer Sunday School Class

Join us for our all Adult Sunday School (7th grade-adults) in the sanctuary this summer. The class will begin on June 2 and will end on September 1. Topics and speakers will be announced soon.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

2013 Summer Mission Teams


TRUJILLO AND CAJAMARCA, PERU MISSION TEAM ROSTER: (June 20-29)

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| Elizabeth Pennington | Robert Spears |
| Jeremy Weaver | Sarah Martin |
| Matthew Phillips | Leslie Martin |
| Rick Phillips | Leigh Anna Compton |
| Martin Driggers | Louie LaBombard |
| Grace Driggers | Tim Johnson |
| James Compton | Elizabeth Simpson |
| Callie Therrell | Laura Compton |
| Caleb Evans | William Compton |
| Katie Upton | |

RICHMOND HILL, GA TEAM ROSTER: (July 16-19)

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| Males: | Females: |
| Scott Cook (Chaperon) | Laura Compton |
| Nathan Ecarma | Addy Maralit |
| Eli Maralit | Ashley Maralit (Chaperon) |
| Isaac Maralit | Opal Maralit |
| Joseph Maralit (Chaperon) | Leslie Martin (Chaperon) |
| Noah Maralit | Sarah Martin |
| Ross Martin | Elizabeth Pennington |
| Jim McCarthy (Chaperon) | Caroline Therrell |
| Robert Therrell | |

KINGDOM CHRONICLES
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28, 2013
Mark Your Calendars!



Gospel Reformation Network

Pre-Assembly Conference
June 17-18
at PCA General Assembly
"What Grace Does: Reclaiming the Whole Gospel for the Whole Man"
Speakers: Richard Phillips, Ligon Duncan, Harry Reeder, Al Baker
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
You can learn more at gospelreformation.net
If you are interested in volunteering to help at this event please see Mel Duncan.

would have you to do... not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-3).

Third, an elder is a *steward* of the gospel and a *teacher* of the Word of God. Not all elders are specially gifted as theologians and preachers, which is why teaching elders are set apart for full-time labor in the Word of God. Yet ruling elders must be sound theologians who can guard the trust of sound doctrine. Elders must be able to exhort and instruct the people in biblical truth. Equally important, we need ruling elders to oppose error in the church – both the congregation and denomination – and to serve as pillars of truth. Experience shows that most heresies and theological problems arise from errant teaching elders – ordained ministers – so that our ruling elders must band together with sound teaching elders to oppose false teaching in and out of our denomination.

These three callings organize the main work of elders, and as you can see they are far more than any mere man can fulfill in his own strength. These items also help us to know how to pray for our serving elders. Let me encourage you specifically to pray for the following:

- A strong and growing personal relationship with Christ that will supply the zeal and stamina needed to fulfill so demanding a calling. It should be obvious that serving as an elder is physically exhausting. It is also spiritually consuming in such a way that it demands a close walk with the Lord. Pray that God would communicate this priority to our elders in a special way as they are consecrated for this office.
- A combination of careful biblical discernment and supernatural wisdom. Elders must be men of the Word of God, training themselves to think and act biblically. Bear in mind that our ruling elders usually have not gone to seminary and have secular vocations that demand greatly from them. So pray for God to give them the ability and the motivation to continue to develop their biblical competency. Then pray for God to grant them wisdom. As a full-time pastor with some years of experience, I still find myself facing situations that require careful biblical consideration and a higher level of wisdom than I normally possess. For both biblical discernment and prayer, the elders are in great need of prayer.
- A Christ-like love for the flock of God and a joy in the service of so great a king as Jesus Christ. A man can only succeed as an elder if he develops a love for the people of God that comes from the greater love of Jesus. The Christian flock consists of sheep that bite. And kick. And refuse to

yield to instruction and rebuke. So a Christ-like shepherd must love them and must communicate that love in all things. This love flows from prayer for the flock, but also from a joy in the service of so great a Master as the Savior-Jesus Christ, who has loved us by dying for our sins. Pray for this love and joy to work together in the hearts of our elders.

- Pastors and elders are prime targets for spiritual attack, so pray for God to protect these men from Satan and his devices. Pray that they would guard themselves from temptation and the renewal of their vows would grant them a new zeal for personal holiness. Pray that they would realize how dire is their daily need of God's Word and of private prayer.

May God be praised for providing our church with our faithful elders. Let me also express my dear love for all of our elders and my humble appreciation for the outstanding service they render to Christ and Second Presbyterian Church. Few people beyond the pastors and the elders' families realize how great are the sacrifices our elders make for the well-being of this church. None but the elders themselves realize how dire is their need for your prayers, along with your loving support.

May God bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
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

At the Corner of River and Rhett

Parking Lot Being Repaved

Tuesday May 21st thru Friday May 24th the SPC Parking Lot will be repaved. **The parking lot will not be available for use during the daytime hours (8am-5pm) of May 21, 22, 23, 24.** If you have a ministry event or appointment at the church please be advised that you will need to park "off campus." There is a paid parking lot at Rhett Street and there are free street side parking spaces along Camperdown Way.

Reception for the Sparkman Family

On May 26th Josh Sparkman will preach his last sermon as a member of SPC in the evening service. Afterwards we will enjoy a reception for him as part of our first Ice Cream Social of the summer and have a chance to wish him, Lori and Kellen well as they prepare for a move to Mobile, Alabama where Josh has accepted a call to serve as an Assistant Minister at Christ Presbyterian Church.

Seminary Graduation

The SPC family has been cordially invited to Greenville Seminary's 23rd Commencement Friday, May 24th, 2013, at 6pm. Dr. David McWilliams of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Florida will give the address.

Parking Decal

If you contacted the church office in the last week about parking decals they are available for pick up in the library hallway along the literature shelf. Look for your family name in a designated envelope. And if you have not registered for a parking decal (or if you need to replace or update your information), you can do so by emailing mduncan@spcgreenville.org. The church needs make/model car information, license tag #, your contact info including phone/email address. Suggested donation is \$4 per tag. You can leave that in the church office to the administrator's attention.



-The Editor

Thought for the Day

Love is a verb...

We have just started a new series in senior high Sunday school on the "one another" commands of the New Testament. As I have prepared for this series and as we are now 3 weeks in, it is amazing how detailed the Bible is when it comes to the way in which Christians are commanded to live together on this earth. A definition I offered our senior high students for biblical, true love is this, "an intentional decision to forfeit your desires, wishes, and pleasure for the well being of another." In other words, any notion of love that does not include sacrifice is something other than biblical love.

Paul gives us a sober reminder of this fact in I Corinthians 13 where he stresses the importance of love as the overarching principle that should guide the entirety of the Christians existence. How necessary this is for the well being of the church. How painfully difficult this is for the church to accomplish. After all, it is asking for a small miracle for a fallen man (even if redeemed) to be patient, kind, and uninterested in getting his own way all of the time. However, this is precisely what Paul, and countless other Scripture writers, commands the Church to do.

The connection I made for the senior high students is the commonalities between the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 6 and the description of love in I Corinthians 13. The moral of the story is this. Love is, indeed, a verb. It is also impossible without the ever present power and ministry of the Holy Spirit. To try and "take a crack" at love without constant growth in holiness and the power of the Spirit is attempting to do the impossible. This most basic principle of love requires sanctification and a lot of it. Scripture tells us the Spirit is willing, able, and powerful enough to accomplish this in the life of the Church. I'm calling on the Ascended Lord Jesus to dispatch the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit to River and Rhett street that we may grow in love for one another in this place. To the glory of God.

Peace be to the brethren,
Pastor Starkey

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 19, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT

Revelation 14:6-13

Anthem: O God Beyond All Praising

Hymns: 48, 546, 378

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

PERFECTLY FITTING

Hebrews 7:26-28

Hymns: 176, 675, MIR5

Psalter: Psalm 22 (verses 1-12)

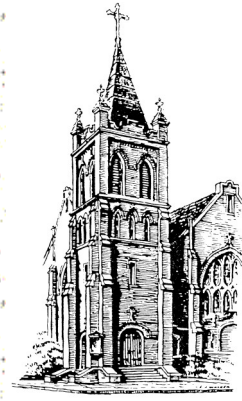
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May 13, 2013

Pastoral Letter Praying for Our Elders

On Sunday, May 5, 2013, at the evening worship service the Elders renewed their vows. I urge our entire church to be praying for them especially as God sets them apart for this high and holy calling. To this end, I would like to remind you of the duties they undertake and offer some advice for how you should pray for them.

According to our Book of Church Order, an elder is called an *overseer* of the flock and household of God. This means that the elders are required to govern and rule over all the affairs of the church. "It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein" (BCO 8-3). According to Paul, the elders are required to ensure the order of the church (Tit. 1:5) and to guard the treasures of Christ (Tit. 1:7). As a pastor, I have observed that most church members do not realize how important this overseeing function is. While the Session is not a board of directors in a business sense, the elders do meet as a board to direct the church's affairs. This overseeing work involves chairing and participating in important committees and meeting frequently to deal with matters that require a great deal of biblical discernment and wisdom.

Second, an elder is called to be a *minister* of the people of Christ. This calling requires our elders to minister comfort, counsel, and sometimes rebuke to individual members of the church. They are called to visit their fold members in the hospital when they are sick. "They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care... They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock" (BCO 8-3). Peter emphasized this calling to minister, saying, "shepherd the flock... not under compulsion, but willingly, as God