

## Thoughts for the Day

To "know the name of the LORD" is to lay aside every false opinion and to know Him from His Word, which is His true image, and next from His works. We must not imagine God from the fancy of man, but must comprehend Him as He declares Himself to be. --- John Calvin

Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news...who say to Zion, "your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:6-7).

"Isaiah envisages a day when faith will pass into sight and the Victor Himself will be seen face to face."  
— (Alec Motyer)

....then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know even as I am fully known (I Corinthians 13:12).

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will see Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads (Revelation 22:3-4).

A hymn to read, sing, hum, or whistle,  
to the glory of God:  
The God of Abraham Praise

"The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned  
above, Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, for ever blest."  
Thomas Olivers, 1770

### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JUNE 23, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### THE USEFULNESS OF MOURNING

Matthew 5:4  
Hymns: 16, 486, 498  
Anthem: Be Thou My Vision  
(St. Andrew's Youth Choir)  
Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### THE STRENGTH OF MEEKNESS

Matthew 5:5  
Hymns: 100, 184, 34  
Psalter: Psalm 25 (verses 1-7)  
Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

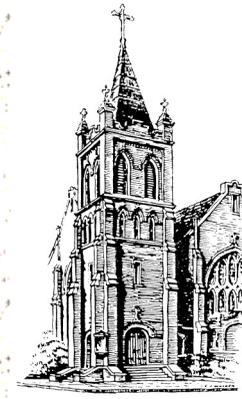
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## Pastoral Letter God's Fire Keepers

In the Iroquois tribe of Native Americans, community life revolved around the log house situated in the center of the camp. Extended families would live there, as well as sleep, work, and play around the great fire kept always burning. In order for the log house's fire to keep burning there needed always to be a fire-keeper. His job was to make sure the flame was never extinguished. When others went out to gather, hunt, or fight, the fire-keeper stayed in the log house keeping the home fires burning.

The church needs fire-keepers, too: those who devote themselves when others may be too busy or distracted and who keep the spiritual fires lit. Christian fire-keepers are otherwise known as prayer-warriors. It is through devoted and disciplined prayer that fire-keepers uphold the church. In the Old Testament, Elijah was a fire-keeper. In a time of idolatry and sin, we read, "Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down to the earth and put his face between his knees" (1 Ki. 18:42). According to the Bible, the faithful prayers of this one godly man made a vital difference in his generation. In the New Testament, James reminds us of Elijah's prayers: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." He then points out that "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours" (Ja. 5:16-17). Notice the emphasis: Elijah was just a person no different from us. But he prayed devotedly in faith and his prayers were used by God to keep faith alive in Israel. The prophets of Baal were trying to stamp out the true worship of God, but Elijah's prayer kept the flame for Israel. When the people were gathered back to the Lord, it was Elijah's prayer that reignited their hearts to trust in God once more. We need today the kind of fire-keepers that Elijah was then.

**The Ten Oldest P.C.A. Churches in South Carolina  
Old Churches Blog by Barry Waugh**

Over the course of the last several months, [www.barrywaugh.blogspot.com](http://www.barrywaugh.blogspot.com), I have written illustrated historical segments about each of the ten oldest P.C.A. churches in South Carolina.

1764, Bethel, Clover, Fellowship Presbytery,  
Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
6th Oldest in the PCA

1769, Bullock Creek, Sharon, Fellowship Presbytery,  
2nd Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
8th Oldest in the PCA

1775, Lebanon, Winnsboro, Palmetto Presbytery,  
3rd Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
10th Oldest in the PCA

1786, Fairview, Fountain Inn, Calvary Presbytery,  
4th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
14th Oldest in the PCA

1787, Liberty Springs, Cross Hill, Calvary Presbytery,  
5th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
15th Oldest in the PCA

1790 [or 1798], Aimwell, Ridgeway, Palmetto Presbytery,  
6th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
17th Oldest in the PCA

1808, Hopewell, Rock Hill, Fellowship Presbytery,  
7th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
29th Oldest in the PCA

1812, Salem, Blair, Palmetto Presbytery,  
8th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
30th Oldest in the PCA

1820, Friendship, Laurens, Calvary Presbytery,  
9th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
37th Oldest in the PCA

1821, Lebanon, Abbeville, Calvary Presbytery  
10th Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina  
39th Oldest PCA Church

One reason why fire-keepers are so valuable is that most of us lead weak and inconsistent prayer lives. If we are honest, most will admit that we find prayer difficult and even unsatisfying. This is because prayer is a purely spiritual work, and we are not particularly spiritual people. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to find a reason not to join in prayer? There is always someone to talk to or some time-consuming task; how easy it therefore is to stay out of the prayer meeting or skip your personal time of prayer. But, as Philip Ryken writes, "There is no other way to receive the blessings of God. All of the spiritual blessings that God has to give come through a life of prayer. Wisdom for life's decisions come through prayer. The awesome presence of God in worship comes through prayer. Conversions come through prayer. The revival fire of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer."

It is because of this truth that we should be so thankful to God for the fire-keepers among us who have kept up the demanding discipline of prayer. How many blessings we presently enjoy as a church are the result of faithful prayers lifted up for God's work in this place? If you know someone who is fervent and devoted in prayer for you, for our church, and for Christ's work, make sure to thank them for tending the fires for us all. Even better, we should consider joining them. Ask an older member who has learned the discipline of prayer about how they have kept faithful in prayer. Come to the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night and learn how to spend a half-hour or so with your brothers and sisters in prayer. Begin praying for God to protect the blessings that we enjoy: sound doctrine, reverent worship, faithful shepherds, loving fellowship, joyful spiritual vitality and more. These things should not be taken for granted, but should be preserved and promoted in word, speech, and prayer. Then begin praying for God to extend these blessings into more and more lives. Pray that the young people in our church would be inspired with a passion for Christ. Pray that what takes place on Sundays here would extend into our homes during the week. Pray for weary mothers, who are expending their energies in sacrificial love for their families. Pray for burdened fathers, who so often feel the weight of the world on their shoulders. Finally, having prayed for God to protect and extend our current blessings, pray for God to give us new blessings. Pray for a renewing of evangelistic fervor and for new converts in and through our church. Pray for new opportunities of service and gospel outreach. Pray for the resources to expand the potential of our

church for ministry in the generation to come. In a church like ours, there is so much to do – but there is nothing more important than for us to pray to God for protection, strength, and blessing.

Like us, Elijah lived in a time when people did not know the Lord. So he prayed, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God" (1 Ki. 18:37). After he had prayed this way, the fire of the Lord descended and consumed the sacrifice Elijah had prepared. When the people saw this, "they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God'" (1 Ki. 18:39). Our historical setting is different from Elijah's, but it remains true that if we will commit ourselves to prayer, we may expect to see God's power at work among us so that people believe that Christ is Lord. In my view, all of us in this church have many reasons to thank the fire-keepers among us and who have gone before us – their prayers are the source in God's grace for our present blessings. Let's learn the lesson and be fire-keepers in our families, keeping the home-fires of faith burning on our knees. Let's be fire-keepers in our church. And as a church, let us be those whose prayers are used by God to shine his light so brightly that many see it and that God's power will overcome unbelief and lead many to know the Lord in saving faith.

May the Lord 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

## St. Andrew's Youth Choir

The St. Andrews Youth Choir, directed by Randall Van Meggelen, Chief Musician from Saint Andrew's Chapel in Sanford, Florida, will join us at our morning worship services on June 23rd. They will bless us with special music during the service.

## General Assembly

The 41st PCA General Assembly is this week, June 17-21 at the TD Conference Center in Greenville, SC. Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, Pastor Starkey, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE David Bragdon, and RE Al Wills will be attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly by going to [www.byfaithonline.com](http://www.byfaithonline.com).

## VBS Workday

There will be a VBS Workday on Saturday, June 22, 9am to 12 noon. We are asking all VBS volunteers and workers to help us prepare the church for VBS week. If you have any questions please contact Jill Mann.

## Activities Cancelled

—The Wednesday night activities for June 26th and July 3rd have been cancelled.

—There will not be a Men's Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship the weeks of June 21st, June 28th and July 5th.

**Still in need of Wednesday Night Help**  
**Contact Kip Altman-ckaltman@yahoo.com**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Ages K4 (completed) –  
5<sup>th</sup> grade



June 24-28, 2013

8:45 am-Noon

Register online at [spcgreenville.org](http://spcgreenville.org)  
or pick up a registration form at the church.

## VBS Supplies

For VBS crafts, we would like to borrow hammers for the children to use in a project. (Small ones would be better.) If you are willing to loan a hammer, please put your name on yours and bring to church office.

## Church Picnic - July 4, 2013 - 6:30 PM



Eating Good Food \* Enjoying great fellowship  
(Bring a lawn chair or blanket and stick around for the Greenville fireworks to begin at 9:30 pm.)

Deacons will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers,  
all the fixings, ice cream and drinks.  
Families are asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts.  
There will be organized games for the kids.

Look forward to seeing you on Thursday, July 4th, rain or shine!

**All Adult Summer SS Class**  
**Sunday, June 23, 10:00 am, sanctuary**  
**Scott Cook**  
**"What Mortification Is Not"**

## Special Thanks

A special thanks goes to Judy Bishop and Geoffrey Barnett whose names were inadvertently left off the list in last week's Herald of SPC people serving on the GA Host Committee and Subcommittee. We so appreciate everyone who has volunteered to serve in many ways. Let's pray that God will bless PCA GA 41 in Greenville this week.

## 2013 Summer Mission Teams

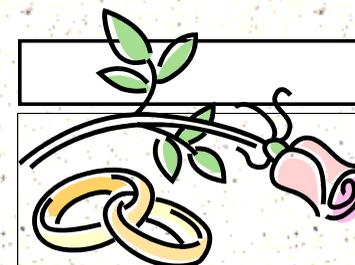
The Peru Mission Team will be leaving on Thursday, June 20 and returning on June 29. Please pray for the team, for their safety, wellness, and fruitfulness while they are away.

### TRUJILLO AND CAJAMARCA, PERU MISSION

#### TEAM ROSTER: (June 20-29)

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	

## Congratulations



Woody and Georgie Campbell  
will celebrate their  
65th wedding anniversary  
on June 29, 2013.



*Showering with Love*  
WIC  
cordially invites you to a  
*Miscellaneous Wedding Shower*  
for  
*Hannah Mae Stoddard*  
Tuesday, July 2, 2013  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, June 23

- 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**
- 7:15 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

### Monday, June 24

- 8:30 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Tuesday, June 25

- 8:30 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Wednesday, June 26

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- NO EVENING ACTIVITIES**

### Thursday, June 27

- 8:30 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Friday, June 28

- 8:30 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 49-50

*"Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life."*

## Upcoming Events

- June 20-29 Peru Mission Trip
- June 22 VBS Workday
- June 23 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- June 24-28 Vacation Bible School
- July 2 Play-date at Jones Gap Park.
- July 2 WIC Shower for Hannah Mae Stoddard
- July 3 No Wednesday night activities
- July 4 Annual Church Picnic
- July 4 Church Office Closed
- July 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- July 8 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- July 9 WIC Circles
- July 10 Missions Committee Meeting
- July 11 Play-date at Fischer's Orchard.
- July 17 Administration Committee Meeting
- July 18 Play-date at Falls Park Fountains
- July 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- July 22-26 Jr. High Ridge Haven Trip
- July 23 Play-date: Field Day at the Johnsons'
- July 24 CE Committee Meeting
- July 27 Calvary Presbytery at Mt. Calvary PCA
- July 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- July 29-Aug. 3 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island

**If you have a date for the July calendar please contact the church office this week.**  
**jgrant@spcgreenville.org or 232-7621, ext. 10**

## Remembering One Another

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

NEW ADDRESS

**Mrs. Dot Gwinn**  
 The Gardens, Room H-18  
 275 Commonwealth Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29615  
 242-4255

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Mike and Linda Morgan**  
**Michael, Katy**

**Barry and Liz Myers**

**John and Kary Newsome**  
**Riley, Cooper**

## Missionary of the Week

### **BILL & SUSAN CARR—SOUTH AFRICA**

Chippewa Bible Church is located on the Leech Lake Reservation here in northern Minnesota. The Native people of the Leech Lake Reservation are part of the Ojibwe tribe. They are the second largest tribe in North America.

There are many needs at this church. Please consider these...

1. Consistent prayer is needed for a surrounding community of people mired in hopelessness and oppression of the traditional religion.
2. There are also needs for the physical aspects of the building itself. This past winter was very hard with extreme temperatures lasting longer than normal.
3. The pipes in the church were damaged and the faithful few had to meet in a home for services. There are other major repairs needed for the building as well. There is little money.
4. Most importantly, however, the needs are spiritual. The spiritual war is evident by the things happening within the community. The church needs to function as salt and light there.
5. The ladies have a goal of reaching out into the community by offering a Bible school for the children as soon as the church building is repaired.