

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 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**  
 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, July 8

#### Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting

6:00 PM Supper  
 7:00 PM Meeting

### Tuesday, July 9

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

### Wednesday, July 10

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

### Thursday, July 11

10:15 AM Playdate at Fisher's Orchard

### Friday, July 12

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

## Upcoming Events

July 4 Annual Church Picnic  
 July 4 Church Office will be 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

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 73-74  
*"Your hands have made me and fashioned me;  
 Give me understanding,  
 that I may learn Your commandments.  
 Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,  
 because I have hoped in Your Word."*

## 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.

**Mrs. Marion Wood**  
 5 Creekbend Road  
 Simpsonville, SC 29681  
 297-0783

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Walter and Alma Palmer**  
**Stuart Patterson**  
**Jean Pennington**  
**Robert, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Dean**

## Missionary of the Week

### PRAY FOR OUR SUPPORT MISSIONARIES

- Pray for their wellness.
- Pray for their safety.
- Pray for their fruitfulness.
- Pray for their provisions.
- Pray for wisdom in decision-making.
- Pray for their families.
- Pray for their separation from loved ones.
- Pray for their faithfulness.
- Pray the Lord will grant them joy in sharing and proclaiming His name, and that they will do so boldly.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Last week in VBS, our children experienced *Kingdom Chronicles*. They studied how to stand strong in the battle for truth using the armor of God. We are indeed in a battle against the forces of evil all around us in this world. It takes an "army" of willing, gifted servants to have an effective VBS--and we had just that. The following people comprised our army of leaders/teachers/actors/helpers in this Kingdom endeavor, and we send a heartfelt THANK YOU to each one. We could not have done it without you! Thank you also to the WIC Circles for providing delicious refreshments for our workers all week.

Audra Atwood	Katie Morgan
Margaret Atwood	Alma Palmer
Alice Barnett	Jean Pennington
Geoffrey Barnett	Jennifer Pennington
Joel Barnett	Hannah Phillips
Rachel Berens	Jonathan Phillips
Christina Bianchi	Sharon Phillips
Scott Cook	Katie Preston
Ashley Crunk	Victoria Pudjak
Knox Duncan	Mary Russell
Lynda Duncan	Myra Russell
Shirley Duncan	Grace Schvaneveldt
Elise Farley	Haley Schvaneveldt
Laurie Farley	Lori Schvaneveldt
Daniel Grubbs	Andi Scoggins
Bobbie Houser	Paul Settle
Rebekah Johnson	Jenny Spears
Janice Leathers	Seth Starkey
Hudson Mann	Farrell Stillman
Addison Maralit	Caroline Therrell
Noah Maralit	Cassie Therrell
Samuel Maycock	Robert Therrell
Jim McCarthy	Judy Waite
Ethan McConnell	Sandy Waugh
Noah McConnell	Kelly Woodard

Our mission emphasis this year was the Scott Hill family, new missionaries to the Easter Band of the Cherokee People in western North Carolina. Scott and Ruth Hill surprised the children by attending our closing assembly. The children raised \$407.82. The Hills were appreciative for this offering received on their behalf.

VBS is over for this year, but we pray that the truths taught will continue to stay with our covenant children for years to come.

—Servants together, Mott Altman and Jill Mann

## 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.)

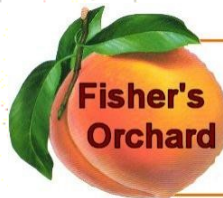
Deacons will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers,  
all the fixings, ice cream and drinks.  
Families are asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts.

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, July 7, 10:00 am, sanctuary**  
**Bill Watkins**  
**"Only Believers Can Mortify Sin"**

## Playdate: Fisher's Orchard



It is peach season everyone!! We will meet at the pick-your-own address of Fisher's Orchard at 650 Fisher Road, Greer, 29651 around 10:15 am on Thursday, July 11th. The freestone varieties are due to be ripe this week. Bring your sunscreen/hats and a change of clothes/shoes as it can get quite muddy. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch for fellowship afterwards. Give Rebekah Johnson a call when you get there if you can't find our group: 864-430-3408.

## Memorial Flowers

The following dates are available for placing flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone special. Please call the church office or see Judy Bishop if you would like to sign up.

July 21 and 28; Aug. 29; Oct. 6 and 13; Nov. 3 and 17

## Report of the WIC Nominating Committee

The following slate of WIC Group One Officers has been nominated for two years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council. The election will take place at the August Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015.

President Elect:	Rebekah Johnson
Vice President:	Beth Gustafson
Secretary:	Allison Detmer
Historian:	Sandy Waugh
Chairman, MNA:	Susan Harmon
Chairman, Circle 4:	Jean Pennington
Chairman, Circle 5:	Pat Shuford
Chairman, Circle 6:	Lorri Ecarma

Election will be held at  
WIC Annual Meeting  
Thursday, August 22, 2013, 7:00 pm  
Church Fellowship Hall

**Jr. High Ridge Haven Conference**  
**"Basic Training"**  
**July 22-26, 2013**

**Sr. High Conference @ Edisto Island**  
**"The Golden Chain of Our Faith"**  
**July 29-August 3, 2013**

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



an unwilling society. Prior to the Supreme Court imposing its will on the people, over 70% of Americans opposed abortion. Over the years, the sheer force of public policy and unrelenting media misinformation has shifted public opinion so that the nation is now roughly split on the issue. The same strategy is now succeeding with homosexuality and the redefinition of marriage.

The secularist control of the higher courts has imposed an alien morality on the people and the radical media has used propaganda to confuse minds and control opinions. Last week's Supreme Court decision to overthrow the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was a classic example of this strategy. The majority explanation did not even attempt to establish a constitutional basis for the judicial overthrow of this law. Instead, in flagrant violation of the balance of powers that has kept America free for over two hundred years, the Supreme Court justices simply imposed their personal opinion on the nation, overthrowing the will of the people as expressed through the national legislature.

Let me suggest some conclusions that Christians should draw from recent experience:

1. We face explicitly anti-Christian forces who are determined to paganize America and are completely unrestrained by concerns of integrity, fairness, or democratic process. As Justice Scalia wrote of last week's DOMA decision, the only thing that will restrain the liberal assault on America "is its sense of what it can get away with."
2. There is mounting evidence that the current administration will use its vast coercive power to unjustly persecute its opponents. From the National Security Agency's sweeping violations of privacy, to the Internal Revenue Service's harassment of conservatives and Christians (to cite only the most notorious examples), the vast power of federal agencies is being employed not for the general good of the nation but for the secularist overthrow of American institutions.
3. Contrary to the rhetoric they have long employed, the forces of pagan America do not merely seek tolerance for their own values and practices but the exclusion and removal of Christian dissent, opinion, and participation in civil society. It is difficult to see how this agenda can fail to result in the official persecution of Christians and the denial of civil rights to those who wish to proclaim the Bible's message of salvation and godliness.
4. Given the aggressiveness of the liberal powers, it seems

likely that the years immediately before us – 2014, 2015, and 2016 – will be historically significant in terms of their assault not only on Christians and their values but also on the very freedoms that have marked our nation since 1776.

If these reflections are even generally accurate, it will be important for Christians to respond carefully and biblically both as citizens of America and as citizens of Christ's kingdom. Let me first offer counsel on how Christians must respond as Americans:

1. We must continue to love our country. Nothing would more please or serve the radical secularists than for Christians to jettison their patriotic impulses.
2. We must speak out boldly and pointedly as Christians even if we are publicly derided as hatemongers or dangerous religious extremists. We must refuse to surrender our rights under the Constitution and we must be prepared to pay the price of persecution to uphold them.
3. We must joyfully love our neighbors and serve our communities, including those who vigorously oppose us in the culture war. It will serve little for Christians to argue a biblical morality if we are not willing to demonstrate biblical grace and truth in action. By all means, there must be no violence, personal abuse, or vindictive spirit in the Christian defense of our national heritage. Our calling as Christian Americans is to "overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21), even if our virtues are slanderously labeled as hate.
4. We must support godly elected leaders and some of us will be called to serve in the political process. This will be especially important at the state level in the upcoming years, since God charges lower civil leaders to protect the

people against the tyranny of higher civil leaders. We will need to pray for and support our godly leaders at the state and local level, fortifying them with the courage and wisdom they are going to need.

Even more importantly, we must be faithful to Christ in the midst of these troubles. The Bible has amply warned us to expect such upheavals (1 Pet. 4:12). So let us be neither dismayed nor distracted from our primarily calling as disciples of Jesus. This means:

1. We must steadfastly refuse to violate God's Word, either in obeying ungodly government requirements or in opposing them. This is our absolute duty to the Lord and the source of our moral authority among men.
2. Our churches must stop dancing to the world's tune. We must no longer measure church success in secular terms – attendance, buildings, and cash – but in the biblical terms of truth, godliness, and evangelistic zeal. Our pulpits must resound with the biblical message of law and gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. While many churches (especially many prominent mega-churches) may capitulate to the pagan agenda, ours must stand with the Lord through faithfulness to his Word.
3. We must commit ourselves to prayer. Francis Schaeffer lamented a generation ago that American Christians care mainly for "personal peace and enough affluence to enjoy it." The truth of that statement is the cause of many of our woes. We must now rally as Christians around the source of our true power, the throne of grace in heaven (Heb. 4:16). If the prayer meetings of Christian churches do not fill in the coming months and years, then James 4:2 will explain the loss of our country.
4. We must rise up with renewed zeal in taking the gospel message of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. If troubled, we must proclaim Christ. If persecuted we must proclaim Christ. If jailed, we must follow Paul's example by proclaiming Christ. Our pagan neighbor is not primarily our culture-war enemy but a sinner in bondage who needs the loving message of salvation through the grace of Christ.

Christ is reigning over this year's Fourth of July. The startling troubles before us are as much an opportunity as they are a threat, but only if Christians rise up to our calling as servants of a triumphant gospel in the midst of a sin-broken world.

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

### CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN NEEDS OUR HELP

So you weren't able to go on the Peru Summer Mission Trip but you want to help with an important local mission project? On Monday July 8th - Thursday July 11th Jim McCarthy will lead a group of SPC volunteers to the Calvary Home for Children in Anderson, SC - an orphanage connected with New Covenant PCA. The team will be working each day from 8am-Noon doing a wide range of construction/cleaning projects. Volunteers will have projects (inside/outside) and no advanced skill level is required; just a willingness to work, serve and help others. Team will depart SPC Greenville at 7:15 each morning. **Light Breakfast Fare provided.**

Contact Jim McCarthy with questions.  
[jimmccarthy85@gmail.com](mailto:jimmccarthy85@gmail.com) or cell: (904) 651-9923

### NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR

CE Committee is pleased to announce that Myra Russell is taking over as Nursery Coordinator this week on July 1st. Myra and her husband Tindell are the proud parents of Jacob Earl Russell and she is looking forward to leading the ministry to the "wee covenant family" at SPC! The Nursery Committee is in the early stages of adding supplementary (non-SPC) part-time nursery employees for the autumn. Look for information about this in upcoming editions of *The West End Herald*. New Nursery Schedules are out at the nursery counter and available online. Now is a good time to get involved with Second's ministry to our children. See Myra Russell.

### SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of the CE Committee, the Session and the families of Second Presbyterian Church we want to extend our deepest thanks to Karen Gray who has finished up her (second) term as Nursery coordinator.

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 19:14)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

There will be **no Wednesday Night activities this week**. A family meal will be held on **Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>** with Deacons serving hot dogs/hamburgers beginning at 6:30pm, families are asked to bring generous portions of sides and/or desserts. Stick around for fireworks downtown (9:30pm) *A reminder that the church office will be closed Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>.*

-The Editor



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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 7, 2013

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### THE BOWLS OF WRATH

Revelation 16: 1-7

Hymns: 76, 140, 62

Anthem: With a Voice of Singing  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

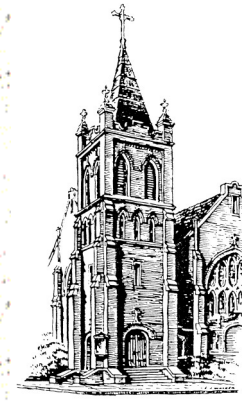
#### THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Hebrews 9:11-14

Hymns: 253, 520, 242

Psalter: Psalm 25 (verses 16-22)  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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## Pastoral Letter

### Fourth of July Reflections on a Changing America

For Christians, the issue of patriotism is always complicated by our citizenship in two realms, one earthly and one heavenly. The Bible teaches that we have duties to our earthly nation, including obeying laws, paying taxes, and honoring our leaders (Rom. 13:1-7). At the same time, we are subjects of the eternal kingdom of Christ. Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mt. 22:21). This dual citizenship presents serious complications when the civil and the divine authorities strongly conflict. This was the situation the early believers faced in Jerusalem, resulting in their persecution. Peter told the Jewish leaders, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29), and for his disobedience he was beaten and later threatened with execution (Acts 5:40; 12:1-6).

While our "two kingdoms" citizenship always warrants biblical reflection, the situation facing Christians in America today demands special wisdom and grace. Throughout our lifetime, there have been two competing Americas, one theistic and the other atheistic; one which more or less respects our Christian heritage and upholds general biblical values, and one which aggressively opposes biblical morality and a godly outlook on life. The pagan agenda, which is apparently pursued by roughly half of America, seeks by all means to change our laws, institutions, and moral consensus in a radically secular and sensually permissive direction. With the assistance of a radically motivated media establishment, pagan America has made steady gains during each of the last several decades. But in the few years marked by the election of our current President, an aggressive use of raw government power is effecting an exponential shift in our society.

It seems the blueprint for the pagan conquest of America was discovered in the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which forced abortion on