

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 14

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**

Wednesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 18

11:00 AM Playdate at Falls Park Water Fountains

Friday, July 19

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
 6:30 PM Hannah Mae Stoddard/Gregory Suits wedding

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

Playdate-Falls Park Water Fountains

Thursday, July 18, 2013
 Watch the Herald for additional information or you may call Rebekah Johnson @ (864) 430-3408



Upcoming Events

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

Missionary Speakers

Roger and Laura Dye, MTW missionaries in Chile will be with us on Wednesday, July 10th. They will speak to us at 7:00 pm about their work on the mission field.

Calvary Presbytery

The 119th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Mt. Calvary PCA in Roebuck, SC, beginning at 9:00 am. Visitors are welcome. Please be in prayer for the Commissioners that will be attending from Second Church.

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 75-77

*"I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right,
 and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
 according to Your word to Your servant.
 Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
 for Your law is my delight."*

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. Rubye Benchoff
 304 Dupont Drive
 Greenville, SC 29607
 235-9958

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Judy Phibbs
Rick and Sharon Phillips
Hannah, Matthew, Jonathan, Ellie, Lydia
Larry and Judy Pitts

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.

Treasurer's Report

JUNE 2013 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		YTD Budget
	June 2013	YTD 2013	
Offerings	101,986	502,322	531,863
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	101,906	445,880	464,623
Mission Disbursements	<u>2,611</u>	<u>68,605</u>	<u>67,240</u>
Total Outlays	104,517	514,485	531,863
Net Offerings	(2,531)	(12,163)	

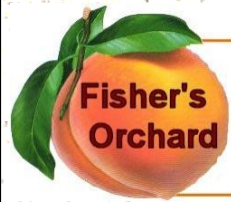
6 Month Financial Report

We have completed six months of 2013. For the six months, YTD contributions were \$502,322 and 2013 contributions exceeded 2012 YTD contributions by \$26,746. 2013 YTD contributions are behind budget by \$29,541. Current Expenses and Missions/Benevolences for the six months were \$514,485 versus budget of \$531,863. Missions and Benevolences have been paid through June.

In June the parking lot paving was completed and paid. The total cost was \$82,179 which was a great price considering the unexpected issues that the pavers found once they removed the asphalt. They had to haul out 25 dump truck loads of bad dirt and haul in 30 dump truck loads of good dirt. Thanks to Reed Rogers and Panagakos Asphalt Paving Inc. for taking the time to fix the ground under the parking lot and giving Second Church a great price on all the extra work they had to do. Of the \$82,179 cost, \$40,748 came out of the 2013 budget, \$37,000 had been reserved from the 2012 budget and \$4,431 came from the reserve fund from the monthly rentals we receive.

The Peru Missions team completed their mission trip. So far, \$35,780 has been raised and costs were \$38,732. With the beginning of the year surplus of \$3,389, there is \$437 to be carried over to 2014.

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.

All Adult Summer SS Class
Sunday, July 14, 10:00 am, sanctuary
Rob Gustafson
"God Requires Universal Obedience"

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

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. 13; Nov. 3 and 17

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your many prayers and words of concern and encouragement during and after the hospitalization of our son, Ian. Truly our hearts have been refreshed by you brethren and our Lord has answered the many prayers of his saints. Ian is doing well and continues to improve. We thank our Father for this and for the privilege of being part of this church family.
Love, The Spell Family

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



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL STODDARD
 INVITE YOU TO INCREASE THEIR JOY
 WITH YOUR PRESENCE AT
 THE WEDDING OF THEIR DAUGHTER

HANNAH MAE

TO

GREGORY LAWTON SUITS

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH, 2013

6:30 IN THE EVENING

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

LIGHT DINNER AND DANCING

DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

435 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

conspire to take our most glorious possessions and use them against us. The doctrine of God's sovereignty is rightly dear to us. But it is never to provide an excuse for our neglect of duty or for sin. Did not our Lord Jesus spend hours in prayer, especially prior to momentous events? Were not the first believers gathered for prayer when the Holy Spirit fell on them at Pentecost? And was not Peter delivered from Herod's jail cell because the Christians were fervently praying for him? The reality is that the doctrine of God's sovereignty is set in Scripture squarely beside the doctrine of human responsibility. Our choices and actions matter greatly, especially our prayers, so that God will act in grace and power in response to our prayers or else God will withhold his power due to our neglect of prayer.

If ever there was a generation of Christians that should be committed to fervent prayer it is our generation. We stand, together with all faithful churches, in the midst of a crumbling culture. Unbelief, sensuality, and idolatry advance on every front. So great is this spiritual and moral decay that only God can stop it. The challenges facing our children are so great that previous generations would have recoiled in horror. What will happen if we do not pray for our children? The same could be said of our marriages, of our fearfulness about witnessing the gospel, about spiritual opposition to our ministry, and about the numerous temptations we all feel to spiritual sloth and sin. If we soberly assess both the challenges we face as Christians and the great need of our times for the gospel, then we will commit ourselves to pray.

Dear friends, let it not be said of us, "You do not have because you do not ask." Let it not be said that our pulpit lacked the power to convert and transform because we did not pray for God's power through His Word. Let it not be said that our children were lost to unbelief and worldliness because we did not pray fervently in our homes and church for their salvation. Let it not be said that our marriages failed in joy and love because we did not pray for husbands and wives. Let it not be said that important mission works dwindled because we did not pray for them. Let it not be said that we failed to glorify God and to know His power in our personal conduct because we did not pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit in our lives. Let us not look back in years to

come and lament our misspent days and nights, saying, "We did not have, because we did not pray."

Both the teaching of the Bible and the challenges of the evil days in which we live call us to renew our zeal for prayer. Nothing can replace the gathering of families in the home for prayer, and some of the sweetest times we have in our church take place during our prayer meetings. Yet a relatively few number gather for prayer on Wednesday evenings and our time of prayer is relatively short. We find ourselves starting late in an attempt to urge more people from the dinner table to the sanctuary. Would that we found ourselves cutting dinner short in order to gain more time for prayer! God greatly desires our hearts. And the truest expression of a heart turned to God is a passionate zeal for prayer.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." James 5: 13-15

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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

A SPECIAL VISIT FROM FORMER MINISTER

On Sunday past the church was pleased to have in attendance Dr. J. Phillips Noble, our seventh Sr. Minister, serving from 1947-1956. Dr. Noble is retired (at 91!) and living in Decatur, GA. He was in town visiting friends and worshiped with us at the 11am service. A number of members reminisced, many with special connections; Stuart Patterson and his late wife Ann, Dot Dillard and her late husband Rob, Caroline Ryer and her late husband Dick were married (at SPC) by Dr. Noble. Callie Therrell grew up at First (Scots) Presbyterian in Charleston while Dr. Noble served at that church.

You can see some pictures of Dr. Noble's visit at [Facebook.com/SPCGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/SPCGreenville)

The Reverend J. Phillips Noble grew up in Learned, Mississippi. After graduating from King College in Bristol, Tennessee, and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, he was ordained a Presbyterian minister. He completed graduate work in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Cambridge University in England. After pastoring Second he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Anniston, Alabama, from 1956-1971, and lastly at Charleston's historic First (Scots) Presbyterian Church.

Noble was also Co-President of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church, USA. He has traveled extensively on six continents. Noble was married for many years to Betty Pope Scott (who passed away in 2012), blessed with three children (Betty, Phil, Jr., and Scott) and two grandchildren. He is also the author of several books including "Getting Beyond Tragedy" and "Beyond the Burning Bus: The Civil Rights Revolution in a Southern Town."

SOCIAL MEDIA

All of the archives of the recent PCA General Assembly can be watched online. Go to byfaithonline.com click on **Watch General Assembly (Replay)**.

The Media Committee has put several hundred recent pictures and some videos on the church facebook page. Like us at [Facebook.com/SPCGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/SPCGreenville).



-The Editor

Thoughts for the Day

"IT WAS SAID"

AT THE RECENT MEETING OF
GOSPEL REFORMATION NETWORK

"This teaching of sanctification is the recreating of our lives. Not only is this essential to rightly understanding and responding to the gospel. It is so essential to our witness of the Gospel today. Why is evangelism ineffective today (of course it is according to the will of God, but that is inscrutable to me)? Are we as a church bearing testimony by showing forth the power and transformation of the age to come before the world?"

-Richard Phillips

"Calvin says justification is the hinge on which salvation turns. Amen! Now turn the door and go in. We are saved to holiness."

Richard Phillips

"Some have told me that having expectations of holiness will depress our people. It might not be legalism, but it is legalistic. What these people fail to realize is the power of the Son of God...all the transformations in the Bible rely on grace through faith."

-Richard Phillips

"Progressive sanctification is a truth that ultimately is designed to encourage us. Without it, we would be in a hopeless state. Its good news that by the grace of God in the Gospel, change is now possible in the Christian life...It's the news that God has accepted me, and now change is possible."

-Ligon Duncan

"I just want to plead for this. When people get intentional about their sanctification, lets not accuse them of legalism...embracing the ordinary means of grace to kill sin is not legalism"

-Harry Reeder

"In regeneration, its Jesus + Nothing; in justification, its Jesus + Nothing; in adoption, its Jesus + Nothing; in glorification, its Jesus + Nothing; in sanctification, Jesus + Nothing = Nothing. Sanctification is 100% God, and 100% man, working through the power of the Spirit."

-Harry Reeder

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 14, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

ARMAGEDDON

Rev. 16:8-16

Hymns: 45, 668, 48

Anthem: He Watching Over Israel
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY APPETITE

Matthew 5:6

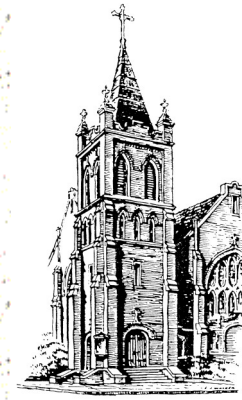
Hymns: 296, 168, 642

Psalter: Psalm 26

Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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Pastoral Letter Because You Do Not Ask

One of the most chilling statements in the New Testament is made by the apostle James in the 4th chapter of his epistle. James laments the spiritual failures among the early Christians, including this rebuke: "You do not have, because you do not ask" (Ja. 4:2). He is referring to a lack of prayer, and he couples it to a rebuke for wrong motives in prayer: "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions" (Ja. 4:3).

Of these two concerns, I consider the first to be more significant today for the simple reason that our generation has largely lost our commitment to prayer. The clear meaning of James' teaching is that there are blessings that we do not receive – spiritual blessings, primarily, but also temporal blessings – for the simple reason that we have not come before the Lord in prayer. Indeed, if it will be possible to have disappointments in heaven, then when we behold in glory the manifest power and grace of our Lord we will be disappointed that we aspired to so little in this life.

At this point, I realize that I need to address an objection to this based on the sovereignty of God. Some will say, or at least think, "But doesn't God determine everything in advance, so that the reality is that our prayers don't ultimately matter?" We certainly do believe that God is radically sovereign over all things, so that nothing happens apart from His will. Yet this great truth can be misused by us. It is my experience that both the devil and our own sinful natures often