

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 28

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, July 29

**Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
 (return August 3rd)**

Wednesday, July 31

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 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, August 1

10:00 AM Playdate: Otter Creek Water Park

Friday, August 2

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

Upcoming Events

July 27 Calvary Presbytery at Mt. Calvary PCA
 July 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 July 29-Aug. 3 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
 Aug. 1 Playdate: Otter Creek Water Park
 Aug. 4 Ice Cream Social
 Aug. 5 Diaconate Meeting
 Aug. 6 Playdate: Legacy Park
 Aug. 7 WIC Council
 Aug. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Aug. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Aug. 12 Session Meeting
 Aug. 13 WIC Circles
 Aug. 13-15 Girls' Basketball Camp
 Aug. 14 Missions' Committee Meeting
 Aug. 14 Musical CAT Kids Program
 Aug. 15 Playdate: Greenville Zoo
 Aug. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Aug. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
 Aug. 21 Musical CAT Kids Fun Night
 Aug. 22 WIC Annual Meeting
 Aug. 25 WIC Installation of Officers
 Aug. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
 Aug. 28 CE Committee Meeting
 Aug. 28 Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resume

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.

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

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Garison Plourde
Serge and Christa Pomerlyan
 Eleanor
Keith and Millie Pratt
 Brice and James

Missionary of the Week

CHRIST CHURCH CHARLESTON

Pray for:

- Worship space in the fall for Lord's Day morning and evening worship.
- Further financial support of the work (all giving is being administered by the Deacons of Second Presbyterian Greenville, SC).
- The Lord's blessing upon identifying and training men for future leadership in Christ Church.
- The Lord's blessing upon student ministry in the fall led by Ross Hodges, Director of Campus Discipleship for Christ Church.
- The Lord's leading (and financial support) for a director of music for Christ Church.
- True conversions.
- Unity with sister PCA congregations.
- For Jon Payne and Ross Hodges: Focus, godliness, boldness, humility, and strength in the Lord.

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 97-99

*"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.
 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser
 than my enemies; for they are ever with me.
 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
 for Your testimonies are my meditation."*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RALLY DAY
Sunday, September 1
10:00 am
Church Sanctuary



Jr. High Ridge Haven Conference

"Basic Training"

July 22-26, 2013

Guest Speaker: Carl Robbins

Senior Pastor of Woodruff Road PCA

Special Appearance by: The Red Bandana
Decorated War Hero, Elite Combat Veteran,
Drill Instructor

*Please be in prayer this week for the Jr. High campers
and their leaders.*

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: Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, Pastor Starkey, RE Duncan, RE Bragdon, and RE Player.

All Adult Summer SS Class
Sunday, July 28, 10:00 am, sanctuary
Jeff Windt
"Seeing Sin for What It Is"

Worship at Perry Correctional

On Saturday evening, July 27, 2013, Second Presbyterian will be leading a worship service at Perry Correctional. If you would like to participate in a small choir, please contact Pat Shuford or Bill Watkins. Volunteers will meet at the prison gate at 6:00 pm. Names of volunteers need to be turned into the prison 24 hours before the service.

Sr. High Conference @ Edisto Island

"The Golden Chain of Our Faith"
**Explorations in Justification, Sanctification,
Adoption, and Glorification**

July 29-August 3, 2013

Teachers:

Pastor Seth Starkey

Mr. John Duncan

Playdate: Otter Creek Water Park

Thursday, August 1st
Meet in the parking lot
at 10:00 am.



No outside food or drinks are allowed at the park but if anyone wants to bring a lunch there are picnic tables in other areas outside the water park area.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 4

Immediately following the evening worship service.
The Deacons will provide the ice cream and toppings.
Don't miss our last Ice Cream Social of the summer.

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 28; Aug. 29; Oct. 13; Nov. 3 and 17

Music Notes

We welcome to the organ this Lord's Day, Mrs. Dana Carter from Hendersonville, North Carolina. We thank Dana for her service while Ellen is away.

Please mark your calendars with upcoming dates:

Musical CAT Kids Program: Wed., August 14

Musical CAT Kids Fun Night: Wed., August 21

Reg. CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resume: Wed., August 28

Playdate: Legacy Park

Tuesday, August 6th
Meet at the park at 10:30 am
and bring a picnic lunch
for extended fellowship time.



This park has a small amount of play equipment but lots of grassy space for free play so bring balls, bubbles, jump ropes, etc. for some fun in the sun!

Girls' Basketball Camp

GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMP

For Senior High Second Pres. Girls

August 13-15, 2013

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Bring your own lunch.

If you have any questions please contact:

Margaret Atwood (275-2344) or
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benefits flowing through union with Christ by faith alone. Justification is a legal benefit of our union with Christ, granting us forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through faith alone (Rom. 3:23-26; Gal. 2:16). Sanctification is a Spiritual benefit* of our union with Christ, involving the believer's transformation into the holy likeness of Christ (Rom. 6:1-14; Eph. 4:20-24; Tit. 2:12).

* I capitalize Spiritual to emphasize that it is the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

2. Justification and Sanctification are distinct but simultaneous. Justification pertains to the legal problem of sin, providing Christ's imputed righteousness once for all (Rom. 3:23-25). A believer will never be more righteous than at the moment when he first believed, since he receives through faith Christ's perfect and complete righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21). Sanctification pertains to the spiritual and moral corruption of sin. It is both definitive and progressive. Definitive sanctification refers to the believer being set apart for and to Christ at the moment of conversion (1 Cor. 6:15-17). Progressive sanctification refers to the ongoing process of becoming holy according to the likeness of Christ (Eph. 4:21-24). At the moment of saving faith, the Christian is both justified and sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30), definitive sanctification immediately beginning the Spirit's work of progressive sanctification (Rom. 6:1-14).

3. Justification and Sanctification are both necessary and intrinsic to salvation. While Justification and Sanctification are distinct, they are also inseparable in salvation. A believer cannot be justified without being sanctified (Rom. 6:1-2; Eph. 2:8-10). Through faith alone, sinners are justified in Christ (Gal. 2:16). But as faith brings us into union with Christ, the Holy Spirit also begins and continues sanctification (1 Cor. 6:15-17; Eph. 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 4:1-8). In other words, while we deny that faith + works = justification, we insist that faith = justification + works (i.e. sanctification)(Eph. 2:8-10).

4. Justification is logically prior to progressive Sanctification. This is Calvin's meaning in describing the doctrine of justification as the hinge on which the door of salvation turns. By "logically prior," we mean, for instance, that we will usually address an unbeliever regarding his need for justification before we call him to sanctification. (Until the sinner is justified through faith, there is little point in discussing his or her sanctification.) The logical priority of justification is seen in the Book of Romans, where justification is treated first (Rom. 3-5), after which Paul turns to sanctification (Rom. 5-8). As another example, after the Fall God blocked the entryway to the Garden with the angel and his flaming sword. This represents the forensic/legal problem of sin for which justification through faith is the answer. Once passing through this barrier, the believer may eat of the tree of life and dwell in the presence of the Lord, which pertain to his sanctification.

5. Justification does not cause Sanctification. Sanctification, like Justification, is caused by union with Christ through faith (Rom. 6:1-14). Just

as Christ justifies, Christ also sanctifies his people (1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 3:12-17). For this reason, the idea that we need only preach justification in order to gain sanctification is contrary to the biblical pattern: Paul, for instance, does not preach justification so that sanctification will occur, but rather he preaches sanctification itself (Rom. 6:12-14; 12:1-2, etc.). Peter also declares "Be holy" (1 Pet. 1:15). This being the case, gospel preaching does not consist merely of preaching Christ for justification, but also consists of preaching Christ for sanctification.

6. In Justification faith is passive and receptive (Gal. 2:16), whereas in Sanctification faith is active (Eph. 5:3-21; Col. 3:5-11). In justification, sinners receive the grace of God for forgiveness and righteousness. In sanctification, believers work out the grace that God works into them (Phil. 2:12-13). Innumerable New Testament passages urge activity and obligation on the part of the believer in advancing his or her sanctification. Generally, sanctification is empowered by Christ through the faithful employment of the means of grace: God's Word, prayer, and the sacraments (Isa. 55:10-11; Jn. 17:17; Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Cor. 10:16-17).

7. The law of God functions differently with respect to Justification and Sanctification. In the service of Justification, the primary purpose of God's law is to convict us of sin (the law is Calvin's mirror that shows us that we need the cleansing soap of the gospel; Rom. 2:12; 3:23). This is called "the first use of the law." In Sanctification, the primary purpose of the law is instructive: it is the guide for how believers live and honor Christ (Mt. 65:17-48; Rom. 8:4; Eph. 5:3-5). This is "the third use of the law." (The "second use of the law" is as a curb to restrain ungodliness.) All of these uses of the law are legitimate and necessary.

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

PRAY FOR JR HIGH CAMP WEEK AT RIDGEHAVEN

Pray for our Jim McCarthy. He will be leading our SPC group at Ridgehaven this week. Remember him as he facilitates safety as our group travels, team dynamics and leads in spiritual exercises.

Pray for Ridgehaven. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) established the Ridge Haven Conference and Retreat Center in 1978 as a year-round ministry outreach to individuals, families, churches, PCA and other ministry organizations. Ridgehaven has been a home away from home for many Second Church people over the years.

Pray for the Spiritual Growth in our Young People including spiritual renewal (salvation, growth in grace, knowledge of the Lord Jesus) good team dynamics, willingness to serve others and new friendships made.

THANKS FROM CALVARY HOME

The Church Office received a nice note and took a call from Rev. Greg Skipper (Executive Director of Calvary Home for Children) wishing to express his thanks for our local Mission Team work at the Anderson facility. It was an extraordinary success. Greg was a ministerial intern at Second in the 1990's and an ordained PCA minister. Since 2009 he has led Calvary Home. The Mission of that particular ministry is simple and vast.

At any given time, there are approximately 1400 children in the Upstate's foster care system, 6,000 throughout South Carolina, and 500,000 nationally. There is always a critical shortage of places for these children to live. That's why the success of Calvary Home for Children is so vital to our community and to the children who need a home.

-The Editor



Thought for the Day

Developed by Paul Settle

SELF-DENIAL

If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's table, any person better than Christ, any indulgence better than the hope of heaven -- take alarm! ---- Thomas Guthrie.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he was looking to the reward (Hebrews 11:24-26).

But whatever gain I had, I counted a loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ.... (Philippians 3:7-16).

DARKNESS

Satan, the great adversary, directs all his energy to prevent men becoming the subject of that illumination of which the gospel, as the revelation of the glory of Christ, is the source.----Charles Hodge.

In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (II Corinthians 4:4).

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 28, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE MYSTERY OF BABYLON THE GREAT

Rev. 17:1-10

Hymns: 6, 598, 92

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

ONCE FOR ALL

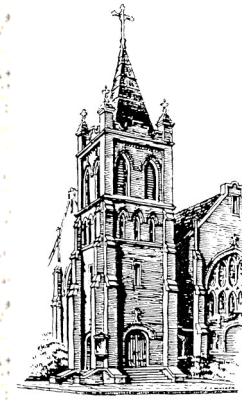
Hebrews 9:23-28

Hymns: 175, 293, 521

Psalter: Psalm 27 (verses 7-14)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Pastoral Letter

Seven Assertions Regarding Justification and Sanctification

There is an important discussion taking place within the church regarding the relationship of justification to sanctification. This topic is crucial to us getting the gospel right today while avoiding the deadly extremes of antinomianism (a lawless Christianity) and legalism (a works-oriented Christianity). In an attempt to give clarity to this topic, I would offer these seven assertions regarding justification and sanctification:

1. Justification and Sanctification are twin benefits that flow from union with Christ through faith.
2. Justification and Sanctification are distinct but simultaneous.
3. Justification and Sanctification are both necessary and intrinsic to salvation.
4. Justification is logically prior to progressive Sanctification.
5. Justification does not cause Sanctification, but Christ both justifies and sanctifies his people.
6. In Justification faith is passive and receptive (Gal. 2:16), whereas in Sanctification faith is active.
7. The law of God functions differently with respect to Justification and Sanctification.

Let me discuss each of these briefly:

(Note: My Scripture references are not meant to be exhaustive, but to point to the main line of biblical support.)

1. Justification and Sanctification are twin benefits that flow from union with Christ through faith. Christ is himself the center of the gospel, and through faith we are saved in union with him (Acts 16:31; Eph. 1:3). Justification and Sanctification are distinct