

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 4

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 Ice Cream Social

### Monday, August 5

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, August 6

10:30 AM Playdate: Legacy Park

### Wednesday, August 7

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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**

### Friday, August 9

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

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 97-99

*"You are my hiding place and my shield;  
 I hope in Your word. Depart from me, you evildoers,  
 for I will keep the commandments of my God!  
 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;  
 and do not let me be ashamed of my hope."*

## Upcoming Events

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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



## 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.

**Marion and Iris Dillard**  
 3504-319 Highway 153  
 Greenville, SC 29611  
 295-2220

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Holt and Katie Preston**  
**Gibson, Darby Anne, William**  
**Ken and Jo-Ellen Pujdak**  
**Victoria**  
**David and Jane Rainey**  
**Ben**

## Missionary of the Week

### LIAN AND CLARA TOMBING - INDIA

- Update on Vung Mary, 14 year old girl at Covenant Children's Home, who was in ICU for 7 days in critical condition: Mary has been discharged from Shija Hospital. We know that thousands of men and women, boys and girls all around the world were praying for Mary and that was the only hope we had, trusting that the Lord can do anything even to bring Mary back to health. If you would be interested in knowing more information about Mary, please visit our facebook sites at Lian Tombing and also at Mission North-east India.
- On the other hand, I am pretty busy with preaching and teaching the Adult Sunday School at Mualkoi Presbyterian Church; organizing Men's Gospel Retreat Camps; seminar for Women in the Church; and working with the orphans at Covenant Children's Home. Please pray for the Lord's guidance, health and to bear fruits with the ministries.

In His grace, Lian & Clara Tombing

**All Adult Summer SS Class**  
**Sunday, August 4, 10:00 am, sanctuary**  
**Melton L. Duncan**  
**"A Tender Conscience and a Watchful Heart"**

**Spirit of '45 Upstate 2013**

Travelers Rest is hosting "Spirit of '45" for the second year on the second Sunday of August. You are invited to participate in these very special times as follows:

- **Thursday, August 8, 10:00 am - noon:** RECORDED INTERVIEWS of anyone who remembers the ending of World War II, veterans and ordinary citizens. Reedy River Baptist Church, 871 N. Hwy. 25 Bypass, Travelers Rest, SC.
- **Sunday, August 11, 3:00 pm:** MAIN CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT OF '45 at Reedy River Baptist Church. Special exhibits of military vehicles and memorabilia begin at 2:00 pm.

Spirit of '45 is designed to honor and remember the heroes of World War II.

- Living World War II Veterans
- Deceased Veterans
- Ordinary Heroes, those who supported the war effort at home by working in manufacturing and agriculture, by personal sacrifices, and by buying war bonds.

Spirit of '45 also seeks to help our younger generations to become inspired by our Greatest Generation's accomplishments. Military pageantry, patriotic music, a special key note speaker, special guests and more will comprise this important event for our community.

In addition to the above events, A SPIRIT OF '45 SWING DANCE AND COSTUME CONTEST will take place on **Saturday, August 10, 7:30 pm** at the Travelers Rest Methodist Church Gym.

[www.facebook.com/spiritof45upstate](http://www.facebook.com/spiritof45upstate)

**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.

**Music Notes**

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

**WIC Precepts**

Attention Ladies: The Precepts Bible Study, on the book of James, will begin Thursday, September 20 at 9:30 am in the Conference Room. We will meet each Thursday, from 9:30-11:30 am for 15 weeks. Please notify Mary Russell by August 23 if you plan to attend these classes as books need to be ordered. Join us as we learn more about how to have "a faith that is real."

**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**

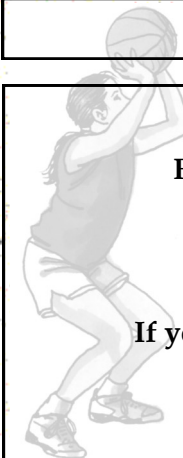
**August 13-15, 2013**

**10:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Bring your own lunch.**

**If you have any questions please contact:**

**Margaret Atwood (275-2344) or**  
**mrlatwood@gmail.com**



health; he takes care of many of his worldly affairs and wants as much as possible to help him with whatever problems he may be keeping private. When Frodo volunteers to go on a great quest Sam does not hesitate to volunteer himself along "to keep an eye on Frodo" because he's personally committed to Frodo though he has not the faintest clue what it will mean for him. Sam is motivated primarily by a sense of love.

Frodo on the other hand is keenly motivated by his sense of duty. When he discovers that a family heirloom is something much more than just an ordinary ring he volunteers out of a sense of obligation to take the ring to its place of origin and destroy it for the good of all. He famously concludes, "I will take the ring... though I do not know the way." For Frodo finishing the task that was laid before him was the motivation he needed to start the job.

Love and duty conjoined are both helpful and *biblical* motivations for Christian people to serve in the Church. One can't help but marvel at the number of people at the Second Presbyterian Church who use their God-given gifts to the benefit of others. It's a joy to work with many of you each week and see the ways you are sharing your gifts with others while you serve the Lord Jesus in this place. I am amazed at how much practical kindness and generous helpfulness that I see each day in the lives of our church family.

I know some feel that your gifts are limited. *They aren't!* You don't know where to plug in; you don't know how to connect. *That's OK.* The Lord *has known you* all the days of your life, he knows your motives, your desires, and he also knows that if you use your gifts, *you will be a blessing to someone else.* Your pastors would love to talk with you about this. Helping people "find a sense of place" is one of the most joyful conversations you can have with your pastor at church.

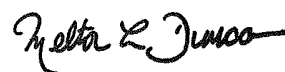
I recognize that for many our ability to share our talents is done out of a dutiful spirit and Christian work is often dutiful in its scope. We have been given an expression of God's love within us, it would be unwise and unhealthy to stifle our God-given gifts, whatever they are – to sing, to build, to hold, to listen, to teach, to visit. As our Minister of Congregational Care often exhorts us "don't withhold a blessing for others." I commend you to dutifully examine your own gifts and consider what you might be withholding that should be shared

with the Church. Duty is a helpful reminder that strengthens our Christ-wrought convictions. Christian duty is ultimately an expression of Christ's resolve and not ours. Throughout scripture we see many examples of redeemed people properly motivated by love, often time love producing a sense of duty and vice versa.

It's very interesting to discover in the very end of *The Lord of the Rings* as Frodo and Sam approach the apex of their great adventure something very interesting happens in their relationship. Their motivations have reversed; Frodo is now wholly dependent on Sam's newfound sense of duty to the quest and Sam likewise is strengthened by Frodo's renewed love for Sam. Sam has done his duty and becomes arguably the hero of the story through patiently and faithfully loving a friend in need. Frodo at the end of the story has been reduced almost entirely to his love for Sam. Frodo learned love by doing his duty.

As you serve Christ, I do hope every member of Second Church will share with others that expression of Christ within them. Whether you are "dutifully loving" or "loving dutifully" may God renew your motivation to finish what He has begun.

Your friend,



Church Administrator

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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

### PRAY FOR SR HIGH TRIP TO EDISTO ISLAND

**Pray for Seth Starkey.** He will be leading our SPC Senior High trip to Edisto Island. Remember him as he facilitates safety as our group travels, team dynamics and leads in spiritual exercises.

**Pray for the teaching.** John Duncan will be teaching on the "golden chain of salvation." Ask the Lord to give our young people an understanding of the "big truths" of God's work of redemption among His people.

**Pray for 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.

### PCA PRISON MINISTRIES

We enjoyed hearing yesterday from Mark Casson, PCA Prison Ministry Coordinator. Here is some more information:

*The actual work of prison ministry is done by people just like you. Instructors, those who correspond with prisoners, the mentors, and those who work with the prisoners as they reintegrate into the community – are mostly PCA members, offering this ministry as a service by primarily PCA churches. Metanoia provides a curricula, training and logistical coordination to assist churches in initiating and sustaining this ministry. Any adult Christian can serve as an instructor. We encourage people to become instructors and do the ministry as a family. Based on my personal experience in ministry with prisoners, I commend to you the ministry structure offered by (PCA Prison Ministry) Metanoia.*

[Pcamna.org/metanoia-ministries/](http://Pcamna.org/metanoia-ministries/)

-The Editor



## Thought for the Day

### The Golden Chain

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“Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified” (v. 30).

- Romans 8

After describing our struggle with the flesh after conversion (Rom. 7), Paul in Romans 8 talks about some of the benefits that result from our justification. This chapter is well-known for its description of life in the Spirit and its discussion of the *ordo salutis* — the order of salvation (vv. 28–30).

Although Paul does not deal with sanctification *per se*, he does include God’s work of conforming us to His Son in his golden chain (v. 29). Note also that our adoption as joint-heirs with the Savior (8:14–17) is the starting point for Paul’s initial foray into predestination and election in the *ordo salutis* (vv. 28–30) and his detailed presentation of these topics in chapters 9–11. We may try to look at election in a manner unconnected from practical realities, but Scripture locates this doctrine in the Father’s great love for His people, a love that moved Him to make us His children. Divine election is preached wrongly if it is not preached as a comfort to believers and as a call to reflect God’s glory. It grounds our hope in God’s working all things together for good for those who love Him (v. 28).

As Dr. R.C. Sproul tell us, all Christians believe in some form of predestination because Romans 8:28–30 and other passages (Mal. 1:2–3; Eph. 1:11–12) teach that God has chosen some people for salvation. The question is, upon what basis does He make His choice? Does the Lord “look down the corridors of time” and then choose those whom He knows in advance will respond to the gospel? Or, does He set His special, salvific love on some, a love that guarantees that they will trust Christ? Much could be said in response, but most important is the fact that divine foreknowledge as taught in Scripture has to do with the Father’s decision to set His affection upon His elect. God’s foreknowledge certainly includes His knowledge of how a person will act, but to be known by God (Gal. 4:9) means primarily to be loved by Him in a special way. We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19), and God’s particular love leads particular people to follow Jesus. A future decision of ours is not the basis upon which our Creator loves us. He loved us first, otherwise we would never love Him.

### The Second Presbyterian Church

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#### Return Service Requested

#### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

August 4, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

Revelation 17:7–18

Hymns: 38, 163, 43

Anthem: Lead Me, Lord

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### CHRISTIAN CONVICTION

Habakkuk 3

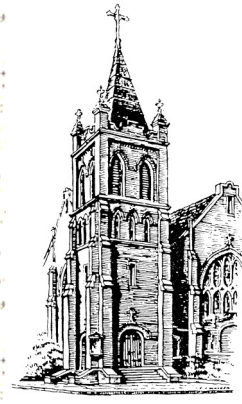
Hymns: 660, 670, 598

Psalter: Psalm 28

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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### The Second Presbyterian Church

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July 29, 2013

## Letter from the Church Administrator Love and Duty

I would like to tell you about two friends of mine (from English literature) named Frodo Baggins & Samwise Gamgee. These two unexpectedly accomplished great things together out of two completely different senses of motivation. I think they have something to teach us about why we volunteer.

Other than the Bible JRR Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* may be the most read book in the English language (though Harry Potter is challenging). As a child a special memory was listening to the works of Tolkien read aloud (and in some cases re-enacted) by my older brothers—something I now take great pleasure in doing with my own children. Many of you have a keen interest in Tolkien, his imaginary (and yet so seemingly real) world of Middle-Earth, his relationship with CS Lewis and involvement in Oxford’s famous literary discussion group “The Inklings.” Tolkien’s stories are not to be understood as explicit Christian allegory like Lewis’s world of Narnia, but throughout one will find redemptive metaphors and virtuous characters only understood by a fixed Christian world-view.

Now back to our two friends. Samwise & Frodo. “Sam” has worked for the Baggins family all of his life, as his father before him. He is a beloved employee, a neighbor, a frequent dinner companion, a confidante, and even an eager student of Frodo’s (especially anything to do with Elves). Sam, in the best possible human sense - loves Frodo. He worries about his