Church Calendar

Sunday, August 25	
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 (Installation of WIC Officers)
7:15 PM	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Wednesday, August 28	
6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
5:00 PM	CE Committee Meeting
5:45 PM	FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
6:15 PM	Administration Committee Meeting
6:45 PM	CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
6:45 PM	Youth Bible Study
6:45 PM	PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY
Friday, August 30	
12:00 PM	Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 162-165

"I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure.

I hate and abhor lying, but I love Your law.

Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble."

Upcoming Events

Aug. 22	WIC Annual Meeting
Aug. 25	WIC Installation of Officers
Aug. 25	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
Aug. 28	CE Committee Meeting
Aug. 28	Administration Committee Meeting
Aug. 28	Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resume
Sept. 1	Rally Day
Sept. 1	Deacon Nominations begin
Sept. 1	Wee Worship Choir resumes
Sept. 1	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Sept. 2	Church Office Closed
Sept. 4	WIC Council
Sept. 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Sept. 8	Membership Class begins
Sept. 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Sept. 10-11	WIC Circles
Sept. 11	Missions' Committee Meeting
Sept. 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Sept. 15	Deacon nominations end
Sept. 16	Young At Heart resumes
Sept. 17	WIC Bible Study resumes
Sept. 18	Evangelism Explosion Banquet
Sept. 18	Called Session Meeting
Sept. 19	WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
Sept. 22	Deacon Training begins
Sept. 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Sept. 25	CE Committee Meeting

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Calvary Pres WIC Fall Retreat October 11-12, 2013

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.

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.

Tindell and Myra Russell Jacob

Walter and Marcia Russell Faith Ann, Ethan, and Seth Matthew Russell

Missionary of the Week

TIM UDOUJ RUF-FURMAN UNIVERSITY

PRAY FOR:

- Pray for our two new interns, Mallory Brooks and Tanner Crum, as they adjust to life in Greenville, Pray that they would make connections with freshmen quickly and easily. Also please pray that their funding would surpass their expectations so that they might concentrate on their new work.
- Pray for more male leadership in our ministry. Furman is roughly 60% female and we need more guys to rise to the task of taking ownership of the ministry.
- Pray for our Leadership Retreat in late August. This is a time for us to bond as a group and get our hearts ready for the coming semester.
- Pray for the first 6 weeks of the fall semester. They
 move at a blistering pace. Pray that we would effectively reach new students, and plug them into our
 ministry.

All Adult Summer SS Class Sunday, August 25, 10:00 am, sanctuary Paul Settle "The Work of Christ and the Power of the Spirit"

Deacon Nominations

Deacon nominations will begin on Sunday, September 1 and end on Sunday, September 15. Please be in prayer for godly men called by God to serve as an officer of the church. Watch for more information on dates, procedures and a list of eligible men in upcoming Heralds.



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



Fellowship Hall Closed

The Fellowship Hall will be closed Monday, August 26 through Thursday, August 29 for re-painting. If you have a scheduled meeting during those dates please make arrangements to meet in another room. Thank You.



Basketball Sign-ups



Church League Basketball signups for the 2013-2014 season are now open through the month of August.

Signups will be done through our church website at spegreenville.org. On the Home page is a link for Basketball information that will take you to an online form to register for basketball and pay the fees. <u>Please sign up early to help us with planning!</u> Games will begin in November and run through February. Contact Kevin Worley or Joseph Maralit for more information.

Good News Clubs

Volunteers are needed to continue our ministry to local elementary school children. Good News Clubs will begin the week of September 16th. If you are available on Tuesday or Friday afternoons from 2-4 pm, please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you serve Him as we teach and encourage the children. Volunteers are needed to teach, to shepherd the children weekly (sit with them during club, encourage, listen to verses, be a friend), provide snacks, and pray. You will be trained to do any job you are willing to try. Contact Cyndi Player (963-8633) to volunteer or for more information.

Chapel Sunday School Class

Dr. Jim McGoldrick will be teaching the Chapel Sunday School Class beginning September 8th. The subject of the study will be "Law-Abiding Christians." Using the ten Commandments as a framework, this series will emphasize the role of God's law in Christian living.

SPC Ministries Resume

YOUNG AT HEART

Monday, September 16, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall Cost of catered luncheon is \$7.00 payable at the door.

WIC BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 17, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall Studying the Book of Deuteronomy. Nursery will be provided.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the countless ways you have blessed my mother (Judy Phibbs) during her many years at Second Church. Your cards, calls, and visits during her hospitalization in her final days were especially precious to her. We deeply appreciate your many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy and love to us when she passed away on August 6. It has been a special blessing to us that her church family is also our church family. Thank you again.

In His Love, The Rainey family

WIC Annual Meeting



All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. Thursday, August 22, 2013 Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM

Agenda:
Election of Officers
Recognition of New Members
Refreshments will be served.

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

Installation of Officers: August 25 at the evening service.

WIC Precepts

Attention Ladies: The Precepts Bible Study, on the book of James, will begin Thursday, September 19 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."

Membership Class begins Sept. 8th 9:45 am in Classroom C-209.

or perhaps a new employment opportunity with endless potential. Whatever the "thing" is, I would challenge us to start asking this question about it. How will the goals, dreams, visions, desires, and aspirations we undertake this fall make us better prepared for an eternity in heaven where we are surrounded by the reality of our Union with Christ, adoption as children, and the unchanging and ever blessed love of the Father? You see, this really and truly is the most important question we can ask and answer in the Christian life and I am convinced that fall is just the time to do it.

"The Preacher" concludes the book of Ecclesiastes in this way. "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13) Will we embrace this as our delightful duty this fall? The glorious thing of it is this basic teaching embraces all of life. It isn't speaking simply of our posture on Sunday and Wednesday. It isn't confined to how we interact with other believers. Rather, it tells us that wherever we live, learn, work, and play the fear of God and the keeping of His commandments goes with us. I hope we can marvel together at how comforting a thing it is to know that God cares very much about what we do for worship, work, leisure, and everything in between. It should stop us in our tracks that the transcendent God who is the Sovereign over the entire cosmos cares enough about His people to be involved in every aspect of our lives. This is the biblical God. It is a distinctive trait of Christianity compared to other world religions. Our God has specifically told us what He requires of us and has made provision for us through Christ because we failed to meet that requirement. Christ and He alone will give us the strength this fall to make our grindstone centered on the fear of God and obedience to His law. It is an undertaking greater than our abilities and loftier than our ambitions. Yet, it is an undertaking that will leave us with a greater understanding of love, grace, atonement, salvation, calling, and God. We will be amazed afresh at the patience He has with us and the steadfast love He pours out on us. We will be committed with a new zeal to being those who find our greatest passion and fulfillment in our lives being lived out in the center of His will.

Beloved, be an ambitious people this fall. Be a people who undertake new endeavors that will challenge you and stretch you like never before. Be a people who are spent and being spent on the calling God has placed on your life. But above all, be a people who find your joy and delight in fearing God and keeping His commandments. It's not a burdensome thing. It's not a legalistic thing. Rather, it IS the means God has placed in your life to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. It IS how you come to understand grace better and believe in it more. It IS what will cause you to be salt and light in a world that so desperately longs for someone to show and tell them the purpose of this life. It IS a grand picture of biblical Christianity that will draw the people of God together at Second Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2013. I'm on board. Are you?

Peace be to the brethren,

Pastor Starkey

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.
For God will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

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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

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSED

A reminder that the Fellowship Hall will be out of use next week (Aug 26th-Aug 29th) for renovations and improvement. Please help us by keeping out of this part of the church during these days.

LOST AND FOUND

If you have left some items at the church please check the lost and found-located in the hallway behind the gym. There will be a summer purge /giveaway of all items at the end of the month.

NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being part of church's "wee school" for 2 and 3 year old Sunday school class for the fall will you please contact Mel Duncan. mduncan@spcgreenville.org

REGISTER FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL

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SOCIAL MEDIA

A reminder to *Visit*, *Share*, *Like*, *Favorite* and *Use* SPC Social Media.



Thought for the Day

As we are under the covenant of grace, we are secured against departing from the living God by the sure declaration of the covenant. ---- Charles Spurgeon

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. I will be their God (Genesis 17:7-8).

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (Hebrews 8:10).

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater that all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one (John 10:27-30).

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21).

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MORNING WORSHIP

Richard D. Phillips preachi

EVENING WORSHIP

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Letter from the Assistant Minister Is It Really That Time of Year Again?

How many of us have asked this question as hot August evenings have given way to a breeze familiar to all of us? A breeze that signifies fall is here. Football is here. Oh, and yes, school is here. As the years roll by, the faster they roll. I remember as a child thinking that the next birthday and Christmas would never get here. Now, my general sentiment is "didn't we just celebrate that last week?" We all know the calendar year begins on January 1. In church life, however, fall is the new beginning. It is when we try new things, retire old things, and rejoice together that God has brought us to the beginning yet again. It is also time for us as Christians to make the most of a return to a sense of normalcy and routine. Sometimes I think we underestimate how much the first 18 years of life shape a people and a culture. Though some of us have been out of school for 60+ years, we still have it built in our DNA that summer is the time of year to put the cruise control on and fall is when we instinctually return to the grindstone, as it were.

So let me ask us another question. What grindstone will we return to this fall? Or let me phrase it this way. What are we going to give our passion, commitment, and energy to in the fall of 2013? There are many attractive offers out there. For students it could be the new sport, debate team, challenging subject, or difficult teacher. For parents (grandparents/ aunts/uncles) it could be the freedom of an empty house, a series of books that have been on the backburner for months,