

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, October 27

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**

9:45 AM Membership Class

9:50 AM Children's Chapel

10:00 AM Diaconate Training Class

10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**

3:00 PM Called Session Meeting

4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

7:15 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

### Tuesday, October 29

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

4:00 PM Midget Girls' Basketball practice

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

### Wednesday, October 30

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

6:15 PM Covenant Choir

6:20 PM Youth Choir

6:30 PM Administration Committee Meeting

6:45 PM **REFORMATION PARTY**

6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**

7:00 PM Diaconate Training Class

8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Thursday, October 31

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Friday, November 1

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

### Saturday, November 2

10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 24	Calvary Presbytery at Bailey Manor
Oct. 24	Jessamines
Oct. 25	Jr. High Fellowship
Oct. 25	Sr. High Fellowship
Oct. 27	REFORMATION SUNDAY
Oct. 27	Called Session Meeting
Oct. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Oct. 30	Administration Committee Meeting
Oct. 30	REFORMATION PARTY
Nov. 3	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 3	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 3	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Nov. 4	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 6	WIC Council
Nov. 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 9	Basketball games begin
Nov. 10	New Members' Reception and Luncheon
Nov. 10	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 10	Missionary Speaker-Evening Service
Nov. 11	Session Meeting
Nov. 12-13	WIC Circles
Nov. 13	Missions' Committee Meeting
Nov. 16	WIC Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Guest
Nov. 17	The Lord's supper at the morning services
Nov. 18	Young At Heart
Nov. 20	Administration Committee Meeting
Nov. 22	Jr. High Fellowship
Nov. 22	Sr. High Fellowship
Nov. 24	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Supper and Service
Nov. 28-29	Church Office Closed

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 134

*Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth! (ESV)*

## 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.

**Sara Cater**  
11 Colgate Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29617  
246-3292

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Mark and Christy Strickland**  
**Alex and Mack**  
**Gregg and Laura Styles**  
**Sam**  
**Kitty Swillen**  
**Sarah and Maggie Billingsley**

## Missionary of the Week

**Guillermo and Jennie Salinas**  
**Mexico**

### Please Pray:

- Wisdom in preparation for HMA
- Safety in travel to and in the States.
- Protection and growth in grace for Sarah Grace and Mandie Beth who will stay in Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa.
- Plans and provisions for the new church plant in Lazaro Cardenas, Michoacan.
- Encouragement for the puppet/drama team to remain faithful in service to Him.
- Provisions for Sarah Grace and the home for children as she works to raise support for her part as promoter for this ministry.

### Meals for New Moms

If you would like to take a meal to Devin and Claresa Smith after the birth of Madison Leia, please go to the web site "takethameal.com" to sign up. The login is Smith and the password is 1892.

### Christian Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Jenny Spears and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ann Harmon Christopher on October 20, 2013. The funeral will be at 11 am on Wednesday at First Methodist Church of Moultrie, GA followed by interment at Cobb Memorial Garden. We rejoice in the home going of Mrs. Christopher and pray for the family during this time of grief.

**Guillermo and Jennie Salinas, support missionaries in Mexico will be our guest speakers Wednesday night, October 23rd.**

### Pack a Shoe Box

#### Operation Christmas Child "The Power of A Simple Gift"

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located on the shelf outside the church library. Bring to church office by Nov. 17.

### Jessamines

#### Attention:

**All 5th through 8th grade girls and their moms!**

Our first Jessamines meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24th from 7:00-8:00 pm at the home of Sharon Phillips. Please bring your favorite "Fall" dessert to share. Marcia Russell will be teaching on "Hiding God's Word in Your Heart." Please email Cindy Crunk with any questions: cgcrunk08@gmail.com.

### Nursery Ministry Opportunities

Something new is happening in the SPC Nursery! **We are now taking Volunteers to work the Nursery Desk as a Greeter.** If you have 10-15 minutes before any service or Sunday School, we would love to have you come help parents and visitors check in their children. You would only work once every 6 weeks (or less depending on how many volunteers we have). This schedule would begin November 3, 2013. Please contact Myra Russell at 294-7540 or [mytirussell@att.net](mailto:mytirussell@att.net) if you are interested in serving the Covenant Children at SPC in this way. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Nursery Desk. We are also looking for several people who could work in the Nursery during WIC Bible Studies, WIC Circles and Special Events when needed. This is great for a stay-at-home mom, college student or even a mature homeschooled high school junior/senior who has a flexible schedule. If you are interested, please contact Myra Russell for more information.

### Senior High Fellowship

The Sr. High Fellowship Night will be held at the McCarthy's on Friday, Oct. 25th from 6:15-9:15pm. Come join in on the fun! 6 Propst Ct. Greenville SC 29609. Call or email Jim with any questions: (904) 651-9923 or [jimmccarthy85@gmail.com](mailto:jimmccarthy85@gmail.com)

### Junior High Fellowship

The Jr. High Fellowship Night will be held at the home of John & Cindy Duncan on Friday, Oct. 25th from 6:00-9:00pm.  
Come join in on the fun!  
10 Black Knob Court, Greenville, SC 29609 (235-69070)

### New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,  
**Sunday, November 10, 2013**  
Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.  
**Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.**  
**Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.**



**REFORMATION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 27, 2013**



**REFORMATION PARTY  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2013**

*We need booths, prizes, and candy.  
If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Seth (ext. 25).  
If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,  
please mark and leave in the gym.*

### Gingerbread House Contest

This year's Gingerbread House Contest will be Wednesday, December 11th. There will be a tutorial available again this year on December 4th immediately following the Wednesday night service. The tutorial will help anyone making a house for the first time, or perhaps just wanting new creative tips. If you would like to enter or just have questions please see Jessica LaBombard.

**Volunteers needed:** decorating the gym, painting projects, signing in contestants, and judges with some baking experience. Please Let Jessica know if you can help.

### Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred and twentieth Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 24th at Bailey Manor, Clinton SC, beginning at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for this meeting and for the Commissioners that will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

### "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"

In 1741, at the birth of the 1st Great Awakening, Jonathan Edwards preached a sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." R. C. Sproul says "It was the greatest sermon ever preached on American soil." Come to Coffee Underground this Saturday at 7pm and see our own Bob Shearer as he poses as Jonathan Edwards and recreates this timely message. There is no admission charge.

*Some good words on church hospitality towards visitors adapted from Reformation21.org*

1. Approach people, welcome them, don't wait for them to come to you.
2. Show new people to their seats. If you're worried about it ask them, 'Would you like me to show you to your seat?'
3. If you can, sit them next to someone who will talk to them and turn to them after the service.
4. There are people in every church who are great at giving up their seats and making room for others. Get in the habit of being *inconvenienced* for others. This will be a great help particularly with latecomers who are often visitors.
5. Pay attention to older visitors and people with special needs.
6. Ask folks if they need a lift somewhere after the service.
7. Some people want to practice hospitality each Sunday, let your elders know if you would be open to sharing a meal with visitors.
8. Realize that greeting doesn't end with the call to worship. Look out for outsiders after the service and aim to speak with them.
9. Try and speak with new families and get the minister or an elder to welcome and explain to families what happens in our church service.

In the second generation of the Reformation, King James (of King James Bible fame) sought to reestablish his bishops over the Kirk. He famously declared, "No bishop, no king," meaning that he could only rule Scotland if he controlled the church. Andrew Melville famously replied to him: "There are two kings and two kingdoms in Scotland; there is King James, the head of the commonwealth, and there is Christ Jesus, the King of the Church, whose subject James the Sixth is." It was from this central issue that the Scottish Reformers gained their rally cry: For Christ's Crown and Covenant! For his part, King James offered back-handed praise to the Kirk, complaining, "Presbytery agreeth as well with monarchy as God with the devil."

As the Scottish Reformation reached a third generation, the battle lines were clearly drawn. The king and his bishops asserted the right of the state to govern the church, arguing that an independent church was a threat to civil order. The Presbyterians replied that the church is an institution of Christ's kingdom and that King Jesus must rule his church through elders who taught and obeyed the Bible.

In 1613, Alexander Henderson was installed by his bishop as pastor of the Kirk at Leuchars. The people welcomed him by nailing shut the doors of the church, so that he would have to enter through the windows like the thieves of Jesus' parable in John 10:1. It was in an empty and locked church that the unregenerate pastor was installed. The next year, however, Henderson was present to hear the Presbyterian firebrand preacher, Robert Bruce, preach a sermon from John 10:1, when he accused the royalist pastors of usurping Christ's rule over His flock. The Holy Spirit pierced Henderson's heart so that he repented and believed on Jesus for the first time. The result was immediate scorn from the royal authorities but the embrace of his people, to whom Henderson repented and to whom he now began preaching the Bible.

For the next twenty years, Henderson pastored his flock and gained a reputation for courage and integrity among the Presbyterians. When, in 1625, King Charles I required obedience to standards that required all churches to practice unbiblical rituals (such as venerating saints and kneeling before idols), Henderson was one of the leading pastors who refused to obey. In the 1630's King Charles and his notorious archbishop Laud sought to wipe out the Reformation and impose ritualistic Roman Catholic worship throughout the land. The people of the Kirk rose up in rebellion and Alexander Henderson stepped forth to lead them. He publicly refused to use the unbiblical forms of prayers or allow the rituals in his congregation. Threatened with imprisonment, he filed a claim pointing out the legal requirement for the General Assembly to approve any changes to worship. Emboldened by Henderson's stand, the Kirk stood together against the king, leading to a public stand-off. King Charles convicted Henderson of treason and threatening to invade Scotland with an English army to impose his control over the church. Henderson responded by drafting the famous National Covenant, a document by which all ranks in Scotland agreed to stand as one for the gospel a true Kirk.

The National Covenant was first brought forth in the old Church of the Greyfriars in Edinburgh. After a time of fasting, Henderson and three others appeared in the church with the document. Raising his hands, he called upon God to secure the gospel and the church in Scotland. The Covenant was read and immense numbers of Scots came forth to affix their names. Nobles and barons came forth to stand for Christ. With them came the common people to affix their names in history. For days afterward, the people came in multitudes to stand for Christ's crown and covenant, and when the National Covenant was taken to each of the other cities of the realm the scene was repeated.

In the years to come, many struggles would ensue and great volumes of blood would be shed by the Scottish Presbyterians for their faith in Christ. But seldom has a greater uprising for the gospel been seen than when Alexander Henderson first refused to betray Christ, second, offered himself to be persecuted for Christ, and, third, challenged a whole nation to do likewise. Henderson's spirit and example are worth remembering today, as more and more Christians conform to the demands of the world and bow to official opposition to Christ and His gospel. Henderson's example reminds us that we may have to pay a great price in terms of worldly loss if we are to stand up for the gospel. But he also shows us that God will grant the power of His Spirit to those who refuse to yield the claims of Christ as King of His Church and Lord over the spirits of all men. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday this year, may God grant a renewal of courageous faith, so that we may possess a spirit of bold zeal for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor 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



## Thought For the Day

### GOOD THEOLOGY ONLINE

The Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals launched a new website this week [placefortruth.org](http://placefortruth.org).

Place for Truth provides thoughtful yet accessible articles ranging over biblical theology, systematic theology, church history, and practical theology emphasizing the continual need for the church to maintain the gains of the Protestant Reformation.

Enjoy regular articles, essays and soon videos contributed by Dr. Phillips on the "For Christ" blog part of **Place For Truth** which is the new online home for the Alliance.

For Christ

*In my view, there is a crying need for a true Christ-centeredness today. We may have great passion for many important subjects, including evangelism and church growth, Christian child-raising, Bible translation, or Reformed worship. But unless these passions are responding to Jesus and are directed to him in living worship, they run the risk of being, as Paul put it, noisy gongs or clanging cymbals. The kind of Reformed faith we so greatly need to see today is one that exhibits a joyful passion for Jesus, is fervently committed to serving the advance of his saving grace in the gospel, and in all things is directed toward glorifying God the Father through His wonderful Son.*

-Richard Phillips

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

October 27, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### REIGNING WITH CHRIST

Revelation 20:4-6

Hymns: 92, 347, 542

Anthem: Hallelujah, Amen

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### CHRIST ALONE

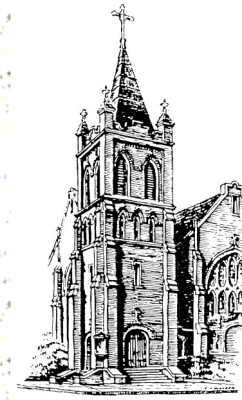
Romans 5:12-21

Hymns: 1, 94, 499

Psalter: Psalm 35 (verses 19-28)

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### Letter from the Senior Minister Alexander Henderson and the Scottish National Covenant

Christians today tend to remember only the most well-known figures of the Reformation, such as Martin Luther and John Calvin. But as the restoration of the gospel and true worship spread from country to country in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, dramatic and inspiring events took place over several generations involving a wide number of heroic Christians. I strongly recommend the reading of Reformation history and the many biographies that chronicle these amazing events.

The struggle over the gospel was especially dramatic in Scotland during the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and the whole of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Few peoples ever showed such determination to possess true religion, against such bitter and violent persecution, as the Scots. In fact, the Scottish Reformation exerted a great deal of influence over our own history and even on the life of our corner of South Carolina, as many of the persecuted Scots fled to America, establishing strong churches mostly in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Carolinas. Our own region is considered a bastion of Presbyterian and Reformed Christianity because of the many Scots who came to our region in pursuit of religious freedom. Many of our church members descend from these stalwart Christians, including your senior pastor, whose Scottish forebears immigrated to North Carolina in the late 1600's.

In the first generation of the Scottish Reformation, John Knox led the Kirk (the Scottish church) to rebel Mary Queen of Scots' rule over the church. In their famous interview, Mary accused Knox of sedition against the Scottish throne and Knox accused the Queen of sedition against God's throne. During the late 1500's, the Scottish Kirk gained a measure of independence from the crown and organized itself on biblical principles, led by Spirit-called elders who obeyed the Bible (this is known as Presbyterianism).