

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 3

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training Class  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 4:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Christmas Music Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Called Session Meeting  
 5:15 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir  
 7:15 PM **CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 A-J Side Dishes \* K-Z Main Course  
*Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink.*

### Monday, November 4

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, November 5

**Church Office Closed**  
**No Church Activities (9am-5pm)**

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

### Wednesday, November 6

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 4:30 PM I-Mites Basketball practice  
 5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir  
 6:20 PM Youth Choir  
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids  
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**  
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Thursday, November 7

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Friday, November 8

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

### Saturday, November 9

**Basketball games begin**

We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. Call the church office at 232-7621, ext 10 or email: jgrant@spcgreenville.org.

## Upcoming Events

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. 5 Church Office Closed  
 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 Speakers-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 Informal Congregational Meeting-pm service  
 Nov. 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee  
 Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Supper and Service  
 Nov. 28-29 Church Office Closed

## Mark Your Calendars!

⇒ WIC Wreath-making Dec. 3  
 ⇒ "Music of JS Bach" Dec. 8  
 ⇒ Gingerbread House Contest Dec. 11  
 ⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program Dec. 18

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 136: 1-3

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the LORD of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever. (ESV)*

## 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.

**Billy and Cassie Therrell**  
**Robert, Callie, Caroline, Charlotte, Duncan**  
**Jerry and Cheryl Traynham**  
**Pat Tyner**

## Missionary of the Week

**Christ Church Presbyterian**  
**Charleston Church Plant**

### Please Pray:

- Pray for the weekly proclamation of the Word of God. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would convert, illumine, convict, teach, rebuke, correct, exhort, comfort, encourage, and gloriously transform lives.
- Pray for God's blessing upon our weekly men's Bible Study on the book of Acts— spiritual growth, knowledge, fellowship, accountability, etc.
- Pray for outreach to and discipleship for Charleston area students, particularly for the influx of MUSC students that have been recently attending Christ Church. A MUSC small group Bible is being formed.
- Pray for the Staff of Christ Church. Pray for wisdom as future leaders are identified, trained, and ordained.
- Pray for financial stability and growth.
- Pray for a warm evangelistic zeal to fill the hearts of our people. Pray for unity and growth in grace.
- Pray for God's blessing upon the membership classes and for a smooth transition to our new meeting location on November 3rd.



### Showering with Love

WIC  
cordially invites you to a  
Bridal Shower  
for  
**Elizabeth Guest**  
Saturday, November 16, 2013  
10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Fellowship Hall



### 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 for a contest packet.

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

### Music Notes

#### New Adult Choir Rehearsal Times:

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 4:00 pm Sundays

Christmas Music Rehearsal: 5:00 pm Sundays

If anyone would like to join the adult choir for the Christmas music (December 8th-Music of JS Bach) we need all voice parts. Join us this Sunday for rehearsal.

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**On Nov. 5th there will be no activities in the church building from 9am to 5pm because of utility work in West End.**

### 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.

### 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.

### International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

30 Days of Prayer for November is designed to encourage prayer for the work of the gospel and the growth of the Church, especially in restricted-access countries and among unreached people groups. Brochures have been placed on the shelf outside the library as a guide for your prayer time. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is November 3, 2013. Join us at 5:15 pm in the Chapel as we join millions of people around the world who will be "Hearing their Cry" and praying for the Persecuted Church.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 3rd  
Don't forget to turn your clocks back  
1 hour Saturday Night.**



**REFORMATION PARTY  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2013**



### 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.**

### Young At Heart

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 18th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.00 per person payable at the door. Ramona White will be our speaker this month sharing with us excerpts from her book of Bobbie Houser's memories. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

### Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

**Wednesday,  
November 27**

**Dinner :  
5:45 PM - Gym  
Service:  
7:00 PM - Sanctuary**



**GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

November 8-10 the PCA will hold its annual Global Missions Conference at the TD Center in Greenville. Come hear and meet missionaries, students, musicians, pastors, artists, Christian leaders, business people, youth, doctors, teachers, and missionary organizations. Ravi Zacharias will also be speaking. Brochures are available throughout the church, and more information is online at [mtw.org/GMC](http://mtw.org/GMC).

**PRESBYTERY NEWS**

At the fall meeting of Calvary Presbytery, **Jim McCarthy** was "licensed" to preach after being examined in the area of English Bible, Theology, Book of Church Order and preaching a trial sermon. **Scott Cook** was received "under care" of presbytery joining **Rob Gustafson** as official "candidates" for ministry. Along with **Jeff Windt** (a student at RTS Charlotte) these are the Second Church men pursuing ordained ministry. Pray for them and their families as they seek calls, opportunities for preaching, teaching, ministry, service and the Lord's will in their lives.

**SPECIAL MISSIONARY SPEAKERS**

On November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm the Missions Committee will facilitate a special time to meet and hear from SPC Missionaries **Bill Carr** and longtime friend of the church **Mark Mailloux**. Make plans to come a little early on Sunday night to connect with our missions partners and their families.

**NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ELLEN SHEARER**

Ellen Shearer has accepted a position as Organist with Taylors First Baptist Church. Ellen and her husband Bob felt that the Lord was leading them to this new position. Our church has been greatly blessed by her music and Christian witness at the church. We will miss her and Bob. Her last Sunday at SPC will be November 3rd.

any longer" (Rev. 20:3), in the way that he did prior to Christ's coming. The binding spoken of in Revelation 20:1-3 is the only explanation for the phenomenal spread of the gospel to every land on earth, lands which previously were held under the utter domination of the Devil.

In my view, the Postmillennial view errs in failing to note that the descriptions of the millennium apply to the entire church age. Moreover, this view fails to account for the final rebellion and the coming of the Antichrist (see 2 Thess. 2:3-12). Furthermore, it envisions Christ returning after the church has triumphed (by His grace, of course), while the Bible plainly teaches that the church will be in desperate danger during a final tribulation that would destroy us unless Jesus returns for our salvation (see Mt. 24:21-36; 2 Thess. 1:7-10).

There are, of course, masses of additional material that come into this debate. I think that the above arguments are sufficient, however, to compel us to the Amillennial position (although I still respect faithful believers who disagree!). While the other views can accommodate some portions of Scripture, only the Amillennial view accommodates the teaching of all of Scripture.

Why does this matter so much? Let me conclude with my concern that only the Amillennial view centers the church on the present work of the gospel. This is not to say that Premillennial or Postmillennial Christians do not care about spreading the gospel! But the Premillennial view tends to lead Christians to dismiss the world in the present, since Christ will reign on earth after he returns. The Postmillennial view tends to lead Christians toward the spread of Christian culture and Christian politics (both of which are good things). To put it differently, Premillennialism overemphasizes the present power of Satan and Postmillennialism underemphasizes the present problem of sin. The Amillennial view does not expect political, military, or cultural power to conquer the world, but does expect the gospel to have power to save the entirety of Christ's elect. This, in my view, is the greatest argument for the Amillennial understanding of history, namely, that it centers the church on the Great Commission that Jesus gave before he departed:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:18-20).

To this we add our fervent prayer, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"  
(Rev. 22:20)

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips



**Amillennialism:** This view is formally post-millennial, since it teaches that Jesus returns after the thousand years. The name means "no millennium," which is a way of saying that the thousand years is not literal, but symbolizes the entire church age. The Amillennial view emphasizes the spread of the gospel to all nations, yet expects history to end with a brief spiritual rebellion in the coming of the Antichrist. Christ returns not to receive His kingdom from the church but to save the church from annihilation in the great tribulation.

In my sermons on Revelation 20, I have tried to emphasize that faithful Christians can disagree on these matters, and in fact we do. In order to avoid controversy, many Christians refuse to delve into the matter at all. Some jokingly state that they hold the Pan-Millennial view: they are trusting God that it will all pan out at the end! I think, however, that we can do better. The Bible is not inherently confusing on this or any other matter. As I hope has been made clear in my sermons, I strongly believe that the Amillennial view is the correct understanding of Scripture. Let me outline my reasons for this belief:

The Amillennial view does not force a false "literalism" onto passages that are blatantly symbolic. This is especially true when handling Revelation, which uses pictures to symbolize historical reality. To insist that these pictures must be taken in a literal sense is simply to force a misreading of the text. Premillennialism largely relies on a literalism that can never be consistently applied. In many cases, "literal interpretation" involves forcing alien views onto the text of Scripture. (An example is the Dispensational teaching that the "last trumpet" of 1 Cor. 15:52 is not really the last trumpet – all because of a supposedly literal reading of the text!).

Symbolic visions should always be interpreted in the light of plain statements that are made elsewhere in the Bible. This principle plays a major role in the millennial debate, since plain doctrinal statements elsewhere rule out a thousand year gap between the return of Jesus and the final judgment. I have cited, for instance, Jesus' statement that "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne" (Mt. 25:31ff; see also 2 Thess. 1:7-10). Likewise, the New Testament plainly insists that the physical resurrection of the dead is a single event involving the entire human race, believing and unbelieving (John 5:28-29; Mt. 25:32-46). If the symbolic portions of Scripture are to be interpreted by the plain doctrinal portions of Scripture, then the Premillennial view of Revelation 20:1-10 is ruled out.

The Amillennial teaching that Revelation 20:1-3 speaks of Satan being bound during the present gospel age is completely in line with what the New Testament teaches elsewhere. In passages like Matthew 12:29, Luke 10:18, John 12:31, and Colossians 2:15, to name a few, Jesus teaches that his first coming has overthrown the reign of Satan. This does not mean that Satan is completely restricted from performing evil (the New Testament clearly warns against his present attacks) but shows that he is bound "so that he might not deceive the nations

## Thought For the Day

### John Wesley's Rules for Singing (1761)

1. **Sing all.** See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.
2. **Sing lustily,** and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of it being heard, then when you sing the songs of Satan.
3. **Sing modestly.** Do not bawl, as to be heard above, or distinct from, the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
4. **Sing in time.** Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before, not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
5. Above all, **sing spiritually.** Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

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Return Service Requested

#### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY November 3, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

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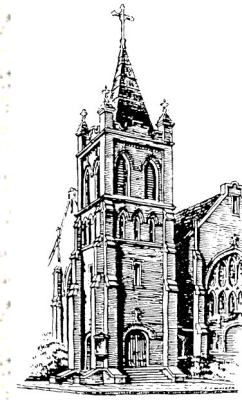
Revelation 20:7-10  
Hymns: 699, 369, 668  
Anthem: Salvation Is Created  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### FAITH PLEASES GOD

Hebrews 11:5-6  
Hymns: 32, 705, 528  
Psalter: Psalm 36 (verses 1-6a)  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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### Letter from the Senior Minister Views of the Millennium

"He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years" (Rev. 20:2).

Our recent sermons in Revelation have dealt with the thousand years spoken of in Revelation 20:1-10. I have mentioned different views regarding the millennium and would like to recap that information here.

The three major millennial views are as these:

Premillennialism: This view holds that the thousand years is a literal period of time that occurs after the return of Christ (hence Christ's return is pre-millennial) and takes place on earth. There are two kinds of Premillennialism: Historic and Dispensational. In general, the Historic Premillennial view holds that the church will reign with Christ on earth for a thousand years after Jesus returns. Dispensationalism argues that the church departs from earth in a secret rapture prior to Jesus' return. They argue that during the millennium, Jesus sets up a restored Davidic kingdom at Jerusalem, with a rebuilt temple, and ethnic Israel reigns with the Messiah over the nations for a thousand years until the final rebellion and the final judgment.

Postmillennialism: This view holds that the thousand years is a symbolic period of time that occurs before the return of Christ (hence Christ's return is post-millennial). Post-Millennialism sees the kingdom of Christ triumphing in this present age so that all other religions are driven out and the church rules through God's Word. The millennium is this golden age towards the end of church history, after which Jesus returns to receive His kingdom. Because this view focuses on the overthrow of unbelieving world structures, the Post-millennial view will often focus on the spread of Christian culture and the role that Christianity plays in politics.