

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 24

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Christmas Music 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

Monday, November 25

6:00 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball game at home
 8:00 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball game at home

Tuesday, November 26

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 4:00 PM Midget Girls' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **THANKSGIVING DINNER & PROGRAM**
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice



Happy Thanksgiving from the Church Staff

Thursday, November 28

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed
 (No Men's Fellowship Lunch)

Saturday, November 30

9:30 AM WIC Decorating Church for Christmas

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 138: 4

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

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
 Dec. 1 Congregational Informational Meeting to discuss 2014 Budget
 Dec. 1 Churchwide Fellowship Supper
 Dec. 2 Diaconate Meeting
 Dec. 3 WIC Wreath-making
 Dec. 4 WIC Council
 Dec. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Dec. 4 Gingerbread House Contest Tutorial
 Dec. 7 Christmas Music rehearsal/choir party
 Dec. 8 Called Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support 2014 Budget
 Dec. 8 Music of JS Bach at evening service
 Dec. 9 Session Meeting
 Dec. 10-11 WIC Circles Christmas parties
 Dec. 11 Missions' Committee Meeting
 Dec. 11 Gingerbread House Contest
 Dec. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Dec. 16 Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 18 Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program
 Dec. 20 Sr. High Christmas Party
 Dec. 20 College & Career 20's & 30's Christmas Party
 Dec. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Dec. 23 Youth Christmas Caroling
 Dec. 24 Lessons & Carols
 Dec. 24-27 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 25 No Wednesday evening activities
 Dec. 29 Christmas Hymn Sing
 Dec. 31 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 31-Jan. 4 Church Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing

December Calendar

Please call the church office this coming week if you have a December date for the calendar. We encourage Sunday School classes and other church groups to be sure and let us know the date if you are planning a Christmas party.

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.

Roy and Edna Heath
 17 Green Hill Drive
 Simpsonville, SC 29681
 963-5824

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jeremy and Emily Weaver
Tucker and Colin
Bill and Pat Wheeler
Gail Whigham

Missionary of the Week

Scott and Ruth Hill
MTW Cherokee Ministries

- Pray for the relationships that are being formed.
- Pray that God will give the Hills opportunities to share their faith and to show forth Christ in all that they do and say.
- Pray that God will draw the people they minister to unto himself.
- Pray that God will provide individuals and churches who would desire to partner with the Hills both in prayer support and monthly financial support so they can reach 100% of their financial need. (They are a little over 50% right now.)

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

Wednesday,
November 27

Dinner :

5:45 PM - Gym

Service:

7:00 PM - Sanctuary



WIC Decorating Day

The WIC ladies will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30th at 9:30 am until. All ladies in the church are asked to please come help beautify the church for this Christmas season. If you have any questions, please give Pat Shuford a call (244-0615).

**Church Office will be closed
November 28th and 29th.**

Congregational Meetings

- The Session has called an Informational Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 1, immediately following the evening worship service. David Rainey, Church Treasurer will present the 2014 budget.
- The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 10:00 am to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2014 budget.

**The Ordination/Installation of New Deacons
will be Sunday, Jan. 5,
at the evening service followed by a
Reception in the Church Gymnasium.**

Gym Closed

**The church gym will be closed
Dec. 31st - Jan. 4th
The Property Committee is having the
floor refinished.**

Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in "Operation Christmas Child" by packing a shoebox. Second Pres. sent a little over 50 shoeboxes this year. Please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving these gifts, that each child would experience God's unconditional love and provision. Thanks to Pat Tyner for coordinating this effort.



Gingerbread House Contest



Wednesday, December 11, 5:45 pm

Categories: Difficulty, Most Creative and Theme

Age Groups:

(3-7 yrs. old) (8-12 yrs. old) (13-17 yrs. old) (18 yrs.-adult)

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each age group.

Each contestant will need a Gingerbread Packet which will include rules, recipes and other instructions.

See Jessica LaBombard for packets.

There will be a tutorial presented on Wednesday, Dec. 4th immediately following the evening worship service.

The tutorial will help anyone making a house for the first time, or perhaps just wanting new creative tips.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a white Poinsettia for \$10.00. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 12th. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. (Please do not put in the offering plate.)

I would like to purchase _____ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: _____

In honor of:

In memory of:

Given by:

(Name) _____ Telephone # _____

WIC Wreath-Making Party



WIC invites women and girls of all ages to our Annual Wreath-Making Party on Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 PM, in the church gymnasium. An evening of fellowship and fun will be had by all as we make Christmas wreaths. Please bring a simple dessert (cookies, etc.) to add to our festive party. The cost is \$10.00 per person for wreath and supplies. Cost is \$5.00 if you bring your own PVC wreath from a previous wreath-making party. **Please sign up** on the church bulletin boards or in your Sunday School Class. Also, bring enough greenery/berries, etc. to fill your wreath and share with others. Also, please bring your own clippers/gloves. If you have any questions please call Leslie Martin at 271-2022.

Perry Correctional Worship

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 6 pm, Second Church will be leading a Christmas worship service at Perry Correctional. We will also be handing out a hygiene bag to 250 inmates from the dorm we are sponsoring. We need volunteers to help with the distribution and to sing in a small choir. If you would like to attend, please call Bill Watkins at 304-4737. The prison must run a background check, so even if you are simply contemplating attending, please get your name to Bill Watkins so he can get the paperwork in asap.

Church Directory

The directory is being updated with our new members for the website. If you have any changes to your information listed on the website please contact the church office this week so it can be included in this update. You may call the church office at 232-7621, ext. 10 or email to jgrant@spcgreenville.org.

I have two reasons for continuing to use words like these. The first reason is that they are *not* too hard for people to understand. Ours is a generation of people who know multiple passwords and a plethora of technical lingo pertaining to computers, televisions, and other appliances. If you know what a gigabyte is, you can know what the atonement is! It is simply not true that ours is a generation that cannot understand technical language – what matters is that we care enough about the subject to learn the terminology.

My second reason is the ideas behind these words are vital to the Christian faith and message. When words die, the ideas linked to them die – and we must not let the ideas expressed by the Bible’s words die to us. So we must use these words. We must know what they mean. And we must build our faith upon the truths of these and other words, which express the doctrines taught to us in the Bible. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be a student of the Bible. Jesus said that if we follow Him, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (Jn. 8:32).

So let me encourage you to be a motivated student of theology. People are often frightened by the word *theology*, but all it means is “teaching about God.” Jesus said, “This is eternal life: that they might know you, the true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn. 17:3). To be sure, Jesus meant more than head knowledge, but he did not mean less than that. To know God we need to know the truth about God. You do not have to be a professional theologian, and I would not recommend most academic theological books to most believers. But we are blessed today with a great wealth of devotional theological books and articles, and it will make a real difference to your life if you will read some of them. Moreover, you should be a keen learner as the Word of God is preached in the church. I consider it my duty to make plain the doctrines of the Bible, and as we preach through books of God’s Word, your understanding of theology should be growing. We are particularly

blessed to have an excellent church library, so you can grow in your knowledge of God’s Word without paying any money. All it will cost you is time and energy, but you will be richly repaid through the increasing knowledge of God.

Let me recommend a few books especially to any who may have scored poorly on the quiz above. J. I. Packer, one of the most gifted theologians of our times, has recently published *18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know*. I would also recommend *Cross Words*, by Paul Helm, and *Basic Christianity*, by John Stott.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Men’s Fellowship Lunch

The Men’s Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship
has been cancelled for
Friday, November 29th
and
Friday, December 27th

CHURCH INFORMATION

The West End Herald Editor: RE Melton L. Duncan, Sr.

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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

CHRIST CHURCH CHARLESTON NEWS

This past Sunday in the Holy City our daughter church (Christ Church) received 70 people into membership! Pray for Pastor Jon Payne and ministerial intern Ross Hodges. The church has transitioned to a new meeting space in Mount Pleasant and Lord willing will be “particularized” within the next year. Visit them online ChristChurchCharleston.org

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Laurens Academy, a K-12 Christian school in Clinton, SC still has an immediate need for a Spanish teacher. Currently the need is for a teacher who can work five mornings a week (two class periods). The pay is \$220 a week (\$22 per teaching hour). They need someone to finish off this semester (5 weeks) and then again for next semester. As to next semester they might be able to cut back to three days a week with slightly longer class periods. Call Todd Kirk at 864-833.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN ARTWORK

This past summer renowned artist Susan Wilhoit painted a picture of SPC Greenville as a part of a series on historic PCA churches. It is currently being exhibited in the library. If you are interested in purchasing this the Church Administrator can provide information to you. Additionally last week the church was given some large painted panels (3 in all) by a local artist which shows the inside of the sanctuary. These also will be exhibited in the Library. Free, first come first serve.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Can you serve in one of these ways at Second Presbyterian Church?

Nursery Greeters

Children Chapel Piano Player

Children’s Church Ministry Helper/Coordinator

Nursery Sunday School Substitute

Ushers

Wednesday Night Cleanup Crew

Youth Events, host a fourth Friday program

If so, Contact the Church Administrator **864.232.7621 ext. 14**



-The Editor

Thought For the Day

Psalm 1 says that when a believer devotes himself to Scripture, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers" (Ps. 1:3^L). Here is a picture of growth, strength, and spiritual competency. Yet it would be utterly wrong to say that this means such a person has become self-reliant at the expense of Christ-reliance. Rather, Christ-reliance will have the effect of strengthening his disciples so that, as Paul put in 2 Timothy 3:17^L, "the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

Richard Phillips,

Thank God that Christians are not Totally Depraved

Our sanctification of "growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ" while utterly dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of the Gospel is fully embraced and actively pursued by those who have been truly saved by that Gospel of free grace. Our progress in sanctification never makes us more justified than we are right now or more loved than we are right now but our sanctification does justify our claim to faith as James apply states in his Epistle and our sanctification bears witness to ourselves and others that the same grace that alone saves us is also a transforming grace that will not leave the true believe alone in his sin but compels and enables him to be an intentional Christ-follower.

Harry Reeder,

Insights on the Contemporary Grace Movement and Issues

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 24, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

ALL THINGS NEW

Revelation 21:5-8

Hymns: 100, (8:30-700; 11:00-131), 342

Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

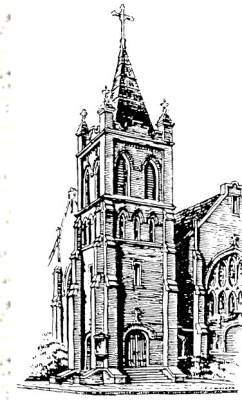
LOOKING FORWARD

Hebrews 11:8-10

Hymns: 34, 580, 358

Psalter: Psalm 37 (verses 10-19)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Bible Words

Here's a chance for a little self-quiz. Can you tell the meaning of the following words?

Justification
Atonement
Covenant
Faith
Incarnation

Sanctification
Propitiation
Mediator
Holiness
Trinity

Regeneration
Redemption
Sin
Election
Inspiration

How did you do? Just as important, does it matter how you did? The answer is Yes! These are all either words taken straight from the Bible, or in a few cases, vital theological terms describing Bible truths. Some will object, "All that matters is that I love Jesus!" Okay, but loving Jesus means studying His book. And what does it mean to love Jesus, if we don't really know who He is and what He did?

As a preacher, I work hard to use simple and direct language. It is not my goal in the pulpit to expose the broad range of my vocabulary. But I am unashamed to insist on using Bible words like the ones above. Occasionally, someone will tell me that I should use such "technical" terminology. Many, if not most, preachers have abandoned the use of most of these and other biblical terms. I think this is a terrible mistake and one that is producing a weak faith among believers today.