

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 15

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**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, December 16

11:45 AM Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
 6:00 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball game at home
 8:00 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball game at 1st Pres.

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER**
 (Special Farewell to the Starkeys)
 7:00 PM **CHRISTMAS YOUTH PROGRAM**
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, December 19

7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 7:00 PM Jessamines' Christmas Party

Friday, December 20

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
 6:00 PM College & Career 20s/30s Christmas party
 6:30 PM Sr. High Christmas Party

Saturday, December 21

8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball game at Finlay
 9:30 AM Midget Girls' Basketball game at ARP
 9:30 AM Jr. High Boys' Basketball game at ARBC
 2:00 PM Senior Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

Dec. 11 Missions' Committee Meeting
 Dec. 11 Gingerbread House Contest
 Dec. 13 Jr. High Christmas Party
 Dec. 13 ACTS SS Class Christmas Party
 Dec. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Dec. 16 Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 18 Family Night Christmas Dinner and Youth Program
 Dec. 19 Jessamines Christmas Party
 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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Isaiah 9:6-7

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
 Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end, on the throne of David and over
 his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and
 with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (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.

Bobbie Houser
 2 Hoke Smith Blvd. Room 203
 Greenville, SC 29615
 234-9583

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Marian Wood
Ken and Kelly Woodard
Rhys, Cammie Grace, Iain
Kevin and Cindy Worley
Mitchell, Bryan, Deanna

Missionary of the Week

SPC MISSIONS

- **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION:**
 Pray for the team as they visit.
 Pray the Lord will prepare the hearts of the people they visit.
- **GOOD NEWS CLUBS:**
 (Augusta Circle Elementary & Kroc Center)
 Pray for the leaders, teachers and volunteers.
 Pray for the children to be receptive to receive the Good News.
- **OUR SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:**
 Pray for safety, provisions, and fruitfulness.
 Pray for those that are away from their families during the Christmas season.

Young At Heart

DECEMBER 16, 2013 @ 11:45 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our Christmas luncheon will be extra special! We will have a delicious luncheon for \$8.00 per person payable at the door. After the luncheon we will go to the sanctuary for a musical concert given by David and Julianne Diehl who have operatic trained voices. What a way to go into the Christmas season!

*Family Night Christmas Dinner
and Program
Wednesday, December 18 @ 5:45
Church Gym*

Jessamines' Christmas Party

Jessamine girls and moms are invited to the home of Sarah Grubbs on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7 pm. We will celebrate the amazing gift of God's son as we sing Christmas carols, turn our hearts to Mary's song of praise in God's Word, share delicious desserts, and craft ornaments for our beloved shut ins. Please bring a favorite Christmas cookie and dessert to share. If you play a musical instrument (mom or daughter), bring it along to play during our Christmas carol singing. Kindly RSVP to Sharon Phillips at 864-569-8765. Merry Christmas!

Sunday School Christmas Parties

- ⇒ ACTS CLASS: Dec. 13th, 6:30 pm at the Spears'
- ⇒ JR. HIGH: Dec. 13th @ 6:30 pm at Joe/Leslie Martins'
- ⇒ COLLEGE & CAREER: Dec. 20th @ 6:00 pm at the home of Rob and Beth Gustafson
- ⇒ SR. HIGH: Dec. 20th @ 6:30 pm at the McCarthys'

Rivertree Concert @ Second Friday, December 20th @ 7:30 pm

A free concert of sacred and secular Christmas Music

Congregational Meeting Report

- The following men were elected at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8th, by the congregation for the office of Deacon: Timothy Johnson, Tony Stephens, Jerry Traynhan, Kirby Kee, Louis LaBombard
- The 2014 budget was received and supported at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2013.

The Ordination/Installation of New Deacons will be Sunday, Jan. 5, at the evening service.

2014 Offering Envelopes

The 2014 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2013 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Joyce Smith who went home to be with the Lord on December 6, 2013. We are thankful for the life and service of Joy and pray for the family during this time of grief.

Christmas Poinsettias Deadline Dec. 12

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

In honor of:

In memory of:

Given by:
(Name) _____ Telephone # _____

*Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 24, 2013*

6:00 pm

*We will marvel with the heavenly host
as we hear the good news of our Savior's birth
retold in Scripture and song.*

**Christmas Hymn Sing
Sunday, December 29, 2013
immediately following the pm service.**

December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:
Wednesday, December 25th
Wednesday, January 1st
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:
December 24-27
- ⇒ The Men's Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship will not meet on Friday, December 27th.
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of December 30th.
- ⇒ The church gym will be closed Dec. 31st-Jan 4th

MR. AND MRS. JON ANDREW GUEST
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

HELEN ELIZABETH

TO

MR. SAMUEL ALLEN MARTIN



FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
SECOND PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

My prayer for you all is that you will continue to grow in your understanding of the great truths of God's Word recovered in the Reformation and faithfully proclaimed today. Would justification, sanctification, adoption, and glorification be words that are clear in your minds and alive in your hearts. Would the joy you have flowing from your union with Christ and intimacy with Him through the Holy Spirit set you ablaze with loving affection for Him that cannot be quenched until you see him face to face. Don't forget us as the days of separation go by. We will certainly remember you.

Peace be to the brethren,

Pastor Starkey

FARE THEE WELL STARKEYS

On the evening of Sunday, Dec. 15, TE Seth Starkey will preach his last time as a member of the ministerial staff. Also, Wednesday, Dec. 18, the youth and children will participate in the family Christmas Program. This will likely include some things done in honor of Seth, Laura Lee, Sam and Baby Stark-eye. Make plans to be there for both of these special occasions.

2013 PCA Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering

RBI's Ministry of Relief has been providing financial assistance and encouragement to retired PCA pastors, missionaries, church servants and their families for 38 years. The predominant assistance we provide is to widows of PCA Teaching Elders. Without this financial assistance they struggle to afford the basic needs of life. In fact, many would live in near poverty without the assistance we provide. The annual Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering is the principle source of funding to meet the needs of these widows and other PCA church servants. *We need your help more than ever.* According to the recent PCA Retirement Readiness Survey conducted by RBI, the number of retiring PCA pastors will triple over the next 25 years. Since 82% of wives outlive their husbands by an average of 11 to 14 years, a large portion of those pastors retiring will leave widows who will outlive their retirement accounts resulting in incomes at or below the poverty level. Over the next 25 years, the number of families needing Ministerial Relief will quadruple.

This Lord's Day there will be an insert and an offering envelope in your bulletin. We encourage you to participate in this important ministry and ask you to please remember to pray for our widows and retired and disabled pastors in need.

Reading Through the Bible

As the New Year approaches it is a good time to consider reading through the entire Bible. There are a number of ways to do this. I have a friend who starts with Genesis, and continues book by book through the entire Bible. There is nothing wrong with that approach, but one may become discouraged finding themselves in the Old Testament for 3/4 of the year. There are a number of guides available, some of which are in the appendix of some copies of the Scriptures.

A Bible reading plan which has been used by some in Second Church is available for 2014. It is a plan which schedules about the same amount of reading for each day of the week, while leaving Sundays as a day to "catch-up", if needed. It also plans the readings book by book, but moves from an Old Testament book to a New Testament book, then back to the O.T. for a balanced approach. Copies of this plan are available outside the library window. They are on gold paper for 2014.

Reading through the entire Bible is a good practice for all of us. Some read through the Bible every year to help them in their walk with the Lord. We encourage this practice whatever plan you choose.

At the Corner of River and Rhett

PRISON MINISTRY REPORT

On December 5, 2013, Second Church provided a Christmas program for 250 men at Perry Correctional. Members of the church distributed a bag containing needed hygiene items, sandwiches and chips, and wished every man a Merry Christmas. Pat Shuford led a choir of 15 church volunteers. One inmate even joined Miss Pat in leading the singing of "Joy to the World." Kevin Worley read the Christmas Story from Luke's Gospel. Kirby Kee taught a lesson on Proverbs 18:10: "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe." Kirby explained how we can only be righteous through trust in Christ and thus be blessed by the safety of the strong tower that is our God. Rev. Seth Starkey composed a letter from Second Church that was given to each inmate. This letter clearly set forth the Gospel of Christ. A Christian inmate, after reading the letter, told our group that "this was exactly what the men needed to hear." In sum, it was a blessed evening.

DIACONATE LEADERSHIP

We congratulate Tim Johnson, Kirby Kee, Louis LaBombard, Tony Stephens, and Jerry Traynham on being elected deacons (Class of 2017) at Sunday's congregational meeting. Officers and Committee Chairman for next year:

Dr. Kevin Mobley, Chairman
Mark Baxa, Vice Chairman (will become Chairman in 2015)
Kevin Worley, Secretary
Jeremy Weaver, Treasurer

Material Property, Jimmy Looper
Sports & Fellowship, Kip Altman
Sympathy & Service, Mike Carey
Ushering, Joel Barnett

TOUCH NOT THE DOORS

The Deacons are making arrangements to re-paint select doors (especially stairwell) throughout the church. We are asking **from this point hence** please do not tape, staple or append items to the surface of doors in the church. Any reminder communication messages throughout the church is coordinated by the Administrator.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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



-The Editor

**Some Local Church History
by Dr. Barry Waugh**

**Friendship Presbyterian Church
Laurens, South Carolina**

The Friendship Church is the ninth oldest P.C.A. congregation in the state. It was organized in 1820 in an area of the state settled mostly by Irish immigrants and their descendants. The first minister to supply its pulpit was the Rev. Eleazer Kirkpatrick who served from 1823 into 1826.

A son of the congregation and the first minister to remain at the church more than a few years was Samuel B. Lewers. He had been a member of Friendship and served on the session, but was then ordained as the pastor of his home church, 1832-1844.

The next minister, William McWhorter, was born in Oconee County in 1811. He attended Jefferson College in Pennsylvania for one year, but completed his college studies at the University of Georgia. After studying divinity privately, he was licensed and ordained by South Carolina Presbytery. He served Friendship Church, 1843-1851. For the remainder of his life he supplied several churches in the area.

After the pastorate of William McWhorter, Friendship was faced with finding another minister. Country churches often had difficulty finding and paying a full-time minister, so their pulpits were filled by stated and occasional supply preachers. One supply minister in the 1850s was Zelotes L. Holmes, who taught at the time in the Laurens Female College. Zelotes' son, N. J. Holmes, would later serve Second Church, Greenville, as its first minister. Dr. Edward Buist supplied Friendship in 1860 during his presidency of Laurens Female College; he would later serve the Washington Street Church in Greenville (First Presbyterian).

In 1920, Friendship celebrated its centennial. Services were led by Rev. Robert Walker, D.D., of Lewisburg, Tennessee. Included in the festivities were two picnics attended by members, local friends, and members that had moved away. The membership at that time totaled one hundred and sixteen, which was the church's largest congregation to date.

In 2010, the Friendship congregation enjoyed the one-hundred-ninetieth anniversary of its organization. On Sunday, Sept. 26, over 170 people gathered for the celebration that included special activities, a worship service led by the pastor, Dr. Robert Cathcart, Jr., and a sumptuous meal in the fellowship hall. The congregation is anticipating the Lord's blessings for many more years of worship, fellowship, and ministry.

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

December 15, 2013

**MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM**

MEASURING THE ETERNAL CITY

Revelation 21:15-21

Hymns: 199, 198, 539

Anthem: Angels Carol

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM**

AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF JESUS

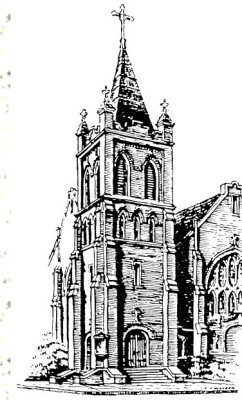
John 1:14-16

Hymns: 221, 162, 420

Psalter: Psalm 37 (29-40, 1)

Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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Letter from the Assistant Minister

Dear Friends,

Goodbye is a hard word to unpack. As Christians we are supposed to welcome change but as a fallen man and more importantly as a Southerner I am another of those adverse to change. I still have clear memories of the earliest days of my time here at Second and I will forever take with me the memories of my last days as well. So much can be said about the 4 ½ years I have been with you all. We have certainly experienced the wide range of emotions and experiences present in this life. There have been tears of sadness and tears of joy. Unexpected goodbyes and long awaited arrivals. Through it all we continue to proclaim with a unified voice that our God is good and He is faithful. As we continue to live in the schoolhouse of divine providence known as life in a fallen world, our longing for that eternal rest promised each of us grows larger each day.

Beloved, you have shown the Starkey family how "to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." The heritage of this grand ole Southern Presbyterian Church is a great one and one to be celebrated, remembered, and carefully passed on to all who join her family. Be thankful for the warm, loving, and faithful people God has gifted you with. The Bobbie Housers, Pat Holbrooks, and Stuart Pattersons of this world are an exceptional gift from our Father. As I think of these names (and so many others!) my mind takes me directly to Hebrews 11:16, "Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God..." We will miss you and we are forever indebted to you for the lessons you have taught us in patience and love.