

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 22

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  
 7:15 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

### Monday, December 23

6:00 PM Youth Caroling

### Tuesday, December 24

**Church Office Closed**

6:00 PM Lessons and Carols

### Wednesday, December 25

**Church Office Closed**

**No Wednesday evening activities**



### Thursday, December 26

**Church Office Closed**

### Friday, December 27

**Church Office Closed**

7:00 PM Wedding of Elizabeth Guest & Sam Martin

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 18 Family Night Christmas Dinner  
 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  
 Jan. 1 Church Office Closed  
 Jan. 1 No Wednesday evening activities  
 Jan. 5 Ordination/Installation of Deacons  
 Jan. 5 Fellowship Supper/Reception of Deacons  
 Jan. 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 8 Missions' Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting  
 Jan. 14-15 WIC Circles  
 Jan. 15 Administration Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services  
 Jan. 20 Young At Heart  
 Jan. 22 CE Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 24 Jr. High Fellowship  
 Jan. 24 Sr. High Fellowship  
 Jan. 25 Calvary Presbytery  
 Jan. 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Matthew 1:20-23

*Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (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.

**New Address**

**Dot Gwinn**  
 National Health Care, Room 231  
 850 E. Butler Road  
 Greenville, SC 29607  
 679-5406

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Lloyd Wright**  
**Fred and Doris Youngblood**  
**Dale and Ginny Zeigler**

## 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.

*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**

⇒ 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*

### **Youth Caroling**

Please join our Senior High on December 23rd as they visit beloved shut-ins of Second Pres. with gifts and Christmas carols. We will be meeting at the church and leaving promptly at 6:00 pm. We still need drivers! Please contact Jim (1-904-651-9923) if you have any questions or want to volunteer as a driver.

### **Nursery Workers Needed**

We need volunteers to work in the nursery for the next schedule. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Nursery Desk. We need workers/monitors for all time slots—8:30 Worship, Sunday School, 11:00 Worship and 6:00 pm Worship. Please prayerfully consider giving a little of your time to the precious covenant children at Second.

### **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.

### **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. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause please mark your check PCA Relief Offering and put it in the offering plate.

*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

Kevin DeYoung, *Crazy Busy* (Crossway, 2013). Here is outstanding applied Reformed theology; tackling the issue of the destructive business of our lives. Not a guilt trip or a fix-er-upper, but a book to give fresh biblical perspective to a problem many of us face.

Phil Ryken, *Loving the Way Jesus Loves* (Crossway, 2012). An insightful and energizing study of the biblical depiction of love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Here's a gift we might give to others by reading it ourselves.

Peter Jones, *One or Two: Seeing a World of Difference* (Main Entry, 2010). I know of no more insightful and penetrating scholar on the neo paganism taking over our society than Peter Jones. This book has had a significant effect on me. Those looking for something a bit shorter (very short, in fact) might consider Jones' devastating booklet, *Gospel Truths and Pagan Lies*.

John Bunyan, *The Jerusalem Sinner Saved* (Banner of Truth, 1691). I have to throw in at least one Puritan book. This short gem on evangelism and gospel security is one of the most edifying short Puritan works I have ever read.

Let me encourage you all to make a habit of not only reading the Bible but also reading nourishing Christian books. Few endeavors will reward you so richly, and therefore a good Christian book is one of the best presents we can give or receive.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips



## Save The Date

### 2014 MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET  
February 14, 2014

WIC DAY OF PRAYER  
February 15, 2014

CAJAMARCA, PERU MISSION TRIP  
June 6-13, 2014

MISSION TRIP TO MTW CHEROKEE  
June 7-14, 2014

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS  
June 17-20, 2014

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ SECOND  
June 23-27, 2014

SENIOR HIGH TRIP TO EDISTO ISLAND, SC  
July 7-12, 2014

MISSION TRIP TO CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN  
IN ANDERSON, SC  
July 14-18, 2014

JUNIOR HIGH TRIP TO RIDGE HAVEN  
July 21-25, 2014

*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!*  
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### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

### DEACON ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Will be on January 6, 2014 at the evening service. A reception will be held in conjunction with the January Fellowship Supper afterwards in the gymnasium.

### GYM FLOORS

A reminder that the Gym will be closed from Dec 30<sup>th</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup>. During this week **please do not enter the building through the gym doors**. A reminder that off hour use of the gym is coordinated by the deacons through the church office. During basketball season times are limited.

### RIVERTREE SINGERS

Continues this Greenville tradition with its 4th annual Rivertree Christmas! This season's concert is filled with warmth and good cheer, featuring traditional and popular favorites from Away in a Manger to White Christmas. Performances are at 7:30pm on two separate evenings: Thursday, December 19 at Daniel Chapel on the campus of Furman University and **Friday, December 20 here at Second Presbyterian Church**. Both concerts are free and open to the public!

### TOUCH NOT THE DOORS

**One More Time in case you missed it.** The Deacons have repainted 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. A reminder communication messages throughout the church is coordinated by the Administrator.

### NEW ADDRESS FOR STARKEYS

Seth, Laura Lee and Sam Starkey  
1134 Lyncrest Ave.  
Jackson, MS 39202

If you are interested in learning more about Seth's ministry with Belhaven College visit online **BelhavenRUF.org** and Seth is now tweeting @BelhavenRUF



REFORMED  
UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP



-The Editor

## GRATITUDE FOR SPC PEOPLE

On any given Sunday you will find 75 Second Church people volunteering to make ministry happen at the corner of River and Rhett. This happens 3 times on Sunday - 52 weeks a year. We are able to accomplish a great deal each Sunday because individuals sacrifice their time for the benefit of others: Choir, Counters, Greeters, Nursery, Teachers, and Ushers. If you factor in that the commitment continues throughout the week as more ministry events take place almost daily, it's nothing short of miraculous. Your generous use of your time and talent for the benefit of others is a wonderful expression of your love for the Savior. I would like to express my gratitude to all our ministry groups and make special mention of the following.

### FOOD & HOSPITALITY TEAM

SPC Greenville likes to eat! Our Mid-Week Family supper program regularly feeds 175 people almost every Wed. night of the year. In addition to this we have a marvelous group who facilitates smaller meals for Men's Ministry, Young at Heart and other programs an additional 50 times a year. Altogether we have over 100 programs a year with food & hospitality component. We are so thankful for Kitty Swillen, Jim and Judy Bishop, Lynn and Ben Shaw and their assistants who provide delicious food around vital ministry. We also appreciate our Hostess Pat Shuford for making banquets and receptions so special.

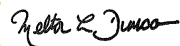
### MEDIA TEAM

This past year has seen tremendous growth with outreach through media. Our 3 HD digital cameras, new soundroom updates and partnership with SermonAudio have allowed our worship services to be accessible anywhere in the world. SPCGreenville.org continues to be the online front porch of the church, and the church has an active social media presence. Nate Johnson has for some years been coordinating our media endeavors in addition to providing IT services and general assistance to facility issues. We are so grateful for Nate and all the media committee and team for making everything work smoothly.

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Our Sanctuary is over 110 years old. Since 1909 when the congregation moved to our current location we have built and connected several structures that knit together our church family and ministry. Each building has its own challenges to maintain. The deacons have not just maintained the facility in 2013 but have invested heavily in improving it. Individual members of the Material Property committee have given hundreds of hours to the church this year and the congregation has been well served by the leadership of Ed Butler. I don't think the facility and campus has been as good as it is now in my lifetime.

I could mention another dozen ministry groups in the church and not have even started telling the story of people who have volunteered for the Lord in 2013. **Will you get involved in 2014?**



Church Administrator

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY  
December 22, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

TO US A CHILD  
Isaiah 9:1-7

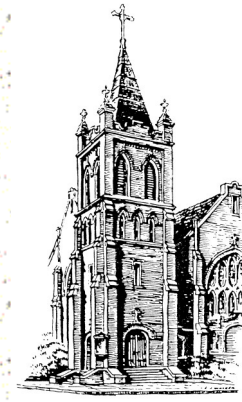
Hymns: 203, 214, 196  
Anthem: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

FAITH IN THE PROMISE

Hebrews 11:11-12  
Hymns: 217, 218, 215  
Psalter: Psalm 38 (1-10)  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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## Letter from the Senior Minister Stocking Stuffer Books

For those of you who are still shopping for Christmas, let me make some Christian book suggestions that will really bless your loved ones. I will try to select books that literally will fit into a stocking as well as emphasizing books that have recently been published. Here are my suggestions:

John Piper, *Five Points: Toward a Deeper Experience of God's Grace* (Christian Focus, 2013). Piper is such a great writer that he has many books that are real treasures. Seeing that he has applied his gifts to the saving doctrines of the Reformed faith brought me a lot of Christmas cheer.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *The Gospel in Genesis* (Crossway, 2009). Anything that gets you reading Martyn Lloyd-Jones is a wonderful thing. This is a recent book from older sermons. Tremendous messages on connecting Genesis to the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Rosaria Butterfield, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert* (Crown & Covenant, 2012). I mentioned Rosaria in a sermon recently, due to her conversion from a feminist, lesbian professor to a Reformed Christian. It is both informative and uplifting, and provides a good lens on the gospel at work in our times.