

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th grade & under)**  
 10:00 AM **Called Congregational Meeting**  
 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  
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, January 13

**Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting**  
 6:00 PM Supper  
 7:00 PM Meeting  
 6:00 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball game at home  
 7:00 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball game at 1st Pres.

### Tuesday, January 14

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 4:00 PM Midget Girls' B'ball practice  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

### Wednesday, January 15

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 4:30 PM I-Mites B'ball practice  
 5:30 PM Missions' Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting  
 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 WIC Circle 6  
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**  
 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball practice

### Thursday, January 16

9:30 AM WIC Precepts  
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' B'ball practice

### Friday, January 17

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

### Saturday, January 18

8:30 AM I-Mites B'ball game at W. Pres. I  
 9:30 AM Midget Girls' B'ball game at Christ Church  
 10:30 AM Jr. High Boys' B'ball game at AYMC  
 2:30 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball practice

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 12 Called Congregational Meeting (10am)  
 Jan. 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting  
 Jan. 14-15 WIC Circles  
 Jan. 15 Missions' Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 15 Administration Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 16 WIC Precepts Bible Study resumes  
 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

## Mark Your Calendars

### 2014 MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

February 2 Membership Class begins  
 February 14 Annual Valentine Banquet  
 June 6-13 Mission Trip to Peru  
 June 7-14 Mission Trip-MTW Cherokee  
 June 17-20 General Assembly—Houston, TX  
 June 23-27 Vacation Bible School  
 July 7-12 Sr. High trip to Edisto Island  
 July 14-18 Mission Trip—Calvary Home  
 July 21-25 Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven

Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!  
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## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (ESV)*

## Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

**Lila Riggins**  
 Presbyterian Home  
 801 Musgrove Street  
 Clinton, SC 29325

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Gloria Abate**  
**Monique Al-Rawi**  
**Eleanor Allen**

## Missionary of the Week



**WESTMINSTER**  
 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### Glenside, Pennsylvania

*Westminster is committed to Scripture and to the systematic exposition of biblical truth known as the Reformed faith. In theological education, we believe there should be no separation between learning and godliness as the goal of learning.*

### Pray/Praise God

- **Victory in Federal Court case** from "ObamaCare Mandates"
- **Board of Trustees** including our own Dr. Richard D. Phillips
- **Finances of WTS** and its Institutional Advancement

## Growth in Grace

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

Growth in grace is evidenced by a more habitual vigilance against besetting sins and temptations, and by greater self-denial in regard to personal indulgence.

A growing conscientiousness in regard to what may be called minor Christian duties is also a good sign. (The counterfeit of this is an over-scrupulous conscience, which sometimes haggles at the most innocent gratifications, and has led some to hesitate about taking their daily food.)

Increasing spiritual-mindedness is a sure evidence of progress in piety; and this will always be accompanied by increasing deadness to the world.

Continued aspirations for God, indicate the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, by whose agency all progress in sanctification is made.

Increasing solicitude for the salvation of men, sorrow on account of their sinful and miserable condition, and a disposition tenderly to warn sinners of their danger — evince a growing state of piety.

It is also a strong evidence of growth in grace, when you can bear injuries and provocations with meekness, and when you can from the heart desire the temporal and eternal welfare of your bitterest enemies.

An entire and confident reliance on the promises and providence of God, however dark may be your horizon, or however many difficulties environ you — is a sign that you have learned to live by faith.

Humble contentment with your condition, though it is one of poverty and obscurity — shows that you have profited by sitting at the feet of Jesus.

Diligence in the duties of our secular calling, with a view to the glory of God, is an evidence not to be despised.

Indeed, there is no surer standard of spiritual growth than a habit of aiming at the glory of God in everything.

Increasing love to the brethren is a sure sign of growth; for as brotherly love is a proof of the existence of grace, so is the exercise of such love a proof of vigor in the divine life.

A victory over besetting sins by which the person was frequently led away — shows an increased vigor in grace.

Sometimes the children of God grow faster when in the fiery furnace than elsewhere. As metals are purified by being cast into the fire — so saints have their dross consumed and their graces brightened — by being cast into the furnace of affliction.”

~ Archibald Alexander, “Growth in Grace” 1844.

## From the Church Historian

Continuing the series of displays regarding founding members of Second Church is the biographical and photographic material about Robert A. and Alice Hipp Means in the cabinet over the mantel in the history room. The history room is normally open from the end of Sunday School until 10:55 am.

## 2014 Offering Envelopes

There are still some 2014 offering envelopes remaining on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have a box of envelopes please call the church office, ext. 18. The Deacons ask that for accounting purposes that everyone use offering envelopes.

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting on January 12, 2014 at 10:00 am for the purpose of hearing a motion for “the congregation to nominate 2 new ruling Elders in 2014 and approve a schedule to nominate, train and elect.” Information about how to nominate, deadlines, and training schedule will be distributed and made available at this meeting.

The Book of Church Order  
“Elder”

*This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.*

## Sunday School on January 12th

Following the Congregational Meeting 7th grade and up will stay in the sanctuary for a special class taught by Rob Gustafson. Visitors will be taught by Jim McCarthy in the Chapel. 6th grade and down will have their regular classes in regular places. **Children’s Chapel will meet in the Fellowship Hall.**

## Young At Heart

The monthly luncheon of the Young At Heart will be Monday, January 20th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal will be \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Start your New Year by joining us for wonderful fellowship, delicious food, and very good programs.

## Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to the families of Mrs. Bobbie Houser who went home to be with the Lord on December 25, 2013 and Mrs. Dot Gwinn who went home to be with the Lord on January 3, 2014. We are thankful for the life and faithful service of Bobbie and Dot and pray for the families during this time of grief.

## Baptism

Edward and Katherine Carter, covenant children of Jordan and Jeni Carter received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 29, 2013. We are thankful for the Carter family and pray that Edward, Katherine, JP, Charles and Addis will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

## Congratulations

Our own Cindy Mann was honored as an “Educator who makes a difference” by *The Greenville News* “Upstate Parent Magazine.” Cindy teaches 3rd grade at Greenville Classical Academy and is one of 10 award winners within our region. We are so thankful to have her as a teacher in our 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School class and as the Church Librarian. Congratulations!

## Jr./Sr. High Fellowship

The “4th Friday” Fellowship this month (January 24th) will be a joint Jr./Sr. High “Bonfire” at Woodruff Road PCA. Watch the Herald for further details.

praise to God!

When I think back on 2013, there will be some particularly significant events that will stand out. I will never forget the thrill of preaching the book of Revelation, as well as the eager attitude with which you have received it. This year we served as the lead supporter of a new church plant in Charleston, SC, establishing a strong Reformed witness in a place where it was greatly needed. Just this week I spent some time reflecting with Pastor Jon Payne on the remarkable blessings associated with Christ Church Presbyterian in Charleston, and I am so grateful to God for doing this through us. 2013 also saw the strengthening of missions relationships along with the addition of an important new missions partnership. Our summer mission trip to Peru was especially outstanding, as was the mission work our young people did at Calvary Home for Children. Our new partnership is with Scott and Ruth Hill in Cherokee, NC, where we will have our first summer missions trip this coming June. These important kingdom works are made possible by your enthusiasm as a congregation, expressed through participation, financial giving and prayer. These were exciting advances in 2013!

Along with these noteworthy events, are the more regular but equally important blessings throughout weekly worship services, Sunday School classes, Bible studies, weekly prayer meeting, youth ministry, outreach to shut-ins, and our local evangelistic outreaches through Good News Clubs, Evangelism Explosion, and the Perry Correctional Facility ministry. Only eternity will measure the significance of how the ordinary means of grace worked salvation in 2013! Knowing that the fruit will be great, I give thanks to God for it.

Some of our most special blessings are the covenant children who were born in our church during the last year. Please keep these children especially in your prayers: Abigail Randolph Blue Early, Ian Knox Spell, Elizabeth Merriam McCarthy, Edward Dean Carter, Katherine Paige Carter, Emily Kathryn Reese, JC Edward LaBombard, and Leia Madison Smith.

We also give thanks to God for His faithfulness in taking beloved church members home to heaven during 2013, enabling them to persevere in faith so as to win the crown of glory: Kathleen Cleveland, Sara Weathers, Judy Phibbs, Mildred Holcomb, Joy Smith, and Bobbie Houser.

And so a new year begins. "Establish the work of our hands, O Lord!" For me personally, the main work of this year involves the weekly preaching of God's Word in this wonderful congregation, together with my writing ministry, and conference speaking, and my work of pastoring and prayer. Please ask God to strengthen me with grace for this work, sustain me physically, and enable me to fulfill my calling in a faithful, godly manner.

Pray as well for all the parents of the church, that God will strengthen them with grace to give a faithful and living testimony to the gospel in their homes, and that they will be diligent in ministry to their children with God's Word and prayer. Pray that God will protect our church from major upheaval and that the peace, unity, and love in our church will continue. Let us each renew our resolve to walk in faith with Jesus Christ and yield our lives, together and individually, for the kingdom of His glory. May the Lord enable us to add another year of faithful and effective witness to the gospel and the whole counsel of God. May we be more fervent in prayer this year than we have been in the past. And may our lives more brightly reflect the holy beauty of our Savior, that our church may add new fruits to the spiritual legacy of this long-blessed congregation.

In Christ' Love,

Pastor Rick 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

### At the Corner of River and Rhett

#### CALLING FOR HELP

Nursery needs new workers. You can request a specific age (infant or toddler). Please contact Myra Russell by email at [mytirussell@att.net](mailto:mytirussell@att.net) or sign up at the Nursery Desk THIS WEEK.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The members' only meeting will be held in the Sanctuary, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The Session has recommended that the congregation consider approving a procedure for electing up to 2 new Ruling Elders.  
**7<sup>th</sup> grade and up come to sanctuary.**

#### TOUCH NOT THE DOORS

**One More Time in case you missed it last (year).** The Deacons have re-painted 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.

#### WEST END IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Greenville is doing streetscape improvements along Camperdown Way and River Street for the next 4 months. This will consist of new sidewalks, lighting and landscaping. Motorists and pedestrians are urged caution and be aware of irregular traffic patters in the area.

#### YOUTH/ADULT SS TEACHERS IN 2014

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SS **Scott Cook**  
Sr High SS **Jim McCarthy**  
College and 20's SS **Jeff Windt**  
ACTS SS **Robert Spears**  
Chapel SS **Jim McGoldrick**  
Fellowship SS **Rob Gustafson**  
Westminster SS **Johnny Mann**



-The Editor

## Ten Oldest Churches

### Salem Presbyterian Church Blair, Fairfield County, South Carolina

Salem Church is the eighth oldest congregation in South Carolina and the thirtieth oldest in the P.C.A. It was organized in 1812 and was supplied by presbytery ministers for several years. The earliest records show that the church was served most often by Samuel Yongue until Salem and its neighbor church, Zion in Winnsboro, called A. W. Ross in 1816.

When Rev. Ross left the dual call in 1822 to move to Pendleton, he was followed by Rev. William Brearly. Brearly was born in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, graduated Princeton College and Seminary, and then moved to South Carolina to serve Salem until 1829. Then beginning in 1830, Rev. Robert L. Means, a son of the congregation, was the pastor for about five years. Means had graduated South Carolina College and after working as a lawyer, God called him to the ministry. He had served three years as the minister of First Church, Columbia, before a disease afflicted him in 1826 and weakened him sufficiently to limit his ministry to smaller churches. He died January 17, 1836.

After the ministry of Rev. Means, a succession of pastors and supplies serving from one to five years each filled the pulpit, 1836-1884, including Richard S. Gladney, R. C. Ketchum, Edwin Cater, T. A. Hoyt, E. P. Palmer, Theodore E. Smith, David A. Todd, D. C. Boggs, F. P. Mullally, W. B. Corbett, and W. W. Mills. In 1892, the congregation rejoiced at the dedication of its new building, but also mourned because of the death of its pastor since 1885, Rev. H. B. S. Gariss. Taking the succession of ministers up to 1918 were W. W. Sadler, R. F. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Millard, and F. D. Vaughan. Rev. Vaughan was given a leave of absence to serve as a military chaplain during The Great War at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, where he died of pneumonia, Nov. 28, 1918.

The current brick building is located on spacious grounds in the Fairfield County countryside. As one pulls into the driveway and sees the brick sanctuary there is a lovely magnolia tree to its right. Included on the grounds is an administrative and educational building and a large cemetery extending behind the parking lot and sanctuary.

### The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

January 12, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### TRUSTWORTHY AND TRUE

Revelation 22:6-9

Hymns: 32, 140, 547

Anthem: Credo

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### FAITH TESTED

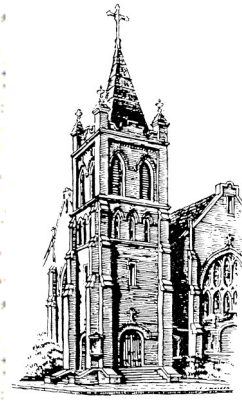
Hebrews 11:17-19

Hymns: 455, 528, 501

Psalter: Psalm 39 (vs. 7-13)

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### Letter from the Senior Minister

#### Counting Our Blessings and Renewing Our Resolve

*Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! (Ps. 90:16-17).*

My favorite verses for meditation around the New Year come from one of the psalms of Moses – Psalm 90. Looking forward, I pray, “Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.” Our work in the Lord is good! And it is largely through the gospel work in our midst, along with God’s might displayed in answers to prayer, that our children learn the reality of God’s power to save. At the same time, we look back with gratitude, and with some tears, on the year that has passed, asking our Lord, “establish the work of our hands!” Only God can cause our labors to yield a true and eternal fruit, and He will do so in answer to our prayers in Jesus Christ.

I look back on 2013 with real thanks to God for so many blessings. As a church, we took in many new members, starting bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood with friends who, Lord willing, will be our companions and co-laborers for years. As a minister who is utterly committed to the power of God at work through His Word, I still marvel at how God uses plain Bible preaching to gather people and, more importantly, to save. A good number of our new members this year indicated that they came to a saving knowledge of Jesus here at Second. Our shared witness and your prayers for the ministry of our church has born fruit that will last forever! For this we give