

Spotlight on Ministry

“The Evangelism Committee” (of the Session)

We are so appreciative of the Evangelism Committee which is responsible for the planning, coordination of the strategic outreach of the local mission of Second Church. Ken Safford is chairman of the committee for 2014. Listed below is the full membership and meetings times.

EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH GROWTH

*Kenneth E. Safford

(Evangelism Explosion Coordinator)

Emil H. Henning

Richard D. Phillips (Moderator of Session)

Robert E. Spears

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Mike Morgan (Deacon)

Susan Harmon (WIC: MNA Chair)

Cyndi Player: (Good News Club)

Ken Pujdak (Member-At-Large)

MAJOR MINISTRY PROJECTS

—Evangelism Explosions meets weekly on Tuesday Nights

—Good News Clubs at Augusta Circle & Kroc Center

**Stated meeting 3rd Sunday Night at 7:30pm,
Gresham Conference Room**

Romans 10:14-15

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never
heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,
“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

February 9, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

THEOLOGY ANYONE?

Mark 8:27-38

Hymns: 53, 610, 80

Anthem: O How Amiable

Dr. James McGoldrick preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

ENVOIOUS OF THE WICKED?

Psalms 73

Hymns: 55, 300, 565

Psalter: Psalm 41 (vs. 7-13)

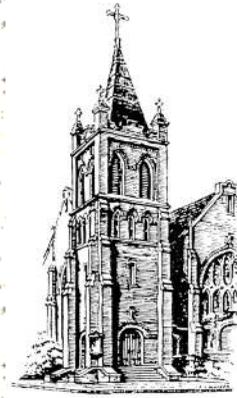
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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Letter from SPC Missionary

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. . .” Ephesians 2:10a.

I have just completed my second weekend here in Taipei; and as I begin this note, it's Sunday evening back in SC. I have already experienced Sunday and am now looking at my schedule for Monday. Let me say first that I am truly happy to be here and am deeply grateful for my church family and friends who have made this experience possible. How I appreciate each of you!

The dictionary definition of culture shock includes a couple of interesting nouns, “confusion” being one of them. I'm not sure if I'm experiencing culture shock or, perhaps, it's “culture consternation.” While some things here I find absolutely intriguing, some things I find really confusing – always reminding me that I have much to learn. My colleagues say that it just takes time, and whether they believe it or not, they have convinced me that I will learn the money exchange, the MRT system, the way to hold chopsticks, how to get a cab, how to eat things I can't identify, and on and on.

There's so much I could write about, but I'll try to answer in this report the questions I believe you would ask if I were with you.

My flight over was event free—tiring, but with no problems other than a race to Terminal C from Terminal A when I arrived in Washington. Boarding for the plane for Tokyo had begun about the same time we landed from GSP. By the time I got to my plane, I heard my name being called on the loudspeaker. Arrival and boarding in Tokyo later went quite

smoothly with no waiting and no running. When I arrived at the Taoyuan Airport, Joe and Ann Lyles welcomed me. I got through immigration with no problems, and we were soon on our way to Christ's College, about an hour away. Becky White, who lives beside me on the fifth floor was waiting to help carry luggage up to my fifth floor apartment (96 steps from the ground to my door). How good it was to be here finally with people I knew in a place where I felt absolutely safe!

Saturday was a "begin-pulling-yourself-together" kind of day, and on Sunday I went to church with Becky White's family. Most of the Americans on campus attend Taipei International Church, a group of Christians who meet in the auditorium of a modern and spacious high school in the city. The pastor, Michael Payne, is American, and his sermons are in English. Finally, I could understand everything being said. That has not been the case in other meetings I've attended here where a translator is almost always required. Last week I sat in a three-hour meeting with pastors from Korea and Taiwan. Messages and conversations had to be translated in English, Chinese, and sometimes Korean.

Not being able to understand, speak, or read the language here is a challenge. I brought text books and CDs with me to learn at least a bit of Chinese – maybe just enough to understand basic conversation. I can say now "Ni Hao" (hello) and "xiexie" (thank you). Recently I asked one of the Chinese staff members how to say, "Bye-Bye." She smiled politely and said "Bye-Bye"! I now have three phrases in my communications file.

The food here is interesting – almost everything seems to be served with rice or noodles—more kinds of noodles than I knew existed, pink noodles with ruffled edges being the most interesting. I'm learning to eat with chopsticks and have been reminded more than once that it's O.K. to bring my bowl up toward my chin. Somehow noodles slip off the chopsticks no matter where I hold the bowl! Probably the most interesting meal I have had was at an occasion last week when the college faculty and staff and their families were treated to a meal in a "hot pot" restaurant in the city where we cooked our own food at the table.

For food shopping I walk to a small underground store not far from the college. Farther down the street is a Seven/Eleven. I haven't ventured that far alone yet, but I have dared to go

to the nearby Welcome Store. Once there I recognize apples, oranges, and bananas and a few other items. I must depend on labels with pictures to recognize other products, unless they happen to be packaged in a clear container. And pictures don't always help. What a surprise when I opened a blue bag with the words Maxwell House and a picture of steaming coffee on the label -- a full bag of powdered creamer and not a coffee bean in sight!

While learning how best to settle in, I am also learning more of why the Lord sent me to Christ's College. Shortly after arriving, I met with Dr. Quentin Nantz, the president, who gave me a job description and shared some of his vision for the college. It is, indeed, challenging. Let me say, however, that I'm really excited about the expectations the president and the board have. Since that meeting, I've also met with other staff and faculty to discuss procedures, needs, cultural concerns, etc., along with some of their ideas about and hopes for the future of Christ's College. As you pray for me, please pray that I will have wisdom necessary to meet the expectations they have for my work here. In addition to development activities, I begin teaching English Composition to a class of 23 freshmen on February 19. The English department members have been a great encouragement in helping me to prepare for all that goes with the classroom responsibility.

Thank you again, dear friends, for all you have done to encourage and support me in this effort.

In Christ,

Ramona White

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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

From Sunday's Sermon

...The children were Dr. Hodge's pride and joy. Ten year old Archibald and his sister Mary Elizabeth gave a letter on June 23, 1833 to Princeton seminary graduate James R Eckard who was soon to sail for Ceylon (Sri Lanka). Addressed to the "heathen", it read:

Dear Heathen:

The Lord Jesus Christ hath promised that the time shall come when all the ends of the earth will be His kingdom. And God is not a man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent. And if this was a promise made by a Being who cannot lie, why do you not help it to come sooner by reading the Bible, and attending to the words of your teachers, and loving God, and, renouncing your idols, take Christianity into your temples? And soon there will be not a Nation, no, not a space of ground as are as a footstep, that will want a missionary. My sister and myself have, by small self denials, procured two dollars which are enclosed in this letter to buy tracts and Bibles to teach you.

Archibald Alexander Hodge and Mary Eliz. Hodge,
Friends of the Heathen.

By David Calhoun (History of Princeton Seminary)

-The Editor



WIC Precepts

Attention Ladies: A new Precept Bible study begins Thursday, Feb. 20 for 7 weeks, ending April 3. We will be studying the book of Judges each Thursday from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact Mary Russell, 329-1670 by Feb. 5 if you want to participate as books need to be ordered.

Ladies of Second Presbyterian Church

You are cordially invited to attend the annual

WIC Prayer Breakfast

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful..." JAMES 5:16

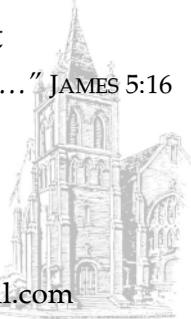
Saturday, February 22, 2014

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Church Fellowship Hall

R.S.V.P.

marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com



COMMUNICANTS' CLASS BEGINS

A Communicants' Class will be held beginning Sunday, February 23. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class.

Memorial Flowers

The 2014 Roster for memorial flowers has been compiled and there are still quite a few openings available throughout the year. If you would like to sign up to put memorial flowers in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday in honor or memory of someone please call the church office or see Judy Bishop.



ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BANQUET

"The Memory of Love"

Friday, February 14, 2014

Church Gymnasium

Cost: \$10 per person

(12 years old and up)

Nursery provided for children under 12.

Please make reservations by Wednesday, February 12, with Ken Safford or Robert Spears.

You may also bring a check to the church office. Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.



Membership Class

Began Sunday, February 2, 2014, 9:45am

It's not too late to join!

Room C-209 (3rd floor down the hall from the church office.)

Taught by Pastor Phillips

The class will meet each Sunday for 8 weeks.

Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church, however, you are requested to take the class before joining the church.

CLASS SCHEDULE

February 9	The Doctrines of Grace
February 16	Law and the Gospel
February 23	Covenant Theology
March 2	Finding Your Place at Second <i>(taught by RE Melton L. Duncan)</i>
March 9	Reformed Worship
March 16	Membership Vows <i>(taught by TE Robert E. Spears)</i>
March 23	Presbyterian History <i>(taught by Dr. Barry Waugh)</i>
March 30/ April 6	Elder interviews for membership
April 13	New Members' Reception and Luncheon

Nursery Schedules

A new nursery schedule began Sunday, February 2. All nursery workers and monitors need to pick up their schedules at the nursery desk ASAP.

Jessamines

The Jessamines will begin the New Year with their first meeting of 2014 on February 6th. Mark your calendars and watch the Herald for further details.

Young At Heart

The Valentine's Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, February 17, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal is \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Our guest speaker this month is Dr. Barry Waugh, back by popular demand.

Annual Sports' Banquet

Wednesday, February 26th, 5:45pm

Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2013-14 sports participation.

ACTS SS CLASS

ACTS Sunday School Class will be moving for the next two months to the Conference Room and will be taught by Pastor Spears.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found shelf located in the hallway behind the gym will be cleared by the Deacons and items will be given to Goodwill this Wednesday night at 6:45 pm. If you have lost an item please check this shelf before Wednesday. Also pay careful attention to Bibles. Any Bibles that are not claimed will be given to the Prison Ministry.

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 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, February 10

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

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, February 12

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 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
 7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**
 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball practice

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study
 6:00 PM **VALENTINE'S BANQUET**

Saturday, February 15

2:30 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball practice

Upcoming Events

Feb. 5 WIC Council
 Feb. 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Feb. 6 Jessamines
 Feb. 10 Session Meeting
 Feb. 11-12 WIC Circles
 Feb. 12 Missions' Committee Meeting
 Feb. 14 **VALENTINE BANQUET**
 Feb. 16 The Lord's Supper at the Evening Service
 Feb. 17 Young At Heart
 Feb. 19 Administration Committee Meeting
 Feb. 22 WIC Prayer Breakfast
 Feb. 23 Communicants' Class begins
 Feb. 23 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Feb. 26 CE Committee Meeting
 Feb. 26 **SPORTS' BANQUET**
 Feb. 28 Jr. High Fellowship
 Feb. 28 Sr. High Fellowship

Mark Your Calendars

May 7 Graduation Banquet
 May 14 CAT Kids Program
 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 4 Church Picnic
 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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 8:3-5

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. (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.

Sara Cater
 11 Colgate Avenue
 Greenville, SC 29617
 246-3292

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Joel and Alice Barnett
Geoffrey

Brian and Maria Bassett
Nathaniel, Christopher, Matthew, Antoinette

Mark and Beth Baxa
Ayrn, Daniel, Gran, Joshua

Missionary of the Week

Greenville Rescue Mission

Since its beginning as a soup kitchen in 1937, Miracle Hill Greenville Rescue Mission has undergone many changes. Its facilities have expanded to house 160 men and provide emergency shelter for an additional 200 men during extreme weather conditions. It also operates five apartments, which house families in emergency situations. The face of homelessness is constantly changing. It is no longer the face of a 55+ year old drifter. In the last 20 years, the average age of a homeless man has dropped to 35 – meaning there are more 18-25 year olds seeking shelter than ever before.