

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 30

- 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

Tuesday, April 1

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 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 **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
- 7:00 PM Elder Training

Thursday, April 3

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts

Friday, April 4

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 27:1-2

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries
and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- March 26 CE Committee Meeting
- March 28 Jr. & Sr. High Combined Fellowship
- March 29 WIC Shower for Nicole Wilson Laughter
- March 30 Called Session Meeting
- April 2 WIC Council
- April 2 Administration Committee Meeting
- April 6 Called Session Meeting
- April 8-9 WIC Circles
- April 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- April 9 Missions' Committee Meeting
- April 12 Post-College Fellowship at the Phillips
- April 13 Covenant College Choir singing-am Services
- April 13 New Members' Reception & Luncheon
- April 13 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- April 14 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- April 16 No Wednesday night activities
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Service
- April 18 Church Office Closed
- April 18 Good Friday Lunch and Service
- April 20 Easter Sunday
 - Sunrise Service-7am
 - Breakfast at the church-8am
 - Sunday School-9am
 - One Easter Worship Service-10am
 - Evening Service-6pm
- April 21 Young At Heart
- April 23 CE Committee Meeting
- April 24 Calvary Presbytery
 - Christ Community, Simpsonville, SC
- April 25 Jr. High Fellowship
- April 25 Sr. High Fellowship
- April 26 Magnolia Morning Southern Brunch
- April 27 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Mark Your Calendars

- May 7 Graduation Banquet
- May 14 CAT Kids Program
- May 15 Jessamines

Remembering One Another

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

Gerry Rice
12 Galphin Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

John and Linda Carrick
Avi

Jordan and Jeni Carter
JP, Charles, Addis, Edward, Katherine

Randy and Nancy Carter

Missionary of the Week



The Creation Study Group is a grassroots creation science organization that will assist you in learning the truth about Biblical creation. The Creation Study Group is a Bible-believing organization committed to developing and distributing information that upholds the Bible.

What God has to say about origins is foundational to the gospel and a Biblical world and life view.

Monthly meeting @SPCGreenville.
Find More Online <http://creationstudygroup.org/>

Jessamines

The next Jessamines (5th-8th grade girls and their moms) fellowship will be Thursday, March 27, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Leslie Martin will be our speaker. Please come and enjoy a wonderful Bible lesson and fun time of fellowship. Don't forget to bring your favorite dessert to share. Call Cindy Crunk with any questions...864-320-4371.

Jr./Sr. High Fellowship

4th Friday Jr. and Sr. High
Combined Fellowship
March 28, 2014
6:30 pm
"Lighthouse" in the Gym
Pizza will be served.

Magnolia Morning Southern Brunch



Ladies of all ages
are warmly invited to the
WIC Magnolia Morning
Southern Brunch



to be held on Saturday, April 26th,

from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon in the church gym.

Kitty Swillen will serve her delicious Southern cuisine,

and Shirley Duncan will give a talk entitled

"The Flavor of Gracious Speech" based on Colossians 4:6:

*"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt,
so that you may know how to answer each person."*

Make your reservations now or no later than April 10th.

Please call or email Beth Gustafson at

(438-1050) or marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com

Nursery care will be provided for children under 12.

Post-College Age Fellowship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, April 12th
at the home of Rick and Sharon Phillips
(Watch Herald for further details)



Showering with Love

WIC invites you to a
Wedding Shower for
Nicole Wilson Laughter
Saturday, March 29, 2014
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall



Nicole is registered at Belk and Bed, Bath and Beyond

Easter Services at Second

April 17	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 18	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch in the Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
April 20	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service <i>(only one service)</i>
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on April 16th.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to place in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone special, please fill out the form below and place in the church office in Judy Grant's mail box along with \$8.00 for each lily.

I would like to place _____ (how many) Easter Lily(ies) in the church on Easter Sunday:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, April 13, 2014** Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided. **Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.**



New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service on April 13, 2014

Upcoming Graduates

Please contact the church office if you will be graduating high school/college/seminary in May or December. We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet, May 7, 2014.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:3-6) Thank you so much for allowing God to use you to minister to our family during my recent surgery and recovery. God has blessed us richly through your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, meals, and rides for our children to so many different places. Thank you for your faithfulness to God's Word. The Lord says in 1 John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Your deeds have been so kind, and I give Him all the praise and glory! May the Lord bless you and keep you. ~Love in Christ, The Maralit Family

The most gospel-zealous leaders of the Old Calvinism longed to see the doctrines of God's sovereign grace spread far into the broader Baptist and Charismatic world of evangelicalism. Now that this has happened, how can Old Calvinism fail to rejoice in it?

Much of the commentary that I have read on Piper's lecture has labored to highlight the deficiencies of the New Calvinism from the perspective of the Old. As a committed son of the Old Calvinism, I may share some of these criticisms. However, the overall attitude of Old Calvinism should be a delighted affection and brotherly delight in the big-God, sola gratia gospel trumpeted by John Piper and others. We are seeing the Spirit-fueled spread of doctrines that we most cherish among fellow Christians who previously had forgotten or rejected them. It is true, oddly enough, that Calvinistic Baptists have remained Baptists and that Charismatics who have discovered the glory of God's sovereign grace have not yet shed their view of continuing revelation. Would I be happier if the New Calvinism included a commitment to covenant theology and sacraments, together with Reformed cessationism? Of course I would. But can I smile and offer a prayer of wondering thanks to God that these church bodies, so sociologically distant from mine, have embraced truths that I most cherish from God's Word? How can I do otherwise? Can I participate in preaching conferences that extol the big-God glory of our Lord without making snide remarks about matters in which we differ? You bet I can. And I praise God for it.

Along these lines, I will agree with observers who downplay the theological differences between New and Old Calvinism. Theologically, the New Calvinism is mainly an extension of the broader rim of Old Calvinism that was expressed in Charles Spurgeon and populist Presbyterians like James Boice. In fact, Boice's main target was the very evangelical audience that largely comprises the New Calvinism, and I often heard him predict and rejoice in the Reformed resurgence that blossomed shortly after his death. Instead of a theological shift, the New Calvinism represents a major sociological and ecclesiastical extension of Calvinism in general. The "Young, Restless, and Reformed" movement mainly involves Calvinistic soteriology being recovered in long-time Arminian strongholds like the Southern Baptist Convention and being discovered in once far-distant fields like the African American churches and Charismatic quasi-denominations. This being the case, we should not be surprised that Calvinistic soteriology has not caused a similar penetration of Reformed sacramentology and ecclesiology, especially since the historical distinctives of these denominations lay in these very areas. (They aren't called Baptists for nothing, after all!) Despite these differences (Baptists remaining Baptists, etc.), Old Calvinists should look on the New as a signal advance achieved by the labors of our own preachers and authors, in answer to long-offered prayers, in spreading glorious salvation truths to brothers and sisters

who need them. We should heartily rejoice that while these fellow Christians retain secondary differences they now embrace the sovereignty of God over salvation, giving glory to Him in all things.

This affection and joy should not keep Old Calvinists from offering the occasional advice of a loving uncle.

Like grandparents -- a metaphor I do not use for Old Calvinism, since we are most definitely not fading away! -- an uncle should be generally cheerful and selective in his advice. For instance, from an Old Calvinist perspective, the current trend of multi-site, video satellite church campuses is a Finney-esque horror, and we would dearly love it if our friends in the New Calvinism would prayerfully reconsider this colossal mistake. With this being said, Presbyterian Old Calvinists should realize that we do not own the New Calvinism and that it is bound to reflect the more populist Baptist-Charismatic sociology in which it has emerged.

One of the best reasons for Old Calvinists to rejoice in the New Calvinism is that our young people are doing so. A couple of years ago, I was attending the bi-annual Gospel Coalition Colloquium, in which the council members engage in the closed door celebrity hob-knobbing that drives Carl Trueman crazy. I emailed my teenage son and asked him to pick one person whom I would ask to send him an electronic greeting. I started rattling off names of people there: John Piper, Tim Keller, C. J. Mahaney, Lig Duncan, Shai Linne... "You know Shai Linne?!!" came back his response. "Why, of course," I answered. "Shai is an old friend from Tenth Presbyterian Church," the Old School bastion where the rap artist first fell in love with Reformed theology. So I walked over, hugged Shai and asked him to send an email to Matthew, and my cool rating went up enormously. And so it is that my Old Calvinist children rejoice in the God-saturated Reformed message sounding out from the New Calvinist voices that are our ecclesiastical nephews and our dearly beloved brothers in Christ. What a blessing the New Calvinism is, and my Old Calvinist heart rejoices for it with praise to God!

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At the Corner of River and Rhett

FROM SUNDAY

The famous American Bible teacher Donald Grey Barnhouse (1895-1960) often used an illustration to help people make sense of election. He asked them to imagine a cross like the one on which Jesus died, only so large that it had a door in it. Over the door were these words from Revelation: "Whosoever will may come."

On the other side of the door a happy surprise awaits the one who believes and enters. From the inside, anyone glancing back can see these words from Ephesians written above the door: "Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world."

PRAY FOR ELDER NOMINEES

The training class for our potential elders meets on Wednesday nights in the Gresham Conference Room. Be in prayer for the men involved and Dr. Phillips as he teaches and equips the potential candidates.

Joel Barnett, Joe Bianchi, Scott Grubbs, Kirby Kee,
Tony Stephens, Kevin Mobley, Ron McNeeley,
Stephen Schvaneveldt, Bill Watkins

PRAY FOR SECOND OFFICERS SERVING WITHIN PRESBYTERY

Melton Duncan, Nominations Committee (Chairman)
Bobby Mann, Trustee of Presbytery (Chairman)
Robert Spears, Shepherding Committee (Chairman)
Ken Safford, Candidates Committee
Jeremy Weaver, Mission to North America Committee

PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE

As it reviews "CE" ministry within the church, especially Vacation Bible School planning and developing candidates for the Ministerial Intern position in the fall of 2014. CE is chaired by Bill Wheeler.

-The Editor



Spotlight on Church Ministry

SYMPATHY & SERVICE COMMITTEE (DIACONATE)

We are so appreciative of the Sympathy & Service Committee which is responsible for caring for those with urgent, practical and material needs at Second Church including our special commitment to those in destitution. Mike Carey* is chairman of the committee for 2014. Listed below is the full membership.

*Michael J. Carey
James B. Leathers
Joseph B. Stevens
William J. Watkins
Randy A. Carter
Michael A. Morgan
Martin D. Whigham
Kirby G. Kee

It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed.

-PCA Book of Church Order

"O, that we could put our treasure in Christ's hand, and give Him our gold to keep, and our crown."

#LovelinessOfChrist #SamuelRutherford@BannerofTruth

-Posted Saturday Evening on SPC Social Media

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

March 30, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE SIMPLICITY OF PRAYER

Matthew 6:5-15

Hymns: 53, 627, 628

Anthem: God of Mercy, Truth, and Beauty
Dr. Benjamin Shaw preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SIN

Mark 2:1-12

Hymns: 100, 176, 535

Psalter: Psalm 45 (verses 1-7, 17)

Mr. Scott Cook preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister

The New Calvinism: A Triumph of the Old

John Piper's address for Westminster Theological Seminary's Seventh-Annual Gaffin Lecture was a notable example of an event being the very embodiment of its message. I say this because Piper spoke on the relationship of the New Calvinism to the Old Calvinism, a relationship that could hardly find better symbolism than New Calvinist Piper lecturing at Old Calvinist Westminster. Predictably, blog articles have cropped up critiquing and interacting with Piper's remarks. I would like to do the same, making observations about the intersection of the Old and the New within big-tent, big-God Calvinism in these early years of the 21st Century.

My observations will come in four posts that make these points:

1. Old Calvinism should avoid being overly critical but should rejoice in the New.
2. Old Calvinism should not be threatened by or feel pressure to conform to the New.
3. Old Calvinism should humbly listen to the New, benefiting from its insights and critiques.
4. Old Calvinism should zealously seek to serve rather than to undermine the New.

In this first post, I would suggest that Old Calvinism should avoid excessive criticism but should generally rejoice in the New Calvinism. I say this because the New Calvinism represents a remarkable triumph of the Old. As Piper pointed out, the New Calvinism has arisen directly from Old Calvinist sources like the Banner of Truth, James Boice & the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals, and R. C. Sproul & Ligonier Ministries. It is in this respect that I consider the New Calvinism a triumph. Not the triumph of Old Calvinism - that would be Old Calvinism itself! - but a signal achievement by God's grace, for which we could scarcely have hoped thirty years ago.