

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 27

- 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
- 7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

### Tuesday, April 29

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

### Wednesday, April 30

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

### Friday, May 2

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

### Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 29:3-4

*The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

- April 23 CE Committee Meeting
- April 24 Calvary Presbytery  
Christ Community, Simpsonville, SC
- April 25 Jr. High Fellowship
- April 26 Magnolia Morning Southern Brunch
- April 27 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- May 1 National Day of Prayer
- May 2 Sr. High Fellowship
- May 5 Diaconate Meeting
- May 7 Graduation Banquet
- May 7 WIC Council
- May 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- May 11 Elder Vow Renewal at the evening service
- May 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- May 12 Session Meeting
- May 13-14 WIC Circles
- May 14 Mission Committee Meeting
- May 14 CAT Kids Program
- May 15 Jessamines
- May 18 The Lord's Supper at the AM Services
- May 19 Young At Heart
- May 21 CAT Kids Spring Fling
- May 21 Administration Committee Meeting
- May 23 Jr. High Fellowship
- May 23 Sr. High Fellowship
- May 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- May 26 Church Office Closed
- May 28 CE Committee Meeting
- May 28 Musical CAT Kids begin

**If you have a date for the May calendar please contact the church office this week:  
232-7621, ext. 10 or [jgrant@spcgreenville.org](mailto:jgrant@spcgreenville.org)**

## 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.

**Ruby Benchoff**  
304 Dupont Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607  
235-9958

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Bill and Barbara Cross**  
**Gabriel and Rachel Lewis**  
**Tim and Cindy Crunk**  
**Ashley and Jonathan**  
**George and Brenda Cumbus**

## Missionary of the Week

**Rev. & Mrs. Josh Rieger**  
**MTW England**

In England and Wales there are, by some accounts, 24 churches that would consider themselves to be confessional churches holding to the Westminster Confession of Faith. This is in the land where this confession was written. One denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW), has about half of those churches and has been working with Mission to the World and the PCA for two decades with a vision to plant confessional, Bible believing, Presbyterian churches all over England and Wales. We will work with Gateshead Presbyterian Church in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne/Gateshead area, to plant another church in Northern England. We have a heart for those who already have placed their trust in Christ, but do not have a confessional reformed church nearby, and especially for those who have been born and raised, never having learned the truth of the gospel. We yearn to see people coming to faith in a God they have not before known or worshiped and turning their lives to His service.

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## Graduation Banquet



Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
5:45 PM \* Church Gymnasium

Join us as we honor our 2014 graduates:

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Audra Atwood         | High School              |
| Aryn Baxa            | Columbia Int. University |
| Daniel Baxa          | High School              |
| Geoffrey Barnett     | Greer Middle College     |
| Becca Evans          | Davidson College         |
| Caleb Evans          | High School              |
| Daniel Grubbs        | Home School              |
| Victoria Pujdak      | Home School              |
| Halbert Schulting    | High School              |
| Haley Schvaneveldt   | Home School              |
| Callie Anne Therrell | Home School              |
| Alexandria Upton     | Nursing School           |

*If you are graduating in May or December, 2014, and have not contacted the church office please do so this week. 232-7621, ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org*

## National Day of Prayer

The 63rd annual National Day of Prayer, May 1, 2014, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne. The theme for 2014 is **One Voice, United in Prayer**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. To further highlight the theme, Romans 15:6 has been chosen as the Scripture for this year: *"So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Mark your calendars so that you may set aside a special time to pray for our country on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

## Jr./Sr. High Fellowship

The fourth Friday Jr. High Fellowship will be April 25th, 6:15 pm at the home of Mark and Beth Baxa. If you have any questions please contact Scott Cook.

**The Senior High Fellowship has been moved to Friday, May 2nd.** If you have questions see Jim McCarthy.

## Youth Choir

The Youth Choir, directed by Mrs. Cindy Duncan will be singing at the evening worship service this Lord's Day, April 27th. They will sing "Canon of Praise."

## Elders' Vow Renewal

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service on May 11, 2014.



## CAT Kids Program



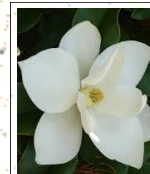
Wednesday, May 14  
Supper: 5:45 PM \* Program: 7:00 PM  
*Come and see what our covenant children have learned this year in CAT Kids.*

## Mark Your Calendars

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|------------|--------------------------------|
| June 6-13  | Mission Trip to Peru           |
| June 7-14  | Mission Trip-MTW Cherokee, NC  |
| 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   |

*Mark your calendars and plan early!  
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## 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. Nursery care will be provided for children under 12.

## Communicants' Class

After attending the Communicants' Class the following non-communing members were received by the Session into communing membership on April 6, 2014:

- Melton Ledford Duncan, Jr.**  
(son of Melton L. and Lynda Duncan)
- James Leathers**  
(son of Jim and Janice Leathers)
- Isaac Maralit**  
(son of Joseph and Ashley Maralit)
- Ellie Phillips**  
(daughter of Rick and Sharon Phillips)
- Lydia Phillips**  
(daughter of Rick and Sharon Phillips)
- Charlotte Therrell**  
(daughter of Billy and Cassie Therrell)

## Calvary Presbytery

The 122nd Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held on Thursday, April 24th at Christ Community PCA in Simpsonville. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for God's blessing on this meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

Q: What is the biblical basis for covenant baptism, as opposed to believer's baptism?

A: Here are the basic biblical considerations that lead us to this practice:

- Infants were included in the covenant family and received the sign of the covenant (circumcision) in the Old Testament. This principle is never altered or revoked in the New Testament, whereas other Old Testament practices are revoked. The burden of proof lies not with those who continue what God ordained but with those who would cancel it.
- In general, the new covenant expands rather than contracts the scope of God's grace. We therefore should not expect to see children included in the Old Testament sacrament but excluded in the New.
- God's covenant promise explicitly includes children in the New Testament: "The promise is to you and to your children" (Acts 2:39). Since children receive God's salvation promise, they should receive the sign of God's promise, baptism.
- God's way of salvation has always embraced families. Not all believers' children are saved, but they are all comprehended within God's covenant community: "This is my covenant... between me and you and your offspring after you" (Gen. 17:9-10).
- Of the twelve baptisms recorded in the New Testament, three are household baptisms. In these cases, we are not told that children individually believed, but rather that the head of the household believed and the household was baptized.
- Conferring the covenant sign and seal upon our children is consistent with Jesus' exhortation and example: "Suffer the little children to come to me and do not forbid them... And he took them up in his arms and put his hands upon them and blessed them" (Mk. 10:14, 16).

Q: Why do we baptize by sprinkling, instead of immersion?

A: Because the Bible consistently relates baptism to sprinkling. Consider the example of Exodus 24:6-8, the teaching of Hebrews 9:11-22, and the prophecy of Ezekiel 36:25-26, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put with you."

Q: Why does the Nicene Creed say, "We believe in one baptism for the remission of sins?"

A: People sometimes object to these words as unbiblical. In fact, they are practically a quotation from the Bible: "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). Does this mean that we are confessing that forgiveness comes through the ritual of baptism? The answer is *No*. The Bible is clear that forgiveness comes only through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Baptism is a symbol of the washing of our sins as we call on his name. Speaking the words of the Nicene Creed, we thus believe that baptism is a symbol of the remission of our sins. The word for ("one baptism for the remission of our sins") should thus be taken and spoken to mean "corresponding to".

Baptism, like the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is meant to be a picture, not a textbook. Therefore, perhaps the most important thing whenever we witness the baptism of a child or a new converted adult is for us to marvel, saying, "Christ washed away my sins and now he calls me to walk in purity and spiritual power as I bear His name in the world."

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's 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

### ARTISPHERE FESTIVAL

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> is Artisphere in downtown Greenville. There is an opportunity to earn some money for summer missions by working to manage the parking lot on Friday and Saturday. See Mel Duncan if you are interested.

### CHEROKEE TRIP

Summer is fast approaching and that means summer missions monies are needed. A word to the wise, give sooner rather than later. If you are participating in the Cherokee trip \$250 is due by May 7. See Jim McCarthy with questions.

### IN&OUT BOARD

Anyone entering SPC in non-business hours is asked to make a habit of "checking in" at the "In&Out Board" by the Nursery. This board allows others to know who is in the building and helps prevent "false alarms" (which cost the church money). As a general reminder you help your church family when you think of others and assist in the stewardship of the facility. Doors left open cost the church money and are a safety issue to all. When lights are left on utility bills inevitably increase as well. **Help us turn Out Lights, When you leave Close and Lock Doors.**

### SUNRISE THANKS

A big thank you to the several dozen volunteers who broadcast, cleaned, cooked, stacked, ushered, welcomed and most importantly served on Easter morning. It was a resplendent day.

*Up from the grave He arose, He arose!  
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose!  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

-The Editor



## Spotlight on Old Churches

### Liberty Springs Presbyterian Church Cross Hill, Laurens County, South Carolina

Liberty Springs Church, the fifth oldest PCA church in South Carolina, was organized as an independent church in 1787 by John McCosh who served as its pastor until his death in 1795. The next year the congregation came under the care of South Carolina Presbytery which appointed Rev. John B. Kennedy to supply the church until he was formally called as pastor in 1803 and served for four years. George Howe said of Kennedy that he "was an excellent, sound, doctrinal preacher, a man of great piety and indefatigable industry" (1:621).

Following a period of several stated supplies, Alexander Kirkpatrick was ordained in 1818 to serve the congregation half time. He continued his ministry until 1823, but then returned to Liberty Springs in 1828 and served until his death four years later.

From 1833 to 1852, the church was supplied for short terms by several ministers. A man described only as "Rev. Adams" ministered in 1833. Rev. John B. Kennedy returned to his old charge for a year in 1834, which was followed by the combined service of Rev. Samuel Lewers and Rev. Martin until 1839. The next pastor was surnamed McWhorter, and he was followed by several supply ministers for the next six years. Rural churches with small congregations and limited funds often had difficulty locating and keeping ministers.

In 1852, Rev. Samuel Donnelly began his pulpit supply to Liberty Springs in conjunction with work as a school principal in Greenwood. He had been selected as the principal with the help of a recommendation from Dr. J. H. Thornwell of South Carolina College. However, as the years passed, Rev. Donnelly's health declined requiring his relocation to Florida to live with his daughter. His condition took a turn for the worse when he was paralyzed by a fall from a horse that contributed to his death in 1878. The sometimes-unpredictable behavior of horses and the varying skill levels of riders often led to crippling and fatal falls.

Liberty Springs Church has occupied several buildings in its history. The first two were made of logs, the third was of wood frame construction, the fourth was made with stone, the fifth returned to the use of wood, and the current one is brick. A cemetery abuts the church sanctuary.

~by Dr. Barry Waugh  
Church Historian

### The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

April 27, 2014

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

Ephesians 1:7-8

Hymns: 467, (82/131), 461

Anthem: Christ Is Arisen

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

Mark 9:2-8

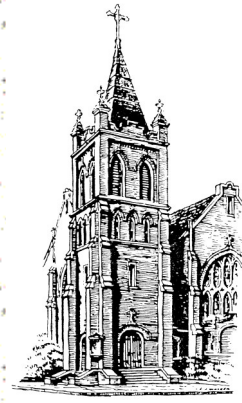
Hymns: 38, 76, 166

Psalter: Psalm 47

Mr. Jim McCarthy preaching

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April 21, 2014

### Letter from the Senior Minister Questions Regarding Baptism

Since questions concerning the sacrament of baptism have dogged the church for centuries, it is no surprise that I receive a good number of questions regarding baptism. Therefore, I thought it would be good to provide answers to some questions that I frequently receive.

Q: What do the words *baptize* and *baptism* mean?

A: The Greek word for "to baptize" (*baptizo*) means permanently identify with someone or something. Thus baptism is a way in which we are publicly identified as belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ. The word for "baptism" (*baptisma*) means to either wash by pouring or dipping in water. For this reason, the word itself does not determine whether sprinkling or immersion is the correct mode, since it can mean either.

Q: What does the sacrament of baptism represent?

A: The sacrament of baptism is not "an outward sign of an inward change," as is often said, but rather baptism is a "sign and seal of the covenant of grace." Baptism points to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ (most especially his atoning death and the sending of the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal). Baptism also functions as an official seal, by which God officially marks someone who belongs to his covenant people (see Rom. 4:11).

Q: Why do we practice infant baptism?

A: Strictly speaking, we do not practice infant baptism. We practice covenant baptism. That is, we baptize Christian infants not because they are infants but because they are covenant children through their relationship with Christian parents.