# **Church Calendar**

Sunday, N	May 4
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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, May 5

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

# Tuesday, May 6

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

## Wednesday, May 7

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

5:00 PM WIC Council

5:45 PM **2014 GRADUATION BANQUET** 

Speaker: Mr. Jim McCarthy

7:00 PM Elder Training

Friday, May 9

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

# Scripture Reading for the Week

### Psalm 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (ESV)

## **Upcoming Events**

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

### **Mark Your Calendars**

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	June 6-13	Mission Trip to Peru
	June 7-14	Mission Trip-MTW Cherokee, NC
Ä	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
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# **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.

**Elizabeth Cureton** 

Spencer and Angela Dalton Storie, Joey, Braylon

> Diane Detmer Allison

# **Missionary of the Week**

# ELIZABETH JOHNSON MADRID—PERU MISSIONS

Elizabeth Johnson Madrid is from Greenville, South Carolina. A pediatric nurse by training, Elizabeth serves in the Wichanzao clinic, assists with medical campaigns, and makes home visits throughout the parish communities. Lord willing, she will be part of the team at the Arévalo Missional Hospital when it opens. Elizabeth is serving with Peru Mission for two years as an associate missionary.

#### **PRAYER**

- My Spanish would continue to improve through work and my tutoring.
- God would grow and bless SUSA and the ladies' Bible study.
- God would continue to bless the work of the clinic by bringing more patients that need medical help.
- His light could be spread through the ministry of medicine through us.
- Arevalo hospital construction would go smoothly and quickly.
- That I would be faithful in my daily reading of God's word.



## **Graduation Banquet**



Wednesday, May 7, 2014 5:45 PM \* Church Gymnasium Speaker: Mr. Jim McCarthy

Join us as we honor our 2014 graduates:

Audra Atwood High School

Columbia Int. University Aryn Baxa

High School Daniel Baxa

**Geoffrey Barnett** Greer Middle College

Becca Evans Davidson College

Caleb Evans Home School Daniel Grubbs Home School Micah Johnson High School Home School Ethan McConnell Cassandra McKenney Home School

Victoria Pujdak Home School

Home School Haley Schvaneveldt Callie Anne Therrell Home School

Halbert Schulting

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 igrant@spcgreenville.org

High School

# **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.



Ages K4 (completed)  $-5^{th}$  grade June 23-27, 2014 8:45am-Noon

Synchronize your watches! Decode the clues! And set you GPS for an amazingly fun time at International Spy Academy where you will train to become special agents for the one true God!

Register online at spcgreenville.org. Call Jill Mann at 895-3351 if you have any questions.

**Jessamines** Thursday, May 15th Watch the Herald for further details.

# **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.

## **Baptism**

Margaret Brockman Pomerlyan, covenant daughter of Serge and Christa Pomerlyan received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 27, 2014. We are thankful for the Pomerlyan family and pray for Margaret and Eleanor that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

# **Christian Sympathy**

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Alma Palmer and her family in the death of Walter on Thursday, April 24, 2014. We also extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jack and Pat Shuford in the death of their son, Fred on Thursday, April 24, 2014. Our prayers are with these families during this time of loss and grief.

# Sr. High Fellowship

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

## **Young At Heart**

The monthly Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, May 19, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. This month Rosemarie Winter will speak to us on "How to Enjoy Your Middle Years Spiritually, Emotionally, and Nutritionally and Still Have Fun." Don't miss this special time of fellowship.

### **CAT Kids Events**

**CAT Kids Spring Fling** Wednesday, May 21st

Musical CAT Kids begin Wednesday, May 28th

potent example of how New Calvinists are saying things that are good, true, and important, and which Old Calvinism has relatively neglected.

Second, Old Calvinists should carefully note the aggressive use of new media forms in order to spread their message of God's saving grace. To be sure, we should be discerning about these media to ensure that they are used in a manner that is biblically wise. I have already mentioned the video church phenomenon as one that should be avoided. But Old School folks would do well to imitate the wide use of video for the purpose of general communications, including video round table discussions, video recordings of sermons (not to replace the live version), and video podcasts. The principle New Calvinist medium has been the blog, which Old Calvinists are almost universally imitating. We should note as well the ascetic quality and production values common to New Calvinism, whereas Old Calvinist ventures tend to look like an AARP newsletter. New Calvinists are also pioneering web publishing, which enables writers to disseminate more dense materials in a rapid and inexpensive manner. When it comes to the use of new media, the general approach of Old Calvinists should be grateful and admiring imitation seasoned with a biblically critical eye.

Third, Old Calvinists can benefit from New Calvinist critiques of us, even when we disagree with them. I would point to Tim Keller's criticism, in his book Center Church, of the Old School emphasis on faithfulness in ministry. Keller argues that we must not settle for mere faithfulness, but must see fruitfulness as the measure of our ministry. Let me say that I strongly disagree with Dr. Keller. Our theology tells us that ministers and churches are not able to generate success apart from the sovereign working of God's supernatural grace, whether God is working with, through, or across our endeavors. To insist that we can and must guarantee success with the right methods is, in my view, to cross over from New Calvinism into New School revivalism, something which is very different and is historically the precursor to liberalism. So there is a critique with which I strongly disagree. Yet I still benefit from it, because Keller is right about one thing. Too often, Old Calvinists pat themselves on the back for being doctrinally faithful when we are not being missionally faithful. The problem is not that we must jettison faithfulness as our standard but that we must define it correctly.

Unless we are exhibiting the passion for the lost that is demanded by the Great Commission, we are not in fact being faithful. New Calvinists sense this and they rightly critique us for it. Here is an instance where Old Calvinists should not merely point out the errors in a New Calvinist critique, but where we should humble ourselves enough to note the significant challenge that it nonetheless represents towards our weaknesses and failures.

These are just some ways in which Old Calvinists should be wise enough to consider with an open mind some of the emphases and insights coming from New Calvinist sources, and for which we should be humbly grateful to God.

May God Bless You This Week, Pastor Rick Phillips

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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

# NEED SOME HELP RAISING FINANCES FOR SUMMER MISSIONS?

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. mduncan@spcgreenville.org

#### 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.

#### **JOB NOTICE**

A family in the church is looking for a responsible person who can provide bi-monthly light housekeeping professional services. If you are interested would you please contact Dr. Jim McGoldrick (jemcgoldrick@att.net or home# 1 864 968 0032)

#### THANKS FOR ALL THOSE WHO HELPED

A special words of thanks to those who assisted the Smoker family during their recent house-hunting trip to Greenville. The Youngbloods opened up their home, the Fields provided an automobile, the Barnetts, Griffins, Phillips, Russells provided meals and hospitality. Steve Moore organized a choir event and many others provided practical assistance in other ways – THANK YOU ALL!

"I wonder many times that ever a child of God should have a sad heart, considering what their Lord is preparing for them."

~From the Banner Of Truth's <u>"The Loveliness Of Christ"</u> by Samuel Rutherford



# **Social Media Highlights**

"Paul Settle's Word" can be found at www.PaulSettle.Blogspot.com

#### **CHANGE**

"In leaning over to speak to the modern world, I fear we may have fallen in."

—Paul Settle

"It is a strange assumption for Americans to feel they already have the equipment necessary to comprehend the gospel without any modification of lifestyle, without any struggle -- in short, without being born again. The point is not to speak to the culture. The point is to change it. God's appointed means of producing change is called "church"; and God's typical way of producing church is called 'preaching.'"

—William H. Willimon, in CHRISTIANITY TODAY, May 19, 1997.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some." (Hebrews 10:24).

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to 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? ...so faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:13-17).

# SPC Facebook on 4/27

"The truths of God and the holiness of his precepts must be pleaded and defended, though the world dislike them here and perish hereafter. His law must not be made to lackey after the wills of men, nor be dissolved by vain interpretations, because they complain they cannot, indeed because they will not, comply with it."

-John Owen, Works, XVIII, 441

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# Letter from the Senior Minister **New Calvinist Tricks for Old Calvinist Dogs**

I earlier wrote a couple of articles on the attitude that Old Calvinist types like me should take towards the New Calvinism movement. The first argued that Old Calvinists should be generally grateful for the New Calvinism, while the second argued that Old Calvinists should resist jumping on the New Calvinist bandwagon. Today I want to point out that while Old School observers will have a number of reservations about the newer movement, we should be willing to learn from it as well, receiving all the benefit that God seems to intend for the faithful Old Calvinists dogs who still need to learn a few new tricks. I would suggest at least three ways in which Old Calvinists should be willing to benefit positively from the interests, examples, and criticisms of the New.

First, the New Calvinism can show Old Calvinists some topics to which we have given too little attention and emphasis. An example can be seen in the John Piper address given recently at Westminster Seminary. In my view, his most valuable remarks came toward the end when Piper noted the ecclesiological implications of Reformed soteriology. Piper rightly stated that "racial and ethnic diversity is not overly addressed in our churches and is central to the aim of the blood work of Christ in ransoming a people for God and a bride for himself." He pointed out that the Reformed doctrine of total depravity ought to eradicate all racist thinking, since we see ourselves humbly united in the condemnation of sin and our great need of grace. Likewise, he points out that unconditional election severs the very root of racism, since it is free grace and not any human distinction that grounds our salvation. I give this as a