

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 15

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**

Tuesday, June 17

General Assembly in Houston, Texas begins
 8:00 PM Summer RUF

Wednesday, June 18

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, June 19

11:00 AM Playdate at Cleveland Park

Friday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 21

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School Workday

Mark Your Calendars

August 7	Playdate: Picnic @ Legacy Park
August 12	Playdate at Greenville Zoo
August 13	Musical CAT Kids Program
August 21	WIC Annual Meeting
August 31	Rally Day
August 31	Ice Cream Social

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Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 32:10-11

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

June 11	Missions Committee Meeting
June 15	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
June 17-20	General Assembly in Houston, Texas
June 19	Playdate at Cleveland Park
June 21	VBS Workday
June 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
June 25	All Wednesday night activities cancelled
June 27	Men's Bible Study & Lunch cancelled
June 27	Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship cancelled
July 1	Playdate at Jones Gap State Park
July 2	All Wednesday night activities cancelled
July 4	Church Picnic
July 4	Church Office Closed
July 7-12	Sr. High Trip to Edisto
July 8-9	WIC Circles
July 9	WIC Council
July 9	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
July 9	Missions Committee Meeting
July 10	Playdate at Fischer's Orchard
July 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
July 14	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
July 14-18	Calvary Home Mission Trip
July 15	Playdate at Falls Park Fountains
July 16	Administration Committee Meeting
July 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
July 21-25	Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
July 23	CE Committee Meeting
July 24	Playdate: Field Day at the Johnsons'
July 26	Calvary Presbytery, Mt. Calvary, Roebuck
July 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
July 27	Ice Cream Social & Farewell Reception for Jim, Jordan, and Ellie McCarthy
July 29	Playdate at Otter Creek Water Park

**If you have a date for the July calendar please contact the church office this week.
 jgrant@spcgreenville.org or 232-7621, ext. 10**

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.

John and Margaret Hook
 2 Brynhurst Circle
 Greenville, SC 29615
 288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Bill and Faye Evans
Andrew and Becca
Daniel and Meredith Evans
Spencer and Lora Evans
Caleb

Pray for June Mission Trips

TRUJILLO & CAJAMARACA, PERU (June 5-17)

Team Roster

Robert Spears, Team Leader

Jimmy Compton	Laura Compton
William Compton	Joseph Maralit
Noah Maralit	Leslie Martin
Sarah Martin	Elizabeth Pennington
Callie Anne Therrell	

CHEROKEE, NC (June 7-14)

Team Roster

Jim and Jordan McCarthy, Team Leaders	
Ashley Crunk	Caleb Ecarma
Nathan Ecarma	Caleb Evans
Addison Maralit	Victoria Pujdak
Austin Shipp	Caroline Therrell
Katie Upton	

Wee Worship Choir

The Wee Worship Choir has been discontinued for the summer and will resume again in September. Watch the Herald for further announcements.

Activities Cancelled

—The Wednesday night activities for **June 25th** and **July 2nd** have been cancelled.

—There will not be a Men's Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship the weeks of the **June 27th** and **July 4**.

These cancellations are due to Vacation Bible School week and the annual church picnic on July 4th.

Church Picnic * July 4 * 6:30 pm

Good Food * Great fellowship
(Bring a lawn chair and stick around for the Greenville fireworks).



Deacons will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, all the fixings and ice cream.

Families are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes and/or desserts.

Look forward to seeing you on July 4th, rain or shine!

General Assembly

The 42nd PCA General Assembly will be June 17-20 in Houston, Texas. Pastor Phillips, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE David Bragdon, and RE Ken Safford will be attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly by going to www.byfaithonline.com.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will not meet during the summer months. They will resume their monthly luncheon meetings in Sept. Watch the Herald for details about the September meeting.

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Ages K4 (completed) – 5th 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.

The Rare Jewel
of Christian
Contentment



"The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment" Jeremiah Burroughs

Second Presbyterian Church
All Adult Summer Sunday School, 2014
Sanctuary: 10am

June 15, 2014

Chapter 3 "The Mystery of Contentment"

Rob Gustafson teaching

Remembering Our Fathers

We thank our Heavenly Father for godly, faithful,
loving, honest earthly fathers.

*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.*

*Let your father and your mother be glad,
And let her who bore you rejoice.*

Proverbs 23:24, 25

Gym Closed

June 30—July 3

The Deacons will be having the floor refinished.

Play Date for Second Pres. Kids



NEXT PLAYDATE
Thursday, June 19th
11:00 am
Cleveland Park

Meet at the smaller children's play area. Bring additional sports equipment and outside toys if desired. There is usually the snow cone vendor there for a treat. Bring a picnic lunch if you want to fellowship after play time.

Can you help with VBS?

If you would be willing to help with preparations for VBS crafts, please see **Jenny Spears (864-430-7396)**.

The following items are needed for VBS:

- 100 small, corrugated pizza boxes
(We need these by Sunday, June 15)
- 60 pieces of corrugated cardboard that are 6" by 6"
- 60 pieces of corrugated cardboard that are 3½" by 7"
- 60 pieces of 1 by 2 boards cut into 3½" blocks
(a 1 by 2 board is actually slightly smaller than 1" by 2").
If you purchase the boards, SPC will reimburse you.

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Spray paint 100 pizza boxes
- Cut vinyl fabric into 1 1/8" strips (need 100)
(that is approximately the width of a yardstick!)
- Cut craft cord into pieces and seal with a lit candle or other flame. We need 180 pieces that are 2 ½ feet long and 40 pieces that are 30 inches long.

Summer RUF Fellowship

SUMMER RUF

(Tuesdays at 8pm - Second Pres. Sanctuary)

Studying I Peter

Anyone college age in the Greenville area welcome

June 17 I Peter 1:22-2:3 | Tanner Crum (Furman RUF intern)

and especially in the hours leading up to the worship service. We should ensure that time is set apart on Saturday evening and early Sunday morning to ask for the Lord's blessing on the reading and exposition of Scripture. The cure for sleepy heads on Sunday morning is to get to bed earlier on Saturday night. Preparation of the heart for worship is like putting on armor: we are powerless to resist idle thoughts in worship if we make no preparation to resist them beforehand."

"Second, the Bereans *researched the Word*. Luke tells us that they were "examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11). For several days after the Sabbath, these Jews evidently came back to the synagogue and searched the scrolls (they were too expensive for private ownership), to check whether the things Paul said were true or not.

"Notice *the priesthood of all believers* revealed in the Bereans' response: they searched the Scriptures for themselves. They did not need the intermediary of some priest or academic to teach them what they needed to know about God and His Word. True, they undoubtedly asked for the help of the local rabbi and those who had a measure of maturity in their understanding. But the Scriptures were open to everyone to examine. At the very least, this should encourage us to bring our Bibles with us to the worship service and to open them and follow along as it is read and preached. The holiest sounds of a worship service are the frequent rustling of the leaves of Scripture being turned in the pews! Notice also *the perspicuity (clarity) of Scripture*. The essential truths of the Bible can be understood by all believers using the ordinary means of learning. Note as well that the Bereans were preoccupied with what was being said rather than who was saying it. Their enthusiasm was not for the preacher himself; it was what he said and more especially, the gospel that he proclaimed that captivated their attention. The Bereans searched the Scriptures in order to better understand the gospel rather than to sign up for a preacher fan-club."

"Third, the Bereans *responded to the Word*. "Many of them therefore believed" (Acts 17:12). Listening to sermons should result in a desire to put what we learn into practice. Good preaching always applies the Bible to daily life. Good sermons tell us what promises we are to lay hold of in our

troubles, what sins we are to avoid when we are tempted, what attributes of God should elicit praise from our hearts, what virtues we ought to cultivate, what goals we should pursue, and what good works we should engage in. Paul was careful to tell Timothy that "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:15-17)."

I hope that Dr. Thomas' teaching will be helpful to you as you engage in one of the most important activities in life: listening to the preaching of God's Word. As a hearer of preaching, I was helped as well. Here are concluding words from Dr. Thomas:

In the end, the question is this: will you submit to what is true if God teaches it? And how will you know that? The answer; by turning to the Bible and examining it. You have no excuse, my friend. You have a copy in your own hands, or at least in your own home. Will you be a hearer only? Or will you be both a hearer and a doer of the word? This is the only honest way to listen to a sermon!

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

**PRAY FOR YOUR SPC COMMISSIONERS
AT GA NEXT WEEK**

MONDAY, JUNE 16

- 1pm-5pm SPC Ruling Elders will serve (Pre-Assembly Committees)
- 7pm Dr. Phillips will participate in "An Evening of Confessional Concern & Prayer for the PCA"

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

- 9am-3pm SPC Ruling Elders will serve (Pre-Assembly Committees)
- 2pm Dr. Phillips will participate in a PCA Seminar on Justification & Sanctification
- 7pm Opening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

- 2pm Dr. Phillips and RE Duncan will introduce others at PCA Seminar
- 9am Called Meeting of Calvary Presbytery
- 10am-5pm PCA Meets
- Noon GRN Luncheon, Dr. Phillips to speak
- 7pm Worship Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

- 8am Dr. Phillips and RE Duncan will introduce others at PCA Seminar
- 10am-5pm PCA General Assembly Meets
- 7pm Worship Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- 9am-Noon PCA General Assembly Meets

-The Editor



Social Media Highlights

"Grace is the mother and nurse of holiness, and not the apologist of sin."

-Charles Spurgeon

Morning and Evening (Evening of January 25)

"We tend to think that sanctification is something to be achieved by faith alone without any doing on our part. But that is to misunderstand the nature of sanctification."

-Derek Thomas

Desiring Spiritual Maturity

"Progressive sanctification is a work of God's grace whereby, through the powerful operation of the Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, they are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life."

-John Frame

"In justification the word to be addressed to man is believe — only believe; in sanctification the word must be 'watch, pray, and fight.'"

J.C. Ryle

Holiness

"I exhort you in the Lord to go on in your journey to heaven, and to be content of such fare by the way as Christ and his followers have had before you; for they had always the wind in their faces, and our Lord hath not changed the way to us, for our ease, but will have us follow our sweet guide."

-Samuel Rutherford

We congratulate Christ Church and Dr. Jon Payne on their first anniversary this past Sunday. Because of Second Pres. and many others there is a thriving new work in Charleston!

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

June 15, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

MARKED WITH A SEAL

Ephesians 1:13

Hymns: 331, 335, 339

Anthem: Like As The Hart

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

A SONG OF HOPE

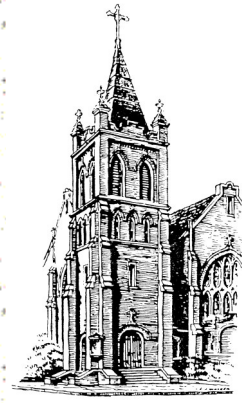
Psalms 130

Hymns: 642, 644, 420

Psalter: Psalm 50 (verses 16-23)

Mr. Rob Gustafson preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister How to Listen to a Sermon

"Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

I recently read a chapter in Dr. Derek Thomas' commentary on the book of *Acts*, titled, "How to Listen to a Sermon." The chapter was an exposition of Acts 17:10-15, Luke's description of Paul's preaching in the city of Berea. This passage is famous for the above quoted statement, which sets an example for us all. Dr. Thomas writes: "These words provide for us a paradigm as to how preaching ought to be heard at any time. They provide an answer to the question, 'How should we listen to a sermon?'" Thomas breaks down the Bereans' example in three points: they *received*, *researched*, and *responded* to the Word that was preached. Here is what he had to say:

"First, *they received the Word.*" Specifically, they received the Word "with eagerness." There was a sense of expectancy about their listening. This was no mere academic enterprise, to be engaged in with emotional detachment. Neither did they engage in it with routine familiarity, listening only half-heartedly and out of a sense of obligation rather than desire. To listen with eagerness to a sermon is not something that comes naturally; it is something that needs careful cultivation.

"In order to cultivate a sense of expectancy when it comes to preaching, we need to prepare ourselves for it. Our souls need to be prepared *beforehand*. It begins by faithful and earnest prayer for the preacher during the course of the week,