

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 6

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 4:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

### Monday, July 7

Senior High Trip to Edisto Island, SC  
 (July 7th-12th)

### Tuesday, July 8

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church  
 8:00 PM Summer RUF

### Wednesday, July 9

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids  
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6  
 7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

### Thursday, July 10

10:15 AM Playdate: Fischer's Orchard

### Friday, July 11

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

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:3-5

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

July 1	Playdate at Jones Gap State Park
July 1	Summer RUF
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 8	Summer RUF
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 15	Summer RUF
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 22	Summer RUF
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

## 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

## 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.

**Matt and Olivia Griffin**  
**Amelia Ruth**

**Vera Lane Griffin**

**Scott and Sarah Grubbs**  
**Daniel, Beth**

## Missionary for the Week

### CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN

The vision for Calvary Home for Children began in 1992. Members from several Upstate South Carolina churches participated in missions trips to a children's home in Columbus, Mississippi. After witnessing that work in Mississippi and being burdened by the increase in child abuse and abandonment incidences in South Carolina, this group of men and women had a vision to see similar work in the Upstate.

**SPC Mission Project**  
**Calvary Home for Children**  
**July 14th - 18th**

**Church Picnic \* July 4 \* 6:30 pm**

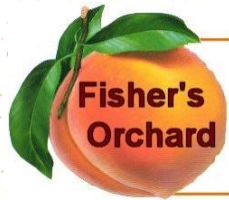


Good Food \* Great fellowship  
(Bring a lawn chair and stick around  
for the Greenville fireworks).

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!

**Play Date for Second Pres. Kids**



**NEXT PLAYDATE**  
Thursday, July 10  
10:15 am  
Fischer's Orchard

It is peach season everyone!! We will  
meet at the pick-your-own address of  
Fisher's Orchard at 650 Fisher Road, Greer, 29651 around  
10:15 am on Thursday, July 10th. The freestone varieties  
are due to be ripe this week. Bring your sunscreen/hats  
and a change of clothes/shoes as it can get quite muddy.  
Feel free to bring a picnic lunch for fellowship afterwards.  
Give Rebekah Johnson a call when you get there if you  
can't find our group: 864-430-3408.

**Summer RUF Fellowship**

(Tuesdays at 8pm - Second Pres. Sanctuary)  
Anyone college age in the Greenville area welcome  
July 8 | 1 Peter 3:1-7 | Mark Reed (Mitchell Road)

**-No Wednesday activities July 2nd.**  
**-No Men's Lunch/Bible Study July 4th.**

**The Church Office will be closed July 4th.**

**WIC Circle 2 will not meet  
during the summer months.**  
**They will resume in September.**

**Senior High Summer Conference**

Edisto Island, SC  
July 7-12, 2014

Theme:

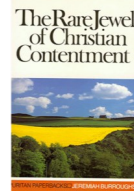
"The Foundations of Christian Worldview in Genesis 1-11."

Teachers:

Pastor Rick Phillips; Mr. Jim McCarthy; Mr. Scott Cook

**REMINDER:**

**Balance of \$200 due by June 30th**



**Second Presbyterian Church**  
**All Adult Summer Sunday School, 2014**  
Sanctuary: 10am  
July 6, 2014  
Chapter 6 "How Christ Teaches Contentment"  
John Duncan teaching

**Report of the WIC  
Nominating Committee**

The following slate of WIC Group One Officers has been nomi-  
nated for two years of service in Second Church WIC by the  
WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council.  
The election will take place at the August Annual Meeting. The  
Officers will serve September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

President :	Rebekah Johnson
Treasurer:	Jane Rainey
Historian:	Sandy Waugh
Christian Growth:	Christina Cook
MTW Coordinator:	Sharon Phillips
Circle 1 Coordinator:	Vicky Rogers
Circle 2 Coordinator:	Tammy Looper
Circle 3 Coordinator:	Priscilla Carmichael

Election will be held at  
WIC Annual Meeting  
Thursday, August 21, 2014, 7:00 pm  
Church Fellowship Hall



Last week in VBS our children participated in the *International Spy Academy: Agents for the One True God*. Their mission was to uncover clues leading to an understanding of the One True God and His Son, Jesus. Our VBS required a large number of Special Ops Officers to run the Academy --willing, gifted servants. THANK YOU to the following who served as leaders/teachers/actors/helpers in our mission:

Margaret Atwood	Alice Barnett	Geoffrey Barnett	Josh Baxa
Ruth Bechtel	Scott Cook	Ashley Crunk	Jonathan Crunk
Blair Duncan	Knox Duncan	Lindsay Duncan	Lynda Duncan
Shirley Duncan	Caleb Evans	Meredith Evans	Laurie Farley
Daniel Grubbs	Jan Hu	Nathaniel Johnson	Janice Leathers
Madison Lindquist	Addie Maralit	Ashley Maralit	Noah Maralit
Jim McCarthy	Ethan McConnell	Noah McConnell	Katy Morgan
Linda Morgan	Alma Palmer	Dean Pennington	Elizabeth Pennington
Jennifer Pennington	Jean Pennington	Hannah Phillips	Jonathan Phillips
Matthew Phillips	Sharon Phillips	Katie Preston	Victoria Pujdak
Vicky Rogers	Mary Russell	Myra Russell	Grace Schvaneveldt
Haley Schvaneveldt	Lori Schvaneveldt	Andi Scoggins	Ashton Scoggins
Jenny Spears	Robert Spears	Kitty Swillen	Callie Therrell
Caroline Therrell	Cassie Therrell	Robert Therrell	Judy Waite
Emily Weaver			

We also want to thank the WIC Circles for providing delicious snacks for our workers all week. Every year in VBS we have a missions focus. June Gallman is one of our missionaries in Costa Rica. She ministers to women in prison through evangelizing, teaching English, tutoring in all subjects and interpreting and translating. She also serves by working with the children of the inmates. Some of the women prisoners are in desperate need of eyeglasses. The cost of an eye exam and a pair of glasses is \$40. Our project this year was to see how many glasses we could provide - and the kids generously brought in \$520. June was thrilled and appreciative to Second Presbyterian for providing the means for thirteen of the women she works with to see more clearly. Let's pray that these women SEE not only what is around them, but the love of God that can be in their hearts.

~Servants together, Mott Altman, Rebekah Johnson and Jill Mann



What are some guidelines based on biblical teaching that can help us to embrace a biblical idea of patriotism? First, let me point out patriotic views and attitudes that Christians must reject:

- *Christians must reject a longing for national preeminence and power.* How well I remember the fiery passion of my youth, determined that America would be first in all things. As a Christian, I no longer crave earthly glory for my nation, but rather God's blessing. As a Christian I embrace the principle of Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."
- *Christians do not accept the statement: "My Nation, Right or Wrong."* A disciple of Christ must be loyal to God and his commands, even if it means speaking against his or her nation. As a Christian, I am horrified by sins widely embraced in America and consider it my duty to oppose in lawful ways the wide range of evil that increasingly dominates our culture. As a servant of Christ I am appalled both by the empty materialistic idolatry that often attaches itself to the political right and even more so by the pagan evil espoused by the political left. In any case, my desire is for our political leaders to appeal to God's Word as our founding fathers so often did.
- *Christians are not nationalists who despise rival nations.* As a believer in Jesus, I look on Christians of all races, tongues, and nations as brothers in Christ, and I consider non-Christians of all nations as fellow sinners in need of my loving witness to the gospel. My chief desire as a believer is that stated in Psalm 67:3, "O God, let all the peoples praise you!"

Based on the above principles, there are some people who would say that Christians have abandoned patriotism altogether. This is not true, however. Christians should not turn a cold heart away from their nation. In fact, celebrations like those of Independence Day provide a good start for developing a Christian patriotism:

- *July 4 reminds us that we are part of a nation, with a great history, wonderful privileges, and important responsibilities.* We are all indebted under God's grace to the sacrifices of others and in God's providence we are part of a great historical legacy of freedom and blessing that is worth celebrating. Recognizing our debt to prior generations and the blessings we have received as Americans should produce gratitude to God – a gratitude that serves as a good basis for Christian patriotism.
- *July 4 reminds us that God has sovereignly placed us in this land and under this government.* I praise God to be an American, precisely because of what Independence Day represents. As I have traveled on other continents and had personal interactions with government tyranny and injustice, I have learned once more to bless the sight of an American flag. Yes, Christians should

frankly admit and oppose the evils of our nation, but we should not fail to be grateful for the many good things our country does and represents. Moreover, when Romans 13:1-7 commands us to honor and obey civil authorities, Christians should do so from the heart, with love and fervor for the blessings of the land in which God has placed us and with sincere loyalty to all public servants who are seeking to do good.

- *July 4 reminds us to play our part today in the civil life of our nation.* When God addressed the Jewish exiles living in Babylon, he told them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf" (Jer. 29:7). Christians rightly think of any earthly home as a sort of exile, longing to arrive in the kingdom of glory with God. But we should be involved in the society and life of the land in which we are living. This means that we should be civic-minded as a church and as believers, exercising all kinds of gifts and opportunities to be a blessing to the nation and city in which we are living. In America, this calling involves participation in the political process, opposing evil, and promoting truth and righteousness. Especially when there are political leaders who openly seek a biblical agenda of godliness and civil well-being, they deserve the special support and prayers of God's people.

So maybe Christians can be patriots after all! Indeed, we can be, and we should celebrate our national heritage with thanks to God and with prayers for renewed faith and needed repentance. In fact, the best kind of Christian patriotism is that which offers a loving witness to the Savior, the great King Jesus Christ, who alone can give true freedom to anyone.

May God bless you and may God bless America,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

## At the Corner of River and Rhett

### SOME DATA ABOUT THE PCA

Churches & Missions:	1,808	(increase of 21 from 2012)
Professions of Faith:	9,327	
Membership:	367,033	(increase of 3,014 from 2012)
Total Family Units:	139,364	(increase of 2,033 from 2012)
Long Term Missionaries:	620	(decrease of 21 from 2012)
Two Year Missionaries:	118	
Missionary Interns	276	(decrease of 78 from 2012)
Two Week Missionaries:	4,810	(increase of 62 from 2012)
RUF:	145 campuses in 39 states and in 60 Presbyteries	

### MORE INSIGHT INTO 42<sup>nd</sup> PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### Major Issues of the PCA GA

By Jason Helopoulos of Gospel Coalition Blog

Insider Movement: Last year's assembly ended with a great deal of confusion over the actions of the Assembly in relation to the Insider Movement Committee Report. A minority report emerged from the committee and the Assembly found itself in a difficult position when it tried to receive and approve both the committee and minority reports. In the end, last year's Assembly chose to refer the matter back to the committee and ask it to report back at the 42nd General Assembly. At this year's Assembly, the majority report was approved overwhelmingly and the minority report was not. The PCA General Assembly took a very clear stand on the Insider Movement. Dr. David Garner was an able and learned voice that presented the material clearly and pointedly on the floor of the Assembly.

Child Protection: Most of this year's overtures were related to child protection. Overture #6 was overwhelmingly approved by the Assembly as a strong resolution encouraging churches to screen child care workers, maintain child protection policies, faithfully report abuse, review its policies at a denominational level related to child protection, and teach against the sin of child sexual abuse.

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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 continued**

Support & Prayer: The overtures committee voted against an overture from Savannah River Presbytery calling for an expression of gratitude and prayer for those “facing fines, penalties, and ostracism for declining out of religious conviction to provide their services” for same-sex “marriage ceremonies” or taking a stand for the sanctity of human life. A minority report emerged from the Overture’s Committee that resolved to expresses its gratitude and pray “to the Lord for sustaining by His grace ministers of the gospel, chaplains, and Christians serving in the public sphere who are experiencing ostracism, penalties, and persecution for taking a Biblically faithful stand for the sanctity of human life and declining to participate in the cultural redefinition of marriage.” The minority report was approved by the Assembly after becoming the main motion on a 445-395 vote tally. The vote seemed to take a turn when one commissioner rose to express his own past struggles with same sex attraction and expressed gratitude for those willing to confront him in love.

Theistic Evolution/Historic Adam & Eve: Once again, the General Assembly chose not to make an in these (authoritative) statement regarding theistic evolution. However, it should be noted that in the Overtures Committee and on the floor of the Assembly there was no one who actually advocated for theistic evolution. It appeared that most of the opposition to issuing such a statement was that the Westminster Standards were sufficient in speaking to this matter already.

Agencies: Christian Education and Publication had its proposed name change approved by the Assembly. It will no longer be CE&P, but rather, the Committee on Discipleship Ministries. Reformed University Ministries saw a new coordinator elected to its helm with Rev. Tom Cannon’s official approval.

-The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD’S DAY**

July 6, 2014

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

**KNOWING GOD**

Ephesians 1:17

Hymns: 465, 2, 672

Anthem: Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 PM

**BENEDICTION OF PEACE**

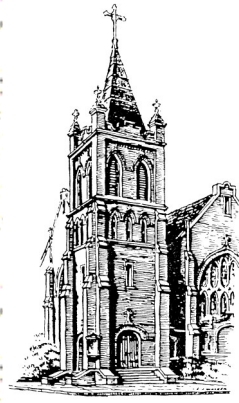
Hebrews 13:20-25

Hymns: 82, 165, 460

Psalter: Psalm 52

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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**Letter from the Senior Minister  
Christian Patriotism**

On July 4, our nation celebrates its independence with waving flags, picnics, and parades. Some churches deck their sanctuary with red, white, and blue, and devote the worship service to the honor of the state. Other Christians virtually ignore this or any other national holiday. This raises the question, “How does Christianity tell us to think about patriotism?”

This question is quite personal for me, since I grew up in an intensely patriotic family. Patriotic holidays were solemn occasions and the national anthem and flag were regarded as holy objects of veneration. In many respects, my childhood was probably not typical of others’, since I was raised on Army posts during a war. My childhood virtually coincides with the Vietnam War, a conflict which twice took my father away for a year and cast its shadow over our lives, both for good and for ill. My father returned from Vietnam, but many of my boyhood friends’ dads did not. I would guess that I attended more funerals by the age of ten than most people do in a lifetime. As a result, these formative years instilled in me an intense patriotism, which played no small part in leading me into a military career like my father and grandfather before me. I was commissioned on Memorial Day, a time when I was always proud to be an American, and grateful for those who laid down their lives for us all.

Another way in which I am probably not typical is that my conversion to faith in Jesus Christ, which occurred when I was 30 years old, required me immediately to recast my ideas of patriotism. At first, I was tempted to reject the idea of patriotism altogether, since I had been transferred out of the world into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. However, even though my relationship with Jesus greatly altered my attitude towards flag and country, I soon realized that there is a Christian patriotism that believers should feel towards their country.