

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 3

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM Elder Luncheon-Bill Watkins' Fold
 4:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, August 4

10:00 AM Girls' Basketball Camp
 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, August 5

10:00 AM Girls' Basketball Camp

Wednesday, August 6

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 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, August 7

10:30 AM Playdate: Legacy Park Picnic

Friday, August 8

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 36:5-7

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
 (ESV)

Upcoming Events

August 3 Elder Fold Luncheon (Bill Watkins)
 August 4-5 Girls' Basketball Camp
 August 4 Diaconate Meeting
 August 6 WIC Council
 August 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 August 7 Playdate: Legacy Park Picnic
 August 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 August 11 Session Meeting
 August 12 WIC Circles
 August 12 Playdate: Greenville Zoo
 August 13 Missions' Committee Meeting
 August 13 Musical CAT Kids Program
 August 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 August 20 Administration Committee Meeting
 August 20 Musical CAT Kids Fun Night
 August 21 WIC Annual Meeting
 August 22 Jr. High Fellowship
 August 22 Sr. High Fellowship
 August 24 Installation of WIC Officers
 August 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 August 27 CE Committee Meeting
 August 27 Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes
 August 31 Rally Day
 August 31 Ice Cream Social

Mark Your Calendars

September 12-14 Missions' Conference
 September 17 Evangelism Explosion Banquet
 September 27 Fall Picnic at Herdklotz Park
 October 17-18 Ladies' Retreat at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC
www.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.

Marian Wood
 5 Creekbend Road
 Simpsonville, SC 29681
 297-0783

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Pat Holbrook
Bob and Margaret Holman
Susan Holman

Missionary for the Week



Becky White, Christ's College, Taiwan
bwhitetaiwan@yahoo.com



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.
 Romans 12:12

Summer Projects – Please pray for the funds and people involved in summer projects: roofing, painting, sidewalk construction, course preparation, a new administrative computer system, a new website, etc.

Personnel Preparation – Thank God for this “catch up” time in the summer! Pray for renewed strength for each teacher and staff member at CC. Pray for personnel who will be new this fall. Pray for Lew Schrader's visa and adjustment to CC. Thank God for the birth of Jack Shumate; pray for his parents, Jonathan and Kathleen, as they continue to raise support. Ask God to send the right people to fill some important roles at CC: school registrar, men's dorm counselor, Music major chairperson, administrative assistant

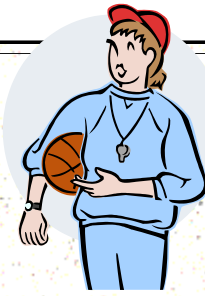
Student Recruitment – Pray for our final Entrance Exam Saturday, August 2, and for students from China.

Elder Fold Luncheon

Bill Watkins' Undershepherd Fold will meet on Sunday, August 3, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 am worship service for a luncheon. Since this is a new fold we have listed the members in Bill Watkins Fold: Joel, Alice, Geoffrey Barnett; Wilma Cagle; George & Brenda Cumbus; Diane & Allison Detmer; Larry & Florence Dickerson; David & Susan Eller; Byron & Rebecca Senn; Wealthy Senn; Nathan & Heidi Upton & family; Tyler & Alex Upton; Jeremy & Emily Weaver & family.

Girls' Basketball Camp

Jr. and Sr. High Girls' Basketball Camp
August 4th & 5th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Bring your lunch.
Any questions?
Call Vicky Rogers
270-1329



Playdate: Legacy Park

Thursday, August 7th
Meet at the park at 10:30 am
and bring a picnic lunch
for extended fellowship time.

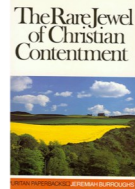


This park has a small amount of play equipment but lots of grassy space for free play so bring balls, bubbles, jump ropes, etc. for some fun in the sun!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RALLY DAY

Sunday, August 31
10:00 am
Church Sanctuary



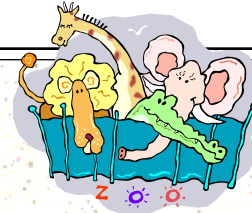
Second Presbyterian Church All Adult Summer Sunday School, 2014

Sanctuary: 10am
August 3, 2014

Chapter 10 "Aggravations of the Sin in Murmuring"
Jeff Windt teaching

Playdate: Greenville Zoo

Tuesday, August 12
Greenville Zoo
Meet at the front entrance
@ 10:30 AM



We will tour the zoo and maybe take a playtime breather at the small play area inside the zoo. When we are done we will gather in the park outside the zoo for a picnic lunch and playground time.

Service Opportunity



Have you ever thought about serving in the SPC Nursery but didn't know how to get involved? NOW IS THE TIME TO FIND OUT! Do you want to serve but feel you don't have the experience? Can you smile, hold a baby or get down on the floor and play? You HAVE the experience! We have available slots for Nursery Volunteers for ALL services. Want more of a challenge? Ask about being a Nursery Monitor on the rotation. Volunteers and Monitors work once every 6 weeks. The new schedule will begin in September. Please sign up at the Nursery Desk or contact Myra Russell or Lori Schvaneveldt. Current workers will be contacted in the near future for availability on the next schedule.

Memorial Flowers

The following dates are available for placing flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone special. Please call the church office or see Judy Bishop if you would like to sign up.

Aug. 31st; Oct. 12th; Nov. 2nd, 16th & 30th

WIC Annual Meeting



All college-age and above ladies in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Thursday, August 21, 2014
Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM
Agenda:
Election of Officers
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities
Recognition of New Members
Refreshments will be served.
Contact Margaret Holman (963-9059)
if you have any questions.

The following slate of WIC Group One Officers has been nominated 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.

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| 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 |

Music Notes



Please mark your calendars with upcoming dates:
Musical CAT Kids Program: Wed., August 13
Musical CAT Kids Fun Night: Wed., August 20
Reg. CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes:
Wed., August 27

2014 Missions Conference
September 12-14, 2014

shared heart. This is why we will never provide for home participation in the sacraments and why the elders of the church meet in person rather than merely over the internet (notice that Matthew 18:20 occurs in a passage dealing with church discipline).

2. We need to come to church *in order to contribute our gifts and graces to fellow Christians*. The Lord accomplishes a number of important things through the weekly gathering of the church. For instance, the spiritual gifts of each member are employed in a wide variety of ways, each of which are essential. Paul wrote that "we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Rom. 12:5). He added that our spiritual gifts are provided to us "for the common good" (1 Cor. 12:7). Therefore, your fellow Christians require your presence: to serve, encourage, listen, support, laugh, hug, and love. We gather on Sunday as a church community, and this requires us to *commune!* So while video church is a help for exceptional situations, it should never become anything like the norm for a Christian.
3. There is an authoritative dimension to the preaching of God's Word that involves *physically "sitting under" a real and living pulpit ministry*. It is a blessing to be able to hear the Word of God even if we are not able to attend church. Yet physically attending the sermon makes a significant difference to the way God ministers his Word. God has ordained for the Bible to be preached through living heralds and ambassadors, and the experience of sitting under a pulpit ministry integrally involves being physically present. Preaching is a living, communal event, and the preacher needs to see and spiritually interact with the congregation, just as the congregation needs to see and spiritually interact with the preacher. It is a great blessing to have great preaching available via a number of electronic means and I would encourage you to do so, but none is a substitute from sitting in person under the personal ministry of your own pastor together with the church of which you are a member. This is why I am so opposed to "satellite churches" where the celebrity preacher's video is beamed into a congregation where he is not physically present. This is also why you should especially attend to the preaching of your own minister, even if more gifted preachers can be heard on radio or the internet. Preaching is an important part of the pastor's spiritual leadership and sitting under the preaching is an essential way to obey Hebrews 13:17—"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they

are keeping watch over your souls."

4. In worship, *we need to give our full attention to the Lord*, which is unlikely when we are not physically present in the church sanctuary. The sanctuary experience is designed to draw our full attention to the Lord and to his Word. Outside of the sanctuary and especially if we are alone, we simply are not likely to give ourselves wholly to God in our worship. This is similar to my concern for those using their tablets or smart phones in place of physical Bibles. There is nothing wrong with an electronic version of the Scriptures, but I know that my own smart phone is loaded with opportunities for multi-tasking and other electronic distractions from God and his worship. Is there anything wrong with checking your emails and texts during the sermon? Yes, there is. Psalm 111:1 says: "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation."

As Christians we should be the last to lose our sense of the whole person as God has made us, and we should not allow technology to truncate our view of the human person. Therefore, while we are glad to provide live video streaming for exceptional situations, let us not make the exception the norm and let us not permit technology to dictate our spiritual experience in worship.

Let me conclude with some suggestions related to the topic of video worship:

- 1) When traveling out of town on a Lord's Day, make every effort to attend a local church in person rather than watch your home church via the internet. All Christians are part of the universal church as well as their particular church, and these are good opportunities for us to express and experience our

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broader Christian participation. God uses connections made in these settings to bring us together for his work. Even if there is no church that you would prefer, you should go to the best option. Experiencing "bad worship," however we may define it, or "different preaching," will nonetheless impart wisdom and perspective. Whatever the experience, we should always prefer actual physical worship in company with fellow believers to a video experience even of our own church. Some will object that they want to keep up with their own church and with the sermon series they have been hearing. This is understandable, which is why we post our videos on Sermon Audio for you to watch or listen to at your leisure.

- 2) If you say to yourself, "I'll just watch it on the internet," instead of physically coming to church, you are cheating yourself and, more importantly, your fellow believers. This urge (which probably is more associated with evening worship) should be avoided as much as possible.
- 3) When attending a large worship event or conference where video screens are used to project the preacher's image, sit up front where you can look at the speaker directly. I find that where there is a big screen my eyes naturally drift away from the actual person to the video image. This lessens the sense of a live encounter with a living preacher and we should avoid it.

I hope this counsel will enable us to use God's gifts wisely and responsibly. Christians should always be on guard for unintended consequences and for opportunities of the devil (Eph. 4:27). The loss to the church of the physical presence of the people of God is too terrible to consider. Let us not permit technology to turn us from disciples into consumers, and from a church community to a mere resource provider. 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

-The Editor is off this week and will return August 4th.

Church History

Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church Sharon, York County, South Carolina

Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church is the second oldest P.C.A. congregation in South Carolina and the eighth oldest in the denomination based on its having been organized in 1769. Its historical importance not only as a church but also because of its contributions to local education and the American Revolution have been noted by the South Carolina Historical Marker near the church property on Lockhart Road (SC 49).

The church was supplied for several years by local ministers, but in 1774, Rev Joseph Alexander became Bullock Creek's minister. He was born in 1730 in Cecil County, Maryland. He attended Princeton College completing his program in 1763. Joseph had married Martha, who was a daughter of the college president, Samuel Davies. A few years into his ministry at Bullock Creek, Alexander opened a classical school for the local children. After more than twenty-six years of ministry to the congregation, Joseph Alexander's pastoral relationship was dissolved in 1801. Alexander had baptized eleven adults and 753 infants of the congregation. In his seventy-seventh year he was honored with the Doctor of Divinity by South Carolina College. Alexander was not only honored by the degree, but he also had the privilege of receiving it at the college's first graduation in 1807. Others receiving honorary degrees with Rev. Alexander were John Drayton, and Reverends Moses Waddel, Richard Furman, and William Percy. Earlier that same year Alexander had published *Eight Sermons on Important Subjects*. Rev. Joseph Alexander, D.D, died at Bullock Creek on July 30, 1809; Martha had preceded him to the grave having passed away in 1805. The Alexanders were blessed with ten children.

Over the years, Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church has had at least three buildings. The first building was constructed on the west side of Bullock Creek. Another building constructed in the closing years of the 1850s was dedicated in June 1860, which continued to be used by the congregation until at least 1926. The current brick church was dedicated to the glory of God in 1953. Across the street from the church is the cemetery where the earliest marked grave is that of Mary Feemster who died in 1776. Former pastors Joseph Alexander and Robert Young Russell are among the more than one thousand individuals awaiting the resurrection.

~by Dr. Barry Waugh, Church Historian

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

August 3, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

THY KINGDOM COME

Matthew 6:1-33

Hymns: 53, 353, 163

Anthem: Shout the Glad Tidings
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

CHRIST SUPREME IN ALL OF LIFE

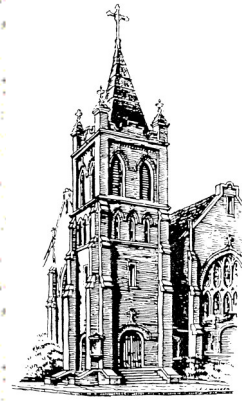
Colossians 1:15-20

Hymns: 2, 170, 295

Psalter: Psalm 55 (verses 15-23)

Mr. Scott Cook preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister The Use and Abuse of Video Church

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation" (Ps. 111:1).

One of the more popular features on our church website (www.spcgreenville.org) is the live video webcast that allows people to watch our worship services on the Lord's Day as they are taking place. We are delighted to provide this, especially for members who are shut-ins, parents who are home with sick children, and similar situations. I recently heard of a member who was able to watch one of our services on his smart phone when he was stuck in a power outage. There are a surprising number of people who view our services over the internet and we hope it is a blessing to them all. We are particularly pleased if non-Christians are able to hear God's Word and be encouraged to join us in the flesh.

For all the blessings of this kind of technology, there are some important limitations to video worship of which Christians should be aware and which call for us to make a wise use of this resource. In short, our live webcast is designed for those who are not able to come to church, not as a substitute for those who would otherwise come to church. With this in mind, let me point out some reasons why we should greatly prefer attending church in person, along with some suggestions for our practice.

1. *Our physical presence is essential* to full participation in worship and in the life of the church. When the Bible urges us "to meet together" (Heb. 10:25), this involves our physical as well as our spiritual presence. We are not meeting with the church if the church cannot see us! Jesus said, he would be present "where two or three are gathered in my name" (Mt. 18:20). His meaning undoubtedly had the normal sense of physical presence with a