

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 17

- 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**

### Wednesday, August 20

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids Fun Night
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

### Thursday, August 21

- 7:00 PM WIC Annual Meeting

### Friday, August 22

- 12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Greenville Drive Church Night

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 37:5-7

*Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*

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## Upcoming Events

- 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 Greenville Drive Church Night
- 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
- Sept. 1 Church Office Closed
- Sept. 3 WIC Council
- Sept. 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Sept. 7 Folds Prayer Time for Missions
- Sept. 7-21 Deacon Nominations
- Sept. 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Sept. 8 Diaconate Meeting
- Sept. 8 Session Meeting
- Sept. 9-10 WIC Circles
- Sept. 10 Missions Committee Meeting
- Sept. 12-14 MISSIONS' CONFERENCE
- Sept. 15 Young At Heart resumes
- Sept. 16 WIC Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes
- Sept. 17 EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET
- Sept. 17 Administration Committee Meeting
- Sept. 18 WIC Thursday morning Bible Study begins
- Sept. 21 MEMBERSHIP CLASS begins
- Sept. 21 Adult Sunday School classes resume
- Sept. 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- Sept. 24 CE Committee Meeting
- Sept. 24 Called Session Meeting
- Sept. 26 Jr. & Sr. High 4th Friday Fellowships
- Sept. 27 FALL CHURCH PICNIC
- Sept. 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- Sept. 28 Deacon Training begins

**If you have a date for the September 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 members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.

**Al and Anne Anderson**  
143 Lullwater Road  
Greenville, SC 29607  
271-1835

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Ray and Kathryn Huber**  
**Randy and Regina Icard**

**Nathaniel and Rebekah Johnson**  
**Nate, Andrew, Jeremiah, Silas**

## Missionary for the Week



**Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez**  
**Peru Mission**

WHAT ALONZO DOES  
Teaches in Seminary  
Church Planting  
University Ministry

The Ramirez family is from Cajamarca, Peru. Alonzo is an organizing member of Peru Mission and a minister in the Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana del Perú. He and his wife Esther have two children (Samuel and Analiz). Alonzo is a pastor in the Second Presbyterian Church, Cajamarca and director of the university ministry at the National University of Cajamarca. He is also rector of the Seminario Biblico Reformado for the Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana del Perú. Esther teaches religion classes at a public school in Cajamarca and directs the children's Sunday School at Second Presbyterian Church.

## The Great Escape



ATTENTION: LADIES  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
THE GREAT ESCAPE 2014  
IS COMING...

October 17-18, 2014  
Blue Ridge Assembly  
Black Mountain, North Carolina  
SAVE THE DATE  
More details @ WIC Annual Meeting  
and in upcoming Heralds.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**RALLY DAY**  
Sunday, August 31  
10:00 am  
Church Sanctuary



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

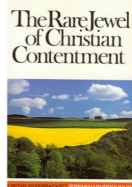


Sunday, August 31  
Immediately following the evening worship service.  
"Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share."  
Don't miss our last Ice Cream Social of the summer.

## 2014 Missions Conference September 12-14, 2014

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Missions Committee is planning a Missions Conference on the weekend of September 12-14. Dr. Jon Payne, Ross Hodges and Michael Giuliani from Christ Church Charleston, Rev. Al Lacour from RUF International and Rev. Scott Hill, MTW-Cherokee are our invited guests. Please make plans to join us that weekend for Missions activities.



Second Presbyterian Church  
All Adult Summer Sunday School, 2014  
Sanctuary: 10am  
August 17, 2014  
Chapter 12 "How to Attain Contentment"  
Scott Cook teaching



## Greenville Drive Church Night

Join the church family on Friday, August 22, 7 pm, at Fluor Field for a church-wide baseball game. Tickets can only be purchased online at [www.spcgreenville.org](http://www.spcgreenville.org). Deadline for purchase is August 13th. Register today online.



## Good News Club "A Ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship"

Volunteers are needed to continue our ministry to local elementary school children. Good News Clubs will begin the week of September 15th. If you are available on Tuesday or Friday afternoons from 2-4 pm, please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you serve Him as we teach and encourage the children. Volunteers are needed to teach, to shepherd the children weekly (sit with them during club, encourage, listen to verses, be a friend), provide snacks, and pray. You will be trained to do any job you are willing to try. A training class is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 9 am to 2 pm at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. Contact Cyndi Player (963-8633) to volunteer or for more information.



## Music Notes



Musical CAT Kids Fun Night: Wed., August 20  
Reg. CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes: Wed., August 27

**Memorial Flowers: Dates Open**  
**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.

**NOTE:** Please RSVP to Margaret Holman (982-0589) if you are planning to attend the meeting. Also, let her know if you will be needing childcare so that the nursery can be staffed accordingly.

Installation of the new WIC officers will be Sunday, August 24th at the evening worship service.

## New WIC Bible Study

ATTENTION LADIES: A new Bible Study: The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books, will begin Thursday, September 18th for 10 weeks. This study by Nancy Guthrie replaces the regular Precepts classes. We will meet every Thursday from 9:30-11:30 am in the church conference room. Since the format will be primarily discussion, participants will need to have a book for preparation. Please let Mary Russell ([erussell1670@charter.net](mailto:erussell1670@charter.net)) know if you plan to attend as books need to be ordered.

## "Takethemameal.com"

If you would like to fix a meal for the Dunlop family after the birth of Titus, please sign up on the web site "takethemameal.com". Sign-in "Dunlop; password. 1892." Titus has been released from the hospital and is now at home.



God of grace, have mercy on our fellow sinners who persecute your people in the name of a false god. As once you turned the heart of Saul of Tarsus when he was the chief tormenter of your church (Acts 9:4-5), and as Jesus pled for you to forgive those who tortured him upon the cross (Lk. 23:34), now have mercy on those who crucify and behead the saints in Iraq. Reveal your grace and glory to them so that they might repent, believe, and be saved.

Finally, Lord, send your Spirit to inspire Christians who live in comfort and ease, that we might honor the martyrdom of our brothers and sisters by living boldly for Jesus, that we might abominate in ourselves the sins of hatred, lust, and idolatry that we see working so terribly against our brethren, and that we might live more soberly and prayerfully for the cause of Christ in this evil world.

In the name of him who loves us and has freed us from our sins (Rev. 1:5), whom you have made head over all things for the church (Eph. 1:22), your Son Jesus Christ, we pray. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Before he became a minister of the Gospel, Dr. Phillips served as an officer in the United States Military.

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## The Ji'hadi Holocaust and Gospel Scandalon By George Grant

*Nuun* ( نون the first letter of Arabic the word *Nasara* ( نصارى or *Nazarene*). Since the beginning of the Islamic invasion of the Christian world in the 7th century this letter has been used by Muslims as a pejorative, a mark of shame, a *scandalon*.

Today in Syria and Iraq, a new generation of invaders use it to stigmatize and persecute the few remaining Christians in the region. In the same way the Nazi's used the Star of David to identify Jews for persecution and eventually extermination, these Muslim terrorists use nun for their new Ji'hadi Holocaust.

Therefore, many Western Christians now display *nuun* as a mark of Gospel hope and a demonstration of solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters in the lands where the Church of Jesus Christ was born. We gladly bear the scandal of the cross.

And so, with this sign we joyously declare that together with the faithful all around the world, we belong to the Resurrected Nazarene, the Savior of the World, God Almighty, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. And one day, we know that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

## At the Corner of River and Rhett

### Widow's Fund

The Bible speaks in I Timothy 5 of a Widow's Fund being set up by the New Testament at the urging of the Apostle Paul for the care of women who are "truly widows" and in need of financial assistance without the support of family members.

At a recent meeting of the Session, Second Church established a Widow's Fund for our congregation.

*The purpose of this fund is to minister to the widows of the congregation by providing financial assistance. The funding is provided by designated contributions outside of the church budget and shall be used only for the purposes of this ministry. The Session shall determine and designate women eligible for the fund.*

There is currently an urgent need for contributions for the SPC Widow's Fund. Trustees have been appointed to administer these funds. **Can you assist?** Make checks or cash gifts out to Second Presbyterian Church and designate "Widow's Fund."

### Visiting Minister

This coming Sunday Dr. D. Ralph Davis (Assistant Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Columbia) will be preaching at the morning services. Dr. Davis's ministry has been about evenly divided between the pastoral and the academic; he has served pastorates in Kansas, Maryland, and Mississippi and taught in between pastorates at Belhaven College and Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS. His most recent posts were Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Seminary and pastor at Woodland Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg, MS. He graduated from Dubuque Theological Seminary (M. Div.), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (Th. M.), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Ph. D.). He is married to Barbara; their clan consists of three sons, three daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.



### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

## Letter from the Director of Music

"Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." So said the 16<sup>th</sup> century reformer, Martin Luther, and you might expect that as a director of music in the church I would add my assent to this bold statement—and that I firmly do. I believe that God has given to mankind a gift—an ability which belongs only to those created in His image—of being able to sing and make music for His glory. The Bible itself is replete with songs beginning with the song of Moses in Exodus 15, to the song of the Lamb in Revelation 15. In addition, the Word of God contains an extensive song book—a hymnal if you will—right in the center of the Old Testament; the book of Psalms. Thus, if songs and music are so important that the inspired Scriptures are so full of them, they must be important for us also.

When we gather as a congregation we should lift our voices—trained and untrained—to God in song as we sing Psalms and hymns together each Lord's day. This is the joyful privilege of all believers! The Triune God of glory deserves our highest praises and singing is a way we can unite our hearts and minds in the worship of His Holy name joining our voices with those of the angels who worship around His throne night and day.

We should also encourage those who have been gifted in music to gather together spending time and effort to prepare and offer particular songs of praise for the glory of God that require more preparation and practice. We call these groups of people choirs.

One of the reasons I want to share these thoughts with you is because on August 27, our Chancel Choir will begin holding its regular rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This will provide choir members more time for rest and fellowship on Sunday afternoons, will allow a greater number of people to participate in the choir, will supply a more focused rehearsal time, and will afford a shorter amount of time between rehearsals and worship services. We will also begin our youth and children's choirs that same date with choirs for children from grades 1 to 12. These choirs will meet on Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 6:55 p.m. Wee worship will also resume on August 31, for children ages 3 to Kindergarten during the later portion of the evening worship service. If you have any questions please call me at the church office or on my cell at 864-979-9378.

Great is the privilege we share, as believers, of singing the praises of Almighty God—let us do so with thankful and grateful hearts. And if you have been waiting for an opportune time to join one of our choirs this is it!

Soli Deo Gloria, Verlyn Smoker

## The Second Presbyterian Church

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

August 17, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRESSING ON AFTER THE FUNERAL

Joshua 1

Hymns: 101, 78, 689

Anthem: There Is a Balm in Gilead  
Dr. Ralph Davis preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

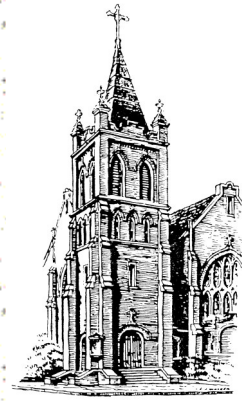
DAILY BREAD

Matthew 6:9-13

Hymns: 421, 107, 420

Psalter: Psalm 57 (verses 1-4)  
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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## Letter from the Senior Minister

### A Prayer for the Afflicted Saints of Iraq

Our Father in heaven, the sovereign and almighty God, the faithful covenant-keeper and Savior, we plead to you on behalf of our suffering fellow believers in Iraq. Cast your eye upon them and have mercy to uphold and defend your flock. Overthrow the evil of their persecutors and strengthen the faith of those suffering tribulation for the name of Jesus.

Father, as of old you caused the enemies of your people to destroy one another in answer to the plea of Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 20:23), so now bring discord, division, and self-destruction to the jihadist slayers afflicting your people. Lord, as once you parted the Red Sea to make safe the way of Israel fleeing from Pharaoh's host (Ex. 14:21-22), open a path to safety for your people fleeing in distress. Our God, your Word foretells that Satan will make war on the church, all the more because he knows that his end is near (Rev. 12:12). But as you promised, intervene supernaturally to provide a refuge in the wilderness for the church our enemy is seeking to destroy (Rev. 12:14-16). Cause your suffering people to conquer by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; strengthen their testimony to Jesus, even under threat of death (Rev. 12:11).

Our loving Father, Jesus foretold that his people would be hated by all nations and delivered up to tribulation (Mt. 24:9), as we see happening to the saints of Iraq. Do not permit them to fall away or betray one another, and keep their love from growing cold (Mt. 24:10, 12). Hear the cries of Rachel in Iraq and Kurdistan, weeping for her children (Jer. 31:15).