

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 26

REFORMATION SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:45 AM Membership Class
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM Diaconate Training
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 6:00 PM Wee Worship
- 7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Tuesday, October 28

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, October 29

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AND REFORMATION PARTY**
- 6:45 PM Diaconate Training (S-309)
- 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
- 7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

- 9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
- 4:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Friday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 1

Basketball games begin

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 23 Calvary Presbytery @ Redeemer PCA
- Oct. 25 Jr. & Sr. High Workday
- Oct. 26 REFORMATION SUNDAY
- Oct. 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- Oct. 29 REFORMATION PARTY
- Nov. 1 WIC Shower for Amy Stevens
- Nov. 1 Basketball games begin
- Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 3 Diaconate Meeting
- Nov. 5 WIC Council
- Nov. 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Nov. 9 High School Lunch and Fellowship
- Nov. 9 Called Session Meeting
- Nov. 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Nov. 10 Session Meeting
- Nov. 11-12 WIC Circles
- Nov. 12 Missions Committee Meeting
- Nov. 16 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- Nov. 16 Called Session Meeting
- Nov. 17 Young At Heart
- Nov. 19 Administration Committee Meeting
- Nov. 23 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
- Nov. 23 Evangelism & Church Growth Committee
- Nov. 26 CE Committee Meeting
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Supper and Service
- Nov. 27-28 Church Office Closed
- Nov. 29 WIC Decorating for Christmas
- Nov. 30 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

- ⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music Dec. 7
- ⇒ Churchwide Choir Reception Dec. 7
- ⇒ Gingerbread House Contest Dec. 10
- ⇒ Good Grief Dinner Dec. 11
- ⇒ Congregation Meeting-Deacon election Dec. 14
- ⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program Dec. 17
- ⇒ Lessons and Carols Dec. 24
- ⇒ Christmas Hymn Sing Dec. 28

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 10) or email: jgrant@spcgreenville.org.

Remembering One Another

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

Dave Maney
128 Mustang Circle
Simpsonville, SC 29681
963-3308

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Bobby and Jill Mann
Max and Hudson

Johnny and Cindy Mann
Carrie Anne

Joseph and Ashley Maralit
Noah, Addison, Isaac, Elisha, Opal

Missionary for the Week

Our Supported Seminaries

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

A conservative theological education institution committed to the authority of the Bible and the truths of the historic confessions of the Reformation. GPTS is committed to training passionate, articulate preachers of the Gospel in the historic Reformed faith.

Reformed Theological Seminary

The mission of Reformed Theological Seminary is to serve the Church by preparing its leaders, through a program of graduate theological education, based upon the authority of the inerrant Word of God, and committed to the Reformed Faith.

Westminster Theological Seminary

WTS is a Reformed seminary started in 1929 in the tradition of the Westminster Standards and Old Princeton. It's mission is to form Christian leaders to proclaim the whole counsel of God throughout a changing world.

30 Days of Prayer for World Missions

The 30 Days of Prayer for World Missions calendars are now available on the counter outside the library. This November calendar is put out by MTW and is a tool for you to use to pray for MTW missionaries and ministries throughout the month, particularly for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. The calendar also highlights the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 2, giving you the opportunity to join the worldwide body of Christ in prayer for the persecuted Church. Be sure and pick up one of these calendars as we join together during the month of November in prayer for World Missions.



Showering with Love

WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Wedding Shower
for

Amy Stevens

Saturday, November 1, 2014

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Amy is registered at Target, Belk, Sears, and
Bed, Bath, and Beyond.



Evangelism Explosion Training

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? Evangelism Explosion is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester began Thursday, October 16, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions. It's not too late to join.



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26, 2014



REFORMATION PARTY
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29TH

We need booths, prizes, and candy.
If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Scott (ext. 25).
If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,
please mark and leave in the gym.

Guidelines for Using the Church

- Sign in and out at the "In & Out Board" by the nursery.
- Check to be sure all lights are out upon leaving.
- Check all doors to be sure they are locked.
- Set alarm before leaving.

This will help others know when folks are in the building and reduce the number of false alarms which cost the church money. Don't assume doors are locked and lights are out. Please help us turn off, lock up, and alarm the building when you leave.

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to donate your Memorial Flowers to the Koinonia Committee please call Barnetta Stephens (414-7313). They would be happy to distribute these flowers to our shut-in members.
~Flower Committee

Thank You

The past three months have been the hardest of my life. My faith has been tested in many ways. Not only have I been dealing with the grief of Aaron's death, but also with caring for and planning for Josh's life. Second Presbyterian has truly been a family to me during this time of grief and loss. I am really thankful for the great outpouring of love toward my family and me. I am especially appreciative of all the planning and work that went into Aaron's memorial service and meal that resulted in an exceptional, God-honoring, gospel-centered worship service of praise to our God. Please accept my sincere gratitude for all the cards, meals, calls, kind gestures, financial gifts, and I am sure, thousands of prayers. There are too many individuals and families to name that contributed to all these expressions of love and kindness. Please be patient with me as I work through this very hard time and seek God's wisdom and guidance.

~Monique Al-Rawi

Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child
"The Power of A Simple Gift"

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Shoe boxes with instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located throughout the church. If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner (244-5688). Boxes need to be in the church office by Nov. 16th.

New Address

Florence Dickerson

The Haven

355 Berkman Lane, Room 213-B

Greenville, SC 29605

Please change address in your church directory.

Second Pres Basketball

Basketball games will begin on Saturday, November 1st. Below is a list of our teams and coaches:

Mites	Nate Johnson
I-Mites	Ashley Maralit
Junior High Girls	Ruth Bechtel and Sharon Phillips
Junior High Boys	Joe Martin and John Gray
Senior High Girls	Vicky Rogers
Senior High Boys	Tim Johnson

Be sure and come out and support these teams. Dates and times will appear in the Herald each week.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred and twenty fourth Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 23rd at Redeemer PCA, beginning at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for this meeting and for the Commissioners who will be attending from Second: TE Phillips; TE Spears; RE Duncan; RE Bragdon; RE Wheeler. Visitors are welcome.



Also, the people were preyed upon whenever the church needed money to build another grand cathedral in Rome. The pope sold indulgences that promised that for the right price, all your sins would be remitted in the pope's name (this practice continues today). Moreover, indulgences were sold to the common people to lessen the torments of their deceased loved ones in purgatory.

In launching the Reformation, Martin Luther was motivated by two issues. First, he was concerned for his own soul. He felt his sin deeply and he feared God's righteousness. So how could he be saved? He tried all the moralistic and mystical approaches offered to him by Roman Catholicism, but he could not find peace in his soul. He finally found it in the Bible and its gospel: "For in it [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith'" (Rom. 1:17).

Luther was also angered by the corruption of the Church and the exploitation of the common people. So on Oct. 31, 1517, he nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the Wittenburg chapel door, challenging the church doctors to debate. The *Theses* were quickly copied and spread far and wide by means of the new-fangled printing press. As Luther defended his views and gained increased understanding of the gospel, he wrote more books that rocked the world of medieval Catholicism (books such as *The Freedom of a Christian*, *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, *An Address to the German Nobility*, and *The Bondage of the Will*).

His writings spread throughout Europe. In England, the ladies of King Henry VIII's court smuggled Luther's writings to the evangelical preachers, so that many heard the gospel and turned in faith to Jesus. When persecution broke against them, the English leaders fled to Switzerland where they came under the influence of John Calvin, who was himself strongly influenced by Luther and who went even further in explaining the whole breadth of biblical teaching. When these exiles returned to England they gave birth to the Puritan movement, those pious believers who refused to compromise with secularized religion and who, along with the Scottish Presbyterians, wrote the doctrinal standard we use today, the



Westminster Confession of Faith.

When persecution broke out against the Reformed Churches in England and Scotland, they fled to America in search of religious freedom. In 1706, the first Presbyterian denomination was founded in Philadelphia, under the leadership of Francis Makemie. As more Presbyterians immigrated from Scotland, land became scarce in Pennsylvania and many migrated south over the mountains to the foothills and mountains of the Carolinas. In this way, the Reformation took roots in our little corner of the world. In 1892, a group of Christians in the West End of Greenville planted Second Presbyterian Church. In 1909 they began building the sanctuary in which we now worship.

What I hope to show is that our church is a direct descendant of the Protestant Reformation, the greatest revival since Pentecost. What a blessing. Let us celebrate the gospel God has passed to us through the lives of so many others. And let's ensure that we pass it on so that future generations may know that through faith alone in Jesus Christ, God offers salvation to a dying world.

May the Lord bless you all this Reformation Sunday.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

Some American Presbyterian History

The U.S. Presbyterian Church traces its beginnings to the earliest Presbyterian churches in the American colonies. These were established in the 17th century by those New England Puritans who preferred the presbyterian system of church polity (government) to that of New England Congregationalism. Also in the 17th century, Scotch-Irish, English, and other settlers formed Presbyterian churches in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. In 1706 some of these churches joined in a loosely organized presbytery (assembly of the ordained members of several churches), which in 1716 was expanded to a synod of several presbyteries.

The church was a blend of New England Puritan Presbyterians, Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, plus Welsh and some other Presbyterians. The Scotch-Irish regarded doctrine as the basis of the church and strove for unqualified acceptance of the Westminster Confession (1648), now the standard declaration of Calvinist theology in the United Kingdom. The New England Puritans regarded the Christian life as the basis of the church, accepted creeds as expressions of the faith held by the church, and wished the superior church courts to have only limited and fixed powers. The church suffered a schism from 1741 to 1758 because of the religious revivals of the 18th century. The New England (pro-revival) group, called the New Side, trebled during the schism, while the Scotch-Irish (anti-revival), called the Old Side, declined. The two groups reunited in 1758, and the church experienced growth because many of the several hundred thousand Scotch-Irish immigrants who went to the American colonies after 1760 became members.

Presbyterians were active participants in the American Revolution, and after the war the church expanded westward. The need for a more definite organization led to the first General Assembly, held in Philadelphia in 1789.

From an article in the Encyclopedia Britannica

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 - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

At the Corner of River and Rhett

MINISTRIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

Looking to get involved? Help out with a SPC ministry.

Ushering

Contact Kip Altman #1 828 773 7841
ckaltman@yahoo.com

Nursery

Contact Lori Schvaneveldt #1 864 404 6072
lorischvaneveldt@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Food Service & Hospitality

Contact Tim Johnson #1 864 567 9621
tim.johnson@afrna.com

"Koinonia" Service Ministry

Contact Barnettta Stephens #1 864 414 7313
barnettastephens@gmail.com

2015 Vacation Bible School

Contact Jill Mann #1 864 979 6856
bjmhmamm@att.net

Host a Youth Fellowship in Your Home

Contact Scott Cook #1 864 901 8320
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COFFEE, FOOD, CELL PHONES IN THE SANCTUARY

A friendly reminder that Second Presbyterian requests that food and coffee not be brought into the sanctuary and cell phones be turned off during the duration of the worship services. Help create a God-honoring worship space that is free from world distractions -sights, sounds and smells- that inevitably draw our mind away from the most important hour of our week.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

October 26, 2014

Reformation Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

MARTIN LUTHER'S TEXT

Romans 1:17

Hymns: 92, 347, 168

Anthem: The Lord Is My Light and Salvation

Festival Piece on "Saint Anne"

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

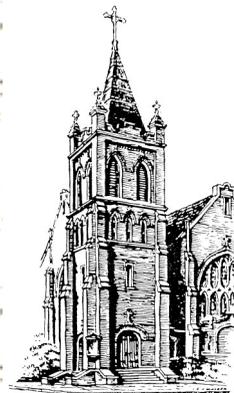
ENCOURAGEMENT IN TROUBLED TIMES

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Hymns: 528, 131, 642

Psalter: Psalm 64

Mr. Rob Gustafson preaching



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Greenville, South Carolina

October 20, 2014

Letter from the Senior Minister From Wittenburg to Greenville

Why do we celebrate Reformation Sunday? Out of all the church holidays that we might observe, why do we take time to observe this one? This is not a bad question, and there is a good answer. We celebrate Reformation Sunday out of gratitude to God for His great work in history to restore the gospel to His church, and because we know ourselves to be direct beneficiaries of what happened almost five hundred years ago. We will observe Reformation Sunday today by singing great Reformation hymns – and hymns are such an important part of the Reformation heritage!

This Sunday marks the revival in God's church that brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ from Martin Luther's Wittenburg to us in the upcountry of South Carolina. We give praise to God for his faithfulness to us and for the faith of those who enabled us to learn about Jesus Christ.

God used a monk named Martin Luther to recover the gospel and shine its light into a dark generation. The Medieval church of Luther's time was almost completely ignorant of the Bible. Even most priests could not read the Bible, but instead gave moral exhortations and urged the people to be loyal to the pope. Christian religion mainly consisted of a superstitious reliance on the sacraments, with little or no understanding of the gospel. Common Christian people did not so much relate to Jesus as they related to the Roman Catholic Church. To remain in good standing with the church was to have at least some hope of eternal life.