

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 18

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

### Monday, January 19

11:45 AM Young At Heart

### Tuesday, January 20

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Wednesday, January 21

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 4:30 PM Mites' Basketball practice  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 yrs. old - Kindergarten)  
 6:15 PM Children's Choir (1st-4th grade)  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (5th-8th grade)  
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (Sr. High & College)  
 6:55 PM CAT Kids  
 6:55 PM Covenant Kids  
 6:55 PM Sr. High Bible Study  
 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  
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Thursday, January 22

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

### Friday, January 23

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

### Saturday, January 24

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Woodruff Road PCA  
 2:00 PM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 18 The Lord's Supper at the morning services  
 Jan. 19 Young At Heart  
 Jan. 22 WIC Bible Study begins  
 Jan. 24 Calvary Presbytery  
 Jan. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee  
 Jan. 28 CE Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 28 Called Session Meeting  
 Jan. 30 WIC Game Night in Fellowship Hall  
 Jan. 30 Jr. High Fellowship  
 Jan. 31 WIC Shower for Haley Maycock

## Mark Your Calendars

### 2015 MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

June 8-12 General Assembly-Chattanooga, TN  
 June 13-20 Mission Trip to MTW-Cherokee  
 June 22-26 Vacation Bible School  
 July 6-11 Sr. High trip to Edisto Island  
 July 13-17 Mission Trip to Calvary Home  
 July 17-25 Mission Trip-Cajamarca Peru  
 July 20-24 Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven

*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!  
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## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:1-2

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
 nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law  
 he meditates day and night. (ESV)*

## 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 Wilma Crawford**  
 4 Richbourg Court  
 Greenville, SC 29615  
 244-1571

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Hugh and Cyndi Player**  
**Spencer and Maria Player**  
**Garison and Amy Plourde**

## Missionary for the Week

**Paul Anderson**  
**Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church**  
**Falls River, Massachusetts**

Thanks to the Second Church family for your recent prayers regarding the Fall River mayor's election. I came in 6th out of 8 candidates, for which I am amazed. Having no headquarters, no signs and no money, it was not a bad showing. The Lord opened unexpected platforms to say what had to be said. I am thankful for good contacts for *Providence* radio and Grace Church, upholding God's word as the true standard for morals and ethics. During debates came openings for Biblical thoughts, such as "...what happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas, because it is appointed unto man to die, and then it's Judgment Day. What we all do here has eternal consequences."

**Basketball Schedule**

Jan. 15	6:00 pm	Women	Christ Church
Jan. 15	9:00 pm	Men	W. Pres.
Jan. 17	10:30 am	Jr. High Girls	OLR
Jan. 17	12:30 pm	Mites	W. Pres. II

**Young At Heart**

The monthly luncheon of the Young At Heart will be Monday, January 19th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal will be \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Start your New Year by joining us for wonderful fellowship, delicious food, and very good programs. Our own Scott Cook will be our speaker at the January luncheon.


  
**Showering with Love**
  
*WIC*
  
*cordially invites all ladies to a*
  
*Wedding Shower*
  
*for*
  
**Haley Maycock**
  
*Saturday, January 31, 2015*
  
*10:00 am - 11:30 am*
  
*Fellowship Hall*

**Memorial Flowers**

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our morning worship service on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951). She will be compiling the 2015 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

**Join the Men's Chorus**

Calling all musical men. On Sunday evening, February 8, a men's ensemble will be singing the offertory for the evening service. Any man who would like to join his voice with this group is welcome to do so—High School and College age young men are also welcome. We will be rehearsing on Sunday evenings January 18, February 1 and 8 from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Please call, text or email Verlyn Smoker if you would like to be a part of this vocal ensemble. He can be reached at 864-979-9378 or vsmoker@spcgreenville.org.

**Join the Choir!**

The beginning of a new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The Chancel Choir resumed rehearsals Wednesday, January 7. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please contact Verlyn Smoker at the church office or call him at 864-979-9378. Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praises! Rehearsals take place in the choir room—directly beneath the Sanctuary—each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with ours!

**New Musical Opportunity for Children**

On Wednesday evening, January 7, a new opportunity for the musical training of our covenant children began here at Second. The goal of this group, called the Hope Choir, is to provide an avenue for our young children, ages 4 to Kindergarten, to be encouraged and trained to sing and make music for the glory of God. Mrs. Sue O'Brien, who has extensive experience teaching music to children, is leading this endeavor which meets from 6:15 to 6:50 p.m. each Wednesday evening. To be eligible for involvement your child must have had their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1, 2015. We look forward to the participation of these young ones as they learn to use their voices and musical abilities to praise our glorious Lord. Due to this new group beginning the Wee Worship program on Sunday evenings is being discontinued.

**ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BANQUET**  
**Friday, February 13, 2015**

**Membership Class**

Begins Sunday, February 15, 2015 @ 9:45am  
 Room C-209  
 (3rd floor down the hall from the church office.)  
 Taught by Pastor Phillips  
 The class will meet each Sunday for 8 weeks.  
 Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church, however, you are requested to take the class before joining the church.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Annual Sports' Banquet**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2015 @ 5:45 pm**  
*Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2014-15 sports participation.*

**Calvary Presbytery**

The one hundredth and twenty fifth stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 9:00 am at Woodruff Road PCA. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

**Thank You**

*Dear church family,*  
*Kevin and I would like to thank you for the many prayers, emails and cards regarding my recent hospital stay, surgery and continuing recovery. It has meant a great deal to us to have such a loving family to support us through these difficult waters. God is faithful and good and we are resting in His sovereign plans. We are thankful to be on the road to recovery.*  
*Cindy and Kevin Worley*



morning/evening pattern. Because of these features, Collins asserts that "we must not impose a 'literalistic' hermeneutic on the text." [6] By this, he means believing that the events happened as the text says they did. But why the exalted features overthrow the normal way of reading the text is not made evident. Might the exalted nature of the narrative be a function of the event itself: God's unique creation of all things? Wouldn't we expect an account of this to be "exalted" simply by virtue of the stupendous events? And what other actors than God might there be in such an account?

The reality is that the genre of Genesis 1 is the same as the genre of Genesis 2 through 50: historical narrative. Therefore the arguments used to remove the historicity of Genesis 1 must inevitably apply equally to the whole of Genesis, with all its teaching about God and man that is opposed to secularist dogma, including the Fall of Adam, Noah's Flood, the Tower of Babel, and God's covenant of salvation with Abraham. All of these narratives are highly stylized accounts involving exalted and unusual themes, at least from our perspective.

There is a reason, of course, for isolating Genesis 1 from the rest of the book. Admittedly, it is more "exalted" a narrative than others - it is the creation account! But Genesis 1 is also the chapter that most stands in the way of the theory of evolution, for which scholars are determined to find room by warning against "highly literalistic" readings - i.e. ones that take the narrative seriously as history. And when Genesis 1 has been neutralized, the same approach can be applied to other pesky narratives like Genesis 3 and the Fall of Adam. After all, there can be no Adam when evolution has been accommodated accepted by our reading of Genesis 1. So now the danger of a "highly literalistic" reading has advanced to chapter 3. But, wait, the flood narrative cannot be taken seriously in light of today's science and that narrative is highly structured, too. It will not take too long before the entire book of Genesis is reduced to historical rubbish.

One of the grand motives, I believe, for accommodating evolution in Genesis 1 is so that evangelicals can stop arguing about science and start teaching about Jesus. But do we fail to note that Jesus' story begins in Genesis 1? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God..." (Jn. 1:1). In fact, when



the interpretive approach used to neutralize Genesis 1 as history is necessarily extended by evolution, then the reason for Jesus' coming is lost? After all, without a biblical Adam as the first man and covenant head of the human race, then what is the problem for which the Son of God came? Here we see just how right Peter Enns is: evolution is not an add-on to the Bible, it is a replacement.

May the Lord bless you this week.

Pastor Rick Phillips

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**Creation Study Group**  
**January 15th @ 7pm**  
**Second Presbyterian Church**  
**"Can the Bible and Evolution Coexist?"**  
**Dr. Richard D. 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 - 6:55 PM

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

**At the Corner of River and Rhett**

**WHY WE DON'T INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH**

-By Michael Harvey

1. We have no non-church going friends.
2. It's the pastor's job!
3. My friend said no to me last year.
4. What if it damages my friendship?
5. Our services and people are unpredictable.
6. I fear what the congregation will think of my friend; they are not our type of people.
7. I don't want to be seen as strange.
8. I wouldn't know what to say and they might ask something about my faith.
9. Below the surface of these answers lies the fear of rejection.

**"If you invite your friends to Second Presbyterian Church I guarantee you I will tell them about Jesus and the Gospel" - Dr. Richard D. Phillips**

**SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY**

**"The Property Committee"**

Jimmy Looper (Chairman)

George Cumbus

John Gray

Ron McNeely

Tony Stephens

Jerry Traynham

We are so appreciative of the Diaconate's Property Committee which are responsible for the care of the SPC Buildings, Campus and Associate Material property. Jimmy Looper is the new chairman for 2014.

**Article by Carl Truman on the recent violence in Paris**

The recent terrorist attack in Paris highlights perhaps the great political dilemma of the current age, that of Western freedoms being used to destroy Western freedoms. But perhaps just as importantly, its target was perfectly chosen.

Democracy requires more than the legal right to vote. It requires the freedoms to own property, to travel, to speak one's mind, and to litigate to protect oneself. It thus requires the social institutions and customs which can sustain and support these things and also an underlying sense of community in which these individual rights take shape and have meaning. Indeed, classic liberal freedom assumes the idea of the nation state.

The situation today is different. The nation state is under huge pressure. Mass immigration, the worldwide economy, the rise of militant forms of Islam allied to a deeply anti-Western political imagination, and the availability and speed of communication have all served in different ways to undermine it. The West's self-confidence that it is the meaning of history is gone. More significantly, the shared sense of identity, the communal structures and the traditional processes by which liberal democracy thrives have all gone or are being rapidly redefined or eroded. And, of course, it is the very freedoms of the West which provide the context for their destruction at the hands of its enemies.

Given all this, it makes perfect sense that the enemies of democracy and classic liberalism would strike at a satirical magazine. Satire has often been the first and most discerning enemy of power and tyranny which is why it is so hated by the powerful and the tyrannical. And it is also thrives upon the most basic of liberal freedoms, that of speech. Those who think the satirists had it coming are correct but not in the way that somebody who keeps crossing a busy road with their eyes closed is headed for an accident. They had it coming because satire - one group poking fun at another - lies at the heart of what it means to be free in a democratic society. And that is what the Islamic militants and, sadly, the illiberal voices on both the Right and, particularly these days the Left, hate more than anything else.

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

January 18, 2015

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

**THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD**

Ephesians 3:9-13

Hymns: 38, 455, 378

Anthem: Praise- Ye the Lord of Hosts  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 PM

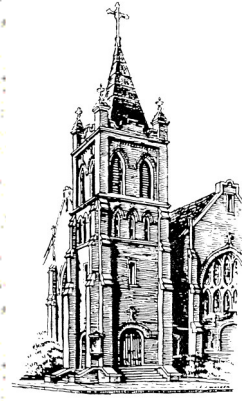
**THE SIN OF GEHAZI**

2 Kings 5:15-27

Hymns: 4, 457, 26

Psalter: Psalm 69 (verses 1-9)  
Mr. Scott Cook preaching

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**Letter from the Senior Minister  
Evolution vs. Genesis 1 - Part 2**

It takes great effort to deny that Genesis 1 fits the genre of historical narrative. Here, we see a structure consisting of a series of waw consecutive verbs. The waw is the Hebrew letter V, which means "and" when attached to the front of a verb. When attached to a noun it is disjunctive -- it stops the narrative flow. When it is consecutive, before a verb, the waw advances the narrative flow. "This happened and then this happened and then this happened." This is what we find in Genesis 1: "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness" (Gen. 1:3-4). Given this construction, literary guides to the Bible commonly identify Genesis as "an anthology, or collection of stories" in which "narrative is the primary form." [3] Therefore, just like so many other chapters in the Bible which contain divine wonders that the unbeliever will reject, Genesis sets itself forth as recording events from history. Christians are expected to read accounts like this and believe that what is recorded actually happened, however contrary to secularist expectations.

A challenge to this view comes from Jack Collins' description of Genesis 1 as "exalted prose narrative." On the one hand, he admits "that we are dealing with prose narrative... [and] the making of truth claims about the world in which we live." [4] On the other hand, he says the chapter presents an "exalted" form of writing. The reason for this is because of "the unique events described and the lack of other actors besides God" and also because of "the highly patterned way of telling it all." [5] By this latter point he means the structure of successive days and the