

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 8

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:45 AM Membership Class
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:00 PM Peru Mission Meeting
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, February 9

- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

- 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 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, February 11

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
- 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 WIC Circle 6
- 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, February 12

- 9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Friday, February 13

- 12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
- 6:30 PM VALENTINE BANQUET

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 4 WIC Council
- Feb. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Feb. 8 Membership Class begins
- Feb. 8 Peru Mission Meeting
- Feb. 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Feb. 9 Session Meeting
- Feb. 10-11 WIC Circles
- Feb. 11 Missions Committee Meeting
- Feb. 13 Valentine Banquet
- Feb. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Feb. 16 Young At Heart
- Feb. 18 Administration Committee Meeting
- Feb. 22 Communicants Class begins
- Feb. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- Feb. 25 CE Committee Meeting
- Feb. 25 Sports Banquet

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 8:3-5

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

(ESV)

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Sara Edwards
3 Ila Court
Greenville, SC 29611

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Fran Redick
William and Ashley Reese
Owen, Andrew, Emily
Gerry Rice

Missionary for the Week

Greenville Rescue Mission

Since its beginning as a soup kitchen in 1937, Miracle Hill Greenville Rescue Mission has undergone many changes. Its facilities have expanded to house 160 men and provide emergency shelter for an additional 200 men during extreme weather conditions. It also operates five apartments, which house families in emergency situations. The face of homelessness is constantly changing. It is no longer the face of a 55+ year old drifter. In the last 20 years, the average age of a homeless man has dropped to 35 – meaning there are more 18-25 year olds seeking shelter than ever before.

Peru Mission Meeting

Anyone interested in participating in the Peru Mission trip, July 17-25, please meet in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, Feb. 8 at 5:00 pm.

Communicants Class Begins

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, February 22. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in classroom S-307. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class. If you have any questions please Melton L. Duncan, 232-7621, ext. 14.

Annual Sports Banquet

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.

2015 Offering Envelopes

There are still 2015 offering envelopes on a table outside the church library. **Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week.** For accounting purposes the Deacons ask that everyone use their 2015 envelopes.

Memorial Flowers

The 2015 Memorial Flower list has been compiled and there are still a few vacant Sundays. 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).

Please contact the church if you have a change of address. (jgrant@spcgreenville.org) The church is charged extra postage for returned Heralds.

WIC Annual Presbytery Meeting

WIC Annual Presbytery Meeting
Redeemer PCA, Travelers Rest, SC
February 28th
10 am - 12 noon
Contact Rebekah Johnson with any questions (430-3408).
Second Pres. WIC would love to have a big turn out since Redeemer PCA is so close.

WIC Prayer Breakfast

WIC Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, March 7th
10-11:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall
Watch the Herald for further information.

Upcoming Dates

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| April 2 | Maundy Thursday Service |
| April 3 | Good Friday Service |
| April 5 | Easter Day Services |
| April 12 | New Members' Reception/Luncheon |
| May 6 | Graduation Banquet |
| May 13 | CAT Kids Program |
| May 20 | Musical CAT Kids begins |
| June 7 | All Adult Sunday School begins |
| June 8-12 | General Assembly-Chattanooga, TN |
| June 13-20 | Mission Trip to MTW-Cherokee |
| June 22-26 | Vacation Bible School |
| July 4 | Annual Church Picnic |
| 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 |
| August 30 | Rally Day |

*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!
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ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET

"Let's Fall In Love"
Friday, February 13, 2015
6:30 pm * Church Gym
Cost: \$10.00 per person
(12 years old and up)

Nursery provided for children under 12
Please make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 11 with Ken Safford or Robert Spears.
You may also pay online or bring your check to the church office.
Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.



Young At Heart

The Young At Heart will have a Valentine Luncheon this month at the Red Lobster on February 16th at 11:45 am. Please make your reservations with Judy Brigman (242-2939) or Jenny Spears (430-7396) by **February 9th.**

Please join us to
CELEBRATE MAMIE'S 90th BIRTHDAY!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015
Drop in from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Community Room
The Haven in the Village in Chanticleer
355 Berkman's Lane, Greenville, SC 29605

BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES WELCOME
In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to the Widows' Fund, Second Presbyterian Church.
Please mark you donation: Widows' Fund



"Believers' children within the Visible Church, and especially those dedicated to God in Baptism, are non-communing members under the care of the Church. They are to be taught to love God, and to obey and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. When they are able to understand the Gospel, they should be earnestly reminded that they are members of the Church by birth-right, and that it is their duty and privilege personally to accept Christ, to confess Him before men, and to seek admission to the Lord's Supper."

To this end, we have a long established custom of taking those interested in being admitted to the Lord's Table through a communicants class to ensure they have intentional exposure to the cardinal doctrines of our holy faith. Parents who have expressed interest in their children publicly professing their faith in Christ should make every effort for their children to take part in this class. As always, parents are encouraged to attend as well in the hope that you can reinforce the content and questions at home.

Like the Membership Class, attendance does not obligate anyone to join the church. It is possible that upon completion of the class either the parent and/or child will not feel ready to proceed with a profession of faith. The outline of the class meeting at 10:00 am in classroom S-307 is as follows:

- Feb. 22: What is the Gospel? (Mobley)
- March 1: What does it mean to be a Christian? (Mobley)
- March 8: What are the ordinary means of grace? (Cook)
- March 15: What is a healthy Church member? (Duncan)
- March 22: What do our membership vows mean? (Cook)

Everyone interested in pursuing admission to the Lord's Table will be scheduled to meet with the Session on March 22 or 29. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to sign your child/children up for the class. (232-7621, ext 14 or mduncan@spcgreenville.org)

Your Friend,

Church Administrator



Membership Class

Begins Sunday, February 8, 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.

- Feb. 8: The "Solas" of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 15: The Doctrines of Grace (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 22: Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 1: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 8: Finding Your Place at Second Presbyterian (RE Melton Duncan)
- Mar. 15: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 22: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- Mar. 29: Presbyterian History (Dr. Barry Waugh)
- Mar. 22/29: Session interviews for membership
- Apr. 12: Reception of New Members and New Members' Luncheon

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

Bringing the Gospel to Covenant Children By Joel Beeke

A biblical view of our covenant children would greatly enhance our attempts to evangelize them properly. Let us first examine two errors that many evangelical parents make today in viewing their covenant children:

They *overestimate* the covenant relationship.

Specifically, some parents overestimate the significance of their children's baptismal membership in the visible church. They view the covenant as a replacement for the regeneration and conversion of their children. This is particularly true of those who adhere to Abraham Kuyper's view of covenant children called "presumptive regeneration." Kuyper taught that the covenant warrants the presumption that children of believers are regenerated from earliest infancy and possess saving grace unless they later reject the covenant.

William Young calls this view "hyper-covenantism," because the relation of children to the covenant is exaggerated to the point that the covenant relation replaces the need for personal conversion. As Young points out, "Doctrinal knowledge and ethical conduct according to the Word of God are sufficient for the Christian life without any specific religious experience of conviction of sin and conversion, or any need for self-examination as to the possession of distinguishing marks of saving grace."

They *underestimate* the covenant.

Many Baptists and some Reformed people reduce the covenant to insignificance. They do this by failing to recognize the importance of the covenantal relationship of children with God. From the New Testament era on, they believe, children of believers have no promise extended to them, and thus by implication have lost their special place of belonging to the covenant of Jehovah.

Surely this isn't the teaching of the New Testament. Scripturally, the covenant relationship of children to God is established from texts such as Genesis 17:7 ("And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee"), Acts 2:39 ("the promise is unto you, and to your children") and 1 Corinthians 7:14 ("for the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy"). God sovereignly and graciously establishes a redemptive relationship with believers and their offspring.

NEIGHBORHOOD

All along River Street will soon be the sights and sounds of major building projects. In addition to the new hotel being built at Riverplace there is a new apartment building being planned across the street called the Link Apartments- soon to start. The Yeargin Potter Shackelford Construction Company recently sat down with members of the Diaconate to discuss the size and scope of the project.

The entire process will take around 22 months, including 14 weeks of digging. Estimates are that 3,000 truck-loads will be removed during site work. It is likely that most of Rhett Street will be closed off between River and O-Neil streets and a crane approximately 150 feet high (taller than the cross on our steeple) will be installed. Y-P-S projects some 200 workers will be on site and has said that there is likely to be a lot of noise and dust in the early stages of the construction. Mark Weaver, the General Superintendent has given the deacons assurances there will no Sunday construction and SPC will not be asked to be staging site or a parking zone.

Let's pray for the safety of all those involved. Pray for our future neighbors and the inevitable disruption to ministry that happens when "progress happens." Let's also continue to pray for our deacons who are doing a fantastic job managing our campus and buildings in the middle of a busy and changing downtown environment.

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

"The Sports & Fellowship Committee"

SPC Policy Manual states the Sports and Fellowship Committee supervises the programs of athletics at Second Church, including recruitment of coaches, teams, league affiliations, fees, equipment, playing schedules, tournaments, and the use of athletics facilities in cooperation with the Christian Education Committee. It also supervises the Wednesday evening Family Fellowship Suppers; the cooks, kitchen helpers, menus, facilities and equipment, clean-up, and any special arrangements, in cooperation with the appropriate committees of the Board and/or Session. It provides opportunities for Christian fellowship for the congregation, such as church picnics, athletic contests, dinners, outings, etc., in cooperation with the appropriate committees of the Board and/or Session.

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

February 8, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE MEASURE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

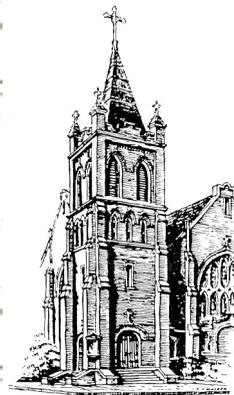
Ephesians 3:17-19
Hymns: 35, 535, 189

Anthem: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE
Psalm 87

Hymns: 138, 441, 345
Psalter: Psalm 69 (verses 30-36)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



The Second Presbyterian Church
Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

February 2, 2015

**Letter from the Church Administrator
Communicants Class**

On February 22, Kevin Mobley, Scott Cook and I will begin teaching a Communicants Class. In Chapter 6 of our Book of Church Order there is a helpful distinction made between the non-communicating and communing member of a local PCA church. 6-1 says: "The children of believers are, through the covenant and by right of birth, non-communicating members of the church. Hence they are entitled to Baptism, and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the church, with a view to their embracing Christ and thus possessing personally all benefits of the covenant." 6-2 says: "Communing members are those who have made a profession of faith in Christ, have been baptized, and have been admitted by the Session to the Lord's Table. This is our starting point for understanding the purpose of a communicants class in our church. The first thing we note is that children who complete this class and are admitted by the Session to the Lord's Table are NOT joining our church. Rather, they are already members (non-communicating) by virtue of their birth into a Christian home and are simply changing their status from non-communicating to communing members. Furthermore, we see the great need for our children to make an informed profession of faith before the Session and eventually the congregation.

Few things could be more dangerous than professions of faith that are the result of peer pressure, parental urging, or cultural expectations. Thus, we have consciously made the decision not to set an age limit in our church for taking this class. The alternative to this is to thoroughly instruct our covenant children as to their obligation to personally embrace and profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Again, the Book of Church Order in 57-1 says: