

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 15

- 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**
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, February 16

- 11:30 AM Young At Heart at The Red Lobster

Tuesday, February 17

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, February 18

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 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

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

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

Upcoming Events

- 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
- March 2 Diaconate Meeting
- March 4 WIC Council
- March 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- March 7 WIC Prayer Breakfast
- March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- March 9 Session Meeting
- March 10-11 WIC Circles
- March 11 Missions Committee Meeting
- March 15 The Lord's Supper-morning services
- March 16 Young At Heart
- March 18 Administration Committee Meeting
- March 20 Spring begins
- March 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- March 22 Called Session Meeting
- March 25 CE Committee Meeting
- March 27 Jr. High Fellowship
- March 29 Called Session Meeting

*If you have a date for the March calendar
please contact the church office this week.
232-7621, ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org*

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 9:1-2
*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name,
O Most High. (ESV)*

Remembering One Another

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

Vera Lane Griffin
19 Cahu Drive
Taylors, SC 29687

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Lila Riggins
Mamie Riggins
Reed and Vicky Rogers
Reed and Michele
Anna

Missionary for the Week

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP (CEF)



Greenville 2014-15 Good News Clubs
8,658 Children
588 Salvations
1605 Volunteers
98 School Clubs
9 Community Clubs

Second Pres. sponsors two Good News Clubs: Augusta Circle Elementary and The Kroc Center. Pray for the leaders, teachers, volunteers and children.

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 contact Melton L. Duncan, 232 -7621, ext. 14 or mduncan@spcgreenville.org.

Ladies of Second Presbyterian Church

You are cordially invited to attend the annual

WIC Prayer Breakfast

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." COLOSSIANS 4:2

Saturday, March 7, 2015

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Church Fellowship Hall

Contact Beth Gustafson (534-1447) with questions.

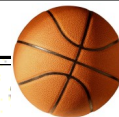
Membership Class Schedule

Sundays @ 9:45 am in Room C-209

- 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

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

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.

VISION CHECK

41st Annual Meeting of Calvary Presbytery WIC

Redeemer PCA, Travelers Rest, SC

February 28th

10 am - 12 noon (9:30 am registration)

\$10 Brunch - Limited Seating

Catch the VISION of women's ministry with your sister in Christ!

Contact Rebekah Johnson with any questions (430-3408).

RSVP by Feb. 14 to Penny Greer (pennygreer@hotmail.com)

Second Pres. WIC would love to have a big turn out since Redeemer PCA is so close.

Upcoming Dates

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 **11:30 am.** **(Note time change.)** Please make your reservations with Judy Brigman (242-2939) or Jenny Spears (430-7396).

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 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



and health to reclaim holy lands in distant countries overrun by Muslims. The Christians of the East had suffered mightily at the hands of the Turks and Arabs. It was only right, it seemed to medieval Christians, to go and help their fellow Christians and reclaim their land and property.

Many crusaders were knights (and their families) who left lands and titles. They saw their journey to the Middle East as an act of piety, a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the center of the earth and the center of their spiritual world. To be sure, the crusaders could be arrogant and savage, but they could also be pious, compassionate (e.g., the Hospitallers), and courageous.

And they did not always fail. The First Crusade, unlike most of the others, actually worked. Against all odds, a fractious group of Christians made their way from Western Europe to the Middle East and conquered two of the best-defended cities in the world (Antioch and Jerusalem). Their triumph was nothing short of remarkable, and for the crusaders, it signaled nothing less than the hand of God restoring his city to his people.

We are right to deplore the cruelty meted out by crusading Christians, but should not ignore their plight. Christians lands had been captured. Surely, they thought, this could not stand. For an American, it would have been as if Al-Qaeda sacked Washington D.C. following 9/11, set up shop for Bin Laden in the White House, and turned the Lincoln Memorial into a terrorist training center. It would be unthinkable, cowardly even, for no one to storm the city, liberate its captives, and return our nation's capital to its rightful owners. We should never excuse the atrocities that occurred under the banner of the cross during the Crusades, but we should, at least, take pause to understand why they set out on what seems to us to be a fool's errand.

We should also resist the temptation to blame present day Muslim extremism on the Crusades. This is not to say that the Crusades don't loom large in the Islamic consciousness. It is to say that this was not always the case. The Crusades were always a big deal in the Christian West, but for Muslims, as late as the seventeenth century, it was just another futile attempt by the infidels to halt the inevitable expansion of Islam. From the time of the Prophet Mohammed through the Reformation, Muslims conquered three-fourths of Christian lands. Once the Muslims united under Saladin, the crusaders, themselves divided, were no match for the armies of Islam.

The Crusades were not a major factor in shaping the Islamic world. The Crusades were just another unsuccessful attempt to thwart the spread of Islam. The term for the Crusades, *harb-al-salib*, was only introduced in the Arab language in the mid-nineteenth century, and the first Arabic history of the Crusades was not written until 1899. Because the crusades were unsuccessful, they simply did not matter



much to Muslims. But all this began to change when European nations colonized Muslim nations and brought their schools and textbooks which hailed the gallant crusaders and heroic knights who tried to bring Christianity and civilization to the Middle East. Like sports, like war, like life—when you're winning, you don't care who's losing; but when you're losing, it matters a lot who's beating you.

The point of this article is not to make us fans of the Crusades, but to make us more careful in our denunciation of them. We fight for nation-states and democracy. They fought for religion and holy lands. Their reasons for war seem wrong to us, but no more than our reasons would seem wrong to them. Madden writes:

Maybe the crusaders can teach us something after all. Maybe their example can force us to examine what we hold most dear. In America this may be freedom, democracy, and a hard fought peace in a world of terror. In the church, we will establish different priorities.

We are in a battle and the Master has called us to fight—not with the weapons of the world, but with the word of God and prayer; not against our neighbors, but against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Some things are worth fighting for. Some things are worth dying for. Our land? Perhaps. Our Lord? Always. So let our struggle be valiant, our suffering be purposeful, and our strategy be Christ's, who triumphed over the enemy not by taking life, but by giving his own.

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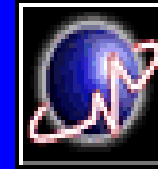
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Church Services: Sunday: Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM



SPC Missions / Youth Trips

2015

MISSION TRIP TO MTW CHEROKEE

June 13-20, 2015

Jeff Windt, Team Leader

Chaperones: Scott and Christina Cook

Cost is \$250 per person

\$125 deposit due 4/5/15

\$125 final payment due 5/3/15

SENIOR HIGH TRIP TO EDISTO ISLAND, SC

July 6-11, 2015

Scott Cook, Team Leader

Chaperones: Nathan Sasser, Ben and Lynn Shaw

Cost is \$310 per person

\$155 deposit due 5/3/15

\$155 final payment due 6/7/15

MISSION TRIP TO CAJAMARCA, PERU

July 17-25, 2015

Robert Spears, Team Leader

Cost is \$2,400 per person

\$1,200 deposit due 4/5/15

\$1,200 final payment due 6/7/15

JUNIOR HIGH TRIP TO RIDGE HAVEN

July 20-24, 2015

Scott Cook, Team Leader

Chaperones: Ginny Erwin, Jeff Windt

Cost is \$310 per person

\$155 deposit due 5/3/15

\$155 final payment due 6/7/15

ARTICLE FOR THIS WEEK

The Pastor's letter this week is by Kevin DeYoung and comes in the context of last week's National Prayer Breakfast where President Obama in response to how Americans should think about recent ISIS atrocities made the following statement: "lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ." Kevin DeYoung writes a thoughtful piece on the history behind the Crusades and how to think about that in modern times.

PARKING

The availability of parking for the membership is a concern that the officers are always monitoring. Later this year the Diaconate will be taking concrete steps to secure our existing parking with nearby building projects scheduled perhaps providing strain along River Street.

Please keep in mind Officers and those able have been asked to park as far away from the facility as they can to make room for visitors and those with special needs. Camperdown Way has public parking, and on Sundays the Innovate Building parking lot across Camperdown is available for use.

A reminder that anytime you park at SPC during non-business hours please display your SPC car sticker ID, or tell Lanier parking employees that you are a member. Daytime parking at SPC should only be in unnumbered spaces. Incidents should be reported to the Administrator.

WIDOW'S FUND

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

The purpose of this fund is 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" or see Pastor Spears.

The Editor 

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

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

February 15, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE FULLNESS OF GOD
Ephesians 3:19

Hymns: 80, 131, 529

Anthem: Ye Servants of God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

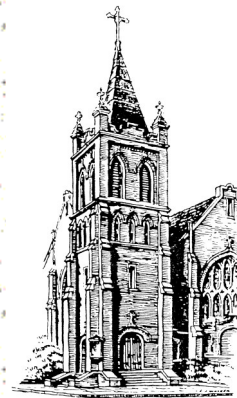
BREAD FROM HEAVEN
Matthew 6:9-13

Hymns: 421, 425, 420

Psalter: Psalm 70

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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February 9, 2015

**What About the Crusades?
By Kevin DeYoung**

The Crusades refer to a series of military expeditions over several centuries, beginning with the First Crusade in 1096 through the end of the Fifth Crusade in 1221, and continuing on in more sporadic fashion up until the Reformation. The term "Crusade" is not a medieval word. It is a modern word. It comes from *crucesignati* ("those signed by the cross"), a term used occasionally after the twelfth century to refer to what we now call "crusaders." Contrary to popular opinion, the Crusades did not begin as a holy war whose mission was to convert the heathen by the sword. In fact, very few of the crusaders saw their mission as an evangelistic one. The initial purpose of the Crusades, and the main military goal throughout the Middle Ages, was quite simply to reclaim Christian lands captured by Muslim armies.

The popular conception of barbaric, ignorant, cruel, and superstitious crusaders attacking peaceful, sophisticated Muslims comes largely from Sir Walter Scott's novel, *The Talisman* (1825) and Sir Steven Runciman's three-volume *History of the Crusades* (1951-54), the latter of which concludes with the famous summation now shared by most everyone: "the Holy War itself was nothing more than a long act of intolerance in the name of God, which is the sin against the Holy Ghost."

Scott and Runciman did much to shape the entirely negative view of the Crusades, but it isn't as if they had no material to work with. The Crusades were often barbaric and often produced spectacular failures. Children died needlessly. Coalitions splintered endlessly. Jews were sometimes persecuted mercilessly. Ancient cities were ransacked foolishly. And on occasion (e.g., the Wendish Crusade) infidels were forced to convert or die, while the crusaders holding the swords were guaranteed immortality. In short, many of the Christians who went to war under the sign of the cross conducted themselves as if they knew nothing of the Christ of the cross.

But that's not the whole story. The Crusades is also the story of thousands of godly men, women, and children who sacrificed time, money,