

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM Membership Class  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM Communicants Class  
 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, March 2

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, March 3

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 4

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee  
 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

### Thursday, March 5

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

### Friday, March 6

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

### Saturday, March 7

10:00 AM WIC Prayer Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

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 15 The Lord's Supper-morning services  
 March 16 Young At Heart  
 March 18 Administration Committee Meeting  
 March 20 Spring begins  
 March 22 Senior High Dinner  
 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

## Upcoming April Dates

April 1 No Wednesday evening activities  
 April 2 Maundy Thursday Service  
 April 3 Good Friday Service  
 April 5 Easter Day Services  
 April 12 New Members' Reception/Luncheon  
 April 18 WIC Brunch

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 9:9-11  
*The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! (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.

**Roy and Edna Heath**  
 17 Green Hill Drive  
 Simpsonville, SC 29681  
 963-5824

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Mary Russell**  
**Tindell and Myra Russell**  
**Jacob**  
**Matthew Russell**  
**Seth Russell**

## Missionary for the Week



### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Greenville delivers a hot meal Monday through Friday to nearly 1,500 homebound residents of Greenville County who have no means to prepare a nutritious meal for themselves and little or no support system to help them on a daily basis.

For variety, menus are prepared on a 4 week rotation and vary based on a client's diet restrictions, including vegetarian, renal, chopped, diabetic and pureed.

## Communicants Class Begins

A Communicants Class began Sunday, February 22. The class is meeting 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. It's not too late. 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

RSVP to Beth Gustafson

631-786-5076 or 864-534-1447

marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com



## Membership Class Schedule

Sundays @ 9:45 am in Room C-209

- 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  
Speaker: Mr. Jeff Windt

*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).

## Upcoming Dates

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 9	Missions Emphasis Sunday
August 30	Rally Day
September 25-27	World Missions Conference

## Thank You

*Dear Friends of Second Presbyterian,  
There are no words to thank you for all your kindness during these last months. The cards, calls, visits, food and love you have shown to me and my family have been overwhelming. You truly are a caring and loving people.  
My thanks, Lynne Ouzts*

## Opportunity for Hospitality

Our congregation is asked to consider opening your home to members of the Covenant College Chamber Singers, who will sing in our Worship Service on Sunday evening, April 12. There are 10 female and 7 male college students, 1 female chaperone and 1 male director. Please specify your preference and the number of persons you are willing to accommodate. You have always been most gracious to assist with this kind of event in the past and we look forward to your help with this project. The Chamber Singers will have been fed supper prior to the service. You would take your guest(s) home with you following the service, house them overnight, serve them breakfast on Monday morning and return them to the church by 8:00 am. If you are able to assist, please notify Shirley Duncan, shirleyduncan@charter.net or 230-5633, or tell her at church ASAP. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated as you offer this kind service to visitors in our midst. ~The Worship and Music Committee

## Baptisms

Harper Altman Preston, covenant daughter of Holt and Katie Preston received the sacrament of baptism at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Levi Brunson Knox Mobley, covenant son of Kevin and Shannon Mobley received the sacrament of baptism at the 11:00 am service on Sunday, February 15, 2015. We are thankful for the Preston and Mobley families and pray for Harper and Levi that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

## Greenville Seminary Spring Theology Conference

*"The Law of God in a Lawless Age"*

March 10-12, 2015

Woodruff Road PCA

Register at [gpts.edu/conference](http://gpts.edu/conference)

Tuesday & Wednesday are free and open to the public. Services will be broadcast on [SermonAudio.com/gpts](http://SermonAudio.com/gpts).

Audio and video recordings of the lectures will be available for purchase after the conference.

cance of toil, riches, achievement, and experiences. However much we have, it will never be enough and the feeling will never last. Here is the reality "under the sun" that fuels the tragedy of the fallen male ego.

Like everyone else these days, I click on #BrianWilliamsMisremembers and laugh at the parodies of his runaway conceit. Yet I find that the laughter catches in my throat. I, too, am a man who lives "under the sun," and my own little life also promotes feelings of insignificance and self-pity. My little ego has also felt desires for a fiction that is more spectacular than fact. If Brian Williams exposes the tragedy of the male ego, and mine is an ego much like his, where is the escape from the trap of this despair and deceit? The Christian man knows the answer: the answer is to surrender our ego - our identity and sense of importance - to the glory and grace that can only be found in Jesus Christ. The only way to escape Solomon's life "under the sun" is to embrace the apostle Paul's life "in Christ."

One of the New Testament passages that most helps me escape the siren cry of the fallen ego is John 3:25-30. John the Baptist was confronted by news that his followers were leaving for the newly prominent rabbi, Jesus of Nazareth. His staff officers were angry and their egos were hurt for John's sake. John's answer provides an expression of true Christian manhood and an escape from the tawdry chaos of the fallen male ego. He gave three replies in which Christian men may find escape from our pitiful inner selves.

First, John said, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (Jn. 3:27). This reminds me not to glory even in the actual things I have done and become, much less those which I have not, since it all comes from the sovereign grace of God. I escape the trap of male self-pity by giving God all the glory for everything praiseworthy in my life. As a side benefit, I am simultaneously freed no longer to envy but to rejoice in the praiseworthy things exhibited by God in others.

Second, comparing himself to the best man at a wedding, John spoke of his joy in seeing sinners come to Jesus to be saved: "The friend of the bridegroom... rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice" (Jn. 3:29). This is how I escape the ego trap that so easily ensnares preachers of the gospel in the presence of others who are more gifted and successful. What is the reward I

am seeking through my service to Christ? Just this: the joy of playing any role at all in leading sinners to Jesus for salvation. If the reward I seek in serving Jesus is simply the joy of serving one so great as him, the jealousy of my ego will be drowned in the joy of his gospel.

Third, John declared, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn. 3:30). Here is the resolution that grants true deliverance from the tyranny of the male ego. To say, with Paul, "For from him, and through him, and to him all are things. To him be glory forever!" (2 Cor. 4:6). Like John the Baptist, to lay down my own aspirations at the feet of his majestic throne! Renouncing the vanity of all things "under the sun," my precious ego most of all, I find true and abiding satisfaction in "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). Oh, for Jesus to increase! Thus am I freed from the curse of pride and lifted up in the blessing of servant-like humility in Christ!

Inspired by John the Baptist's testimony of his significance in Christ, perhaps we Christian men should stop laughing at the tragic hubris of Brian Williams. After all, it is only our own tragic egos that he has shamefully displayed. Let us, instead, pray that he would instead find rest in the glory of Christ, that Jesus might be exalted in him.

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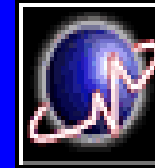
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**Church Services:** **Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM \* Evening Worship - 6:00 PM  
**Wednesday:** Supper - 5:45 PM \* Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM  
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM



## 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

## Purposeful Parenting

### Purposeful Parenting — PATIENCE

By Jon Payne

#### Christ Church Charleston

We, as Christian parents, are called by God to humbly take charge of our homes, and to shepherd the hearts of our children. We are not meant to go with the cultural flow when it comes to child rearing. If we do not raise and disciple our children with purpose, the world (e.g. media, peers, culture) most certainly will. God's word is peppered with passages exhorting us to be intentional with our parenting and the supervision of our homes.

Paul declares: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Elsewhere God's word states: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Again, what we see in Scripture is not passivity in parenting, but a call to God-centered, word-saturated intentionality. This approach takes focus, energy, and persistence. It also takes loads of patience!

Patience does not come naturally, does it? One anonymous writer humorously quipped: "Patience is a virtue, possess it if you can, seldom found in woman, never found in man." Patience, as hard as it is to show, is possible by the grace of God. Patience is a fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Indeed, those who are keeping in step with the Spirit and yielding to the Spirit's leading bear the fruit of patience (Gal. 5:25). It is out of the soil of pride, however, that impatience grows and festers. We often get impatient due to a kind of wrong-headed sense of self-importance (e.g. "I shouldn't have to put up with this person or situation!"). Impatience also thrives where there is an absence of love. "Love is patient ... it is not irritable or resentful" (I Cor. 13:4-5).

As we parent our covenant children, therefore, we must seek to be patient with them— even as the Lord is patient with us (Ex. 34:6-7). However, this kind of patience does not just happen. Rather, it flows from the wellspring of a heart that is actively abiding in Christ (through the means of grace), dying to self, and walking in the Spirit. We need to remember that parenting is just as much about our sin and our growth in Christ as it is for our children. Moreover, recognizing that we live in an impatient society that wants everything immediately, let us remember to take the long view with our children. Rejoice in the growth that you see, and be patient and prayerful for the growth that you so desperately want to see.

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

March 1, 2015

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### A WORTHY LIFE

Ephesians 4:1-2

Hymns: 602, 48, 606

Anthem: If Ye Love Me

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

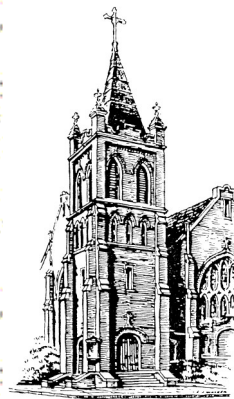
#### A SOUL FULL OF TROUBLES

Psalm 88

Hymns: 32, 143, 79

Psalter: Psalm 71 (15-24, 1)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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### Letter from the Senior Minister

#### Brian Williams and the Tragedy of the Male Ego

Like most Americans, I was astonished by the brazen and inept lies told by NBC anchorman Brian Williams about his faux exploits while covering the war in Iraq. Moreover, I find his precipitous fall (which surely is accelerating even as I write) to be sadly instructive about men in general and the male ego in particular. Here we have a man who perched virtually at the pinnacle of alpha-dogness as measured on a global scale. Suave, handsome, wealthy, and admired by legions. What more could any man need? The answer, it seems, is "a whole lot more."

Experienced pastors will recognize in Brian Williams the tragedy of the male ego, which results in the demise of so many members from our sin-corrupted gender. What is the tragedy of the male ego? That in our sinful state we can never attain satisfaction, never experience significance, and never feel secure. Pastors see the injured ego as a man betrays his wife -- not primarily because of lust but because self-pity has granted permission for the emotional and sexual solace of a secretary or the wife of a friend. We see the envious male ego cause otherwise successful pastors to succumb to resentment over preachers with greater celebrity, sully-ing in the process their usefulness to the Lord. Brian Williams emblemizes the insecurity that men feel about themselves, which so easily leads to exaggeration and self-deception. The fantasy history slips into conversation because our ego has grown sullen over our petty little lives and inglorious achievements.

Solomon was a man who knew plenty about the folly of the male ego. He exposed in Ecclesiastes the desperate realization that leads so many to self-destruction: "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity!" (Eccl. 1:2). He was talking about life "under the sun," that is, life in this fallen and falling world, with the ultimate insignifi-