

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 8

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**
 5:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 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, March 11

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 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, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

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

Upcoming Events

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MARCH 8. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour.

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 18:1-3
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. (ESV)

Remembering One Another

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

Luella Henderson
 The Haven, Room 414
 355 Berkmans Lane
 Greenville, SC 29605

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Walter and Marcia Russell
Faith Ann, Ethan
Caroline Ryer
Ken Safford
Kenneth

Missionary for the Week



There are many great opportunities to support and get involved at Calvary Home for Children. We are currently focused on generating the funds needed to fill our cottages with children and complete construction of our counseling center. We are also planning special events and ways that you can get involved in volunteering and serving at the Calvary Home for Children. Calvary Home is in a prime position to grow and meet even more children's needs. Can we count on you to get involved in the exciting work that God is doing here?

Our Mission: Providing help and hope for children in need.

Follow Us on Facebook

Young At Heart

The monthly luncheon and program of Young at Heart will be Monday, March 16th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal is \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Our own Verlyn Smoker will present a special music program. Don't miss this time of fellowship, good food, and a very enjoyable program.

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

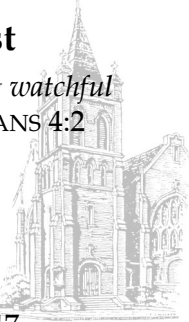
Saturday, March 7, 2015
10:00 - 11:30 AM

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. 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, March 4, 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.

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

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to place in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone special, please fill out the form below and place in the church office in Judy Grant's mail box along with \$8.00 for each lily.

I would like to place _____ (how many) Easter Lily(ies) in the church on Easter Sunday:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Covenant Choir EXTRA Rehearsal

Due to cancellations over the past few weeks the Covenant Choir (grades 5th-8th) will hold an extra rehearsal on Sunday evening, March 8th from 5:15-5:55 pm. Please contact Kelli Smoker (864-509-0789) if your child is not able to attend.

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy go out to the family of Mrs. Sara Edwards who went home to be with the Lord on February 6, 2015. We are thankful for the life and service of Sara, who served as a volunteer in the church office for many years. Our prayers are with the family during this time of loss and grief.

Need Some Help

There remains a variety of volunteer needs in the church right now. Here are a few areas of need:

- Kitchen Helpers on Wed. Night (Prep & Clean Up)
- Social Media Content Managers (Blog Management, Status Updating)
- Sunday School Helpers (With younger Ages)

Greenville Seminary Spring Theology Conference

"The Law of God in a Lawless Age"

March 10-12, 2015 @ Woodruff Road PCA

Tuesday & Wednesday are free and open to the public. Services will be broadcast on SermonAudio.com/gpts.

Go to www.gpts.edu/conference

for further information and/or to register



1. The way that the Ten Commandments were given informs us of their special and eternal significance.

Unlike the various rules and regulations that fill the pages of Exodus through Deuteronomy, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses directly by God, having been written by the finger of God on tablets of stone (Ex. 24:12; 32:16). It is hard to imagine how God could have made a more suggestive statement regarding the timeless character of these ten priorities. The setting in which the Ten Commandments were given - atop Mount Sinai amidst clouds of storm and fire (Ex. 20:18) - also indicates the sacred status attached to this code of laws. To dismiss this significance of the way God gave the Ten Commandments thus seems not only strange but also irreverent.

2. The way that the Ten Commandments were recorded in the Pentateuch shows their primary role in expressing God's moral will.

In addition to how the Ten Commandments were given, we should consider how they were recorded within the Pentateuch. The book of Exodus sees Israel departing from Egypt, passing through the parted waters of the Red Sea, and then finally arriving at their destination at Mount Sinai. Exodus 20 then presents the Ten Commandments as a literary apex in the story of Israel's deliverance from Egypt. They go up to God's mountain, they receive God's law, and then Israel departs from the mountain of God. It is true that many other rules and laws are given, but none occupy the literary high ground given to the Ten Commandments. The same can be said about the priority of placement given to the Ten Commandments in the book of Deuteronomy, where it is given as the chief covenant demand set before Israel by the Lord.

3. The way that the tablets of the Ten Commandments were stored in the ark of the covenant associates their moral demands with the very character of God.

No one can deny that the Mosaic covenant includes scores of different rules and commands, some dealing with the cultic life of the tabernacle and others regulating life within the nation. As the New Testament shows, these various rules (respectively, the ceremonial law and the civil law) are tied to the religious-cultural setting of Old Testament Israel. In contrast, the unique place given to the Ten Commandments was shown by the way its tablets were physically stored. Moses' attitude toward this eternal moral law was seen in that he placed its tablets within the ark of the covenant (Dt. 10:5; Heb. 9:4). The ark of the covenant was the footstool of God and the special place of the glorious divine presence on earth. It is difficult to see how Moses could have given more special prominence to this particular legal code, assigning it not merely to the cultural setting of ancient Israel but also to the very person and character of God.



4. The way that the Ten Commandments were confirmed in the New Testament proves their abiding relevance and authority over the lives of Christians in the new covenant age.

While the above arguments are sufficient, I believe, to prove the eternally binding character of the Ten Commandments as the moral law of God, the question as to their applicability in the new covenant age is shown by the New Testament itself. Consider the following:

a. When Jesus was asked to summarize the law of God, he did so in terms of the two tablets of the Ten Commandments (Lk. 10:26-27). Clearly, our Lord distinguished the Ten Commandments as an abiding expression of God's will, set on a higher pedestal than the miscellaneous rules of the Mosaic corpus.

b. The new covenant is set forth not as a repudiation but as the fulfillment of the old (Mosaic) covenant. Thus Hebrews 8:10 repeats Jeremiah 31:33 where God promises to "put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts." The point of this statement is not that Christians are freed from the binding rule of the Ten Commandments but that the eternal moral law given through Moses would be placed within us by the inscribing work of the Holy Spirit. In short, the law that Christians are to internalize is the same law that was externalized on the tablets of the Ten Commandments given to Moses.

c. All Ten Commandments are explicitly confirmed in the New Testament, showing that unlike the other Mosaic rules this moral law transcends the ancient cultural-religious context of Israel. This is disputed by those who would marginalize the Ten Commandments, but consider the following brief list, to which many more instances could be added:

1C: Mt. 4:10; Lk. 4:8; Mt. 6:24

2C: Acts 15:20; Acts 17:29-30

3C: Mt. 6:9; Mt. 15:8-9

4C: Mt. 24:20; Acts 16:13; Heb. 4:9

5C: Mt. 15:3-4; Eph. 6:1-3

6C: Mk. 10:19; Rom. 13:9

7C: Mk. 10:11-12; 1 Cor. 6:9

8C: Mk. 10:19; Eph. 4:28

9C: Mt. 15:19-20; Eph. 4:25

10C: Rom. 7:7; Eph. 5:3

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Phillips

Dr. Phillips Upcoming Speaking Schedule

Pray for Dr. Phillips in his spring conference ministry travels.

- March 3 Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Teaching Class
- March 6-8 Trinity Presbyterian Church Statesboro, GA Missions Conference
- March 16 Theological Examinations Committee Presbytery
- March 19-22 PCRT (Grand Rapids)
- April 17-20 Calgary (British Columbia) Conference on Reformed Theology
- April 23-26 PCRT (Philadelphia)

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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

Corner of River and Rhett

Be in prayer for these Partner Ministry Groups meeting at SPC this fall.

Classical Conversations Downtown Greenville
Creation Study Group
Homeschool Chemistry Study Group
Miracle Hill Orphan Care Training Meetings
Music Club of Greenville Meetings
Piedmont Women's Center Training Meetings
Presbytery of Calvary Committee Meetings
Rivertree Singers
Upstate Homeschool Area Debate Group

MEN STUDYING FOR MINISTRY AT SPC

Pray for our men who are studying for Gospel Ministry.

Scott Cook - MDiv@RTS Charlotte
Rob Gustafson - DMin@Erskine
Jeff Windt - MDiv@RTS Charlotte

SPC SUPPORTED SEMINARIES

Remember our SPC Supported Seminaries.

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Reformed Theological Seminary
Westminster Theological Seminary

TURN OFF, LOCK UP, ALARM

It is a very busy time at the church right now. Please help the church if you are coming down for an unscheduled visit or at off business hours, to check in at the In & Out Board (across from Nursery). Don't assume others know you are in the building and don't assume others have locked external doors or turned off lights. An accurate real time church calendar details what activities have been scheduled at the website SPCGreenville/Church-Wide-Calendar. However, the church office sometimes doesn't get informed. Help us by turning off, locking up and alarming the building.

The Editor



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

DELIVER US

Matthew 6:13

Hymns: 53, (512/131), 706

Anthem: How Amiable

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

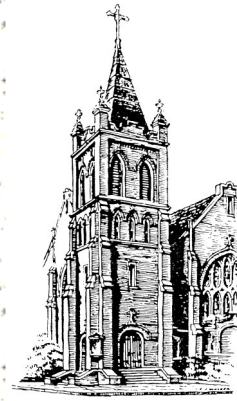
HOW LONG SHALL I CRY FOR HELP?

Habakkuk 1:1-11

Hymns: 103, 667, 26

Psalter: Psalm 72 (vs. 1-12)

Mr. Scott Cook preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister

The Ten Commandments as God's Moral Law

Many Christian commenters today are expressing concern about anti-nomian tendencies in the church. We are especially seeing attempts to downplay the role of God's law as a guide to Christian living (the so-called third use of the law). One question that comes into play is whether or not the Ten Commandments should be thought of as a uniquely and eternally binding statement of God's moral law. Or, in contrast, are the Ten Commandments just part of the diverse "Mosaic corpus" intended only to govern the lives of a particular ancient Near Eastern people and thus "more or less inapplicable outside that world" (so David Dorsey).

I confess that the dismissing of the Ten Commandments as a guide to Christian living alarms me greatly, especially when this position is taken up by purportedly Reformed Christians. Moreover, the premises for this maneuver seem remarkably weak to me. In short, the Ten Commandments are first declared indistinguishable from the over various rules and precepts of the Mosaic corpus, such as the one regulating what to do when an axe head flies off, and then, second, the Ten Commandments are relegated to the governance of merely a single ancient cultural and religious setting with little or no significance for Christians today. It would be hard to find a shift with more profound implications not only for Christian doctrine but also for our approach to daily living as followers of Christ. In a time when the church is continually feeling pressure to conform to the world, it is hard to imagine a posture that would be more damaging to the faith and witness of believers today.

In addressing this concern, I would like to offer four arguments for why the Ten Commandments should be seen as separate and distinct from the other rules and regulations of the Mosaic economy, and why the Ten Commandments do set forth the universally binding moral law of God that is intended to serve as a guide for the lives of believers of all times, including today.