

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 12

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM **New Members' Luncheon**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, April 13

Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting

5:45 PM Supper
 6:30 PM Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

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, April 15

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 **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, April 16

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Friday, April 17

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, April 18

10:00 AM WIC Brunch

Upcoming Events

April 8 WIC Council
 April 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 April 8 Missions Committee Meeting
 April 12 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
 April 12 Covenant College Chamber Singers at the evening worship service
 April 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 April 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 April 14-15 WIC Circles
 April 15 Administration Committee Meeting
 April 18 WIC Brunch
 April 19 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 April 20 Young At Heart
 April 22 CE Committee Meeting
 April 23 Calvary Presbytery at Clemson PCA
 April 24 Jr. High Fellowship
 April 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Upcoming Dates

May 6 Graduation Banquet
 May 13 CAT Kids Program
 May 20 CAT Kids Spring Fling
 May 27 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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 29:1-2
Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. (ESV)

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

Mrs. Jerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609
 244-4473

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jack and Pat Shuford
David and Rhonda Slayton
Devin and Claesa Smith
Madison Leia

Missionary for the Week

Marc and Aline Mailloux
MTW-International

Praise and Prayer:

PRAISE:

1-For an encouraging teaching week in Gonaives, Haiti where the students were even punctual. Alleluia!
 2-For the Lord's continued provision for our radio ministry.
 3-For the progression of daughter Anais' pregnancy—a granddaughter is due to arrive on June 1.

PRAYER:

1-For travelling mercies for forthcoming trips to North Carolina, Virginia, and Togo (April 9-May 2).
 2-For the church in Haiti where ISIS is apparently recruiting, offering payment to those who convert to Islam.
 3-For the spiritual welfare of our sons, especially older son Calix in France.

National Invitational Tournament of Champions

Bob Jones University
May 16-23, 2015

Homeschool students from across the USA will compete in Greenville at the National Speech & Debate Tournament.

- ⇒ Needed: Community judges like you to make their events happen!
- ⇒ No experience needed. Training is provided.
- ⇒ Register today!
- ⇒ <https://nitoc2015.homeschooldebate.net>

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart monthly luncheon will be Monday, April 20 at 11:45 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered meal is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. Don't miss the special fellowship time together as well as a delicious meal.

Covenant College Chamber Singers

The Covenant College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Scott Finch, will be singing at our evening worship service on April 12th.

Good News Club 11th Annual Golf Classic

How You Can Be Involved:

- Be a Sponsor * Form a Team/Teams
- Enter as a Player * Donate/Solicit Prizes
- Be a volunteer (set-up/hospitality/witness)

There are 3 dates at 3 different locations:

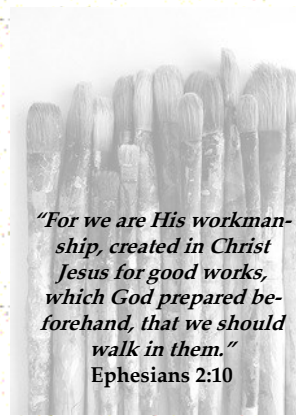
The Cliffs Valley—April 28th

The Cliffs at Walnut Cove—June 2

The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards—October 12

Visit www.cefgreenville.com for more information or call the church office for a brochure.

WIC Annual Brunch



"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

The Art of the Master

Ladies of All Ages are invited to the

WIC Annual Brunch
Winifred Baker, Speaker

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

Nursery Care available upon request

Register on Church Website

RSVP to Beth Gustafson (844) 534-1447
marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com

Men's Chorus

On Sunday evening, May 10, a men's ensemble will be singing 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 April 26 and May 3 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.

Directory Pictures

Pictures of our new members will be taken at the luncheon on April 12 for the church directory. If any other members need to have their picture taken or would like to update their picture in the directory please plan to do so at this time.

Save the Date



CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN'S
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Voice of the Tigers
(Don Munson)

speaks for the children.

Tuesday, April 28th - two locations
The Bleckley Inn in Anderson at 6pm
Zen in Greenville at 7pm

Calvary Presbytery

The 126th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at Clemson PCA. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for God's blessing on this meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

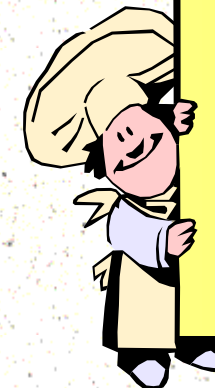
A Friendly Reminder from the Deacons

- The Deacons request that food and drinks not be brought into the sanctuary and cell phones be turned off during the duration of the worship service. Help create a God-honoring worship space that is free from worldly distractions—sights, sounds and smells—that inevitably draw our mind away from the most important hour of our week.
- If you enter an area that has already been closed/secured by the deacons on a Sunday or Wednesday evening, when you exit please make sure the lights are turned off and that you leave the building through a door equipped with a crash bar, not a door that physically has to be locked from the inside.

New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, April 12, 2015** Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided.
Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.



New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service on April 12, 2015



saying this will not make me popular with a great many young men, but it remains widely true and needs to be said. If you are an unmarried adult man, who does not have the gift of singleness (i.e. no or little sex drive), then you should consider the priorities and the trajectory of your life, along with the needs of godly women for husbands. A related point is that many men show immaturity in their attractions, constantly neglecting wonderful women who might be interested for more outwardly attractive or younger women who will not be. A perusal of the book of Proverbs will provide excellent counsel in this area, as with male maturity in general.

2. The Widespread Brokenness of our Society. Another side to this coin is that so many people today come from painful situations that have left them deeply wounded and broken. Many men have not had role models and therefore lack confidence in themselves as male leaders. Many women (and men) have suffered sexual molestation or other forms of abuse and thus are inhibited by fear, anger, and pain. These are far more prevalent problems than most Christians realize. So Christians need to be befriending singles in order to get to know them as people and to minister to their lives. Adult singleness is often terribly lonely, so married believers need to befriend them and churches will often need to arrange fellowship ministries for single adults.

3. Worldly Demands & Priorities among Christians. Some of the problem stems from the structure of contemporary society. Christians do not live around family members, who often play a role in helping couples to meet and grow together. Demanding work lives socially isolate us and leave little energy for actual living. A large part of the high rates of singleness results from the fact that many adults have placed their priorities elsewhere. They spent their 20's pursuing professional credentials rather than relationships. That is fine and should not be condemned. But there is a reality that goes with it: where you place your attention and efforts will often be where you have results. Thus, we have rich careers but poor relationships -- it reflects the choices that we made. I have found this to be especially challenging to professional women. Society has pressed on women the expectation that they match the career attainments of their male peers. But does this leave room for being a wife and mother? I have heard many attractive and godly women who were business executives lament that the Christian men they know tend to be romantically involved with nurses and school-teachers. The reason for this is that these men are seeking wives who are more likely to embrace a feminine role in relationships. Many corporate women have taken on a masculine demeanor, as a



simple necessity of success in the workplace. None of these things involve sin, per se, but this situation also does not promote marriage. Hence, our priorities are shaping our results. We have careers and money, but not love.

4. God's Sovereign Will. It is fine to speak in broad categories, but actual Christians have personal stories that are not broad but specific. Their stories involve opportunities, sorrows, mistakes, and learning experiences. Each single should trust God to provide for his or her needs, remembering that God's great provision is the gift of his own love through Jesus Christ. We are all in a marital relationship as the Bride of Christ! But Christians who desire marriage and sorrow in singleness should prayerfully reflect on their maturity and character, together with the priorities revealed in their lives, and then prayerfully seek the Lord's grace in providing exactly what his wisdom declares that we need.

P.S. My wife and I have written a dating book that is directed at helping adult Christians who are seeking relationships that will lead to marriage: *Holding Hands, Holding Hearts: Recovering a Biblical View of Christian Dating.* It may be an aid and blessing to those wrestling in this area.

May God Bless you this week.

Pastor Rick Phillips

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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



Truth for Life

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL AT SECOND

SPRING 2015

ADULTS

ACTS Class - *Intergenerational*
Conference Room
Robert Spears teaching Daniel

Chapel Class - *Intergenerational*
Winn Chapel
Dr. Jim McGoldrick teaching 1 Timothy

Fellowship Class - *Intergenerational*
Classroom S-304
Kirby Kee teaching "Scripture as Revelation"

Westminster Class - *Intergenerational*
Fellowship Hall
Jason Korol teaching 1 Corinthians

College & 20's Class - *Intended for those in their 20's & 30's*
Scout Hut
Nathan Sasser teaching "Doctrine of God"

EASTER THANKS

A big word of thanks to all the members who contributed their time and talent in making special services and outreach during Easter Week so wonderful. Your active involvement within the ministries of the church is appreciated by all.

IN&OUT BOARD

Anyone entering SPC in non-business hours is asked to make a habit of "checking in" at the "In&Out Board" by the Nursery. This board allows others to know who is in the building and helps prevent "false alarms" (which cost the church money). As a general reminder you help your church family when you think of others and assist in the stewardship of the facility. Doors left open cost the church money and are a safety issue to all. When lights are left on utility bills inevitably increase as well. Help us turn out lights when you leave and close and lock doors.

PARKING

Lanier Parking Systems is currently engaged in evening enforcement measures of the SPC parking lot. A few reminders, "SPC Parking Stickers" are available for members at a suggested donation of \$4. A form is available in the church office and on the library counter for registration of your individual cars. SPC members are asked when they come to the church during business hours or come downtown in the evening hours to park in unnumbered spaces. If you should receive a citation from Lanier please notify the Church Administrator.

The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

April 12, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

GIFTS FROM ON HIGH

Ephesians 4:7-10

Hymns: 302, 300/359, 299

Anthem: O Sons and Daughters of the King

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

WHO CAN DELIVER?

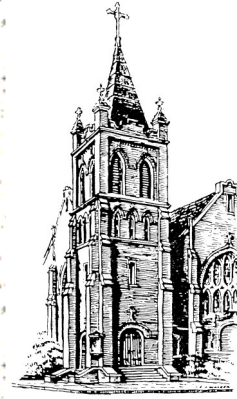
Psalm 89:38-52

Hymns: 115, 626, 631

Psalter: Psalm 76

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Letter from the Senior Minister
Why So Many Singles?

A question posed to Dr. Phillips at a recent Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology.

Why so many singles? Why does it seem that God withholds marriage for so many when he clearly upholds it, encourages it, and desires it? Why are there so many singles who want marriage but don't seem to find it?

It is true that a great many adult Christians, many in their twenties and thirties, are frustrated by not finding a marriage partner. This is of course a very sensitive subject, since so many single Christians feel pain and remorse in this area. But there are some general answers. Let me offer four categories of responses:

1. **Immaturity and Sin among Men:** I do think the first answer to be given is that there is a general immaturity and sin that hinders marriage in the church. I am referring primarily, though not exclusively, to young adult Christian men. It is well documented that men in our society are maturing later in life -- often only in their mid to late 30's. As such, they pull back from the responsibility involved in serious dating and marriage. This is a great shame, since this immaturity is hindering their own growth as men and is harming women. In almost every case, such men are engaging in sexual sin, usually involving pornography, to serve their otherwise unattended sexual desires. The result is that a great many Christian women desire to marry but do not find a suitable match in the church. This is a cause for many Christians to repent and for churches to direct attention on the Christian maturity of young men. I realize that