

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 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**
 7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, April 29

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 **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 30

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Friday, May 1

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

April 23 Calvary Presbytery at Clemson PCA
 April 24 Jr. High Fellowship
 April 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 May 3 Elder Vow Renewal at the evening service
 May 4 Diaconate Meeting
 May 6 WIC Council
 May 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 May 6 **GRADUATION BANQUET**
 May 7 National Day of Prayer
 May 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 May 11 Session Meeting
 May 12 WIC Circles 1-5
 May 13 Missions Committee Meeting
 May 13 **CAT KIDS PROGRAM**
 May 14-15 **MARRIAGE SEMINAR**
 May 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 May 18 Young At Heart
 May 20 CAT Kids Spring Fling
 May 20 Administration Committee Meeting
 May 20 WIC Circle 6
 May 22 Jr. High Fellowship
 May 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 May 25 Church Office Closed
 May 27 CE Committee Meeting
 May 27 **MUSICAL CAT KIDS BEGINS**

Upcoming Dates

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

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.

Miss Mamie Riggins
 The Haven, Room 311
 355 Berkman's Lane
 Greenville, SC 29605
 232-5945

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jeffrey and Karrissa Spell
Providence, Kylie, William, Ian
Ron and Kay Sporrer
Tony and Barnetta Stephens

Missionary for the Week

Dale & Susan Ellison, Peru Mission

WHAT DALE DOES

Clinic director
 Medical team coordinator
 Support staff at Arévalo church

ABOUT THE ELLISONS

Dale and Susan are from Jackson, MS and are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dale is a medical technologist and Susan has a degree in communication. They have served previously in Slovakia with Mission to the World on a church planting team. Dale oversees management of medical staff, plans for future growth, oversees maintenance of facilities, develops our health network in Trujillo, and plans medical campaigns and outreach. Susan home-schools four of their five children (their eldest is at school in the U.S.) and keeps their home open in hospitality to their community.

Elders' Vow Renewal

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service on May 3, 2015.



CAT Kids Program



Wednesday, May 13
Supper: 5:45 PM
Program: 7:00 PM

*Come and see what our covenant children
have learned this year in CAT Kids.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Marriage Seminar "Created, Fallen, Redeemed" Dr. Richard D. Phillips

May 14-15, 2015 * 6:00 pm
Includes a delicious meal both nights
\$40 per couple
Nursery Provided

Register Online @ www.spcgreenville.org

National Day of Prayer



Thursday, May 7 is the 64th annual National Day of Prayer. It is an opportunity to join together to pray not only for our nation, but for our leaders, for all those who govern us, that they will turn to God with humble hearts and follow Him. Our military leaders need our prayers as we have dedicated men and women serving on battlefields and sacrificing their blood to protect our nation and many innocent people around the world. God is faithful to bless those who turn to Him. Pray that as a nation we would return to God. As we call on God, let us do so by genuine faith, believing that He hears our prayers. God can heal this great land, for which our forefathers fought and died. We need spiritual renewal, we need a revival in America, and we need each and everyone to pray. Lord, Hear Our Cry! For more info: www.nationaldayofprayer.org

Graduation Banquet



Wednesday, May 6, 2015
5:45 PM * Church Gymnasium

Join us as we honor our 2015 graduates:

High School/Home School

James Compton	Easley Home School Co-op
Caleb Ecarma	Home School
Elise Farley	Bob Jones Academy
Emily Godwin	Riverside High School
Allen Mahon	Greer Middle Charter
Noah McConnell	Home School
Elizabeth Pennington	Greer Middle Charter
Hannah Phillips	Home School
Austin Shipp	Greenville Classical Academy
Katie Upton	Home School

Colleges/Universities/Seminaries

Aryn Baxa	Columbia International Univ.
Scott Cook	RTS Charlotte
Rob Gustafson	Erskine Seminary
James Pratt	Bob Jones University
Faith Russell	Greenville Tech
Nathan Sasser	USC
Mitchell Worley	Wake Forest Medical School

*If you are graduating in May or December, 2015,
and have not contacted the church office please do so this week.
232-7621, ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org*

Calvary Home For Children



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: Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, RE Duncan, RE Bragdon. Visitors are welcome.

Use Your Musical Gifts to Serve

Spring is an excellent time for fresh starts and the choral music ministry of Second Church is preparing to make a fresh start this Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 pm. If you have been waiting for an opportune time to join, or re-join, the Chancel Choir then—NOW IS THE TIME! The choir will resume weekly rehearsals this week with an eye toward the spring and summer months. Even if you would merely like to visit a rehearsal to find out what it's like you are most welcome to do so. Child care is always provided. Hope to see you on Wednesday!

~Verlyn Smoker, Director of Music

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 evening **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.

Thank You

My thanks to all those who prayed, sent emails and phone calls to express their sympathy and encouragement to me in the passing of my mother. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will be long remembered.

~Heinrich DuBose-Schmitt



nurtures, cultivates, and labors for growth. This is one reason why the father is so important to raising children. Anyone who was raised by the "strong, silent type" can tell you what a void the lack of fatherly nurture left in their heart. Fathers are to get their hands dirty in the soil of their children's lives. A father is to plant, fertilize, water, and harvest the growth of character, godliness, ability, and joy. The same is true with men as husbands. This is why so many of the New Testament's teaching to husbands call for men to pay attention to their wives, to cherish them, to cleanse their wives with the Word and present them in splendor. Men do this at work, too. A man's work is to build -- whether it is buildings, organizations, spirituality, or market shares.

The second word to describe Adam's work in the garden is "keep." The Hebrew verb shamar is one of the most beloved, for it is often used of God's protecting care. "The Lord will keep your soul," says Psalm 121. Men are guardians. We keep our families safe and we shepherd the flock of God. This is one reason for male leadership in the church, for the role of pastor and elder is far more than the mere use of one's gifts. The shepherd is to watch over the flock, guarding against wolves and ruling the sheep. "Keeping" is a job for which God made Adam.

Nurture and protection go together. We nurture to make strong, and we protect in order to nurture. One thing I love about the shepherd metaphor is that a shepherd is a kind of leader who defines his success wholly in the safety and well-being of the sheep. It is therefore an apt model for masculine ministry and love. Therefore, husbands should ask if their wives are growing and if they feel safe. They should if the man has embraced his biblical calling. Are their children secure in their love, and are their hearts growing under their father's nurturing ministry?

Two observations are in order. The first is a reminder that Jesus really is the perfect man; we can observe this by noting these two dimensions of nurture and protection throughout his ministry. He died to protect us from sin, and he sends the Spirit to produce his harvest in our lives. The second is that this understanding of masculinity is radically different from the prevailing ideas of masculinity in America. A real man is not a self-serving adventurer, but one who makes things flourish in the safety of his care and under the cultivation of his loving hand.



There can be little doubt that a great deal of feminism in the last fifty years has resulted from feminine fatigue over a lack of real masculinity. Women are sinners in their own right, so I don't want to brush aside their culpability in rejecting biblical femininity. But, really, have women been able to trust men for the kind of ministry the Bible outlines? What about the women in our lives -- especially our wives and daughters? What a blessing it will be to them, and what an incentive for them to embrace the biblical femininity so greatly needed today, if instead of criticizing them for trying to wear the pants we men simply wore the pants that God gave us? If men are called by God to be leaders, let's start by taking the lead in embracing God's mandate for our masculine role.

May the Lord bless you this week.

Pastor Phillips

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Questions and Answers

A question that came from the Grand Rapids Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology:

"What is the root issue that would allow "Christian" denominations to ordain homosexuals and perform homosexual marriages?"

The simple answer to this question is that such denominations have stopped granting ultimate authority to the clear teaching of the Word of God. In almost every case, they no longer regard the Scriptures as inerrant and therefore they find it easy to disregard teachings they consider offensive and antiquated. Having removed their confidence in the Bible, they have granted authority to the culture in its place. Then, facing the kind of cultural pressure that has been mounted on this issue, the change from condemning to endorsing homosexuality involves merely overcoming internal political resistance to change.* In most cases, the authority of Scripture was previously breached with regard to gender and sex when these denominations violated Scripture by ordaining women to church office.** The prohibition against women elders and ministers is just about as clear as the prohibition against sexual indecency. So, having conceded to cultural authority on a lesser matter these same churches can hardly avoid doing so in a greater matter, which in this case is the mandate to endorse and approve homosexual practice.

* This is the dread "slippery slope" argument, which is so offensive to those who have slid down it but which is nonetheless proved by the chain of compromises that has left them in so obviously unbiblical a position as the endorsement of homosexuality.

** It is for this reason lamentable that many churches have left mainline denominations over the issue of homosexual acceptance but have retained the unbiblical practice of ordaining women to the eldership and ministry. By doing this, they have only moved up the slippery slope rather than off of it, and it is hard to see how they will avoid sliding back down before long.

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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

WHY WE DON'T INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH?

~By Michael Harvey

1. We have no non-church going friends.
2. It's the pastor's job!
3. My friend said no to me last year.
4. What if it damages my friendship?
5. Our services and people are unpredictable.
6. I fear what the congregation will think of my friend; they are not our type of people.
7. I don't want to be seen as strange.
8. I wouldn't know what to say and they might ask something about my faith.
9. Below the surface of these answers lies the fear of rejection.

"If you invite your friends to Second Presbyterian Church I guarantee you I will tell them about Jesus and the Gospel" - Dr. Richard D. Phillips

Think About It...

"The Calvinists are always talking about ministry and mission; the non-Calvinists are always talking about Calvinism" --Trevin Wax

The more we know of God, the more unreservedly we will trust Him; the greater our progress in theology, the simpler and more childlike will be our faith. -- J. Gresham Machen

If the Father has the kingdom ready for us, He will take care of us on the way. -- Andrew Bonar

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

April 20, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

(A SERMON ON ROMANS 12:1)
Romans 12:1f

Hymns: 76, 646, 3

Anthem: Praise We Sing to Thee

Rev. Det Bowers preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

**WHEN GOD'S SOLUTIONS
SEEM LIKE PROBLEMS**

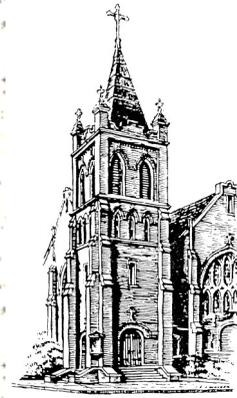
Habakkuk 1:12-2:20

Hymns: 94, 528, 154

Psalter: Psalm 77 (verses 11-20)

Mr. Scott Cook preaching

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**Letter from the Senior Minister
Biblical Masculinity**

A few years ago I became intrigued when I saw John Eldridge's ridiculous statement about men, in the wildly popular Wild at Heart, that unlike Eve, Adam was created outside the Garden and so men are called to life in the wilderness. The one benefit I gained from this classic abuse of the Bible was to reflect on the significance of what Genesis 2 really says about gender and creation. It turns out that Gen. 2:15 not only defines Adam's labor as being in the Garden, but also provides the basic summary of what a man is called to do in this world: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." God created men not to engage in Eldridge's "quest for authentic masculinity," but to fruitful, sacrificial labor. "Work" and "Keep" -- avad and shamar -- define the male role in this life.

Another way to express these two descriptions is man's calling to nurture and protect. These are the two main masculine contributions in this world. The first of these is somewhat counter-cultural today. We don't think of men as nurturers, but biblically, this is a vital masculine role. While I certainly would not want to disparage the importance of motherly nurture, the man is really the primary nurturer. The Hebrew word avad has a broad range of meaning depending on context. In the temple, it was the word to describe the ministry of the priests. In an agricultural context, it refers to cultivation. The latter is the context of Genesis 2. Placed in the Garden, Adam was to make things grow in healthy and beautiful ways.

This, then, is a large part of what makes a real man. A real man