

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 28

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
(All Adult Sunday School in sanctuary)
- 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

Monday, June 29

Gym closed through July 2nd for floor refinishing.

Tuesday, June 30

- 11:00 AM Playdate: Jones Gap State Park
- 7:30 PM Summer RUF

Wednesday, July 1

NO Wednesday night activities

Friday, July 3

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, July 4

- 6:30 PM **CHURCH PICNIC**

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:3-5

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- June 24 NO Wednesday night activities
- June 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- June 29-July 2 Gym Closed for Refinishing Floor
- June 30 Playdate: Jones Gap State Park
- July 1 NO Wednesday night activities
- July 3 Church Office Closed
- July 4 **CHURCH PICNIC**
- July 6-11 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
- July 8 WIC Council
- July 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- July 8 Missions Committee Meeting
- July 8 WIC Circle 6
- July 10 Playdate: Fischer's Orchard
- July 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- July 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- July 13-17 Mission Trip to Calvary Children's Home
- July 14 WIC Circles 1-5
- July 14 Playdate: Falls Park Water Fountains
- July 15 Administration Committee Meeting
- July 17-25 Mission Trip to Cajamarca Peru
- July 18 WIC Bridal Shower
- July 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- July 20-24 Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
- July 22 CE Committee Meeting
- July 24 Playdate: Field Trip at Johnsons
- July 25 Calvary Presbytery at Eastside PCA
- July 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- July 28 Playdate: Otter Creek Water Park

Upcoming Dates

- 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.

Vera Lane Griffin
19 Cahu Drive
Taylors, SC 29687

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Linda Whitmire
Al and Sandra Wills
Jeff and Mariah Windt
Jonah and Elijah

Missionary for the Week

Dr. Kevin Mobley
Medical Mission Trip to Guatemala (left June 20th)

The medical mission team will consist of one other chiropractor, a physical therapist, nurses, and medical doctors. We will set up a health clinic inside a local church in Guatemala City and provide health care for the needy people of that land. The church has also trained local Christians to assist us in presenting the gospel to those coming to the clinic. Our prayer and purpose is that the Guatemalans will not only receive the physical care they need, but most importantly spiritual care.

Specific Prayer Needs Are...

1. The Lord would be glorified in this endeavor.
2. The Lord would protect us physically (and our families) while we are away from home.
3. The Lord would protect us spiritually from the attacks of the evil one while we are sharing the gospel by being the hands and feet of Christ.
4. The Lord would go ahead of us and prepare the hearts of those that will be coming to the health clinic.
5. The Lord will bring people to Himself through our ministry.
6. The Lord will give our team a spirit of unity.
7. The Lord will grow us all spiritually and use this trip specifically to make us more Christ-like.

Senior High Summer Conference



Edisto Island, SC
July 6-11, 2015
Theme:
"Christian Ethics and Thought
in a Post Christian World"
Teachers:
Mr. Nathan Sasser
Mr. Scott Cook

Balance of \$155.00 due online ASAP.

Memorial Flowers

Dates available for Memorial Flowers:
July 5, 19, & 26; August 23 & 30;
September 27; November 1 & 29
Call Judy Bishop @ 246-0951

Wednesday Activities Cancelled

The Wednesday night activities for July 1 have been cancelled due to our annual church picnic on July 4th.

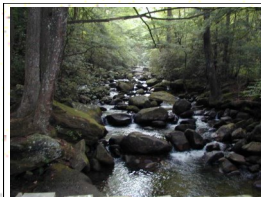
Nursery Help Needed

The SPC Nursery is in need of 4 more workers during the second service on Sunday mornings. Workers are scheduled every 6 weeks, so the time commitment is a little over an hour every 6 weeks. This is a great way to serve the Second Pres body in particular, and Christ's Kingdom! Let Lori Schvaneveldt know if you can fill this need. lorischvaneveldt@gmail.com or 404-6072.

Help Needed

Doug and Susan McDaniel are moving to Easley and need assistance on June 27th to load a truck at 9:30 am at 13 Waccamaw in Greenville and unload about 1:30-2:00 pm in Easley at 138 Red Maple Circle. If you can help on this date please contact Doug and Susan at 370-0008.

Play Date for Second Pres. Kids



NEXT PLAYDATE
Tuesday, June 30
11:00 am
Jones Gap State Park

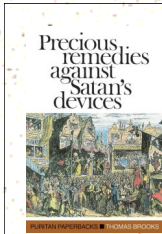
All/any are welcome to come! Meet at 11 am at Jones Gap State Park at the first parking lot on the left after going through the park gates. Fees are \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 6 and up. We will be wading/swimming in the cool mountain water and picnicking afterwards on the tables at the park. There are bathroom facilities fairly close plus a fish hatchery to explore. Email/text Rebekah Johnson (864-430-3408; rebekah@natejohnson.biz) if you want us to look our for you.



Upcoming Playdates for SPC Elementary/Preschool Kids

July 10 Fischer's Orchard
July 14 Water Fountains @ Falls
Park/Spill the Beans
July 24 Field Day at Johnson Home
July 28 Otter Creek Water Park
August 7 Legacy Park for picnic
August 11 Cleveland Park
Contact Rebekah Johnson
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All Adult Summer Sunday School



10 am on Sundays
All Adults (9th grade and up)
meet in the Sanctuary
SUNDAY, JUNE 28th
Satan's Devices (Chapter 1 & 2)
Nathan Sasser teaching

Gym Closed
June 29 - July 2 for floor refinishing.

Church Picnic - July 4, 2015



Church Lawn and Gym
6:30 pm until
Good Food * Great fellowship
(Bring a lawn chair and stick around for the Greenville fireworks.)
Deacons will provide
hot dogs, hamburgers,
all the fixings and ice cream.
Families are asked to bring generous portions
of side dishes and/or desserts.

Look forward to seeing you on July 4th, rain or shine!



Summer RUF @ Second

SUMMER RUF FELLOWSHIP UPDATE!

Refreshments will be served in the Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:30pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 30 @ 7:30 pm
Mr. Scott Cook, Ministerial Intern @ Second
Psalm 2

Rivertree Singers Concert

The Rivertree Singers and Friends Festival Choir is performing John Rutter's requiem Saturday night June 27, 7:30 pm at Rodeheaver Auditorium on the Bob Jones University campus. The concert will be dedicated to those affected by the tragedy in Charleston. We are inviting our Greenville host churches to join us in offering our sympathy and this consolation to the Charleston congregation. Members of Second may purchase half price tickets for five dollars. You may order the tickets online or mention the discount code (2NDPRES) at the door.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 3RD.

came, along with some members of our church, simply to join in worship and prayer. What I did not expect was an invitation for me to speak and pray at the service. What a blessing and reward I received for the simple act of personally driving over to extend Christian love, and how eager my fellow believers were to receive it!

2. How much I learned by joining with my African American brothers and sisters in this service. I say this not as something that surprised me, but it certainly blessed me. I know that some Reformed folks do not think that members of a "liberal" denomination can be true Christians, but how wrong they are about the men and women with whom we prayed last night. Of course there are differences between our theology and pastoral practice. But most of the pastors spoke in a manner that was steeped in biblical scholarship and evangelical theology. One of them made the insightful comment that 65 of the Bible's books speak to us but the book of Psalms speaks for us. He then prayed with great biblical eloquence and gospel power out of selected psalms. What a blessing! Another pastor made the comment that the problem of racism is not so much about skin as it is about sin. He then prayed against the power of sin within us all that is redeemed by the precious blood of Christ and overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit. Naturally, a great deal of grief was shared at this service, and I did gain insight on the perspective of African Americans on the racial divide of our nation. Several of the pastors were personal friends with the slain, and pastor/state senator Clamenta Pinkney was mourned by another senator who was a close friend. Some anger was expressed, but never with sinful overtones. All the grief and frustration was delivered into the nail-pierced hands of a sufficient Savior, and his mercy was the solace that we all sought together in the service.

3. The unity that Christians experience through the bond of Christ's blood and the indwelling Holy Spirit. As I had expected, we white believers felt completely at home. Sure there were differences in style, expression, and, dare I say, volume. But these were our people and we were their people. From the moment we walked in the doors (their sanctuary actually looks quite a lot like ours) we felt completely at home. The church members were so grateful for our coming and we were so blessed to be there. But our bond resulted from more than Southern hospitality. It was our shared faith in the blood of the cross, the comfort and power of the Holy Spirit, and the uplifting experience of gospel-infused corporate worship that made us feel the oneness that is ours in Christ. To this end, I and others from my church were greatly helped by our congregation's commitment to Christian hymnody. As I have often experienced, both overseas and in cross-cultural settings in America, the heritage deposited in our hymnals is a great bond of shared Christian culture. Last night's service was concluded by the singing of It Is Well with My Soul, and I was blessed to see the white members of my church and the black members of the AME church singing passionately together without either making recourse to the hymnal.

4. The extraordinary spiritual blessing that occurs when worldly divisions are transcended through Christian faith. So far, readers may wonder why all that I have written would not be true of any other biblically faithful prayer service. The answer is that there is a particular joy and spiritual vitality when Christians gather as one in Christ who would never experience such unity outside the gospel. When the pastor called me out of the pews to speak and pray I was astonished by the precious invitation of ministering the gospel in a setting where outside of Christ I would not likely get a hearing. What a joy to encourage them with the spiritual power that results from the bold witness of forgiveness, love, and heaven-sent peace which our whole world so greatly needs to experience. What delight I felt to mingle with the other pastors, receive their thanks, and express my sorrow - a love made so much more valuable since its sole origin is in the grace of the Savior who died for our sins. How glad I was that my wife came with me and brought all of our children! It was a precious experience, overflowing with redemptive authenticity, that laid bare the grace of our Lord that truly overcomes the world!

5. The glorious reminder that our sovereign God brings good out of evil and extends special grace in the presence of spiritual darkness. There was nothing good about the savage murders that took place in that Bible study and prayer meeting in Charleston. But how wonderful that our gracious Lord brings marvelous good even out of terrible evil. The greatest evil ever committed was the judicial murder of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Yet by his grace, God made the cross the greatest good that ever came into this world. I thought of this as I exchanged cards with the other ministers and as we looked forward to future opportunities for prayer, ministry, and brotherly fellowship - opportunities I would never have enjoyed unless God prompted me by a shocking tragedy to drive over on Friday morning and express loving Christian sympathy.

In sharing these reflections, I mainly wish to express my profound gratitude to the loving Christians of Allen Temple AME church who so graciously and enthusiastically welcomed us, as well as to the faithful members of Second Presbyterian Church who answered my last-minute summons, and even more to the reigning Savior who lavishes grace on his needy people. I further hope that it encourages readers to drive down the street, to show up at a prayer vigil, and personally cross the racial and other worldly divides that inhibit fellow Christians from enjoying the rich blessings of our unity at the foot of the cross.

May the Lord bless you this week.

Pastor Rick Phillips

This Article originally appeared on Reformation 21 in a slightly different form.

Treasurer's Report

	MAY 2015 & YTD		
	Actual		
	May 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget
Offerings	129,764	539,364	560,833
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	61,003	363,857	434,471
Mission Disbursements	0	38,008	44,631
Total Outlays	61,003	401,865	479,102
Net Offerings	68,761	137,499	

- Contributions in May 2015 were \$129,764.
- Contributions YTD May 2015 were \$539,364 versus \$426,942 for YTD May 2014.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Mann or Jeremy Weaver.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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



Missions Opportunity

Letter to Pastor Phillips from Richard Wagner:

Second Presbyterian is a missions minded church and thus I want to invite you and the church to be involved in an international missions opportunity. I place musical international high school exchange students from all over the world with preferably Christian host families. Each year 14,000 high school exchange students come to the USA to spend a 10 month school year living with an American host family and attending a local high school. Since I am a musician I like to place musical high school exchange students. These teens are 15 to 17 and have taken an English proficiency test and are the best in their high school. They are eager to adapt to an American host family and to fully integrate into your family life. But they are tragically ignorant of the gospel and Christianity in general. But in their application to the exchange program they agree to attend church with the host family. My experience for 17 years is that once they come and are welcomed by Christians and get involved with youth group and choir, they are very open to the Holy Spirit and are converted and return as Christians to their home country and lead their family and friends to Jesus. A host provides a bed (sharing a room with another boy/girl is good but must have his or her own bed) and the normal meals at home. The exchange student is insured for medical and has spending money to pay for school supplies and clothes, etc. He or she becomes a working member of your family with chores, etc. God is bringing the best teens from around the world to us. Will we open our homes and hearts and share the love of Jesus that does change their lives?

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The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Ephesians 5:8-14

Hymns: 38, 646, 398

Anthem: O Thou the Central Orb
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

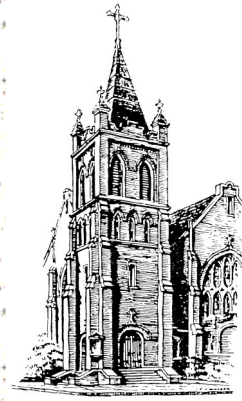
FIRSTFRUIT OF THE DEAD

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Hymns: 274, 268, 283

Psalter: Psalm 79 (verses 8-13)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Reflections from an AME Prayer Vigil

Last Friday evening I was greatly blessed, together with many members of the congregation I serve, to participate in a prayer vigil for the nine victims of the racist attack on Emmanuel AME in Charleston. The service was held at Allen Temple AME Church. I hope and believe that our presence played a positive role in ministering to our aggrieved fellow Christians. I know that we were spiritually uplifted and encouraged both by our reception and by the service itself. Nothing that happened in this service surprised me, since I have long held a high opinion of the spiritual vitality of gospel-centered black churches. But it occurred to me that others may not have had many experiences of this kind, and that readers might be informed and encouraged by the following reflections:

1. **The importance and value of crossing boundaries that separate Christians from one another.** I have not had much interaction with AME churches and my many connections with African American Christians are mainly limited to those who share my commitment to Reformed theology. I live in a part of the South in which blacks and whites generally get along but seldom interact, in part because of the distrust that African Americans have with good reason developed towards whites. Sincere invitations to the African American community to attend our events have met little success, which has taught me that the burden is on white Christians to reach out personally across the racial divide. Our attendance at the AME prayer vigil thus resulted from my driving over to their church on Friday morning to personally express love and sympathy and to inform them of our prayers. The result was a warm, brotherly conversation with a pastor from the AME church, who expressed his thanks and offered to call me to confirm the prayer vigil's timing. I had missed a service the previous day - the morning after the murders - which had been terminated by an anonymous bomb threat. Lamentable as that was, it did provide me with an opportunity to attend the rescheduled event last night. I