

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 5

- 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**
- 5:00 PM Called Administration Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, July 6

Senior High Trip to Edisto Island
(July 6th-11th)

Wednesday, July 8

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee
- 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
- 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6
- 6:55 PM Youth 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

Friday, July 10

- 10:15 AM Playdate: Fischer's Orchard
- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:6-8

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- July 1 NO Wednesday night activities
- July 3 Church Office Closed
- July 3 **NO Men's Lunch & Bible Study**
- July 4 CHURCH PICNIC
- July 5 Called Administration Committee Meeting
- July 6-11 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
- July 7 **NO Summer RUF**
- 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/
Spill the Beans
- July 14 Summer RUF
- July 15 Administration Committee Meeting
- July 15 Mission Speaker: Becky White
- 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
- July 31 SPC Family Night Out-Greenville Drive

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 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.

Marian Wood
Stan and Barbara Woodward
Kevin and Cindy Worley
Mitchell, Bryan, Deanna

Missionary for the Week

CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN

The vision for Calvary Home for Children began in 1992. Members from several Upstate South Carolina churches participated in missions trips to a children's home in Columbus, Mississippi. After witnessing that work in Mississippi and being burdened by the increase in child abuse and abandonment incidences in South Carolina, this group of men and women had a vision to see similar work in the Upstate.

SPC Mission Project
Calvary Home for Children
July 13th - 17th

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy go out to Al and Anne Anderson. Paul, their son and missionary of this church went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 27, 2015. We are thankful for Paul's life as a minister of the gospel in Rhode Island. We pray for the family during this time of loss and grief.

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

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.

Caringbridge Site

Caleb and Frida Barbier have set up a caringbridge site for Matthew. It is caringbridge.org/visit/mkb.

Play Date for Second Pres. Kids



NEXT PLAYDATE

Friday, July 10

10:15 am

Fischer's Orchard

It is peach season everyone!! We will meet at the pick-your-own address of Fisher's Orchard at 650 Fisher Road, Greer, 29651 around 10:15 am on Friday, July 10th. The freestone varieties are due to be ripe this week. Bring your sunscreen/hats and a change of clothes/shoes as it can get quite muddy. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch for fellowship afterwards. We will try to have the picnic at the Lake Cunningham Park that is a 10 minute drive from the orchard. Give Rebekah Johnson a call when you get there if you can't find our group: 864-430-3408.

Upcoming Playdates for SPC Elementary/Preschool Kids



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
(864-430-3408)
rebekah@natejohnson.biz

All Adult Summer Sunday School



10 am on Sundays
All Adults (9th grade and up)
meet in the Sanctuary
SUNDAY, JULY 5TH
Being Hindered from our Duties (Chapter 3)
Rev. Robert E. Spears teaching

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, July 14 @ 7:30 pm
Rev. Mark Ashbaugh, Winthrop RUF Campus Minister

SPC Family Night Out



Greenville Drive Game
Drive vs. Lexington Legends
July 31 @ 7:00 PM
Register online for tickets (\$10.00)
@ spcgreenville.org

- **No Wednesday night activities on July 1st.**
- **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 3RD.**
- **No Men's Lunch/Bible Study on July 3rd.**

“judicial policymaking” that endangers our democratic form of government. “The Court today not only overlooks our country’s entire history and tradition but actively repudiates it, preferring to live only in the heady days of the here and now,” he asserted. Further: “Over and over, the majority exalts the role of the judiciary in delivering social change.”

“The majority,” he made clear, “lays out a tantalizing vision for the future for Members of this Court. If an unvarying social institution enduring over all of recorded history cannot inhibit judicial policymaking, what can?”

That is a haunting question. This Chief Justice’s point is an urgent warning: If the Supreme Court will arrogate to itself the right to redefine marriage, there is no restraint on the judiciary whatsoever.

Justice Antonin Scalia offered a stinging rebuke to the majority. “This is a naked judicial claim to legislative—indeed super-legislative—power; a claim fundamentally at odds with our system of government,” he stated. Justice Scalia then offered these stunning words of judgment: “A system of government that makes the people subordinate to a committee of nine unelected lawyers does not deserve to be called a democracy.”

The Chief Justice also pointed to another very telling aspect of the majority opinion. The Kennedy opinion opens wide a door that basically invites looming demands for the legalization of polygamy and polyamory. As Chief Justice Roberts observed: “It is striking how much of the majority’s reasoning would apply with equal force to the claim of a fundamental right to plural marriage.” Striking, indeed. What is perhaps even more striking is that the majority did not even appear concerned about the extension of its logic to polygamy.

As the decision approached, those of us who have warned that the redefinition of marriage will not stop with same-sex unions were told that we were offering a fallacious slippery-slope argument. Now, the Chief Justice of the United States verifies that these concerns were fully valid. You can count on the fact that advocates for legalized polygamy found great encouragement in this decision.

The Supreme Court of the United States is the highest court in the land, and its decisions cannot be appealed to a higher court of law. But the Supreme Court, like every human institution and individual, will eventually face two higher courts. The first is the court of history, which will render a judgment that I believe will embarrass this court and reveal its dangerous trajectory. The precedents and arguments set forth in this decision cannot be limited to the right of same-sex couples to marry. If individual autonomy and equal protection mean that same-sex couples cannot be denied what is now defined as a fundamental right of marriage, then others will arrive to make the same argument. This Court will find itself in a trap of its own making, and one that will bring great harm to this nation and its families. The second court we all must face is the court of divine judgment. For centuries, marriage ceremonies in the English-speaking world have included the admonition that what God has put together, no human being – or human court – should tear asunder. That is exactly what the Supreme Court of the United States has now done.

The threat to religious liberty represented by this decision is clear, present, and inevitable. Assurances to the contrary, the majority in this decision has

placed every religious institution in legal jeopardy if that institution intends to uphold its theological convictions limiting marriage to the union of a man and a woman. This threat is extended to every religious citizen or congregation that would uphold the convictions held by believers for millennia. Justice Clarence Thomas warned in his dissent of “ruinous consequences for religious liberty.”

One of the most dangerous dimensions of this decision is evident in what can only be described as the majority’s vilification of those who hold to a traditional view of marriage as exclusively the union of a man and a woman. Justice Samuel Alito stated bluntly that the decision “will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy.” According to the argument offered by the majority, any opposition to same-sex marriage is rooted in moral animus against homosexuals. In offering this argument the majority slanders any defender of traditional marriage and openly rejects and vilifies those who, on the grounds of theological conviction, cannot affirm same-sex marriage.

In a very real sense, everything has now changed. The highest court of the land has redefined marriage. Those who cannot accept this redefinition of marriage as a matter of morality and ultimate truth, must acknowledge that the laws of this nation concerning marriage will indeed be defined against our will. We must acknowledge the authority of the Supreme Court in matters of law. Christians must be committed to be good citizens and good neighbors, even as we cannot accept this redefinition of marriage in our churches and in our lives.

We must contend for marriage as God’s gift to humanity – a gift central and essential to human flourishing and a gift that is limited to the conjugal union of a man and a woman. We must contend for religious liberty for all, and focus our energies on protecting the rights of Christian citizens and Christian institutions to teach and operate on the basis of Christian conviction.

We cannot be silent, and we cannot join the moral revolution that stands in direct opposition to what we believe the Creator has designed, given, and intended for us. We cannot be silent, and we cannot fail to contend for marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

In one sense, everything has changed. And yet, nothing has changed. The cultural and legal landscape has changed, as we believe this will lead to very real harms to our neighbors. But our Christian responsibility has not changed. We are charged to uphold marriage as the union of a man and a woman and to speak the truth in love. We are also commanded to uphold the truth about marriage in our own lives, in our own marriages, in our own families, and in our own churches.

We are called to be the people of the truth, even when the truth is not popular and even when the truth is denied by the culture around us. Christians have found themselves in this position before, and we will again. God’s truth has not changed. The Holy Scriptures have not changed. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed. The church’s mission has not changed. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

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Announcements



EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

July 2, 2015 is the eighth anniversary of the beginning of Dr. Phillips’ ministry at Second Church. We are so thankful for Rick, Sharon, Hannah, Matthew, Jonathan, Ellie and Lydia. We encourage you to send a note to Dr. Phillips this week or email congratulations to him on this anniversary occasion. (rphillips@spcgreenville.org).

*Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.*

~Based on Revelation 22

James Montgomery Boice, 2000



WELCOME NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

Mr. Nathaniel Johnson, a lifelong member of Second Church began work within the congregation on July 1st as its first ever Director of Media & Facilities. Mr. Johnson will work with the Diaconate managing our century old building and 9 acre campus in downtown Greenville. He also will assist the Media Committee in updating our media outreach and the various IT systems and online platforms that relate to our church ministry. Nate is a graduate of Bob Jones University, with a decade of professional experience in media and industry. He is the husband of Rebekah and father to Nate, Andrew, Jeremiah and Silas. Welcome aboard.

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Here We Stand

Excerpt from a Statement by Evangelical Leaders
signed by Dr. Richard D. Phillips

Evangelical churches must be faithful to the biblical witness on marriage regardless of the cultural shift. Evangelical churches in America now find themselves in a new moral landscape that calls us to minister in a context growing more hostile to a biblical sexual ethic. This is not new in the history of the church. From its earliest beginnings, whether on the margins of society or in a place of influence, the church is defined by the gospel. We insist that the gospel brings good news to all people, regardless of whether the culture considers the news good or not.

The gospel must inform our approach to public witness. As evangelicals animated by the good news that God offers reconciliation through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus, we commit to:

- Respect and pray for our governing authorities even as we work through the democratic process to rebuild a culture of marriage (Rom. 13:1-7);
- the truth about biblical marriage in a way that brings healing to a sexually broken culture;
- affirm the biblical mandate that all persons, including LGBT persons, are created in the image of God and deserve dignity and respect;
- love our neighbors regardless of whatever disagreements arise as a result of conflicting beliefs about marriage;
- live respectfully and civilly alongside those who may disagree with us for the sake of the common good;
- cultivate a common culture of religious liberty that allows the freedom to live and believe differently to prosper.

The redefinition of marriage should not entail the erosion of religious liberty. In the coming years, evangelical institutions could be pressed to sacrifice their sacred beliefs about marriage and sexuality in order to accommodate whatever demands the culture and law require. We do not have the option to meet those demands without violating our consciences and surrendering the gospel. We will not allow the government to coerce or infringe upon the rights of institutions to live by the sacred belief that only men and women can enter into marriage.

The gospel of Jesus Christ determines the shape and tone of our ministry. Christian theology considers its teachings about marriage both timeless and unchanging, and therefore we must stand firm in this belief. Outrage and panic are not the responses of those confident in the promises of a reigning Christ Jesus. While we believe the Supreme Court has erred in its ruling, we pledge to stand steadfastly, faithfully witnessing to the biblical teaching that marriage is the chief cornerstone of society, designed to unite men, women, and children. We promise to proclaim and live this truth at all costs, with convictions that are communicated with kindness and love.

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

July 5, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

REDEEMING-THE TIME

Ephesians 5:15-17

Hymns: 570, 36, 493

Anthem: A Prayer for Strength
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

FOR HE MUST REIGN

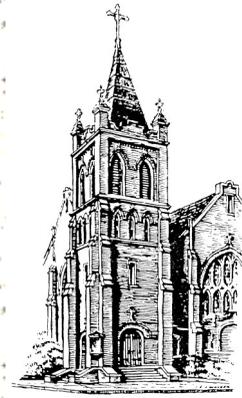
1 Corinthians 15:23-28

Hymns: 63, 310, 441

Psalter: Psalm 80

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Everything Has Changed and Nothing Has Changed

Dr. Albert Mohler on Recent Supreme Court Decision

Everything has changed and nothing has changed. The Supreme Court's decision yesterday is a central assault upon marriage as the conjugal union of a man and a woman and in a five to four decision the nation's highest court has now imposed its mandate redefining marriage on all fifty states. As Chief Justice Roberts said in his dissent, "The majority's decision is an act of will, not a legal judgment."

The majority's argument, expressed by Justice Kennedy, is that the right of same-sex couples to marry is based in individual autonomy as related to sexuality, in marriage as a fundamental right, in marriage as a privileged context for raising children, and in upholding marriage as central to civilization. But at every one of these points, the majority had to reinvent marriage in order to make its case. The Court has not merely ordered that same-sex couples be allowed to marry – it has fundamentally redefined marriage itself.

The inventive legal argument set forth by the majority is clearly traceable in Justice Kennedy's previous decisions including Lawrence (2003) and Windsor (2013), and he cites his own decisions as legal precedent. As the Chief Justice makes clear, Justice Kennedy and his fellow justices in the majority wanted to legalize same-sex marriage and they invented a constitutional theory to achieve their purpose. It was indeed an act of will disguised as a legal judgment.

Justice Kennedy declared that "the right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person, and under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment couples of the same-sex cannot be deprived of that right and that liberty." But marriage is nowhere to be found in the Constitution. As the Chief Justice asserted in his dissent, the majority opinion did not really make any serious constitutional argument at all. It was, as the Chief Justice insisted, an argument based in philosophy rather than in law.

The Supreme Court's over-reach in this case is more astounding as the decision is reviewed in full, and as the dissenting justices voiced their own urgent concerns. The Chief Justice accused the majority of