

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 20

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM Bill Watkins' Fold Lunch
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, September 21

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 7:00 PM Music Mission Kiev Concert

Wednesday, September 23

5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:15 PM Youth Ensemble (7th-12th grades)
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (1st-6th grades)
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. High Bible Study
 6:55 PM Sr. High Bible Study
 7:00 PM Safety & Security Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 PM Called Session Meeting

Thursday, September 24

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 9:30 AM WIC Bible Study

Friday, September 25

SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study
 6:00 PM Missions Banquet with activities
 for adults and children

Saturday, September 26

12:00 PM WIC Luncheon
 6:00 PM High School/Young Adult Gathering

Upcoming Events

Sept. 16 EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET
 Sept. 17 WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
 Sept. 17 "New" WIC Bible Study begins
 Sept. 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Sept. 21 YOUNG AT HEART
 Sept. 22 Music Mission Kiev Concert
 Sept. 23 CE Committee Meeting
 Sept. 23 Safety and Security Committee Meeting
 Sept. 23 Called Session Meeting
 Sept. 25-27 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE
 Sept. 27 Ice Cream Social
 Sept. 30 Deacon Training begins
 Oct. 1 Jessamines
 Oct. 7 WIC Council
 Oct. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Oct. 7 Budget Deadline
 Oct. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Oct. 12 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 Oct. 13-14 WIC Circles
 Oct. 13 Evangelism Explosion Training begins
 Oct. 14 Missions Committee Meeting
 Oct. 16-17 WIC Annual Retreat at Bonclarken
 Oct. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Oct. 19 Young At Heart
 Oct. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
 Oct. 22 Calvary Presbytery at Mitchell Rd. PCA
 Oct. 24 ANNUAL FALL PICNIC
 Oct. 25 REFORMATION SUNDAY
 Oct. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Oct. 28 CE Committee Meeting
 Oct. 28 REFORMATION PARTY

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 48:1-3

*Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city
of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King. Within her citadels
God has made himself known as a fortress. (ESV)*

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.

Dale and Ginny Zeigler
125 Rounded Wing Drive
Easley, SC 29642
850-7757

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Ann Brand

Larry and Marsha Briggs
Ken

Judy Brigman

Missionary for the Week



Evangelism Explosion Training

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? Evangelism Explosion is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester will begin October 13th, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For upcoming EE Training.
- For the participants as they prepare to visit.
- For the Lord to prepare the hearts of the people they visit.

Jessamines

Jessamines resumes this October! In the spirit of Titus 2:3-5, this ministry aims to help 6th through 8th grade girls to grow in their understanding and practice of godly womanhood through Scripture-based lessons and fellowship with older women. Each meeting includes a pot luck supper and fellowship time, followed by a short devotional lesson and a fun activity led by one of the ladies of the church. Jessamines meets in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm the first Thursday of each month. Moms are invited and encouraged to stay and enjoy this time with their daughters. For questions, contact Christina Cook.

864-915-2825 or cland89@gmail.com

Young At Heart

The first fall monthly luncheon of the Young At Heart will be Monday, September 21, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of the catered lunch is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. The Smoker family will delight us with a special music program. Young At Heart is open to all ages. Don't miss out on this time of fellowship, great food, and wonderful programs.

The Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 20th
Morning Worship Services

2016 Budget Planning

Planning and preparations are underway for the 2016 Church Budget. Please be in prayer for the church officers as they plan the finances for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Bobby Mann, or Jeremy Weaver.

Committee Chairmen:

The deadline for all committee budgets is October 7th.

2015 World Missions Conference



September 25-27, 2015

Theme: Peru Missions

Speakers:

Rev. Wes Baker, Rev. Alonzo Ramirez and wife Esther, and Rev. Stacey Mills

Deacon Nominations

Nominations will close September 20th

Deacon nominations began on Sunday, Sept. 6 and will end on Sunday, Sept. 20 following the evening worship service. Please be in prayer for godly men called by God to serve as an officer of the church. Information on dates, procedures, a list of eligible men and nomination forms are available from the ushers or the church office.

Men Eligible for the Nomination to the Office of Deacon

Atwood, John	Early, Gordon	King, Fitz	Maycock, Samuel	Senn, Byron
Babb, Larry	Eller, David	King, John	McDaniel, Bill	Shipp, Lewis
Bianchi, Joe	Fields, Chuck	Korol, Jason	McKenney, Ray	Shreve, Tom
Bishop, Jim	Griffin, John	LaBombard, George	Moore, Steve	Shuford, Jack
Bouchillon, Aaron	Griffin, Matt	Larson, Phil	Myers, Barry	Spell, Jeffrey
Briggs, Larry	Grubbs, Scott	Leathers, Jim	O'Brien, Bill	Strickland, Mark
Bulla, Don	Gustafson, Rob	Leigh, Hunter	Outzs, Ernest Ray	Styles, Gregg
Butler, Ed	Guy, Larry	Lowry, Sam	Owens, Tim	Upton, Nathan
Caldwell, David	Holbrook, Mark	Ludwig, Hank	Pitts, Larry	Whigham, Martin
Carmichael, Stu	Holman, Bob	Mahon, Ron	Player, Spencer	Worley, Kevin
Carter, Jordan	Hopple, Jim	Mann, Hudson	Plourde, Garison	Wright, Lloyd
Carter, Randy	Hu, Carl	Maralit, Joseph	Pratt, James	Zimmerman, Dennis
Chivers, Richard	Huber, Ray	Maycock, Ben	Pujdak, Ken	Zimmerman, Kye
Compton, Jimmy	Icard, Randy	Maycock, Dan	Reese, William	
Dunlop, Ryan	Johnson, Nathaniel	Maycock, Daniel	Schvaneveldt, Steve	

The above adult men are eligible because they have been a resident member in good standing of Second Presbyterian Church for 2 or more years. Members may choose up to 8 (at this time) qualified men from this list for nomination.

Membership Class

Sunday, September 20th, 9:45 AM

"Law and the Gospel"

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

Church Calendar

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

Fall through Christmas is a very busy time in the life of our church. We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. From basketball practice to Christmas parties we need to be sure that schedules are on the calendar so there will not be any conflicts. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 10) or email (jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We appreciate your help in keeping all activities running smooth.

Check out the Truth for Life flyer on the bulletin boards and find the SS class that is right for you. Look forward to seeing you there!

Evangelism Explosion Banquet
Wednesday, September 16
Dinner: 5:30 PM
Program: 6:30 PM
Speaker:
Mr. Art Batzig

SPC Women In the Church



Annual Fall Retreat

October 16-17, 2015

"The Battle For Beauty"

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC

The cost is \$85.00 per person,

if paid by September 23 (\$95 for later registrations).

Cost includes food and lodging based on double occupancy. Registration forms are available throughout the church. (Sign up early-space is limited.)

If you have any questions you may contact

Alice Barnett (864-906-0166).



marriage in the United States. Davis is right to refuse to obey their usurpation of authority, just as Abraham Lincoln was right to ignore the Dred Scott decision in 1857. For more details on Kim Davis' upholding of the Constitution, read Harry Reeder's excellent [article](#), with which I wholly agree.

2. *Kim Davis is fulfilling her God-given duty as the lesser magistrate.* It is the calling of lower government officials to protect the people from the tyranny of the higher magistrate, here the federal government. This biblical principle was used to justify, among other things, the American Revolution against the British sovereign. It was exemplified when the fugitive David protected the people from the tyranny of wicked King Saul in the book of 1 Samuel. Lower officials are morally required to oppose evil oppression from above, which is why lower German officials were convicted for not opposing the heinous deeds of the Nazi hierarchy after World War II. They were rightly held accountable to stand against evil with the power that had been granted to them. This is precisely what Davis is doing on behalf of the people of Rowan County, who elected her to office and whose views she is upholding. (For those who object to the use of the Nazi analogy I offer no apology. Historically speaking, the tactics of the radical Left in America today finds its closest analogy in the intimidation tactics of the Nazi Party as it gathered power in pre-war Germany. And the intolerance and savagery of the now-empowered Progressives are very much akin to that of the Nazis.)

3. *Kim Davis is being persecuted for her Christian faith by hypocritical and tyrannical powers.* Christians should be careful not to claim persecution whenever our cause is denied. But in this case the charge of persecution seems warranted. The Obama Administration routinely flouts the laws of our land, yet there is no judicial response. We have cities who refuse to enforce federal immigration laws, but no prosecution takes place. We have compelling evidence of horrific crimes committed by Planned Parenthood, but there is no legal investigation. The mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, violated laws dealing with gay marriage but was not brought before a judge. We have Muslim officials refusing to observe laws that are offensive to them, with no reprisal. But the clerk of a rural county exercises her conscience and she is thrown in prison without bail. Why was Kim Davis singled out for imprisonment? The answer seems to be that Davis is a Christian. The now empowered radical Left in America is determined to intimidate Christians to



submit even our consciences to their authority. There is no other rationale for the national attention being given to this obscure situation and the judicial severity employed against Davis than to make the point that the full power of tyranny will be unleashed on Christians who will not submit to what the Bible forbids.

4. *Kim Davis is demonstrating the power of the grace of God in salvation.* Progressive-minded Christians will disagree with this statement, since Davis commits the gross sins of dressing in plain and unstylish clothes and of failing to accommodate the demands of secular culture. But Davis is admitting her sins, professing publicly her faith in Jesus, and resolving against worldly oppression to obey the Word of God without violating her Christian conscience. This is what the grace of Christ looks like in a true believer's life, along with the self-control and gentleness that are apparent in her demeanor. Of course, we do not know enough about Kim Davis to proclaim her a true Christian hero. But in this matter, she is showing the conviction that Christ gives to those who love him. Kim Davis' own message from jail was the very testimony being exemplified in her life: "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God" (2 Tim. 1:7-8).

These four reasons should cause Christians to support Kim Davis by speaking out and praying. I hope it also causes other Christians in her position to ask themselves why they are not doing the same. Why are they using the authority given to them to sanction the evil of homosexual marriage and with it the destruction of the biblical model of home and family? Why was Kim Davis the only one sitting in a jail cell because she would not yield her conscience to Caesar, but resolutely named Christ alone as Lord over all? When will Christians wake up and realize that the culture war in America is a true instance of the spiritual warfare about which we read in Scripture? When will God's people, as Paul exhorts, "Put on the whole armor of God," in order that we "may be able to stand" against the schemes of evil in our day (Eph. 6:11)? This is the example that Kim Davis is setting for fellow Christians in America. May we not only pray for her but follow her biblical example as our own situations may require.

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MUSIC MINISTRY KIEV COMING to SPC
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
7:00 pm

PLEASE OPEN YOUR HOME ~ EXTEND HOSPITALITY
 25 HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 49 MUSICIANS -
 SYMPHONY AND CHORUS

Tuesday, Sept. 22, following the concert in our Church, members of the Kiev (Ukraine) Symphony Orchestra and Chorus need over-night housing. WILL YOU HELP?

(A heads-up: seven of these visitors are smokers, one has pet allergies. We will work with you on these matters). There are 4 married couples plus an additional 17 women and 24 men to be assigned two by two or four or more, if you can accommodate. Cots will be acceptable!!!

You will be asked to:

- please attend concert at 7:00. No admission/free-will offering.
- meet your guests following the concert to take them home.
- perhaps offer a light mid-night snack (!!)
- provide overnight lodging.
- provide breakfast Wednesday Morning.
- bring them back to the church on or before 9:00 am, Wednesday, the 23rd.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER ASAP

--to shirleyduncan@charter.net or phone: 230-5633 or tell her at church meetings.

—or SignUp Online to provide hospitality at spcgreenville.org/my-second/sign-ups (Music Mission Kiev).

~The Worship & Music Committee

CHURCH INFORMATION

Telephone: 864.232.7621

Website: spcgreenville.org

Social Media

[facebook.com/spcgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/spcgreenville)  twitter.com/spcgreenville 

Fax: (864) 232-7622 * **Email:** info@spcgreenville.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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

At the Corner of River and Rhett



**SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE
September 25-27**

FRIDAY MEN'S LUNCHEON, NOON

» Alonzo Ramirez & Wes Baker

FRIDAY EVENING, 6PM

- » Missions Banquet
- » 2015 Peru Video
- » Peru Testimonies
- » Presentation of 2016 Summer Missions
- » Alonzo Ramirez: Robbie White Houser Memorial Address
- » K4-6th Grade, Children's Program, Wes Baker

SATURDAY, NOON

» WIC Luncheon » Wes Baker

SATURDAY EVENING, 6PM

» HS / Young Adult Gathering »
Wes Baker, Alonzo & Esther Ramirez
The Story of Peru Missions

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10AM

- » Adults, Wes Baker
- » Children, Alonzo & Esther Ramirez Teaching K4-6th Grade

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES, 8:30am & 11am

» Wes Baker Preaching

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES, 6PM

» Rev. Stacey Mills Preaching

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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE WEAPONRY OF OUR WARFARE

Ephesians 6:16-17

Hymns: 55, 92, 378

Anthem: Cause Me to Hear Thy Lovingkindness

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

I AM WILLING

Luke 5:12-16

Hymns: 465, 311, 468

Psalter: Psalm 89 (verses 17-37)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Pastoral Letter from the Senior Minister

Four Reasons Christians Should Support Kim Davis

Most Americans have by now learned the name of Kim Davis, who as clerk of Rowan County, Kentucky has refused to issue marriage licenses to homosexual couples. Having been directed by a federal judge to issue such licenses on the grounds of the recent decision of the US Supreme Court, Davis was jailed for contempt of court, remaining resolute in her conviction until she was released yesterday.

Christians have different reactions to Kim Davis. Many have criticized her for failing to perform her duty as the law requires, often citing Romans 13. But put in biblical and historical context, Christians should be supporting Davis, praying for her and rallying to her cause. Let me offer four reasons for this perspective: 1) She is acting in accordance with Romans 13:1; 2) She is fulfilling her God-given duty as the lesser magistrate; 3) She is being persecuted for her Christian faith by hypocritical and tyrannical powers; and 4) She is demonstrating the power of the grace of Christ in salvation.

1. *Kim Davis is not violating but rather upholding Romans 13:1, which says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities." The sovereign secular authority in the United States is the Constitution, and in Kentucky it is the state constitution, which is why Davis swore obedience to both when she took her office as county clerk. It turns out that the Kentucky Constitution defines marriage as exclusively involving a man and a woman. It also turns out that the Tenth Amendment to the US Constitution explicitly restricts the federal government from issuing decrees on matters like this. [1] Davis did not swear an oath to obey the U.S. Supreme Court, who, as pointed out by the four dissenting judges, committed an act of lawlessness in mandating homosexual*