

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 4

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Tuesday, October 6

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 5:00 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, October 7

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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)
 6:45 PM Diaconate Training
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. High Bible Study
 6:55 PM Sr. High Bible Study
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM College & 20's Bible Study
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, October 8

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:30 PM Midget Boys' Basketball practice

Friday, October 9

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, October 10

8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball practice
 10:00 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

Sept. 30 Diaconate 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

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).

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 63:1-3

So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
 (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.

Ruby Benchoff
 304 Dupont Drive
 Greenville, SC 29607
 235-9958

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Ed and Margaret Butler

Wilma Cagle

David and Hilary Caldwell
Dillon, Hayden, Ethan

Missionary for the Week

Marc and Aline Mailloux
MTW International

PRAISE:

1-For a month of blessed family time with Aline's parents and son Calix.

2-For an encouraging response to our plea for new financial support. We had a terrific month of July (though a mediocre month of August).

3-For multiple occasions to share the faith in a spiritual desert of France.

PRAYER:

1-For a new academic year with our Haitian Bible school students in Florida.

2-For wisdom and discernment to know where to invest our efforts and resources.

3-For the spiritual welfare of our children, especially son Calix (35) in France.

Jessamines-October 1st, 6:30 pm

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



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.

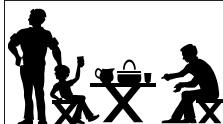
2016 Budget Planning

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.

FALL CHURCH PICNIC



Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch-11:30 AM
(rain or shine)

Herdklotz Park

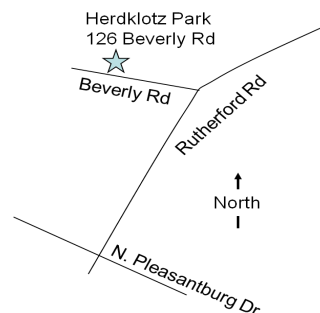
126 Beverly Road, Greenville

The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks.

Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

There will be a dessert contest!

Come join us for food, fellowship and fun at the 2015 Fall Picnic. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM but come early. There are playgrounds and lots of room to run at the park, so bring your footballs and Frisbees.



Reformation Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th

We need booths, prizes, and candy.

If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call
Scott Cook, (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,
please mark them for Reformation party and leave in the gym.

Calvary Home Annual BBQ

Calvary Home for Children invites you to the Sixth Annual BBQ and Blue Grass Benefit on Friday, Oct. 16, 6-8 pm. Food and fun will be on the Calvary Home campus at 110 Calvary Home Circle, Anderson, SC. The Smokin' Pig will provide BBQ and Tugalo Holler will bring toe-tapping music. Games for the kids. Bring a lawn chair to relax under the trees. Tickets may be secured by calling Calvary Home at 864-296-5437 or emailing info@calvaryhome.org.

Pack a Shoe Box

**Operation Christmas Child
"The Power of A Simple Gift"**

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Shoe boxes with instructions on how to pack a shoe box will be located throughout the church. If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner.

Young At Heart

The October Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, October 19, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. We are excited to have our own Jason Korol with us giving instruction on self-defense for Seniors. Mark your calendars and be sure not to miss this time of fun and fellowship together along with very good food!!

Happy 100th!!

Henry Montgomery will be 100 years old on October 19th.

You may send him a birthday card at:

564 S. Buckhorn Road
Greenville, SC 29609

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HENRY!!

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 \$95.00 per person.

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).





A second answer is that the believers came to church *in order to be taught the truths of God's Word*: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42). Many people today find the sermon the least appealing reason to come to church. They come for social contacts, for entertainment, or for family obligations. But these are reasons why the world gathers, not reasons why Christ's people are devoted to church attendance. In a sermon on this text, Martyn Lloyd-Jones explained several reasons why we should come to church especially for Bible teaching. First, one of the main signs of the Spirit's presence is a desire for God's Word, of which the Spirit himself is the Author. Therefore, true Christians love God's Word and desire to be taught its doctrines. (If you look back at Peter's sermon in Acts 2, you will find that it is remarkably filled with doctrine.) Second, Christians need to be protected from ignorance and empowered by biblical knowledge. Paul thus wrote to Timothy that God "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). Third, Christians are to bear witness to Jesus in a lost and dark world, and for this we must be biblically taught. How else are we to share the gospel of Christ to friends? And where else is the gospel to be heard but in the church? Lloyd-Jones wrote: "We are living in evil days. We are living in terrible days. There is only one hope for this world, and that is the church and her message. . . . This is no time for entertainment. The world is on fire. The world is going to hell. And the church must come back to. . . the apostles' teaching."

A third reason Christians should come to church is *to fellowship with other believers*: "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42). When our nature has been changed by the new birth in Christ we want to be with fellow believers. We are drawn to one another and therefore come to church as often as we can. We are drawn especially to the fellowship that we enjoy in worship, such as when we gather together at the Lord's Table.

Further, Acts 2:42 says the first believers came together for "the prayers." The definite article suggests that they came not merely for prayer but for special prayer gatherings. This is why the prayer meeting shows the spiritual strength of the church. But we also come to Lord's Day worship in order to pray together. We do not merely come to complain about life or about the evil world, but to pray to God for his Spirit to empower the gospel in order to save many. We pray for our own needs. We pray for God to be glorified. We pray for the great issues of our day and for the small concerns of our lives.

The record of the first church concludes in Acts by saying the believers gathered "with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having



favor with all the people" (Acts 2:47). This reminds us of a final reason to come to church: *to glorify God in praise together with his people*. God is worthy of the worship that we offer to him! To be sure, private and daily worship is both valid and important. But there is nothing quite like the praise given to God by the assembly of believers in a local church. We therefore should come to church "with glad and generous hearts" that are intent on giving Him glory.

What will happen if we come to church in the spirit of the early Christians? One answer is given at the end of this passage: "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). God does not always bless his people with the phenomenal growth the early church experienced. But this statement at least suggests that if we come to church not for worldly reasons but as a reflection of our changed lives, eager to hear and learn God's Word, excited to gather together, fervent in prayer and joyfully excited to give praise to God, then the world is bound to notice.

May we, by God's blessing, be the kind of church that God has so often used to impact the world. We can be, not only if the service fulfills the biblical model but also if the people come with the spirit of true Christians on whom the Spirit of God is working with the life that God desires for his people.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Phillips



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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

2016 DATES

ACTIVITIES & MISSION TRIPS

CAJAMARCA, PERU MISSION TRIP

Team Leader: Robert Spears

June 3-11, 2016

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ SECOND

Director: Jill Mann

June 13-17, 2016

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MOBILE, AL

Administrator: Melton L Duncan

June 20-24, 2016

MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Leader: Scott Cook

Service Trip

SENIOR HIGH TRIP TO EDISTO ISLAND, SC

Leader: Scott Cook

July 11-15, 2016

MISSION TRIP TO CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN IN ANDERSON, SC

Team Leader: Scott Cook

Week of June 16th

JUNIOR HIGH TRIP TO RIDGE HAVEN

Leader: Scott Cook

July 18-23, 2016

Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!

www.spcgreenville.org

At the Corner of River and Rhett

HOSPITALITY AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

This past week was the busiest since Vacation Bible School back in June at Second Church. We were so thrilled to host the Kiev Chorus & Symphony Tuesday Night, an amazing group of evangelical Christian musicians and then on Friday the 2015 Missions Conference began with events through the weekend. One of the great things about being privileged to work at Second Presbyterian Church is to watch our amazing people practice biblical hospitality to others. Whether it be our new friends from Ukraine or visitors from Mountain View Baptist on Sunday night, our special guests felt welcomed and told church members how much they enjoyed visiting SPC.

I don't want to embarrass our own folks but I do want to thank them for the faithful service given to the church. SPC volunteers number over 100 people a week in active ministry. It is a remarkable number of people.

Hospitality Team:

Hostess: Pat Shuford, Assistant Hostess & Cook: Kitty Swillen, Assistant Cooks: Jim & Judy Bishop
This fabulous group of SPC Volunteers has provided food and hospitality each of the last 8 days!

The Deacons:

Sports & Fellowship Committee
Chairman: Tim Johnson & Chad Scoggins,
Facilitated our Delicious Ice Cream Social Sunday Night.

Ushering Committee

Chairman: Kip Altman & Marcus Laughter,
Provided Resources and Safety & Security for 3 Nights of special events at SPC

Music Mission Kiev Host Families:

Helped host 49 members of the Kiev Chorus & Symphony Orchestra: Angells, Barnetts, Briggs, Chius, Grubbs, Hansons, O'Briens, Platings, Players, Pomerlyans, Savidges, Smokers, Styles, Tyner, Youngbloods

Missions Committee, Church Staff & their Families:

Worked to create an interesting and engaging World Missions Conference throughout the weekend while hosting 4 Peru Mission Team members.

Thank You SPC!

The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
October 4, 2015**

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00

PRAYER: OUR SECRET WEAPON

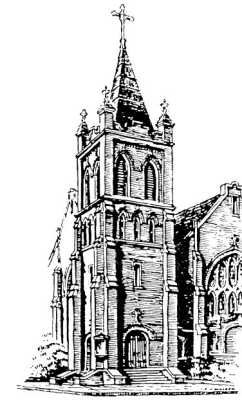
Ephesians 6:18-20
Hymns: 377, 91, 628
Anthem: Thee Will I Love
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE

Luke 5:17-26
Hymns: 499, 486, 512
Psalter: Psalm 90 (verses 1-9)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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**Pastoral Letter from the Senior Minister
Why Should You Come to Church?**

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

One of the greatest needs of our dark times is for the Christian church to regain her true identity and character. To understand what the church is designed to be, the best place to inquire is at its founding in the time of the apostles. Acts 2:42 describes the newborn church after the Holy Spirit was poured out from heaven at Pentecost. The apostle Peter preached the message of Christ to the crowds and when many believed they gathered together as a church. What was the character of that church, we ask? Why did the early believers come to church? By extension, looking at the example, we can ask, Why and how should we come to church?

The first answer is given by the setting of the believers at Pentecost. They came to church *because they had been changed by the gospel of Jesus as the Holy Spirit pierced their hearts.* Peter had proclaimed that Jesus, whom they had crucified, is the risen Lord and Savior (Acts 2:36). His hearers "were cut to the heart" and asked Peter, "what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). He answered, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). Combined in that answer is the sinner's need to repent of sin and believe on Jesus for salvation and then the believer's need to enter into God's church through the sacrament of baptism. It is as they did this that the first Christians gathered as a church. They did not have to be rounded up and reminded that they should come to church, but they wanted to be in the meeting of God's people for worship. We, too, should come to church because we have been saved by the blood of Christ, born again by the Holy Spirit, and called to gather together as the people of our Lord.