

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 18

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 9:55 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**

Monday, October 19

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

5:15 PM Youth Ensemble (7th-12th grades)
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 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
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, October 22

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Mitchell Road PCA
 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:30 PM Midget Boys' Basketball practice

Friday, October 23

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, October 24

8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball practice
 10:00 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 11:30 AM ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 67:1-3

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
 that your way may be known on earth, your saving
 power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you! (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

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
 Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov. 1 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 2 Diaconate Meeting
 Nov. 4 WIC Council
 Nov. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Nov. 5 Jessamines
 Nov. 7 Basketball games begin
 Nov. 8 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Nov. 9 Session Meeting
 Nov. 10-11 WIC Circles
 Nov. 11 Missions Committee Meeting
 Nov. 15 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Nov. 15 New Members Reception & Luncheon
 Nov. 16 Young At Heart
 Nov. 18 CE Committee Meeting
 Nov. 18 Administration Committee Meeting
 Nov. 18 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Nov. 25 THANKSGIVING SUPPER & SERVICE
 Nov. 26-27 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 28 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Nov. 29 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

⇒ Diaconate Election	Dec. 13
⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music	Dec. 13
⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program	Dec. 16
⇒ Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24
⇒ Christmas Hymn Sing	Dec. 27

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 10) or email (jgrant@spcgreenville.org).

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.

John and Wilma Crawford
 4 Richbourg Court
 Greenville, SC 29615
 244-1571

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

John and Linda Carrick
 Avi

Jordan and Jeni Carter
 JP, Charles, Addis, Edward, Katherine

Randy and Nancy Carter

Missionary for the Week

Guillermo and Jennie Salinas
Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship
Latin America

Please Pray:

- For Guillermo as he continues to teach faithful men.
- For new believers in their home Bible Study.
- For the drama team as they prepare a drama for Reformation Day.
- For great blessing for their financial supporters, their ministry, and their children to live fully for His glory.
- For the members of the Vida Nueva Church to be dedicated to visiting and showing Christ to their neighbors by their words and daily lives.

Celebration Invitation

Celebrating the Baptism of
Caroline Elizabeth Angell
Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 11:00 am
Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall
Church family is invited.



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 began 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. It's not too late!

Thank You

*Dear Family of God found at Second Presbyterian Church, I know you love this Morgan Family. My daughter told me of the flooded mailbox at our home in Piedmont; it's flooded with loving expressions from the Church Family in our time of sadness and rejoicing for Bette Johnson graduating to Glory. I've not read the first note today (Saturday); I will see them tomorrow as my daughter brings them to me in NC. Our hearts are flooded by your grace and tenderness to us. [from the front of the Sunday bulletin...] Let it be known we are weary in body and spirit, you have extended to us rest. We are who mourn and you comfort us well from a distance. We are who struggle and desire victory (singing Victory in Jesus). We are who sin and need a Savior (singing All the Way My Savior Leads Me). We who are strangers and want fellowship (finding it in worship). We pray for the desire to become those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. We plead at the Mercy-seat for whoever will come [those who will be present as the Gospel is spoken tomorrow]. We need a flood of grace: He surely provides sufficiently and abundantly.
Your servant in Christ,
Mike -for the Morgan Family*

FALL CHURCH PICNIC



Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch-11:30 AM
(rain or shine)

Herdklotz Park

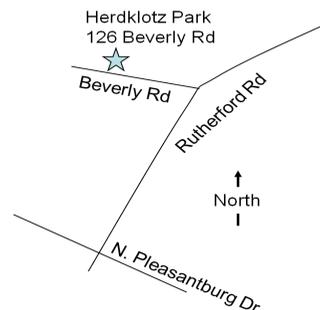
126 Beverly Road, Greenville

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 are located throughout the church. **Our goal this year is 300 shoeboxes, so we need your help.** Boxes need to be in the church office by November 15th. Contact Pat Tyner if you have any questions.

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!!



REFORMATION
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2015



SPC Women In the Church

Annual Fall Retreat
October 16-17, 2015

"The Battle For Beauty"

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC



Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred twenty eighth meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 22nd, beginning at 9:00 am at Mitchell Road PCA. Please be in prayer for this meeting and for the Commissioners who will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.



The following Pastors Letter is taken from "First Things" the weekly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Columbia.

We have been cast upon the Lord's mercy and our church family will find it difficult to read verses like these (from Psalm 124) without the fearful memory of Sunday, October 4, 2015. In the darkness of a Sunday morning, the "raging waters" threatened to engulf them, and though their lives were spared, their belongings were not.

Our beautiful city has been ravaged, more than a dozen lives have been lost and thousands have been displaced and ruined; and, as I write, further threats are in view. Our church family has been at the center of the storm. Approximately a hundred homes have sustained damage of some kind, and half of these sustained such serious damage that families may end up losing their homes entirely. There are families who have lost everything, leaving their homes in the darkness of a Sunday morning, in boats, with only the clothes they were wearing. There are stories of heroism of the noblest kind, involving some of our members who ventured out to save lives, risking their own for the sake of others.

Our hearts go out to everyone – our church family and the wider community – who have suffered in the flood waters that engulfed parts of our city. We are eager to help in whatever way we can. On Monday, the church organized a Storm Relief Center which marshalled some 300 men and women to help in the cleanup. As I write, over a hundred homes have been helped in some way. The scenes were heart-breaking and the financial implications overwhelming. I am deeply proud of the work these folk did on behalf of others and many of you have written or called me to express your personal thanks.

There are immediate and long term needs. You will have received an email informing you of the church's efforts and in particular how to help through the Deacon's Fund. Monetary gifts should be made to "First Presbyterian Church - Deacons Fund." I have received notification from churches as far away as Jackson, Mississippi, Medford, Oregon and Providence, Rhode Island that they have sent us financial help. It is very touching to see the immediate love of the body of Christ in this way.

In the midst of this storm, members of our Capital Campaign Committee (for 1400 Lady Street) have been badly affected requiring us to seek the Lord's guidance on the way ahead.



God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

I have been thinking this week, as I walked through ruined homes, that there was a deep-seated reason why I felt led to start a series of sermons on Job in September. Here is a couple, Job and his wife, who knows what it is to lose everything and still be able to say, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21).

I am deeply grateful for the love our church has demonstrated this week. We will have opportunities to do more in the coming months and our deacons will be in the vanguard of these ministries. On behalf of all the staff, our heart goes out to all who have been affected.

Sincerely in the gospel,
Derek W.H. Thomas
Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church Columbia



The Session of Second Presbyterian Church encourages those who are able and willing to contribute to Storm Relief by sending a donation to:
First Presbyterian Church, The Deacons Fund
1324 Marion Street,
Columbia, SC 29201
Or Give Online: www.firstprescolumbia.org/stormrelief



AN INTERVIEW WITH PETER JONES

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How would you compare the religious landscape of the United States with that of post-Christian Europe?

PJ: That comparison used to be more black and white—Europe, secular humanist; the U.S., religiously Christian. But in the States, Christianity is in decline, while in Europe, secular humanism is in decline. Both are now turning to various forms of pagan spirituality, abandoning both Christianity and secular humanism. Time magazine said that the U.S. is Hindu, and in "godless" France, Buddhism is on the rise among native-born Frenchmen. The West is turning East on both sides of the Pond.

Why is paganism so compelling to people in this postmodern era?

PJ: For many intellectuals, the sophisticated, rational critique of Christianity's faith-based belief in a transcendent God and in supernatural events chased "superstitious" biblical faith from the academy. However, such self-confidence in human reason was undermined by postmodernism, which clearly showed that it is logically impossible, using human reason, to show that human reason is reasonable. The argument is clearly circular, revealing a secular faith that is as religious as any other.

In addition, secular humanism's belief in human reason as savior has failed miserably, since two world wars and Marxist atheist regimes resulted, not in the saving, but in the slaughtering of millions of human beings.

Such failure has caused many to seek answers elsewhere, precisely in the area of once-rejected spirituality. The reduction of reality to the merely physical, biological, or rational leaves many abandoned to a cold and unfriendly universe. Many now seek a sense of wholeness, of belonging.

Some scholars speak of the post-secular age, when intellectuals can safely embrace forms of pantheistic spirituality, while rejecting the extremes of atheism and theism (biblical faith). This heralds a new day for paganism. It is now cool to be spiritually whole.

Are there any pagan assumptions that Christians today might unconsciously share with the culture? What are they?

PJ: The power of culture is now used to intimidate rather than encourage biblical faith. We live in a post-Constantinian world with little protection from the state.

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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

Christians are accused of hate speech against homosexuals, of making war on women for opposing abortion, and of self-righteous intolerance for claiming the unique truth of the gospel. Under this barrage of unfair criticism, Christians can give up and “conform to the world,” as Paul says in Romans 12:2. Christians feel great pressure to modify the message, go easy on sin, opt for programs the culture approves of (such as social justice), and to see mysticism as the high point of faith, since it unifies all religions. In all of these areas, the church often fails to preach the gospel, which is not about human actions or reactions but about what God has done for sinners at a particular point in time in the person of Jesus the eternal Son.

You say there are only two “spiritualities”—oneism and twoism. What are a few of the defining characteristics of each?

PJ: Speaking of the “timeless nature of reality”—the categories oneism and twoism are, according to Paul, the only two options for thinking about the world. Romans 1:25 declares that you either worship creation or you worship the Creator. Worship of the creation is oneism—everything is ultimately and divinely the same. Twoism is a way of describing the eternal difference between the Creator and the creation, as well as the distinctions God places within the creation that reflect the ultimate Creator/creature distinction.

What can we learn from how God’s people have dealt with pagan spirituality throughout church history that can help us today?

PJ: When oneism was a powerful form of belief (in the Greco-Roman empire at the time of the early church and later with the heresy of Gnosticism), the church fathers responded with a serious analysis of the nature of pagan oneist thought. We must do the same today. We must be clear in showing that in this seductive world of unity and synthesis, where everyone should get along, antithesis and dichotomy describe the reality in a created and then fallen world.

Peter Jones will be speaking during the Sunday School hour to all adults on October 18th.

~The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD’S DAY

October 18, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1

Hymns: 1, (45/131), 13

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

WEEP NO MORE

Luke 7:11-17

Hymns: 467, 689, 420

Psalter: Psalm 91

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter from South Carolina

The Raging Waters

*“If it had not been the LORD who was on our side...
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.”
(Psalm 124:2, 4-5).*

The October 2015 North American storm complex was a nor'easter that caused historic flash flooding across North and South Carolina. The incipient cold front traversed the Eastern United States on September 29–30, producing heavy rain in multiple states. The system subsequently stalled just offshore. Tapping into moisture from the nearby Hurricane Joaquin, a developing surface low brought heavy, continuous rain to southeastern States, with the worst effects concentrated in South Carolina where catastrophic flooding is ongoing. The event culminated in South Carolina on October 4 when numerous rivers burst their banks, washing away roads, bridges, vehicles, and homes. Hundreds of people required rescue and the state's emergency management department urged everyone in the state not to travel. Some areas of the state have seen rainfall equivalent to a 1-in-1000-year event.

At least 23 deaths have been attributed to the weather complex: 17 in South Carolina, 2 in New York, 2 in North Carolina, 1 in Florida, and 1 in New Brunswick. -Wikipedia