

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 8

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 9:55 AM Diaconate Training
 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 12:30 PM New Members Luncheon
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP
 7:30 PM Called Administration Committee Meeting

Monday, November 9

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, November 11

5:30 PM Missions 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
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6
 6:55 PM PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
 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, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, November 14

6:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball practice

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).

Upcoming Events

Nov. 4 WIC Council
 Nov. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Nov. 4 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 5 Jessamines
 Nov. 8 New Members Reception and Luncheon
 Nov. 8 Administration 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. 16 Young At Heart
 Nov. 18 CE Committee Meeting
 Nov. 18 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 20 College & 20's Friends Giving
 Nov. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Nov. 22 Scott Cook's Ordination & Reception
 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!

⇒ WIC Bible Study Luncheon	Dec. 3
⇒ Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon	Dec. 8
⇒ Perry Correctional Christmas	Dec. 8
⇒ ACTS SS Class Christmas party	Dec. 11
⇒ Diaconate Election	Dec. 13
⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music	Dec. 13
⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program	Dec. 16
⇒ College & 20's Christmas party	Dec. 18
⇒ Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24
⇒ Christmas Hymn Sing	Dec. 27

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:6-9

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! (ESV)

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.

John and Wilma Crawford

Kayla Crittendon

Bill and Barbara Cross
Gabriel and Rachel Lewis

Missionary for the Week

The Persecuted Church

International Day of Prayer—Nov. 8, 2015

Join us at 5:15 pm in the Chapel as we join millions of people around the world who will be "Hearing their Cry" and praying for the Persecuted Church.

- Pray for both the repentance and redemption of those engaged in evil against the Church and for God's intervention against their evil schemes.
- Pray for disruption to the terror cycle and that God would change the hearts of all those who persecute Christians.
- Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters who live in fear daily under threat and for those who are imprisoned and sentenced to death because they have turned to Jesus.
- For God's protection to be upon the persecuted Christians in every way, guarding their bodies, minds and spirits.

Basketball Schedule for the Week

Nov. 9	7:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	W. Pres.
Nov. 9	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	Home
Nov. 12	8:00 pm	Women	ARP
Nov. 14	11:30 am	Midget Boys	ARP
Nov. 14	12:30 am	Jr. High Boys	St. George
Nov. 14	2:00 pm	Mites	W. Pres. II

Lost and Found

The lost and found will be cleaned out on November 16th. If you have lost an item or left an item at church please check the lost and found section. It is located in the hallway behind the gym.

Drive-Through Entrance

The drive-through entrance will be closed November 2-7 for the doors to be refinished. Groups throughout the week and Wednesday night folks will need to use the gym entrance.

Young At Heart

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 16th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.00 per person payable at the door. Carol Gibson from the Swamp Rabbit Trail will be our guest speaker. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

The Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday, November 27th has been cancelled.

WIC will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sat., Nov. 28th. Come join them as the ladies beautify the church for this Christmas season.

There will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on Nov. 29, 2015.



New Members' Luncheon
 All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, November 8, 2015** immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium. **Meat and drinks will be provided by the church. Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.**

Church Directory

Hank Ludwig will be taking pictures of our new members at the New Members Luncheon this Lord's Day. If you need to update your picture please stop by and see Hank at the luncheon. Also, if you need to update new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please contact the church office with your new information: jgrant@spcgreenville.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday
November 25
Dinner :
5:45 PM - Gym
Service:
7:00 PM - Sanctuary

The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 26th and Friday, Nov. 27th.

"Sing the Songs of Bethlehem"
December 13, 2015
 The Chancel Choir will present an evening of carols for choir and orchestra at the evening worship service. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family and don't miss this Christmas celebration.

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.

Perry Correctional Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 5, 2015, Second Church will be participating in a Christmas celebration at Perry Correctional in Pelzer. Inmates will receive a meal, a bag with hygiene items, and a Gospel message. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food, sing in a small choir, and distribute the hygiene bags. If you are interested in participating, please see Bill Watkins or contact him at 864-304-4737 or wm.watkins.jr@gmail.com. Paperwork must be filled out and submitted to the prison far ahead of the event, so let him know as soon as possible.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a white Poinsettia for \$10.00. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 9th. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. (Do not put in the offering plate.)

I would like to purchase __ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: _____
 In honor of: _____

 In memory of: _____

 Given by: _____
 (Name) _____ Telephone # _____



have become much more civil and tolerant in theological disputes. We don't see people being burned at the stake or tortured on the rack over doctrinal differences. We've also seen in the past years that the Roman communion has remained solidly steadfast on other key issues of Christian orthodoxy, such as the deity of Christ, His substitutionary atonement, and the inspiration of the Bible, while many Protestant liberals have abandoned these particular doctrines wholesale. We also see that Rome has remained steadfast on critical moral issues such as abortion and ethical relativism. In the nineteenth century at Vatican Council I, Rome referred to Protestants as "heretics and schismatics." In the twentieth century at Vatican II, Protestants were referred to as "separated brethren." We see a marked contrast in the tone of the different councils. The bad news, however, is that many doctrines that divided orthodox Protestants from Roman Catholics centuries ago have been declared dogma since the sixteenth century. Virtually all of the significant Mariology decrees have been declared in the last 150 years. The doctrine of papal infallibility, though it de facto functioned long before its formal definition, was nevertheless formally defined and declared de fide (necessary to believe for salvation) in 1870 at Vatican Council I. We also see that in recent years the Roman communion has published a new Catholic catechism, which unequivocally reaffirms the doctrines of the Council of Trent, including Trent's definition of the doctrine of justification (and thus affirms that council's anathemas against the Reformation doctrine of justification by faith alone). Along with the reaffirmations of Trent have come a clear reaffirmation of the Roman doctrine of purgatory, indulgences, and the treasury of merits.

At a discussion among leading theologians over the issue of the continued relevance of the doctrine of justification by faith alone, Michael Horton asked the question: "What is it in the last decades that has made the first-century gospel unimportant?" The dispute over justification was not over a technical point of theology that could be consigned to the fringes of the depository of biblical truth. Nor could it be seen simply as a tempest in a teapot. This tempest extended far beyond the tiny volume of a single teacup. The question, "what must I do to be saved?" is still a critical question for any person who is exposed to the wrath of God.



Even more critical than the question is the answer, because the answer touches the very heart of gospel truth. In the final analysis, the Roman Catholic Church affirmed at Trent and continues to affirm now that the basis by which God will declare a person just or unjust is found in one's "inherent righteousness." If righteousness does not inhere in the person, that person at worst goes to hell and at best (if any impurities remain in his life) goes to purgatory for a time that may extend to millions of years. In bold contrast to that, the biblical and Protestant view of justification is that the sole grounds of our justification is the righteousness of Christ, which righteousness is imputed to the believer, so that the moment a person has authentic faith in Christ, all that is necessary for salvation becomes theirs by virtue of the imputation of Christ's righteousness. The fundamental issue is this: is the basis by which I am justified a righteousness that is my own? Or is it a righteousness that is, as Luther said, "an alien righteousness," a righteousness that is extra nos, apart from us—the righteousness of another, namely, the righteousness of Christ? From the sixteenth century to the present, Rome has always taught that justification is based upon faith, on Christ, and on grace. The difference, however, is that Rome continues to deny that justification is based on Christ alone, received by faith alone, and given by grace alone. The difference between these two positions is the difference between salvation and its opposite. There is no greater issue facing a person who is alienated from a righteous God.

At the moment the Roman Catholic Church condemned the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone, she denied the gospel and ceased to be a legitimate church, regardless of all the rest of her affirmations of Christian orthodoxy. To embrace her as an authentic church while she continues to repudiate the biblical doctrine of salvation is a fatal attribution. We're living in a time where theological conflict is considered politically incorrect, but to declare peace when there is no peace is to betray the heart and soul of the gospel.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Mailloux, Miami, Florida

It's normally the time of year we begin preparing our daily evangelistic radio commentaries aimed at the Quebecois 'snow-birds' [3 million Canadians came to Florida last winter] who have already begun arriving here. However, the "Radio Floride" program which included our "méditations chrétiennes" for 15 years no longer exists due to the retirement of host Gerald E. Nevertheless, because of the importance of this medium in reaching the French-speaking listeners in S. Florida (including a half-million Haitians for whom oral communication trumps the written word) we've decided-- finances permitting-- to continue buying airtime on the same (Haitian) radio station and maintain our broadcasts.

While awaiting the next overseas trips, we teach at the local Haitian Bible school where we currently have 16 eager students, which includes six preachers and others who aspire to ministry in the numerous Haitian assemblies in our area. I'm currently teaching a course in homiletics with the help of some excellent books on the subject, both in French and in English. This is a "double-duty" affair as the preparation will be useful for future courses in Haiti and Africa. We've discovered over the years that though the Haitians and Africans are generally poor readers (illiteracy is around 75% in Haiti), they tend to be good orators—perhaps a bi-product of their essentially oral culture. So even as we help them improve the content of what they say, we learn from them something about public speaking for which many of them are remarkable.

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

At the Corner of River and Rhett

The church ushers' duties can be summed up in a few words – making people feel welcome at church, assisting people with seating, collecting an offering, and helping when needs arise. An usher at Second Presbyterian is often the first impression a visitor receives when coming to our church.

SPC Ushering is open to all able bodied men in good standing with their membership. If you are interested in serving as an usher please contact Deacon Kip Altman: ckaltman@yahoo.com.

Verses that describe Ushering type ministry in the Bible:

Psalms 84:10 - For a day in thy courts [is] better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Ephesians 6:7 - With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

Romans 12:13 - Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Acts 20:28 - Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Proverbs 8:34 - Blessed [is] the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

1 Chronicles 9:18-20 - Who hitherto [waited] in the king's gate eastward: they [were] porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

Numbers 4:3 - From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

~The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 8, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE SUPERNATURAL CLAIM

Genesis 1:1

Hymns: 26, (109/359), 70

Anthem: Keep Your Lamps!

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

HUMANITY RESTORED

Luke 8:26-39

Hymns: 101, 303, 520

Psalter: Psalm 94

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Is The Reformation Over?

by R. C. Sproul

There have been several observations rendered on this subject by those I would call "erstwhile evangelicals." One of them wrote, "Luther was right in the sixteenth century, but the question of justification is not an issue now." A second self-confessed evangelical made a comment in a press conference I attended that "the sixteenth-century Reformation debate over justification by faith alone was a tempest in a teapot." Still another noted European theologian has argued in print that the doctrine of justification by faith alone is no longer a significant issue in the church. We are faced with a host of people who are defined as Protestants but who have evidently forgotten altogether what it is they are protesting.

Contrary to some of these contemporary assessments of the importance of the doctrine of justification by faith alone, we recall a different perspective by the sixteenth-century magisterial Reformers. Luther made his famous comment that the doctrine of justification by faith alone is the article upon which the church stands or falls. John Calvin added a different metaphor, saying that justification is the hinge upon which everything turns. In the twentieth century, J.I. Packer used a metaphor indicating that justification by faith alone is the "Atlas upon whose shoulder every other doctrine stands." Later Packer moved away from that strong metaphor and retreated to a much weaker one, saying that justification by faith alone is "the fine print of the gospel."

The question we have to face in light of these discussions is, what has changed since the sixteenth century? Well, there is good news and there is bad news. The good news is that people