

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 22

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 (Scott Cook's Ordination Service)
 7:30 PM Reception for Scott and Christina Cook

Tuesday, November 24

- 4:30 PM I Mites Basketball practice
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, November 25

- 5:30 PM **THANKSGIVING DINNER & PROGRAM**
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, November 26



*Happy Thanksgiving
from the Church Staff*

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 28

- 6:30 AM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice
 9:00 AM WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Basketball games (see schedule in Herald)

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112:1-3

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- 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 DINNER & SERVICE**
 Nov. 26-27 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 28 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Nov. 29 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting
 Dec. 2 NO WIC Council
 Dec. 3 WIC Thursday Bible Study Luncheon
 Dec. 3 Jessamines
 Dec. 5 Perry Correctional Christmas Party
 Dec. 7 Diaconate Meeting
 Dec. 8 WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 8 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Dec. 9 WIC Circle 6 Christmas Fellowship
 Dec. 9 Missions Committee Meeting
 Dec. 10 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Dec. 11 ACTS SS Class Christmas Party
 Dec. 13 Congregation Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support 2016 budget
 Dec. 13 "Sing the Songs of Bethlehem" by Chancel Choir
 Dec. 13 Reception following Choir Concert
 Dec. 14 Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 14 Session Meeting
 Dec. 16 Family Night Christmas dinner and program
 Dec. 18 College & 20's Christmas party
 Dec. 20 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Dec. 23 No Wednesday night activities
 Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
 Dec. 24-28 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 27 Christmas Hymn Sing
 Dec. 30 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 30 No Wednesday night activities

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 Margaret Hook
 2 Brynhurst Circle
 Greenville, SC 29615
 288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Diane Detmer
Allison

Florence Dickerson

Dot Dillard

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. At any given time, there are approximately 1400 children in the Upstate's foster care system, 6,000 throughout South Carolina, and 500,000 nationally.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Nov. 23	7:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	Home
Nov. 23	8:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	St. Matthews

2016 Offering Envelopes

The 2016 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2015 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

Happy 90th Birthday!
Welthy Senn and Wilma Cagle
November 21, 2015!

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.

WIC Council will not meet in December.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday
November 25
Dinner :
5:30 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.

Thank You

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We deeply appreciate your kindness and warmth that we experienced in coming to Greenville in the fall. We thank the Lord for the generous American hospitality and care that we received as we shared 47 concerts in 52 days. Thank you for your assistance in preparing the venue. Thank you for the lovely meal and generous home stays. Our Ukrainian musicians are very grateful. Their faith was encouraged through your love and grace. Thank you. We are now all back safely in Ukraine, serving in the areas that we shared with you: evangelism, discipleship, widows, orphans, and victims of war. Your prayers are deeply appreciated. We trust that your people were blessed by what we shared with you. Thank you again for having us.

In Christ's great love,
Dr. Wes Janzen
President, Music Mission Kiev
Conductor, Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

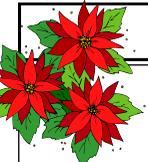
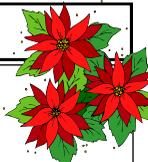
Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child this year. We collected 145 boxes to be sent to hurting children overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Every gift-filled shoebox provides overseas churches with an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship in places they otherwise might never be received. As a result, the Gospel is transforming children, families and entire communities. Be in prayer for these shoeboxes and the eternal difference they can make.

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 # _____



clear thinkers like Carl Henry, Francis Schaeffer, and James Montgomery Boice launched a significant effort to promote and defend the biblical inerrancy. For the past forty years, since the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy and its Chicago Statement in 1978, the dividing line between true and false evangelicals has been biblical inerrancy. Then as now, the Christian church can only oppose the moral chaos of secular unbelief with a Bible that is supernaturally inspired, inerrant, and therefore authoritative.

Warfield gave, if anything, even more emphasis to the supernatural character of creation, as taught in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This verse, the foundation on which the entire biblical worldview stands, notes that the universe has a supernatural rather than merely natural origin. Moreover, it posits that there is a personal Creator, who as the Bible goes on to show, has moral requirements, a sovereign will, and historical purposes. As Warfield notes, it was rebellion against the implications of a personal, sovereign Creator that launched the secular assault against Christian supernaturalism in the first place. "As Christian men, we must at all hazards preserve this supernaturalistic conception of creation," Warfield opined (p. 34). This insight is just as important for clear-seeing Christians today as is our insistence on Bible inerrancy. An inerrant Bible declares a personal, sovereign Creator, whose fixed will for the creation is the only basis for upholding a fixed and normative order to human life.

The issue of Christian supernaturalism in general, and a supernatural creation in particular, lies just beneath the surface of the gender confusions gaining acceptance and advocacy in our culture today. Warfield's observations regarding the central conflict between supernaturalism and anti-supernaturalism press some significant implications for Christians today. First, can evangelicals fudge on biblical authority when it comes to relationship between men and women, both in the marriage and in the church? The answer is that we must uphold the supernatural authority of the Bible in all that it speaks to directly. Only the Bible as God's revealed Word can speak credibly against the moral and spiritual idolatry of our time. Second, Warfield would urge us that Christians who wish to accommodate secular culture by sacrificing the biblical doctrine of creation have in the process disarmed themselves completely in the contest with that culture. There is accumulating evidence of this accommodation, primarily among evangelicals who seek compromise with the culture in order to gain a gospel hearing for salvation in Jesus Christ. The problem is that the very supernaturalism that

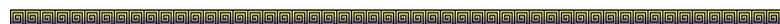


makes biblical creation offensive to the secularist will make the gospel equally offensive and ridiculous. By sacrificing the decisive issue of Christian supernaturalism at any one point we end up surrendering the entirety of our position and witness.

What would Warfield say to Christians today who propose that we must give in a little in order to gain a gospel hearing from culture? We need not wonder, because Warfield gave his answer almost 120 years ago. Is it acceptable for believers to accommodate the anti-supernatural demands of secular science and culture when it comes to the supernatural basis of creation? Warfield answered, "No, let our answer be: as Christian men, a thousand times, no!" Why must we be so stubbornly militant, at such cultural cost? Because, he noted, to surrender Christian supernaturalism at any point, including creation, is "to eviscerate Christianity of all that makes it a redemptive scheme, of all that has given it power in the earth, [and] of all that has made it a message of hope and joy to lost men."

Over a century ago, Christian thinkers like Warfield were gracious, erudite, and resolutely militant in defending the entirety of the Bible. Two thousand years ago, the apostles were even more militant. Consider Paul's assessment of the secularist rejection of Christian supernaturalism: "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Rom. 1:21). According to Paul, unbelief wages war against God precisely by denying the supernatural and deifying the natural in an idolatrous replacement of God, the result of which is cultural lunacy. Does this sound familiar? It should, because it is the biblical explanation for the opposition that Christians face in America and the West today. In combatting this rebellion against God, there is perhaps no greater requirement than that Christians heed Warfield's warning and uphold Christian supernaturalism at every point under contention: creation, Scripture, morality, human identity, and ultimately the decisive issue of divine judgment and gracious salvation. Each of these vital issues is joined together under the supernatural order and rule of God, and for Christians to compromise at any point is to surrender all.

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*The Session
cordially invites you
to a service of worship
with Calvary Presbytery
for the Ordination of
Mr. Scott Charles Cook
November 22, 2015
6:00 pm
Church Sanctuary
Dr. Richard D. Phillips, preaching.
To be installed as
Assistant Minister
for Families & Youth.*

*A reception will follow the service
in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Cook
in the Fellowship Hall.*

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

MISSIONARY UPDATES FOR NOVEMBER

Guillermo and Jennie Salinas

Dear Friends,

I think most of you know that we serve a big, powerful and compassionate God who is sufficient for all our needs. Many of you were praying with us as hurricane Patricia made its way toward the Mexican Border. It was to be the biggest hurricane ever. I know you were praying. God answered and He was glorified. Even the people on the news here have to admit that it was nothing short of the hand of God miraculously showing compassion on a nation that is in great need of His transforming power. We are safe and sound. We mostly only received rain as we were not in the direct path of the hurricane. Thank you again for praying with us.

Also, this Saturday we have the presentation of the drama, "He Is....." We hope to make clear to all that come how great is our God and how He empowers us to live in Christ. We want people to know Him and want to make Him known. Already, we have seen that the Enemy is working overtime to keep this from happening and we are asking you to pray with us that many will come and see and be turned to our Lord. Thank you so much. We know we can count on you.

Your obedient servant in Christ,
Jennie Salinas

Bill and Susan Carr

1. Pray for our students to apply the scripture to their lives daily.
2. Pray for the daily routine of the staff and school as they operate with a diminished staff.
3. Pray for the Lennox family as they raise support.
4. Pray for our children and grandchildren.
5. Pray that our remaining support will come in quickly. The Carr's are in Hendersonville at Covenant PCA's missionary house while they raise support for the spring.
6. Pray for past graduates as they pursue studies and life changing decisions in their lives.
7. Pray for new staff Patrick and Regina Lennox and children as they raise support.

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

November 22, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE BARREN EARTH

Genesis 1:1-2

Hymns: 38, 338, 370

Anthem: The Heavens Are Telling

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

Ordination Service for Scott Cook

THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM

John 3:22-30

Hymns: 110, 345, 358

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister Christian Supernaturalism

In September 1896, Benjamin Breckinridge Warfield opened the academic year at Princeton Theological Seminary with an address titled "Christian Supernaturalism." His intent was to place his finger on the decisive issue of his generation with respect to Christianity and the culture: the secular humanist agenda to impose an anti-supernatural worldview on society. Warfield writes: "To curb the supernatural, yes, that is the labor with which the thinkers of our day have burdened themselves." He pointed out, in contrast, that characteristic of biblical religion: "The supernatural is the very breath of Christianity's nostrils and an anti-supernatural atmosphere is to it the deadliest miasma. An absolutely anti-supernaturalistic Christianity is therefore a contradiction in terms."

Looking back over the 119 years since Warfield gave that address, we can chart the secularist success precisely in regard to his warning. The 20th century involved the triumphant march of anti-supernaturalism in America and the West. Marching behind its Darwinian phalanx, naturalism claimed the spheres of science, education, law, government, and entertainment. The result is a vast difference between the America of 1900 and of 2000, representing a revolution against divine rule just as sweeping as America's previous revolution against British rule.

Warfield's lecture noted that the Christian worldview relies on a supernatural conception of the Bible, seeing it not merely as the culture-bound thoughts of men but as the fixed revelation of God's truth. The importance of this high view of Scripture was clearly understood by courageous and historically-aware twentieth-century Christian leaders. Realizing that the Christian witness, both redemptively and morally, depends on biblical authority,