

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 10

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**  
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, January 12

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 4:30 PM I Mites Basketball practice  
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice  
**Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting**  
 6:00 PM Supper  
 7:00 PM Meeting  
 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, January 13

5:15 PM Youth Ensemble (7th-12th grades)  
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting  
 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 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

### Friday, January 15

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

### Saturday, January 16

6:30 AM Senior Girls' Basketball practice  
 Basketball games (see schedule in Herald)

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 3-10 Elder Nominations  
 Jan. 6 WIC Council  
 Jan. 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 12 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting  
 Jan. 12-13 WIC Circles  
 Jan. 13 Missions Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services  
 Jan. 18 Young At Heart  
 Jan. 19 WIC Bible Study resumes  
 Jan. 20 Administration Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 21 Seminar on Biblical Dating  
 Jan. 23 Calvary Presbytery at Fellowship PCA  
 Jan. 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee  
 Jan. 24 Peru Mission Trip Interest Meeting  
 Jan. 27 CE Committee Meeting  
 Jan. 31 Koinonia Volunteers' Fellowship

## Mark Your Calendars

Cajamarca, Peru Mission Trip	June 3-11
Vacation Bible School	June 13-17
Calvary Home Mission Service	week of June 16th
General Assembly in Mobile, AL	June 20-24
Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island	July 11-15
Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven	July 25-29

*Mark your calendars and plan early! [www.spcgreenville.org](http://www.spcgreenville.org)*

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (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.

**Mamie Riggins**  
 The Haven, Room 311  
 355 Berkman Lane  
 Greenville, SC 29605

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Chuck and Carolyn Fields**  
**Rebekah**

**Shannon Flaherty**

**Eiji Fujino**

## Missionary of the Week



**Becky White**  
**Christ's College, Taiwan**



*Continue steadfast in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2*

### Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the **administration** at Christ's College. Thank God for the faithful work of His servants. Pray for great wisdom and discernment for school leaders like President Quentin Nantz, Vice President Ben Wu, Academic Dean Mae Chiang, Christian Liberal Arts Department Chairperson D. L. Peng, Jennifer Lee, etc.
2. Pray for both mission-supported and locally hired **personnel**. Thank God and pray for all who labor here.
3. Pray for preparations for the **International Conference on Christian Education** March 18-20, 2016.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Jan. 12	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	Home
Jan. 12	8:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	CC
Jan. 14	8:00 pm	Women	ARP

**New Baby**

We rejoice with Kevin and Shannon Mobley in the birth of their new daughter, Susanna Ruth Mobley on December 12, 2015. Anna Ruth weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

**Please pick up your 2016 offering envelopes located on a table outside the library.**

**Koinonia Ministry**

The Koinonia Committee ministers to shut-in members, our widowed and families who require temporary assistance with a variety of needs. Volunteers help by visiting or calling these members, by providing transports to medical and other appointments, by providing assistance with household and laundry chores and by preparing and delivering meals when there is a need. Volunteers provide hospital visits and limited sitter services. Volunteers pray for the needs of these families. Services to these members are arranged by Judy Pitts and Barnettta Stephens, the coordinators of the Koinonia Committee. **Members are invited to join Judy and Barnettta and the Koinonia volunteers on Sunday, January 31, 2016, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of food and fellowship.** We hope you will come to learn about our members who currently benefit from the Koinonia ministry and learn how you can help some of our families.

**Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting  
Tuesday, January 12th  
Supper: 6pm \* Meeting 7pm**

**Young At Heart**

The monthly luncheon of the Young At Heart will be Monday, January 18th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal will be \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Start your New Year by joining us for wonderful fellowship, delicious food, and very good programs. Mr. Jerry Stepp, Music Director at Eastlan Baptist Church will bless us with a concert to kick off the New Year. He is returning for the third year—back by popular demand!

**Reminder: Our February meeting is a Valentine Luncheon at The Red Lobster. Reservations need to be in to Judy Brigman by February 8th.**

**Sympathy**

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Eleanor Allen who went home to be with the Lord on December 15, 2015; to the family of Mrs. Luella Henderson who went home to be with the Lord on December 19, 2015; and to the family of Mrs. Polly Duncan who went home to be with the Lord on December 31, 2015. We are thankful for the life and service of these Christian ladies and pray for the families during this time of loss and grief.

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”*  
Psalm 116:15

**Join the Choir!**

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, January 13. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at [864-979-9378](tel:864-979-9378). Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room—directly beneath the Sanctuary—each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!

**Elder Nominations**

This Lord’s Day, January 10, following the evening worship service the nominations for Elder will close. Please find listed below a list of the members eligible for the office of Elder. Those eligible for nomination are communing members in good standing for 2 or more years and 30 or more years old. Nomination slips are available from the ushers at the Sunday worship services or in the church office.

Altman, Kip	Guy, Larry	Morgan, Mike
Atwood, John	Harmon, Leon	Myers, Barry
Babb, Larry	Holbrook, Mark	O’Brien, Bill
Barbier, Caleb	Holman, Bob	Ouzts, Ernest Ray
Baxa, Mark	Hopple, Jim	Owens, Tim
Bianchi, Joe	Hu, Carl	Pitts, Larry
Bishop, Jim	Huber, Ray	Plating, Steve
Bouchillon, Aaron	Icard, Randy	Pujdak, Ken
Briggs, Larry	Johnson, Nathaniel	Reese, William
Butler, Ed	Kee, Kirby	Savidge, Dale
Caldwell, David	King, Fitz	Schvaneveldt, Steve
Carey, Mike	Korol, Jason	Scoggins, Chad
Carmichael, Stu	LaBombard, George	Senn, Byron
Carter, Jordan	Larson, Phil	Shreve, Tom
Carter, Randy	Laughter, Marcus	Shuford, Jack
Chivers, Richard	Leathers, Jim	Slayton, David
Compton, Jimmy	Leigh, Hunter	Spell, Jeffrey
Cumbus, George	Looper, Jimmy	Stephens, Tony
Dubose-Schmidt, Henrich	Ludwig, Hank	Strickland, Mark
Duncan, John	Lusk, Roger	Styles, Gregg
Dunlop, Ryan	Mahon, Ron	Traynham, Jerry
Eller, David	Maralit, Joseph	Upton, Nathan
Farley, Alan	Martin, Joe	Weaver, Jeremy
Fields, Chuck	Maycock, Dan	Welker, Don
Gray, John	McCall, Rich	Whigham, Martin
Griffin, John	McKenney, Ray	Worley, Kevin
Griffin, Matt	McNeely, Ron	Wright, Lloyd
Grubbs, Scott	Mobley, Kevin	Zimmerman, Dennis
	Moore, Steve	Zimmerman, Kye

**College Football Championship**

If you are looking for someone to watch the college football championship game with there will be a viewing party January 11th in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 pm.



- *The importance of sharing the Gospel.* I am more than ever persuaded that people are more open to the gospel than we often think they are. I am challenged to get out of my comfort zone in relationships and take a serious interest in their eternal destiny.
- *The importance of our marriages and families.* I have seen, more than ever, how much married couples need to invest in their relationship. I also am more convinced than ever that our first missions field is our children, and how powerful is the example and instruction of mothers and father in the hearts of young people.
- *The importance of walking closely with God.* Not one of us knows what tomorrow will bring. We have experienced that this year both in joy and in sorrow. The lesson is the one taught by our Lord: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Mt. 6:33), and everything else will be safe in His care.

From the perspective of what God has shown in the past year, we should also consider what God may do in the year to come as we recommit ourselves to following Jesus. The time to get serious about 2016 is now, and regardless of what circumstances God has planned for us, we can experience significant spiritual blessing. What kinds of things might God do in the coming year?

- ◆ *God can strengthen our faith and sanctify our character.* These are always the chief concerns in our lives, and growth in faith and godliness alone would make 2016 a very blessed year. It can happen for any of us if we will commit to a daily walk that includes Bible study, prayer, and a willingness to obey the Lord.
- ◆ *God can use us to save people we know and love.* Is God asking you to be more forthright about your faith and bolder in your witness? Let's start at the beginning of the year and see what God will do by the year's end! Perhaps we could resolve to begin praying for an unbelieving friend or neighbor or for an opportunity to invite others to church.
- ◆ *God can make us more caring people.* What a blessing it would be if we all committed to take more of an interest in people



around us! Even in a caring church like ours, there are people who don't feel plugged in or cared for. What a difference it would make if you and I would think about ways to show hospitality, befriend someone new, and give encouragement to those around you.

- ◆ *God can use your gifts to build up His church.* Do you have gifts and abilities that you could contribute to Christ's work here? In the coming year, they could make a big difference. If you are not supporting the church financially in the way you ought to, now is a good time to step out in faith, especially if you are a new Christian or have recently come to our church. It will bless you every bit as much as you bless others for you to become involved in the ministry and work of our church.

I look forward to the New Year with keen anticipation of wonderful things our gracious God will do. I am gratefully delighted that I and my family can look forward to spending 2016 with all of you. I pray especially that each of you will be strengthened in your faith and in the joy you have in the Lord during the coming year. May God bless you all.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips



## *Holding Hands, Holding Hearts*



# A Seminar on Biblical Dating

Rick and Sharon Phillips

FOR COLLEGE AGE AND YOUNG ADULT SINGLES

**JANUARY 21, 2016**  
**6:00 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

**Safety Updates**

Over the past few months, the deacons have been working to improve the security of our building to provide a safe place for members and visitors to worship. Please take note of the following:

- The sanctuary tower doors have new hardware that allow them to remain locked from the outside while still allowing congregants to exit freely during an emergency. Signs have been placed on the exterior of the doors to direct visitors to the appropriate entrance.
- Additional men are being stationed around the church to greet and ensure the safety of folks entering and exiting the building.
- The burglar alarm system will be upgraded next week. Updated instructions to operate the system will be placed at the keypads. If you have any questions about the new system, please contact Nate Johnson.  
njohnson@spcgreenville.org or 232-7621, ext. 16
- In the coming weeks, the double doors at the gym and drive through entrances will be upgraded with key card access and all exterior doors will be re-keyed. Watch the Herald for additional information.

**SPC Recycles**

Our garbage collection service now includes recycling! You will notice two blue recycle containers in the gym area. Please recycle the following items:

- cardboard, paper, books
- aluminum, tin, steel cans
- any plastics stamped with #1-#7
- **No glass**
- **No styrofoam**

**ATTENTION:**  
**All Elders and Deacons**  
**please remain in the sanctuary following**  
**the evening service this Lord's Day**  
**for pictures.**

~The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY**

**January 10, 2016**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 & 11:00

**LIGHTS IN THE HEAVENS**

Genesis 1:14-19

Hymns: 113, 116, 542

Anthem: Psalm 86

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 PM

**THE PATH TO ASSURANCE**

2 Peter 1:10-11

Hymns: 700, 695, 168

Psalm 100

Rev. Scott Cook preaching



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**Letter from the Senior Minister  
Hope for a New Year**

I find that it is good to take some time at the end of a year to reflect upon the blessings and mercies of God in the year that has passed. It is also good to look forward to the year to come, thinking of what commitments need to be renewed and sometimes even making resolutions for the New Year. Most New Year Resolutions never come to pass, but Christians believe in God's power to change. For some of us, there are fairly significant issues that it would be good for us to address: a need for better physical fitness, a bad habit that should be kicked, a relationship that needs to be improved, etc. While there is no magic in New Years Resolutions, now is as good a time as any to seek God's help to change and grow. All of us can benefit from spiritual goals for a new year. Imagine if we took some step every year to grow spiritually and commit ourselves to renewed service to the Lord – what a difference it would make to our lives!

Looking back on 2015, there are a number of reflections that have impressed me through experience:

- *The blessing that comes through devotion to God's Word.* As someone who has staked his entire ministry on the power of God's Word to bless and build the church, my commitment to serious, biblical preaching is only strengthened by experience.
- *The importance of prayer.* Many of us have seen God answer specific prayers in the past year. Some of us have learned to rely on the prayers of God's people in times of trial. I am more convinced than ever that we need to pray more, and to pray more confidently at the throne of God's grace.