

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:15 PM Men's Chorus Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, January 18

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, January 19

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 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, January 20

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)
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 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, January 21

6:00 PM Seminar on Biblical Dating

Friday, January 22

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, January 23

6:30 AM Senior Girls' Basketball practice
 9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Palmetto Hills
 Basketball games (see schedule in Herald)

Upcoming Events

Jan. 13 Missions Committee Meeting
 Jan. 14 Jessamines
 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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:1-2

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law
 he meditates day and 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.

Caroline Ryer
 The Willows, #301
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Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

David and Sarah George
Benton, Ruth, Wyatt
Roger and Janet Godwin
Kathryn and Emily
John and Karen Gray
Jack, Amelia, Charlie



PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER

Missionary for the Week

JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH

- 1). Pray that PWC will influence abortion-minded women and men to see the baby they have been given as a gift from God.
- 2). Pray the staff and volunteers will glorify God in all ways.
- 3). Pray that God will encourage women who are quietly suffering from the repercussions of an abortion to seek help from our abortion recovery Bible study, *Forgiven and Set Free*.
- 4). Pray that God will work in the hearts of our leaders to put an end to abortion in our nation.
- 5). Pray about how you can be more actively involved with your time, talents, and finances with the ministry of Piedmont Women's Center.
- 6). Pray for the success of this year's annual banquet. Pray the Lord will bless the event and more people will support the ministry of PWC.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Jan. 19	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	Home
Jan. 19	8:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	CC
Jan. 21	7:00 pm	Women	ARP
Jan. 23	10:30 AM	I-Mites	Finlay Hall
Jan. 23	10:30 AM	Jr. High Boys	Christ Church
Jan. 23	11:30 AM	Midget Boys	Home
Jan. 23	2:00 PM	Mites	W. Pres. II

Chapel Sunday School Series

Christianity and Islam: A Critical Comparison
 Begins January 24th
 Taught by Dr. Jim McGoldrick

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 Barnetta Stephens, the coordinators of the Koinonia Committee. **Members are invited to join Judy and Barnetta 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.

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.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and twenty ninth stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 23rd at 9:00 am at Palmetto Hills PCA. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners that will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

Men's Chorus to Sing in February

Calling all musical men of all ages! On Sunday, February 7, the men's chorus will sing for the evening worship service. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday evenings January 17 & 24, and Feb. 7, from 5:15 to 5:45. Please let Verlyn Smoker know if you would like to participate.

Choirs Resuming Rehearsals

All of our church's choirs will be resuming rehearsals this Wednesday, January 13, and there is a need for additional choir members in all of the ensembles. The schedule is as follows:
 5:15 - 6:00 Youth Ensemble (grades 6 - 12)
 6:15 - 6:55 Hope choir (ages 4 - K)
 6:15 - 6:55 Covenant Choir (grades 1 - 6)
 7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir (Jr. High and up)

New Organist Appointment

With great joy it is my privilege to announce the appointment of our new organist, Dr. David Coleman. Dr. Coleman is a South Carolina native and graduate of Erskine College and Indiana University. He is a gifted musician and committed Christian with a high view of worship as expressed in great church music. Having extensive experience, he will serve in playing both the organ and piano for the gathered worship of God's people. Dr. Coleman is also an optometrist practicing in Easley and Spartanburg. He will begin his duties here at Second next month, and we anticipate his arrival with great thanksgiving to God!

Verlyn Smoker, Director of Music

Thank You

For your love and prayer support during the last several months and at the homegoing of our husband, father and grandfather, Alan Waite, the family expresses our deep gratitude. We have been truly blessed by your compassion. May the Lord bless you all.
In His love, Judy Waite

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our morning worship service on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246 -0951). She will be compiling the 2016 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

Mark Your Calendars

 **ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BANQUET** 
Friday, February 12, 2016

 **ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET** 
Wednesday, February 24th
5:30 pm



Let us remind ourselves of God's perspective on human life:

God has "known" us (intimate, loving "knowledge") from before there was time and space.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world. Eph 1:3-4

God created mankind (man and woman) as his image-bearers – to be over the rest of creation."

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:26-27

God counts us as persons from the moment of conception.

"You knit me in my mother's womb . . . nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret." (Psalm 139:13,15) God also helps and calls the preborn child. "You have been my guide since I was first formed . . . from my mother's womb you are my God." (Psalm 22:10-11) "God... from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace." (St. Paul to the Galatians 1:15)

God gives special protection to the weak and helpless, especially the unborn.

"If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*. But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Exodus 21:22-25

God holds those in power responsible to protect the lives of the weak and helpless (widows, orphans, the unborn.)

"Cursed *is* the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' (Deut. 27:19) "The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and **widow**; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down." (Psalm 146:9) "The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the boundary of the **widow**." (Prov 15:25)



God considers an attack upon his image-bearers an attack upon himself.

"Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God he made man." Gen 9:5-6

In light of these truths, what should individual Christians do?

January is Sanctity of Life Month:

Pray to our Father who hears, and sees, and acts!! Ask him to show great grace and mercy to our land: to convert the lost, to correct his own people, to protect the weak and innocent, to empower his Church to preach and teach the whole truth of the gospel of Christ.

Teach and preach these truths as we have opportunity. Do not be silent in the face of opposition and/or ignorance. If each evangelical Christian would speak to 5 friends, all of America could hear the truth.

Make other options to pregnant mothers known and available – adoption, help to single parents, etc. Personally get involved in helping and encouraging.

Work through our political system to outlaw abortion in our state and in our nation.

In His Service,
Pastor Spears



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

A Prayer of Moses - a Man of God

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even before You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction and say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up. In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers. For we have been consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are terrified. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, the years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY

January 17, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00

THE LIVING CREATURES

Genesis 1:20-26

Hymns: 115, 114, 378

Anthem: As We Gather At Your Table
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

WHO WILL GIVE THANKS?

Luke 17:11-19

Hymns: 76, 457, 78

Psalms 101

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Letter from the Associate Minister
Sanctity of Life

Imagine driving through every city, town, and borough of South Carolina. Imagine coursing your way through every one of the thousands of miles of highways, streets, and roads. Now, visualize that in all the days and weeks it takes you to do this, that you see not one other person. No cars are moving. No shops are open. No lights in any of the homes. No human life, anywhere. Now travel throughout North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. In all those months of traveling – you see not a single person. Where are all the people? They are not “here” – they were never born because they were aborted in their mother’s womb. Fifty-five million people killed – missing from this world. More than the entire population of the states listed above. And that’s not all – many of those aborted in the early years would have had children by now – so you must add to your travels of uninhabited states – Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. And the number grows by over 3,000 per day. Seven days a week. 365 days a year. Year after year. Forty years and counting since the Supreme Court made abortion legal in 1973.

What has happened to our country that was founded with the words – “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?” Even, worse, what has happened to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ that has “local branches” just down the street from every abortion mill in America? We rightly wonder how the German people could have allowed their country to incarcerate and kill millions of Jews (and Christians!). Yet, how is it that the hue and cry against abortion by the Church is barely above a murmur? Why is this a “political issue” and not a moral issue to many?