

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 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 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Tuesday, March 1

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Wednesday, March 2

5:00 PM WIC Council
 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 Elder Training
 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

Friday, March 4

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, March 5

10:00 AM WIC Prayer Breakfast

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 18:1-3

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Feb. 24 CE Committee
 Feb. 24 Sports' Banquet
 Feb. 26 Senior High Bonfire at the Loopers'
 Feb. 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 March 2 WIC Council
 March 5 WIC Prayer Breakfast
 March 7 Diaconate Meeting
 March 8-9 WIC Circles
 March 9 Pastoral Care Committee
 March 9 Missions Committee
 March 12 WIC Shower for Christy Strickland
 March 13 Daylight Savings Time begins
 March 13 Worship & Music Committee
 March 14 Session Meeting
 March 16 Administration Committee
 March 19 Looper/Stephens Wedding
 March 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 March 20 Parents' Meeting
 March 21 Young At Heart
 March 23 No Wednesday activities
 March 24 Maundy Thursday Service
 March 25 Good Friday Lunch and Service
 March 25 Church Office Closed
 March 27 Easter Services
 March 30 CE Committee

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	June 27-July 2
Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven	July 18-22

Mark your calendars and plan early! www.spcgreenville.org

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.

Sara Cater
 11 Colgate Avenue
 Greenville, SC 29617
 246-3292

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

John and Margaret Hook

Duncan and Debbie Hoopes
Rainey, Medora

Jim and Lynn Hopple

Missionary for the Week



Miracle Hill
MINISTRIES

- On average we have 560 men, women and children in our care each day through our shelters, addiction recovery programs, transitional homes, and foster care. Please pray for them as they work to restore their lives.

- Also pray that God will work in the hearts of our staff as they love and support each unique individual who comes to us for help.
- Please pray for our executive and management teams as they strive to be good stewards of the resources to which we've been entrusted.



ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET
Wednesday, February 24th
5:30 pm
Speaker:
Rev. Scott Cook

Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2015-16 sports participation.

Youth and Children's Choirs will not met this Wednesday.




Players are encouraged to bring and leave their jerseys in the gym after this week's Sports Banquet. It's certainly appropriate if players want to wear their jerseys to the banquet. Teams are encouraged to sit together (if practical). Join us for a delicious meal and a celebration of our church league basketball season.



Ladies of Second Presbyterian
 You are cordially invited to attend the
WIC Prayer Breakfast

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." COLOSSIANS 4:2

(New Date) Saturday, March 5, 2016
 10:00 AM * Church Fellowship Hall
 Contact Laurie Farley (864-918-9186) with questions.



Free Alzheimer's Class

The Haven, 355 Berksman Lane, Greenville, SC 29605
"Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers - Middle stage"
 Wednesdays on March 2, 9, and 16
 10:00 - 11:00 am
 Reservations are appreciated
 Presented by Professionals
 Refreshments served
Anyone caring for a dementia family member or having ongoing contact with them would find the classes informative and helpful.

2016 PCA Women's Conference

"TRANSFORMED"
 Christ Covenant PCA in Matthews, NC
 October 28-29, 2016

Join us as we seek to be TRANSFORMED through studying Romans 11:33-12:2 together. The conference will feature keynote speaker, Nancy Guthrie, worship, workshops and other opportunities to connect. Early registration begins February 1st and is \$75.00. For group travel/hotel information please email Cindy Duncan.

CindyADuncan@gmail.com
 For more information about the conference go to:
<http://www.pcadm.org/transformed2016/>

Kairos Kookies

Call to all bakers! Willy Madrid, Bill Watkins, and the Kairos Prison Ministry team need cookies for the upcoming 4-day class on basic Christianity that will be held at Perry Correctional. While only 30 inmates are in the class, all 1000 inmates during the weekend receive bags of cookies with Bible verses and visits from the Kairos ministry team. Please bake as many dozens as you feel led to do and bring them to the kitchen at Second Church on Sunday **March 6, 2016**. Please package them in disposable containers such as shoe boxes. If you have any questions, call Bill Watkins at 304-4737.

Job Opportunities

The following positions are available at The Haven in the Village at Chanticleer, 355 Berkman's Lane, Greenville, SC 29605, 864-467-0031:

Front Desk Receptionist: Requires some computer skills and friendly personality. Talk with Molly Simmons, Office Administrator for additional information.

Activities Director: Requires enthusiasm, energetic personality, creativity, planning, organizational skills, love of people and good people skills. Full time position. Contact Molly Simmons or Mike Thomas, Executive Director.

Upcoming Dates

April 15	Sr. High Camping Trip
April 23	WIC Ladies' Tea
April 24	New Members' Reception/Luncheon
May 1	Elder Vow Renewal
May 4	Graduation Banquet
May 11	CAT Kids Program
May 25	Musical CAT Kids begins
June 3-11	Mission trip to Peru
June 5	All Adult Sunday School begins
Week of June 16	Mission Trip to Calvary Home
June 13-17	Vacation Bible School
June 20-24	General Assembly-Mobile, AL
June 27-July 2	Sr. High trip to Edisto Island
July 2	Annual Church Picnic
July 18-22	Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven
August 10	Musical CAT Kids Program
August 28	Rally Day

Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!
www.spcgreenville.org

Please contact the church if you have a change of address, cell or home phone number, email, etc. (jgrant@spcgreenville.org) We are updating the data base for our new online church directory.



WIC
 cordially invites all ladies to a
 Baby Shower
 for
Christy Strickland
 Saturday, March 12, 2016
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Church Fellowship Hall
 Christy is registered at Buy, Buy Baby and Target.
IT'S A GIRL!





Let's look at each of these briefly:

1. Because socialism is a system based on stealing. The whole point of socialism is for the government to seize control of private property, mainly involving the proceeds of peoples' work, in order to give it to others. (Note the compulsory aspect of socialism, which so differs from voluntary forms of communalism.) This activity is the very thing pronounced as evil by the 8th Commandment: "You shall not steal" (Ex. 20:15). Throughout the Bible it is assumed that individuals have responsibility and authority over the property in their possession. For instance, even when Peter was accusing Ananias of being greedy and dishonest, the apostle admitted the man's right to dispose of his personal property (Acts 5:4). While there is a legitimate basis for government taxation, the simple taking of one's possessions in order to give them to others is not one of them. Socialism is evil because it inherently involves stealing.

2. Because socialism is an anti-work system. Socialism promises to give a blessed life for free. Today, Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders promises to give free education, free health care, and free vacation time, etc. (Of course, since government does not create wealth, these things are only free as the money to give them is taken from others.) As I listen to Senator Sanders, I wonder what incentive there would be to work hard. Why would I put myself through the ordeal of discipline, sacrifice, and sweat, much less risk-taking business endeavors, if I can have a wonderful life without working for it? In contrast to the ethos of socialism, the Bible is explicitly pro-work. Paul writes: "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need" (Eph. 4:28). Here, the apostle not only urges selflessness with one's possession, but explicitly denounces the socialist ethos. "Work!" the Bible says (2 Thess. 3:10). And on the basis of your own work you should provide for your needs and you should voluntary support the church and others in need.

3. Because socialism concentrates the power to do evil. The Bible's concern about human sinfulness (and its general approach of de-centralizing power) argues strongly against socialism. Under capitalism, the individual has discretion to dispose



of his or her wealth, which in some cases involves vast resources. This may be done virtuously or sinfully depending on the character of the individual owner. Under socialism, however, a small number of government masters has control over almost all of the resources of the entire society. Unless one believes that politicians are inherently more virtuous than private citizens (and where one would get such an idea is a mystery to me), then this concentration of power is certain to work extraordinary amounts of evil. Under capitalism, access to scarce resources is determined by how much money one has, and one's money usually reflects the market's value on his or her work contributions. This will sometimes seem unfair, depending on one's perspective. But under socialism, access to scarce resources is based on government favor. This structure virtually reduces the society to slavery, eventually impoverishes everyone, and unfailingly promotes a culture of corruption.

For these biblically-based reasons, I would urge Christians to refrain from giving praise (and political support) to socialism and candidates who promote it. Alongside the Bible are the lessons of history. To students of such arcane history as the 20th Century, the prospect of socialism is chilling. There is a reason why some Americans want to erect a wall to keep illegal immigrants out, whereas socialist countries have built their walls to keep people in. Socialism is a nightmare to those who actually experience it, whereas capitalism is deemed a paradise - without Christ, a false, materialistic paradise, to be sure - to those trying to get in.

Capitalism does not offer salvation: only Jesus can deliver us from our sins. Socialism, on the other hand, is a manifestly evil system from which we should pray to be delivered.

May the Lord bless you this week.

Pastor Rick Phillips



SPC Bible Reading Plan

Each week in the Herald we will provide the upcoming week's schedule for the SPC Bible Reading Plan taught during the Sunday School hour by Pastor Spears. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. The complete schedule is available from Pastor Spears or from the church office.

February 28	Numbers 11-13
March 1	Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90
March 2	Numbers 16-17
March 3	Numbers 18-20
March 4	Numbers 21-22
March 5	Numbers 23-25
March 6	Numbers 26-27



CHURCH INFORMATION

The West End Herald Editor: RE Melton L. Duncan, Sr.

Telephone: 864.232.7621

Website: spcgreenville.org

Social Media

facebook.com/spcgreenville  twitter.com/spcgreenville 

Fax: (864) 232-7622 * **Email:** info@spcgreenville.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Information Centers: Church Services information 1 * Directions 2

Hospital Information 3 * Upcoming Events 4 * Church Directory 5 *

Monthly Activities 6

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 REPORT

Dear Friends,

It is unbelievable that we are now entering the second year of our ministry at Fairfax County, Virginia. God has been faithful to us each and every day. In the first week of February, we were informed by a Korean church in Fairfax County that we could use their premises for worship that has lots of parking, beginning in the second week of March 2016, at no cost. Praise be to God! The growth has been slow but the fruits are rewarding. We have been discipling a small group of infant believers and spending time sharing the gospel with unbelievers. Recently, we have been working with one Sikh family whereby the son has been diagnosed with colon cancer. We also use other means to establish relationships and share the gospel. Worship service continues at our home at 6.30 pm on Sundays. I have been preaching from the parables. Prior to Christmas I preached messages on the birth of Christ: Why did Jesus come? We looked at the unfolding of prophesies starting from the book of Genesis, through Isaiah and Matthew. Now, we are studying the series of the Beatitudes found in the gospel of Matthew. The attendance ranges from 15 to 20 on a regular Sunday. Due to the weather and limited parking spaces the attendance has varied, especially during the past few months. Finding a parking space during cold weather discourages many people from coming. Moreover, people are always asking for the location of our church. Therefore, moving to the new facility, we pray and hope will allow more people to come. Lord willing, we will start worship in the new facility in March 2016.

Pastor Jegar Chinnavan

First Asian Indian American Presbyterian Church

(A NEW SPC SUPPORTING MISSION WORK)



~The Editor

The Second Presbyterian Church

Nonprofit Org.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Greenville, SC
Permit No. 559

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

February 28, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE COVENANT OF WORKS

Genesis 2:16-17

Hymns: 499, 109, 520

Anthem: Go Out With Joy

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A FARMER SOWING SEED

Luke 8:1-18

Hymns: 606, 716, 465

Psalm 104 (verses 1-12)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets

Greenville, South Carolina

February 22, 2016

Letter from the Senior Minister

Why Is Socialism Evil?

In a recent blog I wrote for *Reformation21* I urged the biblical basis for the spirituality of the church. One of the points I made is that while the church does not meddle in civil government, it most certainly may speak against social evils. Christians and pastors can and should speak out on evils such as racism, government sponsored torture, or, in this case, socialism.

I bring up socialism because I have noticed that it is becoming fashionable for Christians to denounce capitalism and laud socialism as a more biblical alternative. I get how this happens. Under capitalism, sin wreaks its usual havoc and the system is blamed for the injustice common to fallen human society. There are biblical principles that seem to push back against capitalism - such as concern for the well-being of others - which really should be addressed to how people use the system rather than the system itself. To be sure, capitalism itself provides no tonic for the disease of sin. Moreover, Christians should be discerning enough to scorn the adolescent egotism of Ayn Rand-style capitalism and realize the need for government intervention against capitalistic abuses. But in reacting against these, Christians should also have enough discernment not to endorse a system so inherently evil as socialism.

So, biblically speaking, why is socialism evil? Let me suggest three reasons:

1. Because socialism is a system based on stealing;
2. Because socialism is an anti-work system; and
3. Because socialism concentrates the power to do evil.