

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 27

- 7:00 AM **SUNRISE SERVICE**
Wyche Pavilion
- 8:00 AM Breakfast in the Church Gym
- 9:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 10:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Tuesday, March 29

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, March 30

- 5:00 PM CE 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)
- 6:15 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
- 6:15 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
- 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
- 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**

Friday, April

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 27:1-2

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries
 and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- 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
- April 6 WIC Council
- April 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- April 7 Jessamines
- April 10 Finance Committee Meeting
- April 10 Worship & Music Committee
- April 11 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- April 12-13 WIC Circles
- April 13 Missions Committee Meeting
- April 15-16 Sr. Hi. Camping Trip @ Vanderweys
- April 17 Called Session Meeting
- April 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- April 18 Young At Heart Lunch @ Red Lobster
- April 20 Administration Committee Meeting
- April 23 WIC Ladies' Tea
- April 24 New Members Reception and Luncheon
- April 24 Renewal of Elder Vows
- April 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- April 27 CE Committee Meeting
- April 28 Calvary Presbytery @ Fellowship PCA

Upcoming May Events

- May 4 Graduation Banquet
- May 11 CAT Kids Program
- May 25 Musical CAT Kids begins
- May 29 Safety Sunday

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.

Iris Dillard
 320 LaBoone Road
 Easley, SC 29642
 442-6613

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Laura Kennedy
Fitz and Dottie King
Harry King

Missionary for the Week

Rev. & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez
Peru Mission
Cajamarca, Peru

WHAT ALONZO DOES

Teaches in Seminary, Church Planting
 University Ministry

ABOUT THE RAMIREZ FAMILY

The Ramirez family is from Cajamarca, Peru. Alonzo is an organizing member of Peru Mission and a minister in the Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana del Perú. He and his wife Esther have two children (Samuel and Analiz). Alonzo is a pastor in the Second Presbyterian Church, Cajamarca and director of the university ministry at the National University of Cajamarca. He is also rector of the Seminario Biblico Reformado for the Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana del Perú. Esther teaches religion classes at a public school in Cajamarca and directs the children's Sunday School at Second Presbyterian Church.

<http://www.perumission.org/ramirez>

Young At Heart

NOTE: RED LOBSTER LUNCH HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!! Since we did not have our Valentine Lunch at Red Lobster in February we have rescheduled this special event for our April 18th meeting at 11:30 am. We will meet at the restaurant and order from the menu. If you signed up for the February event and would like to remain on the reservation list or be added to the list please let Judy Brigman (864-242-2939) know as soon as possible.

Vacation Bible School

If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please notify Jill Mann at bjmhmann@att.net. VBS will be June 13-17. We need teachers/helpers in all areas. Come enjoy this week with our covenant children!

Church Building Access

In an effort to make the church a safer place for the various activities throughout the week as well as our Sunday and midweek services, all of the exterior door locks have been changed. If you have a justifiable need for a new key, please go to spcgreenville.org and request a key under the signups page. If you have any questions about accessing the building, please contact:

Nate Johnson

njohnson@spcgreenville.org or 864.567.9624.

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

**Sr. High Camping Trip
April 15th-16th @ the Vanderweys**

Holy Week and Easter Services at Second

Mar. 24	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 25	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
Mar. 27	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Easter Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on Mar. 23rd.

Directory Pictures

Pictures of our new members will be taken at the luncheon on April 24 for the church directory and the online directory. If any other members need to have their picture taken or would like to update their picture in the directory please plan to do so at this time.

Bookmarks

Several month ago Pastor Phillips wrote a Pastor's Letter on "Wielding the Sword of the Spirit Through Bible Memorization." These Bible verses have been printed on a bookmark to aid you in your memorization. You will find these bookmarks on the counter outside the church library.



Ladies Spring Tea
(for all ages)
April 23rd * 10am-12pm
Speaker: *Kathy Karr*

*Sign up now to hostess a table! This will involve adopting a personal theme and providing a centerpiece and china for the table.
Please email Laurie Farley with questions and to sign up.
laurelfarley@ymail.com*

Upcoming Dates

June 5	All Adult Sunday School begins
June 19	Ice Cream Social
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
July 29-Aug. 6	Peru Mission Trip
August 10	Musical CAT Kids Program
August 28	Rally Day

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

Thank You

To All My Dear Friends at Second Presbyterian Church,

My heartfelt thanks to all of you that sent cards, provided food, phone calls and most of all your prayers. The past weeks have not been easy but your prayers have helped me so much.

Love to each of you, Iris Dillard.

**Church Office will be closed
Friday, March 25, 2016.**

Weekend Backpacks

Second Pres. is currently donating weekend food for several children at the Augusta Circle Good News Club. A suggested list of items you may contribute includes instant oatmeal, instant grits, granola bars, ramen noodles, individual cups of macaroni and cheese or spaghetti, peanut butter to-go, pudding cups, individual fruit cups or applesauce, milk or juice boxes (non-refrigerated), microwave popcorn. Please note that all of these should be something the child could fix for himself, i.e. individual servings, with pop-top openings. A box will be placed in the gym on Wednesday evenings for your contributions. If you bring it any other time, please leave it in the church office, marked for "Backpack Blessings". Many thanks for your prayers and help. Please direct questions to Cyndi Player (864-483-4644).



inflicting punishment, while Jesus, in his role as masochist, readily embraces suffering.” Michael Hardin compares the God of the cross to the gunman who murdered Amish schoolgirls: “For both, blood satisfied, and in both, innocent blood, truly innocent blood is shed.” These things were written about God the Father and Jesus Christ in books printed by such trusted Christian publishers as Zondervan, InterVarsity, and Baker Books.

My response to these challenges was published by Crossway Books, titled, *Precious Blood: The Atoning Work of Christ*. My purpose in editing this book was to teach the Bible’s message of the atonement and to defend Christ’s precious blood against these detractors. It is urgently necessary that Christians know what and why the Bible teaches about the cross of our Lord: if we are going to have any faith to defend in our generation, we must defend it at the cross. I make it my practice to read practically every new book that comes out on the atonement, since the cross of Christ is the very heart of our faith. Please pray that God will use my book to honor His Son and to help Christians to stand fast at the cross.

In 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, the apostle Paul listed what he considered to be truths “of first importance” to salvation. “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received,” Paul writes, going on to name the doctrines of the cross and the resurrection. Regarding the cross, Paul states that it is essential to our salvation to believe: 1) that Christ died; 2) that His death was “for our sins” – that is, to pay in our place the penalty our sins deserved (also known as vicarious, penal substitution); and 3) “in accordance with the Scriptures,” that is, as foretold and prefigured in the Old Testament. This says that every Christian should know and be able to tell others about Jesus’ death on the cross, how Christ paid the penalty for our sins, and how the Old Testament foretold and prefigured the cross. Paul goes on to add the necessity of belief in the resurrection: “that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve” (1 Cor. 15:4-5). If you are unsure about the truth or meaning of Christ’s death and resurrection, or if you do not know how to explain it to others, now is a good time for you to devote some study to the doctrines of the cross and the resurrection. We must stand firm in these blessed truths, apart from which there is no salvation.



Let me conclude with some recommendations for your reading. In addition to my book, I would suggest the following books on the atonement (all of which were written for regular folks):

- The Heart of the Cross*, James M. Boice and Philip G. Ryken
- The Truth of the Cross*, R. C. Sproul
- In My Place Condemned He Stood*, J. I. Packer and Mark Dever

May the Lord bless you all during this week and the week of the cross and the open tomb.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Easter Sunrise Service

March 27, 2016
Wyche Pavilion @ 7:00 am
Mountain View Baptist Church
Second Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Dr. Richard D. Phillips
Assisted by Rev. Stacey Mills
Breakfast at 8:00 am at Second Presbyterian Church

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



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. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year.

March 28	Josh. 19-21
March 29	Josh. 22-24
March 30	Judges 1-2
March 31	Judges 3-5
April 1	Judges 6-7
April 2	Judges 8-9
April 3	Judges 10-12



New Members’ Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, April 24, 2016** Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.



New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service on April 24, 2016.

Corner of River and Rhett

Online Church Directory

Second Pres. has created and released an online Church Directory, contact information for the entire congregation. Used on your computer or on your smart phone through "Church Life App" (which can be downloaded for free). Here is how you get to it the new Directory and Register for an account.

Go to the Church Website www.SPCGreenville.org
click on this image below



New
Member
Portal

This link will take you to
www.SPCGreenville.org/Members



Once there create LOG-IN and PASSWORD
to register for access.

There are online instructions if you need some help.

Contact [Nate Johnson](mailto:njohnson@spcgreenville.org) with further questions.
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~The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

March 27, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND WORLD MISSIONS

Luke 24:36-49

Hymns: 277, 274, 450

Anthem: Christ Rising Again

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE RICH FOOL

Luke 12:13-21

Hymns: 345, 278, 321

Psalms 105 (verses 23-45)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Precious Blood

"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot"
(1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Like most of you, my wife and I have sat down with our children to tell them about the saving blood of Jesus: "We want you to know that we are all sinners, guilty under God's law and deserving His just condemnation. But the good news is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to bear the penalty for our sins by dying for us. We are forgiven by trusting that Jesus died in our place on the cross."

Christians realize that these words are offensive to many people, since we are calling everyone sinners and we insist that we could only be saved by Jesus' death for our sins. We know this teaching is offensive to non-Christians and to many who attend liberal churches. But what is alarming is how offensive the blood of Christ is to increasing numbers of so-called evangelical Christians. Twenty years ago, liberal Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong wrote that he "would choose to loathe rather than to worship a deity who required the sacrifice of his son." This is to be expected from a man who denies the truth of the Bible. But more recently, British evangelical Steve Chalke describes the atonement as "a form of cosmic child abuse – a vengeful Father, punishing his Son for an offense he has not even committed." Evangelical scholars Joel Green and Mark Baker complain that in the doctrine of the atonement, "God takes on the role of the sadist