# 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 with further questions. njohnson@spcgreenville.org or 864-567-9624

~The Editor

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MORNING WORSHIP

John Boyte preaching EVENING WORSHIP Psalm 106 (verses 1-12)

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# **Letter from the Senior Minister Bible Words**

Here's a chance for a little self-quiz. Can you tell the meaning of the following words?

**Iustification** Sanctification Regeneration Atonement Propitiation Redemption Covenant Mediator Sin Faith Holiness Election Incarnation **Trinity** Inspiration

How did you do? Just as important, does it matter how you did? The answer is Yes! These are all either words taken straight from the Bible, or in a few cases, vital theological terms describing Bible truths. Some will object, "All that matters is that I love Jesus!" Okay, but loving Jesus means studying His book. And what does it mean to love Jesus, if we don't really know who He is and what He did?

As a preacher, I work hard to use simple and direct language. It is not my goal in the pulpit to expose the broad range of my vocabulary. But I am unashamed to insist on using Bible words like the ones above. Occasionally, someone will tell me that I should not use such "technical" terminology. Many, if not most, preachers have abandoned the use of most of these and other biblical terms. I think this is a terrible mistake and one that is producing a weak faith among believers today.



I have two reasons for continuing to use words like these. The first reason is that they are *not* too hard for people to understand.

Ours is a generation of people who know multiple passwords and a plethora of technical lingo pertaining to computers, televisions, and other appliances. If you know what a gigabyte is, you can know what the atonement is! It is simply not true that ours is a generation that cannot understand technical language – what matters is that we care enough about the subject to learn the terminology.

My second reason is the ideas behind these words are vital to the Christian faith and message. When words die, the ideas linked to them die – and we must not let the ideas expressed by the Bible's words die to us. So we must use these words. We must know what they mean. And we must build our faith upon the truths of these and other words, which express the doctrines taught to us in the Bible. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be a student of the Bible. Jesus said that if we follow Him, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32).

So let me encourage you to be a motivated student of theology. People are often frightened by the word *theology*, but all it means is "teaching about God." Jesus said, "This is eternal life: that they might know you, the true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn. 17:3). To be sure, Jesus meant more than head knowledge, but he did not mean less than that. To know God we need to know the truth about God. You do not have to be a professional theologian, and I would not recommend most academic theological books to most believers. But we are blessed today with a great wealth of devotional theological books and articles, and it will make a real difference to your life if you will read some of them. Moreover, you should be a keen learner as the Word of God is preached in the church. I consider it my duty to make plain the doctrines of the



Bible, and as we preach through books of God's Word, your understanding of theology should be growing. We are particularly blessed to have an excellent church library, so you can grow in your knowledge of God's Word without paying any money. All it will cost you is time and energy, but you will be richly repaid through the increasing knowledge of God.

Let me recommend a few books especially to any who may have scored poorly on the quiz above. J. I. Packer, one of the most gifted theologians of our times, has recently published 18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know. I would also recommend Cross Words, by Paul Helm, and Basic Christianity, by John Stott.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

### **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

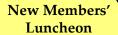


# **SPC Bible Reading Plan**

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.

April 4	Judges 13-1
April 5	Judges 16-18
April 6	Judges 19-2
April 7	Ruth 1-4
April 8	1 Sam. 1-3
April 9	1 Sam. 4-8
April 10	1 Sam. 9-12





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.

<u>Church members are asked to bring</u>
<u>generous portions of side dishes</u>

(vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

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

# **Young At Heart**

NOTE: RED LOBSTER LUNCH HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED!! 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 <a href="mailto:spcgreenville.org">spcgreenville.org</a> 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

# **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.



### Good News Club 12th Annual Golf Classic

How You Can Be Involved:

Be a Sponsor \* Form a Team/Teams
Enter as a Player \* Donate/Solicit Prizes
Be a volunteer (set-up/hospitality/witness)
There are 3 dates at 3 different locations:
The Cliffs Valley—April 26th
The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards—June 6
The Cliffs at Mountain Park—October 5

Visit www.cefgreenville.com for more information

or call the church office for a brochure.

# **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



# **The Big Tent Event**

 ${\bf Calvary\ Home\ for\ Children\ Presents...}$ 

# The Big Tent Event

Celebrating over 500 children served

# Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 PM

110 Calvary Home Circle, Anderson, SC.
Testimonies, videos of the children, and new ministry strategies to care for more children at Calvary Home in 2016
RSVP to info@calvaryhome.org / 864-296-5437

# Welcome

We welcome to the pulpit this Sunday evening, Rev. John Boyte. Rev. Boyte is the campus minister with RUF at Anderson University. John has worked with youth as a lay minister directing and teaching the Junior High Youth at Peoples Bible Church in Greenville, SC and the Senior High at the Evangelical Church of Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand. He finished the MDiv at Erskine Seminary and is ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCA Church. He married his wife, Cheryl in 1987. They have three children, J.J., Casey, and Caleb. John served as Associate Pastor of New Covenant Church for twelve years while also serving as the campus minister at Anderson University. He has served as campus minister at Anderson for over 18 years.

Church Calendar			
Sunday, Ap	Sunday, April 3		
8:30 AM	MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE		
9:45 AM	Membership Class		
9:50 AM	Children's Chapel		
10:00 AM	Communicants' Class		
10:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL		
11:00 AM	MORNING WORSHIP		
5:30 PM	Season of Prayer in the Chapel		
6:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP		
Tuesday, April 5			
10:00 AM	WIC Bible Study		
Wednesday, April 6			
5:00 PM	WIC Council		
5:00 PM	Pastoral Care 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)		
6:45 PM	Elder Training		
6:55 PM	CAT/Covenant Kids		
6:55 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		
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
Thursday, A	pril 7		
6:00 PM	Jessamines		
Friday, Apri	18		
12:00 PM	Men's Lunch and Bible Study		

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# **Upcoming Events**

April 6	WIC Council
April 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
April 7	Jessamines
April 10	Finance Committee Meeting
April 10	Worship & Music Committee
April 10	Called Session Meeting
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	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 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

# **Scripture Reading for the Week**

# Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. (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.

Vera Lane Griffin 19 Cahu Drive Taylors, SC 29687 270-7384

# **Praying For One Another**

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

John King

Jason and Christine Korol Jacob

George and Melinda LaBombard

# Missionary for the Week

# Rev. & Mrs. Josh Rieger MTW England

In England and Wales there are, by some accounts, 24 churches that would consider themselves to be confessional churches holding to the Westminster Confession of Faith. This is in the land where this confession was written. One denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW), has about half of those churches and has been working with Mission to the World and the PCA for two decades with a vision to plant confessional, Bible believing, Presbyterian churches all over England and Wales. We will work with Gateshead Presbyterian Church in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne/ Gateshead area, to plant another church in Northern England. We have a heart for those who already have placed their trust in Christ, but do not have a confessional reformed church nearby, and especially for those who have been born and raised, never having learned the truth of the gospel. We yearn to see people coming to faith in a God they have not before known or worshiped and turning their lives to His service.

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