

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 10

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 9:45 AM Membership Class  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM Communicants' Class  
 10:10 AM Finance Committee Meeting  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 3:00 PM Called Session Meeting  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, April 11

#### Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting

6:00 PM Supper  
 7:00 PM Meeting

### Tuesday, April 12

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

### Wednesday, April 13

5:30 PM Missions 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  
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6  
 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

### Friday, April 15

Sr. High Camping Trip @ Vanderweys'  
 return on 16th  
 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

## 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 29:3-4  
*The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. (ESV)*

## Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.

**John and Margaret Hook**  
 2 Brynhurst Circle  
 Greenville, SC 29615  
 288-2573

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Louie and Jessica LaBombard**  
**Millie and JC**  
**Phil and Carol Larson**  
**Marcus and Nicole Laughter**  
**Lauren**

## Missionary for the Week

### Dale & Susan Ellison, Peru Mission

#### WHAT DALE DOES

Clinic director  
 Medical team coordinator  
 Support staff at Arévalo church

#### ABOUT THE ELLISONS

Dale and Susan are from Jackson, MS and are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dale is a medical technologist and Susan has a degree in communication. They have served previously in Slovakia with MTW on a church planting team. Dale oversees management of medical staff, plans for future growth, oversees maintenance of facilities, develops our health network in Trujillo, and plans medical campaigns and outreach. Susan home-schools and keeps their home open in hospitality to their community.

### 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 [bjmhmman@att.net](mailto:bjmhmman@att.net). VBS will be June 13-17. We need teachers/helpers in all areas. Come enjoy this week with our covenant children!

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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**



**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](mailto:laurelfarley@ymail.com)*

### Treasurer's Report

	MARCH 2016 & YTD		
	Mar. 2016	YTD 2016	YTD Budget
Offerings	83,979	273,085	343,250
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	93,958	297,853	298,693
Mission	<u>353</u>	<u>42,843</u>	<u>44,557</u>
Total Outlays	94,311	340,696	343,250
Net Offerings	(10,332)	(67,611)	

- Contributions in March 2016 were \$83,979 versus budget of \$114,417.
- Contributions for March 2015 were \$147,980.
- YTD contributions are behind budget by \$70,165 and behind 3 months 2015 by \$40,774.
- Operating expenses for March 2016 were \$93,958 versus the budget of \$99,564.
- Missions and Benevolences for the first three months were paid in February.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Mann or David Rainey.

### Join the Choir!

Spring is a terrific time to join the choir as we make a fresh start following the Easter season. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please contact Verlyn Smoker at the church office or call him at 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 praises! 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 ours!

### The Big Tent Event



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](mailto:info@calvaryhome.org) / 864-296-5437

### 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

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things in rearing their children, but without prayer their efforts will be in vain. We may say all the right things in our witness to unbelievers, but without prayer we will fail to open the hardened heart. The rule for all Christian work and for the entire Christian life is the one given to the prophet Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord (Zec 4:6). And Jesus has promised, "Your heavenly Father [will] give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him" (Lk 11:13).

Why does God insist that we pray in our service to Him? I can think of three answers at least. First, God wants us to always remember that we are wholly dependent on His grace. "Apart from me you can do nothing," Jesus said (Jn 15:5), but we are constantly tempted to think otherwise. Second, God desires the fellowship of our hearts. He does not so much desire us to do things *for Him* as to do things *with Him*. He wants our works to be His works, and so He provides for in answer to our prayers. Third, God will share His glory with no one, and it is as we rely on His answers to our prayers that we are constantly reminded that all the glory for all that we do belongs to Him and Him alone.

With this in mind, I want to urge you to be devoted to prayer. Start in your private life. I know that most Christians are weak in prayer, so I would suggest that you simply start setting aside regular periods of time to pray to the Lord. It doesn't have to be a long period of time, but it should be regular. A good approach to prayer is to follow the ACTS formula: begin with *Adoration*, as we praise God for who and what he is; next is *Confession* of our sin, including specific wrongs we know we have committed; then we *Thank* God for His blessing in our lives (most of us are far too thankless, little aware of the many ways God has heaped His goodness upon us) and finally we offer our *Supplications*, asking God's help for our personal affairs, for the needs of others, for God's power in the church, and for the cause of Christ in the world.

Most importantly, I urge you to support the prayer meetings of our church. There are no sweeter times of spiritual refreshment than those of corporate prayer. If you don't feel comfortable praying aloud, you do not have to, but you will benefit



from your spiritual participation. One of the best gauges of a church's spiritual strength is the attendance of its prayer meeting, and I am confident that if we are to make a difference for Christ in Greenville it will be because we have committed ourselves to prayer. We have two weekly prayer meetings: Wednesday evening following the fellowship meal and Sunday afternoon at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. I know that not everyone can come to the prayer meetings every week, but if you can come I would urge you to do so. Not only do I know that you will be blessed, but I know that our prayers will make a difference. And your participation will not only encourage me greatly, and encourage others in our church, but it will be greatly blessed by God Himself.

May the Lord bless you this Lord's Day

Yours in Christ,  
Richard D. Phillips  
Senior Minister



## 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.

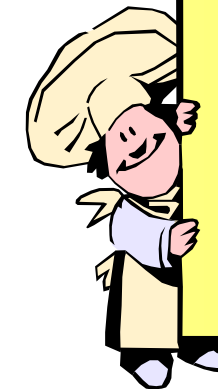
April 11	1 Sam. 13-14
April 12	1 Sam. 15-17
April 13	1 Sam. 18-20 Psalm 11, 59
April 14	1. Sam. 21-24
April 15	Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
April 16	Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
April 17	1 Sam. 25-27



### 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.*

### 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



2016 Summer Mission – Peru Team members  
July 29-August 6, 2016



1. Elizabeth Madrid\*
2. Steve Moore\*
3. Aaron Angel
4. Christina Bianchi
5. John Atwood
6. Audra Atwood
7. John Smoker
8. Jeffrey Spell

# PERU MISSION

\*Co-Team Leaders  
SPC will be joined by members of Hartsville, SC PCA and Mint Hill, NC ARP.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru (IAPP) was started by Scottish missionaries in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup>. As the mother denomination declined in the latter part of that century, so did the daughter church in Peru (there is another evangelical Presbyterian church in Peru [mainly in the central, southern, and southeastern regions] started by Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod of the USA [which became part of the PCA in 1983]). Dr. Alonzo Ramirez was called of the Lord to lead the revitalization of the IAPP. While studying for his PhD at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. Ramirez recruited several young PCA ministers and deacons and developed a relationship with many churches in the PCA and other reformed denominations. This led directly to the missionary work we are going to assist in Trujillo which is led by PCA ministers Wes Baker, Allen Smith, and Scott Davenport. There are several other American families and individuals working in Trujillo. Dr. Ramirez works in his home area of Cajamarca in the northern central highlands.

~The Editor



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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

April 10, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00

### THE LIES THAT LEAD TO REBELLION

Genesis 3:4-6

Hymns: 100, 150, 481

Anthem: My Soul Gives Glory to the Lord  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

### THE MUSTARD SEED AND YEAST

Luke 13:18-21

Hymns: 251, 353, 528

Psalm 106 (verses 13-31)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Greenville, South Carolina

April 4, 2016

## Letter from the Senior Minister A Praying Church

“Behold, he is praying.” These were the words given by our Lord Jesus to Ananias in Damascus to prove that Saul of Tarsus had truly been converted (Acts 9:11). “Behold, he is praying,” was the best argument Jesus could give to show the reality of true faith. Charles Spurgeon comments, “If anyone should ask me for an epitome of the Christian religion, I should say it is in that one word - ‘prayer.’ If I should be asked, ‘What will take in the whole of Christian experience?’ I should answer, ‘prayer.’” For this reason, one of the most important things that could be said about our church is that we are a praying church. Prayer is a *sign* of vibrant spiritual life in a congregation, and prayer is also a *source* of vibrant spiritual life in a congregation. For us to preach true doctrine, offer lovely worship, and perform good works, but without regular and fervent prayer, the reality will be that we are laboring in our own strength. But if we as private Christians and together as a church body devote ourselves to faithful, expectant prayer, then we can be confident that we labor in the strength of the Lord.

There is one vital thing I do both before and after every sermon I preach: pray. Before I preach, I pray for the power of God’s Spirit to attend the proclamation of His Word. And after I preach, I make it a point to ask the Lord to bear fruit from the teaching of His gospel. The reason for these prayers is that I am so keenly aware that I lack the ability to persuade and move the heart unless God should use me. This principle is true for the entire realm of Christian service. Parents may do all the right