

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 22

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (4th grade and under)
- 10:00 AM **Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
Elder Ordination & Installation Service

Tuesday, May 24

- 10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

Wednesday, May 25

- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT 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, May 27

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Sr. High Bowling Night

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 32:1-2

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against
whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

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| May 18 | Administration Committee Meeting |
| May 18 | CAT Kids Spring Fling |
| May 22 | Congregational Meeting to elect Elders |
| May 22 | Ordination/Installation of New Elders
Evening Worship Service |
| May 25 | Musical CAT Kids begins |
| May 27 | Sr. High Bowling Night |
| May 29 | Safety Sunday |
| May 30 | Church Office Closed |
| June 1 | WIC Council |
| June 2 | WIC "Bring Your Own Picnic" |
| June 5 | All Adult Sunday School begins |
| June 6 | Diaconate Meeting |
| June 8 | Pastoral Care Committee Meeting |
| June 8 | Missions Committee Meeting |
| June 11 | WIC Shower for Nicole Laughter |
| June 13-17 | Calvary Home Mission Week |
| June 13 | Session Meeting |
| June 14-15 | WIC Circles |
| June 15 | Administration Committee Meeting |
| June 17 | Sr. High Pool Party |
| June 19 | The Lord's Supper at the evening service |
| June 19 | Ice Cream Social |
| June 20-24 | General Assembly in Mobile AL |
| June 22 | CE Committee Meeting |
| June 27-July 2 | Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC |
| June 29 | No Wednesday night activities |

Upcoming Dates

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| July 2 | Annual Church Picnic |
| July 11-15 | Vacation Bible School |
| July 17 | Ice Cream Social |
| July 18-22 | Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven |
| July 29-Aug. 6 | Peru Mission Trip |
| August 10 | Musical CAT Kids Program |
| August 21 | Homemade Ice Cream Social |
| August 28 | Rally Day |
- 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.

Mamie Riggins
The Haven, Room 311
355 Berkman's Lane
Greenville, SC 29605

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Joseph and Ashley Maralit
Noah, Addison, Isaac, Elisha, Opal

Henry and Debbie Martin

Joe and Leslie Martin
Sarah and Ross

Missionary for the Week

Bill and Susan Carr
MTW – Northern Minnesota

Currently Bill and Susan are working with Native Americans in northern Minnesota. One of the greatest needs of the Native American church is spiritual leadership. The Carrs have accepted the challenge to help train leaders at Mokahum Ministry Center.

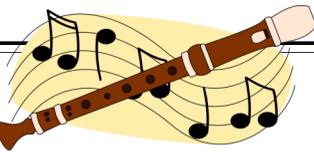
Mokahum offers intensive training programs requiring a high degree of accountability, including a one-year discipleship track and a three-year ministry track. Both programs emphasize theological education, life skills, and ministry experience. Bill serves as educational director for the center. Susan teaches enrichment and study skills classes for the students.

Please pray for Bill and Susan, and that effective Native American leaders will be equipped for gospel ministry and for the Lord's glory.



CAT Kids Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 18
6:55 PM
At the church
Musical CAT Kids will begin Wednesday, May 25th



Musical CAT Kids

Summer Musical CAT Kids will begin on Wednesday, May 25. They will meet weekly from 6:30 until 7:25 pm in the choir room. Each week they will sing and learn to make music for the glory of God. If you have children or grandchildren ages 4 through 6th grade, please allow them to join us. See Verlyn Smoker if you have any questions.

Sr. High Bowling Night
Friday, May 27, 2016
See Scott Cook with any questions.



Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.



SPC WIC Outing

SPC WIC BYOP
(Bring Your Own Picnic)
Thursday, June 2
Meet at the church at 5:45 pm.

We will walk to Falls Park and find the perfect spot for a picnic. Join us for a time of fellowship, conversation and lots of laughter (guaranteed!!). Open to SPC females of all ages. Have any questions contact Alice Barnett (906-0166).

Congregational Meetings in May

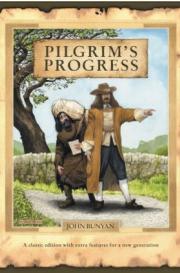
May 22 @ 10:00 am * Church Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting to Elect Two New Elders
All SS classes 5th & 6th Grade through Adults
Please see Elder candidates' bios included in last week's Herald along with the Elder Election Procedure.

Joe Bianchi, Kirby Kee
Phil Larson, Kevin Mobley
Ken Pujdak, Dennis Zimmerman

The Installation and Ordination of New Elders will be at the evening worship service on May 22.

May 29 @ 10:00 am * Church Sanctuary
Safety Sunday
All SS classes above nursery age
Information about safety, facility use by members, and emergency procedures will be discussed for the entire congregation.
The SS hour will conclude with a Fire Drill.

All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



Beginning June 5, 2016
10 am on Sundays
All Adults (7th grade and up)
meet in the Sanctuary
"The Pilgrim's Progress"
by John Bunyan

Correction

Please note there was a typo in the Elder Candidates' Biographies booklet that was mailed with your Herald last week. Kevin and Shannon Mobley have been married 17 years, not 13 years. We express our apologies to the Mobley family for this error.



WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Baby Shower
for
Nicole Laughter
Saturday, June 11, 2016
10:00 am - 11:30 pm
Church Fellowship Hall
Nicole is registered at Target and Babies 'R Us.

New Addresses

Kevin and Cindy Worley
822 Packs Mountain Ridge Road
Taylors, SC 29687
Home Phone: 864-663-7058
Email: worleykc61@gmail.com

Hank and Ginger Ludwig
2859 Seagrave Way
Marietta, GA 30066

Stephen and Londa Scott
1420 Orion Drive
San Diego, CA 92126
Please make these changes in your church directory.

Music Recital

All church members are invited to

Jacob Spann's
Junior Music Recital
Saturday, May 21, 2016
2:00 pm
SPC Sanctuary



- *Competent in Human Learning, sound in faith, and apt to teach.* A man who is called to serve as elder should have competent intellectual ability, so as to be able to judiciously assess arguments and arrive at sound decisions. He must especially be sound in his embrace of the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. Our church holds the *Westminster Standards* as the true summary of biblical doctrine, so an elder must sincerely uphold this confessional standard. During elder training, I will have gone entirely through the *Westminster Confession* and all candidates will have passed a written test in doctrine prepared and graded by me. Moreover, an elder should be able to teach the Bible and sound doctrine. This does not necessarily mean that he possesses impressive public speaking gifts – although this is certainly a plus for an elder – but that he can competently present the Bible’s doctrine and effectively refute errors.
- *Blameless in life, exhibiting a sobriety and holiness of life that becomes the Gospel.* This calls for both a negative and a positive evaluation. An elder should manage himself with self-control, having repented of serious sins and avoiding any behaviors that would scandalize the gospel and Christ’s church. This would include conduct, speech, and the way he treats people. A man who is harsh, worldly, divisive, or argumentative should not be called as an elder. Positively, an elder should exhibit a godliness that is worthy of emulation from others. Hebrews 13:7 exhorts us: “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith” (Heb. 13:7). These words should be able to be said of any men we call to the office of elder. This does not mean that they have to be perfect, but it does mean that their conduct, speech, and treatment of other people should cause praise to redound to God for the power of His gospel and should be a worthy example for other Christians to follow. The Session asked pointed questions about the nominees’ private life during their interview. But you should vote for a man you personally respect both for his blamelessness and his godliness.
- *Rule of his own house.* The Bible says that one way we should evaluate elder candidates is by considering the way they rule their own households. The logic is that “if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?” (1 Tim. 3:5). This does not call for the harassment of an elder candidates’ wife or children! Rather, it urges us to consider if these are families who are faithful Christians, active in the ministry of the church, promoting peace and godliness, and growing in the grace of the Lord. If an elder’s wife is not respectful of her husband, this does not argue well for his fitness. Likewise, an elder is to “keep his children submissive” (1 Tim. 3:4). This does not mean that



elders’ or pastors’ kids should never do anything wrong – we bear little sinners, not little angels! – and it does not warrant their harassment or excessive scrutiny being placed on them. Nor does it require for an elder candidates’ children to all be converted, since this is outside his control. But it does mean that the children of an elder candidate should be active and well-behaved within the church, and that they bear the marks of faithful, godly parenting in the candidate’s home.

- *Of good repute outside the church.* An elder should be respected in the world for integrity, faithfulness, and godliness. To be sure, many godly men will be hated by the world. But the way that elders conduct their public affairs should win general admiration. Likewise, a man who is engaged in public scandal in which he is at fault, whether moral or not, should not be made an elder in the church. Paul says, “He must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil” (1 Tim. 3:7).

I am quite sure that we have more than two men who meet these qualifications, which speaks to God’s blessing on our church. It is the Lord who provides leaders for His church, so we should pray for Him to provide according to His all-wise and omniscient counsel and for the Holy Spirit to indeed lead our congregation in this selection. Let me conclude with my personal thanks to all the men who were nominated and attended the elder training class. May each of them be blessed by knowing the esteem and affection of the people of God.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



SPC Bible Reading Plan

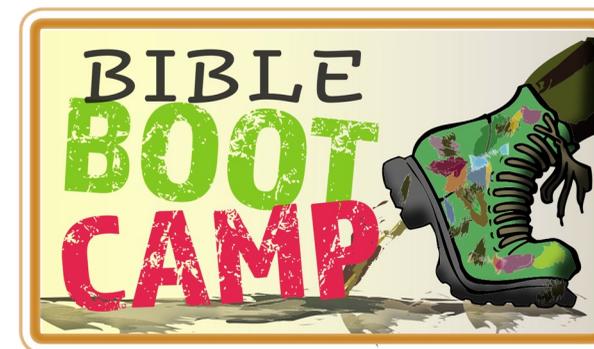
Below is the upcoming week’s schedule for the SPC Bible Reading Plan. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year.

May 23	2 Sam. 24; 1 Chr. 21-22; Ps. 30
May 24	Psalm 108-110
May 25	1 Chr. 23-25
May 26	Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145
May 27	1 Chr. 26-29; Psalm 127
May 28	Psalm 111-118
May 29	1 Kgs. 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, 94



VBS IS COMING!

July 11-15
K4 (completed) - 5th Grade
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



REGISTER NOW!!
spcgreenville.org/sign-ups
Call Jill Mann with questions: 864-895-3351

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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

Corner of River and Rhett

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Taken from a 1968 SPC newsletter.

NEVER

Never pass up the aisle during a prayer, special music, or the reading of the Scripture.

Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the building were on fire.

Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of the pew, and force others to climb over you. You are a worshipper and not "Horatius at the bridge".

ALWAYS

Always come early and take a seat near the front. This will help ushers to seat those who are unavoidably late.

Always treat strangers with the same courtesy you would a visitor in your home. Introduce yourself and invite them to meet the Pastor.

Always consider the comfort of others.

Always stay until after the benediction. Your engagement is not worth ruining the effect of the service for all present.

BE

Be devout in every attitude. The Church is not a theatre. You came to worship God and not to lounge, sleep or whisper.

Be considerate of the Minister. If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door.

REMEMBER

Remember at all times that you are in the House of God and act accordingly.

Remember it is important to leave reverently. Otherwise you lose the impression you want to keep.

~The Editor 

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

May 22, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE FIRST GOSPEL

Genesis 3:14-15

Hymns: 243, (647, 359), 196

Anthem: Be Thou My Vision

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THREE LOST TREASURES

Luke 15:1-32

Hymns: 508, 473, 348

Psalm 108 (verses 7-13)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Greenville, South Carolina

May 16, 2016

Letter from the Senior Minister Elder Election

This coming Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., we will hold a congregational meeting to elect two new elders to be ordained as members of our Session. The Session is the ruling body of a Presbyterian church, consisting of the elders of the church and exercising authority and oversight over the church. Second Presbyterian Church ordains its elders for life, which is the best expression of the Bible's teaching, which makes our election especially serious. I trust that upon receiving the slate of candidates the congregation will be praying for God's wisdom in your selection.

Let me recap the process that leads to the congregational vote on May 22. First, the Session voted to recommend to the congregation that two elders be selected. We therefore held a congregational meeting on December 13, 2015 when this recommendation was approved by the congregation. Next, the Session solicited nominations from the congregation from the list of men who met the basic eligibility requirements. These men were invited to attend an elders' training class that I have been conducting on Wednesday nights. We have had up to ten men attending this class, although not all have desired to be placed on the slate for election. This class has concluded with a written examination and a detailed personal examination before the Session, to ensure that all candidates meet the biblical requirements of 1 Timothy 3:1-1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. We have scheduled May 22, 2016 for the ordination of the new elders during our Lord's Day evening worship.

As we prepare for this significant occasion in our church life, I would like to remind you of the guidance in our denomination's *Book of Church Order*, which summarizes the Bible's teaching on the qualifications of elders. These are matters you should consider – not popularity or worldly attainments – when you vote to elect our new elders.