Church Calendar			
Sunday, June 5			
8:30 AM	MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE		
9:50 AM	Children's Chapel		
10:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th grade and under)		
10:00 AM	ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL		
	(7th grade and up)		
11:00 AM	MORNING WORSHIP		
5:30 PM	Season of Prayer in the Chapel		
6:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP		
Monday, June 6			
6:00 PM	Diaconate Meeting		
Tuesday, June 7			
10:00 AM	Narnia Book Club		
Wednesday,	June 8		
5:30 PM	Missions Committee Meeting		
5:30 PM	FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER		
6:00 PM	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting		
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, June 10			
12:00 PM	Men's Lunch and Bible Study		
Saturday, June 11			
10:00 AM	WIC Baby Shower for Nicole Laughter		

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 33:4-5

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

June 1	Called Session Meeting
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 12	Finance Committee Meeting
June 13-16	Calvary Home Mission Week
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

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 and/or give her a call.

Marian Wood

5 Creekbend Road Simpsonville, SC 29681 297-0783

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Ethan McConnell

Noah McConnell

Bill and Rebekah McDaniel

Missionary for the Week

Rev. and Mrs. David Ely RUF-Furman University

- Pray for our seniors, who graduated on May 7 as they move, start full-time work, begin graduate studies, get married or move back home for a short time.
- Pray for our returning student-leaders, who are looking forward to serving their fellow students and the Furman University campus through RUF.
- Pray for Mary Beth's mother, who has had stage 4 cancer for the past 6 years and whose tumors are growing rapidly in her body.
- Pray for our 2016 monthly support needs to help sustain Furman RUF on an on-going basis.
- Pray for perseverance and faithfulness.

Musical CAT Kids



Summer Musical CAT Kids began on Wednesday, May 25. We are meeting weekly from

6:30 until 7:25 pm in the choir room. Each week we 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. It's never too late.



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).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Sunday, June 19th

Immediately following the evening worship service.

Deacons will provide ice cream

Deacons will provide ice cream and toppings.

Summer Ice Cream Socials: June 19, July 17, August 21

Wednesday Activities Cancelled

The Wednesday night activities for <u>June 29th</u> have been cancelled due to our annual church picnic on July 2nd.

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
See inserted flyer for weekly schedule.

If you would like to purchase a book for \$13.00 go to www.spcgreenville.org/sign-ups

General Assembly

The 44th PCA General Assembly will be June 21-24 in Mobile, Alabama. Pastor Phillips, Pastor Cook, RE Duncan, RE Wills and RE Safford will be attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly by going to www.byfaithonline.com.

New Parking Tags

The new tags will be available for pickup in the gymnasium on Wednesday nights or in the church library on Sundays. Please stop by and get your new tag.

Lost and Found

This Wednesday, June 1, will be our Lost and Found monthly clean out. All items in the lost and found will be put out on tables in the gym to be claimed. All unclaimed items will be donated to Miracle Hill.

Family Night of Baseball



GREENVILLE DRIVE VS CHARLESTON

August 12th * 7:05 pm

\$10.00 per person (registration deadline: July 1st) www.spcgreenville.org/sign-ups



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.



MISSION

Pray and Give

PERU MISSIONS TEAM

Give online to team members (individual or team) spegreenville.org/GIVE

Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)

Church Picnic - July 2, 2016



Church Lawn and Gym Good Food * Great fellowship 6:00 PM

Deacons will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings. Families are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes and/or desserts.

Look forward to seeing you on July 2nd, rain or shine!



Service Project

June 13-16, 2016 Ages 8th grade and up No Cost

Anyone with contractor skills needed to help with the more technical work. Go online to register: spcgreenville.org/sign-ups

Contact Scott Cook (864-901-8320) with questions.



Christian soldiers. Even among believers, the long separations from families – in many cases, soldiers have now served three or four long combat tours – have pushed marriages to the breaking point. I could go on, but it is clear to me that our military families are more than ever in need of prayer and other support, especially the Christian soldiers and their families.

Shortly after my conversation with the pastor, I ran across a request for prayer on an internet site. It was written by a Green Beret captain who I had met during my visit to Ft. Bragg. In fact, I had dinner with him and his family a few weeks after his return from a second deployment to Afghanistan. This is a strong Christian family (he is a ruling elder in the PCA church there) with a devoted wife and several children. The strain on them was very clear two years ago, and since then the father (named Joe) has served another tour in the war. Here is a portion of his prayer request, which I think will give you a sense of the outstanding qualities of our Christian soldiers and their need for our prayer support.

Please pray that I will be a good witness to my fellow soldiers, and that I will quit myself like a man. That I will stand firm for Christ and not allow the horror of human suffering to cause me to 'shut down'. It is hard to explain, but the more death and destruction I see, the more I tend to become callous and uncaring, and there is plenty of both. Just pray that I would lean upon Christ, even when I am cut off from the means of grace for long periods of time, and that I would not cease to witness, even when it is unpopular. There are many Afghan interpreters who I talk with at length, and these are often great opportunities to share the Gospel.



At the end of his request, Joe acknowledges the real possibility of his death in battle and asks for prayer for his wife and children, that they would lean on the mercy of their loving heavenly Father.

Let's consider what we can do to minister to our fellow Christians who are bearing so great a burden for our sakes. At a minimum we can and must commit ourselves to prayer for our military, and especially for those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. I have sent a request to the pastor of the PCA church near Ft. Bragg to let us know practical ways we can help bear their burdens and I look forward to his response. Let's not go about our lives without a concern for those whose needs are so great and whose sacrifices make so important a difference for

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

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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

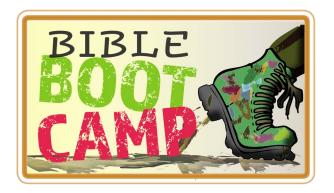
Below is the upcoming week's schedule for the SPC Bible Reading Plan. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year.

June 6	Proverbs 10-12
June 7	Proverbs 13-15
June 8	Proverbs 16-18
June 9	Proverbs 19-21
June 10	Proverbs 22-24
June 11	1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chr. 2-3
June 12	1 Kings 7; 2 Chr. 4



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

Corner of River and Rhett

John Newton on Pilgrim's Progress

If you are not convinced of sin, and led by the Spirit to seek Jesus, notwithstanding the notes, the Pilgrim will still be a riddle to you. A well-wisher to your soul assures you, that whether you know these things or not, they are important realities. The Pilgrim is a parable, but it has an interpretation in which you are nearly concerned. If you are living in sin, you are in the City of Destruction. O hear the warning voice! "Flee from the wrath to come." Pray that the eyes of your mind may be opened, then you will see your danger, and gladly follow the shining light of the word, till you enter by Christ, the straight gate, into the way of salvation. If death surprises you before you get into this road, you are lost forever.

If you are indeed asking the way to Zion with your face thitherward, I bid you good speed. Behold an open door is set before you, which none can shut. Yet prepare to endure hardship, for the way lies through many tribulations. There are hills and valleys to be passed, lions and dragons to be met with, but the Lord of the hill will guide and guard his people. "Put on the whole armor of God, fight the good fight of faith." Beware of the Flatterer. Beware of the Enchanted Ground. See the Land of Beulah, yea, the city of Jerusalem itself is before you:

There Jesus the forerunner waits.

To welcome travelers home.

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EVENING WORSHIP

McGoldrick preaching Psalm 109 (verses 13-20) Hymns: 296, 14, 598 James

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Letter from the Senior Minister Our Forgotten Christian Military Families

Several summers ago, I spoke at a conference at a PCA church outside Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, on the Christian view of war. Most of those attending were active duty soldiers, mainly Special Forces soldiers who had recently returned from combat in Afghanistan. It was a memorable experience for me, as I learned much about the current war and gained renewed appreciation for the nobility and valor of our fine soldiers. When I left, I was embarrassed by how little I think about the sacrifices of our soldiers and their families and how lightly their sufferings weigh upon my heart. My experience is that most of us think very little about those making such enormous sacrifices for us and that we do not bear them up in prayer as we should. This is particularly inexcusable for me, given that I know very well the sacrifices of military families during war, having been raised in a Vietnam era Army family, and that I served in the Army for thirteen years myself. I think the failure to spiritually support our military families is probably common among Christians today.

During a General Assembly several years ago, I spent some time with the pastor of the PCA church where I had spoken. He told me that in the two years since I had been there, the spiritual wear-and-tear of the war on military families has progressively grown worse. The experience of violent combat has wreaked emotional and spiritual havoc with many of the