

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, June 26

- 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 27

Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC  
(June 27-July 2)

### Tuesday, June 28

10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

### Wednesday, June 29

No Wednesday night activities

### Thursday, June 30

7:00 PM Summer with C. S. Lewis

### Friday, July 1

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

### Saturday, July 2

6:00 PM Church Picnic (church gym and grounds)

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:6-8

*This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

- June 20-24 General Assembly in Mobile AL
- June 27-July 2 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC
- June 29 No Wednesday night activities
- July 2 Church Picnic
- July 6 WIC Council
- July 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- July 6 Missions Committee Meeting
- July 9 WIC Shower for Amy Plourde
- July 9 VBS Workday
- July 10 Gideon Sunday
- July 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- July 11-15 Vacation Bible School
- July 11 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- July 13 No Wednesday night activities
- July 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- July 17 Ice Cream Social
- July 20 Administration Committee Meeting
- July 26 WIC Ladies Night Out
- July 27 CE Committee Meeting
- July 29 Sr. High at Frankie's Fun Park
- July 29 Peru Mission Trip (through August 6th)

## Upcoming Dates

- August 10 Musical CAT Kids Program
- August 21 Homemade Ice Cream Social
- August 24 CAT/Covenant Kids resume
- August 26 Sr. High @ Gravitopia
- August 28 Rally Day
- Oct. 14-16 Greenville Bible Conference**  
*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!! [www.spcgreenville.org](http://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.

**Lee Bailey**  
135 Mountain View Circle  
Greenville, SC 29609  
244-7480

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Kevin and Shannon Mobley**  
**Caroline, Mary Grace, Ellie, Samuel, Josiah,**  
**Providence, Levi, Anna Ruth**

**Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery**

**Robert Moore**

## Missionary for the Week

**Bill and Susan Carr**  
**Native American Ministry in Northern Minnesota**

Prayer Requests:

- We are traveling back to Bemidji near the end of June. Pray for safety as we travel 21+ hours with a U-Haul.
- Pray for planning and scheduling of both modules and instructors for this coming academic year.
- Pray for 10 new students and 3 returning students that God will give these students a sold-out heart for His glory.
- Pray for wisdom and harmony for the staff as plans are made and implemented for our students.
- We are still about \$300 per month short of our target support. Pray that this amount will come through.



### Showering with Love

The Women in the Church cordially invite you to a baby shower for

**Amy Plourde**

Saturday, July 9, 2016

10:00 - 11:30 am

Fellowship Hall



Amy is registered at:  
Buy Buy Baby & Target



### Summer with C.S. Lewis



College & 20's Class  
Thursdays during the months of  
June and July

7:00 pm in the Scout Hut

Taught by Scott Cook, Ethan McConnell,  
and Caleb Evans

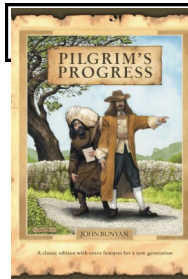
### General Assembly

The 44th PCA General Assembly will be June 20-24 in Mobile, Alabama. Pastor Phillips, RE Duncan, RE Wills and RE Safford are attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly on Facebook.

### 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.

**Wednesday Activities Cancelled:**  
**June 29th**  
**July 13th**



### All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan

10 am on Sundays in the sanctuary  
All Adults (7th grade and up)  
"The Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan

Sunday, June 26th  
"The Wicket-Gate"

Ezekiel Dean

In preparation for this week's lesson read pages 33-44.



### Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island June 27th - July 2nd

Speaker: Nathan Sasser  
"The Doctrine of God"

Chaperones: Scott and Christina Cook;  
Andi Scoggins; Joel Barnett (Cook)

Caleb Evans; Ethan McConnell

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

### Church Picnic - July 2, 2016



Church Lawn and Gym \* 6pm  
Good Food \* Great fellowship

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!

### Church Office Closed: Monday, July 4th

### 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](http://www.spcgreenville.org/sign-ups)

### Rivertree Singers Concert

The Rivertree Singers and Friends Choral Festival is performing Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo* (his largest work to date) on Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 pm at Rodeheaver Auditorium on the campus of BJU. This is an exciting 45-minute work featuring seven languages that takes musical ideas from across the globe and filters them through Dan's cinematic style to create a cohesive and compelling setting of Psalm 100. There will be 190 singers (including a 20-voice children's choir) on stage and a full orchestra of 45 players. Since the singers come from all over the US and beyond, the festival is an illustration of the concept for the work—people from across the globe joining together in a song of joy and praise. Individual tickets are \$12 (group sales option also for \$10 per ticket). You may purchase tickets at:

<http://buytickets.at/rivertreesingers/55917/r/group>

Come join us for an evening of celebratory praise.

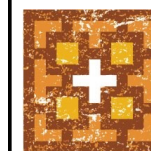
### Wedding

Ben Rainey and Ruth McLaughlin

June 25, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Bolton, MA

A live broadcast will be available at that time via their  
wedding website: [theknot.com/us/brrainey](http://theknot.com/us/brrainey)



**Pray and Give**  
**PERU MISSIONS TEAM**

Give online to team members  
(individual or team)

[spcgreenville.org/GIVE](http://spcgreenville.org/GIVE)

Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)

### July 4th Parking

If you are planning to come down to the church on July 4th to watch the fireworks, please reserve your parking space by **June 25th** by going online under sign-ups.



The atmosphere was unforgettable. The singing was amazing. Led mostly by black song leaders, large sections of the crowds became spontaneous choirs.

Like many others who gathered, I was deeply moved by a range of emotions. I wept over the sheer wickedness that would lead someone to walk into a prayer service and kill nine persons because of the color of their skin. I felt intense anger at the senseless taking of so many lives—siblings, parents, grandparents, pastors, friends. Mostly, though, I was overcome with a sense of Christ-centered hope as I joined hands with black and white brothers and sisters, rejoicing that in Christ we are one body (Eph. 4:1-16) and that nothing—not even horrific acts of terror—can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39). Indeed, together we celebrated through song and prayer the glorious promise that “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed” (Rom. 8:18).

### Deep Gospel Seeds

As a church-planting pastor in Charleston, I heard from many friends and acquaintances during this difficult time. They wanted us to know they were praying for our beloved city. Many expressed amazement at the way our community responded in the wake of this tragedy—especially in what was, in antebellum times, the chief gateway of the Southern slave trade. Why didn't this nefarious provocation elicit the desired race war? Why, instead, as one black brother in Christ shared with me in front of Emanuel AME, did it trigger a *grace war*—a war in which love conquers hate?

Surely Charleston's rich heritage of gospel ministry has something to do with it. From its founding in 1670, the gospel of Jesus has been trumpeted from countless pulpits. During colonial times Charleston was one of few towns to tolerate Protestant churches of differing stripes. French Huguenots, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and Congregationalists were all represented in the city from its earliest years. Emanuel AME has existed since 1816. Some of these historic churches continue to faithfully preach the gospel today, as do many newer congregations. Gospel seeds have been planted in Charleston soil for centuries.

### Good Out of Evil

In addition to Charleston's rich gospel heritage, and the staggering display of forgiveness by the victims' families, last year's unsuccessful attempt to incite a race war owes to God's mysterious way of bringing good out of what man purposes for evil (cf. Gen. 50:15-21; Rom. 8:28). Indeed, the Lord overrules evil for his glory.

In the hours following the shootings, no one would've thought anything good could come of it. But God's ways are higher than ours. He



takes the vilest offenses and employs them to serve his purposes. He brings forth beauty from ashes. In the face of one of the worst atrocities in our nation's history, God magnified the power of the gospel. Moreover, he fostered a greater resolve to love one another across racial divides.

God's love and truth prevail in the hour of darkness. And is there any greater example of this work than Calvary?

Many of Jesus's followers thought, *What good could come of him being mocked, beaten, scorned, and nailed to a wooden cross? Surely nothing* (see Mark 8:31-33; Luke 24:13-27). But through his substitutionary, wrath-bearing death, Christ purchased redemption for sinners. The worst crime in history—the unlawful trial and murder of the Son of God—was ordained by God himself to bring salvation to the world (cf. Acts 2:22-24).

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways” (Rom. 11:33).

### Fullness of Joy Forever

One year ago today, nine worshipers were ushered from Emanuel AME's historic sanctuary to heaven's eternal sanctuary (2 Cor. 5:8). Now in the presence of God, they would never choose to return. Our brothers and sisters now possess the fullness of joy.

The deaths of the Emanuel Nine were not in vain. On this solemn day of remembrance, then, let us remember the lives that were lost—Clementa Pinckney (41), Cynthia Hurd (54), Sharonda Coleman-Singleton (45), Tywanza Sanders (26), Ethel Lance (70), Susie Jackson (87), Depayne Middleton Doctor (49), Daniel Simmons (74), and Myra Thompson (59). Let us pray for divine comfort for those family members and friends who continue to mourn their deaths. Let us pray and work for the eradication of racism from our hearts, churches, and communities. And let us rejoice that God's grace often shines brightest when circumstances are most dark.

*Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.  
— William H. Monk (1875)*

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## 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 27 | 1 Kings 17-19         |
| June 28 | 1 Kings 20-21         |
| June 29 | 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr. 18 |
| June 30 | 2 Chr. 19-23          |
| July 1  | Obad. 1; Psalm 82-83  |
| July 2  | 2 Kings 1-4           |
| July 3  | 2 Kings 5-8           |



### VBS IS COMING!

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



**REGISTER NOW!!**  
**[spcgreenville.org/sign-ups](http://spcgreenville.org/sign-ups)**  
**Call Jill Mann with questions: 864-895-3351**



Corner of River and Rhett

**MISSION TO MAIN STREET REPORT**  
Thursday evening, June 9, 2016

Among those who would talk with us, we shared the E.E. gospel presentation many times. We met strong believers from different denominations and those who attend church but had trouble clearly articulating faith in Christ alone, yet agreed with what we quoted them from the Bible. We handed out many pamphlets and invited many to our church. One young single woman claimed to have been saved as a child, but has not attended church for a long time. She lacked a clear understanding of grace and the gospel. After listening to the presentation, she prayed with us to receive, by faith alone, the free gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. She was invited to church, and we sent her a follow-up letter. Another young woman said she attends a Pentecostal church, but was very confused about the gospel. She listened attentively to the entire E.E. presentation, and was eager to pray with us to receive eternal life through faith in Christ alone. She said that although she loved her church, she had not heard grace explained that clearly there. Consequently we gave her reading materials and invited her to visit SPC. While we were talking to her, a middle-aged man butted in, wanting to know what was going on. He has been attending a Seventh Day Adventist church, after spending time in a Messianic congregation. He told us his assurance of heaven is based on "Jesus Christ and keeping the fourth commandment." We gave him some verses to challenge his thinking about the valid uses of the law of God rather than as a basis for one's standing with God. Seeing a fountain nearby, we talked about the woman at the well in John 4, how the law came through Moses but truth and grace through Jesus Christ, and how He is our law-keeper and the end of the law for righteousness to all who believe. We held his hands and prayed God would give him the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. He said he might come visit us some Sunday.

**Mission to Main Street is a ministry of the Evangelism Committee. If you are interested in participating see RE Ken Saford.**



~The Editor 

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY**

June 26, 2016

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 & 11:00

**EAST OF EDEN**

Genesis 3:22-24

Hymns: 255, 91, 631

Anthem: Shout the Glad Tidings  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 PM

**BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM**

John 8:54-59

Hymns: 76, 103, 163

Psalm 111 (verses 1-4)

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching



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Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
Greenville, South Carolina

June 20, 2016

**Letter from Jon Payne  
South Carolina Strong**

It happened one year ago today.

Dozens of gunshots rang out in the historic sanctuary of Emanuel AME Church during a midweek prayer meeting. It was six minutes of unmitigated terror that claimed the lives of nine people and elicited a collective gasp from around the world. The shooter was an angry young racist who desired to stir up hatred and ignite a race war.

He failed. Why?

**Deep Gospel Unity**

Just two days after the grisly murders, family and friends of five of the victims gathered at the Charleston County Courthouse (one block from our church offices) for the bond hearing. The hearing provided an opportunity to speak directly to the killer. To everyone's astonishment, one by one the victims' family members stood and expressed forgiveness. One by one they graciously conveyed that they were praying for him. Like millions of others, I was amazed at this authentic display of gospel fruit. Rather than respond with hate, they resolved to respond with love. Their words of forgiveness rang infinitely louder than the murderous gunshots two days before. Their courageous response sparked a public display of love and unity across racial lines as perhaps never seen before in Charleston.

In the days following the shooting, thousands of people—black and white—gathered in loving solidarity at the foot of "Mother" Emanuel. Due to the large crowds, law enforcement blocked off a considerable section of Calhoun Street. Surprisingly, there were no protesters or angry speeches; no riots or vandals. Other parts of the country have experienced these kinds of hostilities in the aftermath of racial violence. But not Charleston.

By God's grace, what filled the streets near Emanuel AME were persons from different backgrounds gathering in loving solidarity to make beautiful music, sing gospel praise, and offer earnest prayers.