

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 3

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, July 4

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

Wednesday, July 6

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 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

Thursday, July 7

6:00 PM Mission to Main Street
 7:00 PM Summer with C. S. Lewis

Friday, July 8

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, July 9

9:00 AM VBS Workday
 10:00 AM WIC Baby Shower for Amy Plourde

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:9-10

*Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints,
 for those who fear Him have no lack!*

*The young lions suffer want and hunger;
 but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

June 27-July 2 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC
 June 29 No Wednesday night activities
 July 2 Church Picnic
 July 4 Church Office Closed
 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 23 Calvary Presbytery—Woodruff Rd. PCA
 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

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Rubye Benchoff
 304 Dupont Drive
 Greenville, SC 29607

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Steve Moore

Mike and Linda Morgan
Michael and Katy

Barry and Liz Myers

Missionary for the Week

Rev. and Mrs. John Boyte
RUF-Anderson University

Urgent Support Needs

RUF at Anderson is support-based. We need individuals and families to partner with RUF in giving. Specifically our summer goals are to raise \$1,800 per month in partnership support. While consistent monthly support is our main goal, one-time gifts are very much needed. All gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted. There are many ways to give. Visit www.ruf.org or call (678) 825-1086. Our mailing address is Reformed University Fellowship, Donor Processing, P. O. Box 890004, Charlotte, NC 28289. Please make checks payable to RUF and note on the memo line—AU RUF— John Boyte, Jr.

Thank you for your support. jboyte@ruf.org/103 Wiltshire Ct., Anderson, SC 29621.



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

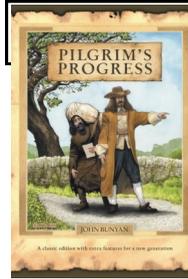
Wednesday Activities Cancelled: June 29th July 13th

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.

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.



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, July 3

"The Palace Beautiful"

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

In preparation for this week's lesson read pages 45-62.



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**)

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Mission to Main Street Report

Thursday, June 16

We talked to quite a few church-going people who were not ready with clear answers to our questions. One man said he was confident of eternal life because he "loved everybody." We would go through the gospel, and by the end they were assenting that it's what they believed about eternal life. We handed out gospel pamphlets, a fulfilled prophecy handout to someone who brought that up, and told many about SPC. Two women at the entrance to Falls Park gave us strong answers while their German shepherd cooled herself in the fountain. When we asked them if they thought telling people about eternal life was one of the main purposes of a church, they pointed upwards and said, "the ONLY purpose." One man said he was a "Hindu" and that all religions are "fingers on the same hand." He said if he died he'd tell God he expected eternal life "because you love me." An Episcopalian said everyone has their faults, but he was "good enough" for heaven; his sins were "mistakes" from which he has been "rehabilitated." He did listen to the gospel, and gave contact info with which we plan to follow up. Two young women listened to the gospel but said they didn't want to pray with us (but might pray later in private.) We gave them pamphlets and invited them to Second. Then a group of seven Hispanic youths listened and took copies of our Spanish language gospel tract. An unusual encounter was with a young couple strolling by holding hands, obviously on a date. The girl, a decided agnostic, brushed aside our questions, but gaped in amazement as her boyfriend proceeded to make a defense of his Roman Catholicism. (Clearly the two had not yet discussed religion.) He said his church did not really tell people how to find eternal life, and he personally was not much interested. When he asked who we "worked for," and we said "the Lord Jesus Christ," he grasped that we were Protestants. When we handed him a pamphlet about how Catholics can have assurance of eternal life, he took umbrage that we could presume to tell a Catholic anything. He kept pointing to the word "Catholic" in the title, and sadly our conversation became an argument. They stormed off, but with the pamphlet. We wonder what they talked about. May God open their eyes! Another church-going Catholic said she didn't really believe the Bible was divinely inspired. We started telling her what the Bible she rejects says about eternal life, and she seemed to have some interest, but "no time" to pray. Before she rushed off she did accept our church card and a copy of the pamphlet for Catholics that offended the other man.



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



Bible sanctions racial segregation and discourages inter-racial marriage; the participation in and defense of white supremacist organizations; and the failure to live out the gospel imperative that “love does no wrong to a neighbor” (Romans 13:10).

The statement goes on to commit our churches to “strive towards racial reconciliation for the advancement of the gospel, the love of Christ, and the glory of God.” (For the full text, see: <http://byfaithonline.com/ga-approves-amended-overture-43-on-racial-reconciliation/>).

Let me address a number of questions that may be raised about this statement:

Q: Is it true that the PCA has committed sins of racism?

A: The most significant racial sins referenced by this overture were committed by many of the churches that were instrumental in founding the PCA. The historical record sadly records that the very sins listed above were committed by some of our founding churches: African-Americans were barred from membership, black youths were restricted from church camps, unbiblical statements were made in support of continued segregation, etc.

Q: Why should we confess sins that we ourselves have not committed and which took place before our denomination was even founded (1973)?

A: Historical records show that the movement of conservative Southern churches that resulted in the founding of our denomination included leading churches with racist policies. It is fruitless to argue that these churches have nothing to do with our denomination or its history. Moreover, the Bible provides many examples (esp. Daniel 9 and Ezra 9-10) of corporate confession and repentance for past sins committed by the church body. African American Christians, including many currently in or considering joining our denomination, are hurt and grieved by the record of these sins. Christian grace and truth requires us to apologize, owning these corporate, historical sins, condemning them, and calling for repentance.

Q: Does Second Presbyterian Church have a record of racism in its past?

A: The record of our Session minutes provides no evidence of racist statements, actions, or policies. In preparing for the General Assembly, I asked our church administrator to examine the Session minutes from the late 50’s through the 60’s. Only two records have any bearing on this subject during all that time.



1. A Session meeting took place on the evening of September 9, 1960. That coming Lord’s Day a protest was scheduled by African Americans, who had declared their intention to “crash” prominent white churches in Greenville. The elders of Second deliberated the need for our deacons to be prepared in the case of a public disturbance. They also approved a motion insisting that African Americans were welcome and would not be kept in any way from joining the worship of this church. (I note the date of this meeting, since another event took place that night – I was born 436 miles away in Virginia!).

2. Some years later, a request was made by a group of members to distribute literature which the elders deemed to be racist in content. The elders voted to bar this literature from being distributed and forbade any public meeting by the group.

Q: Does this mean that our church has no racial sins to confess and repent? It is hard to imagine that members of our church in the 1950’s and 60’s would have been immune from racist attitudes and actions, as they were widely spread throughout Southern culture at that time. The very fact that at least some members had sought to distribute material of a racially sinful nature indicates that we were not free from this problem. At the same time, many noble acts and courageous stands against racism have been taken by the leaders and members of our church. On the whole, we should all be grieved to know how these kinds of sins have hurt our brothers and sisters, should whole-heartedly condemn this racist past, and eagerly pray for God to advance the gospel and promote unity and love among all believers.

Q: What can we do to respond to our denomination’s call to promote racial reconciliation in the future?

A: Our church exists in a culture that involves a high degree of racial social separation. This context will greatly shape the demographics of those who attend our church, which is why we are not highly integrated racially. In my view, we should not seek directly to shape our racial composition. Rather, we should preach God’s Word and love the Lord and his people. Of course, we will seize every opportunity to make a positive contribution to racial unity. Along these lines, our warm relationship with Mountainview Baptist Church is both a statement and an asset. I pray especially that the Lord will strengthen our ties with that congregation, so that we might mutually benefit one another and display true unity in the Spirit of Christ.

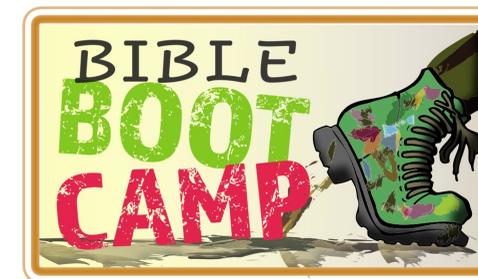
May the Lord bless you all this week.
In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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.

July 4	2 Kings 9-11
July 5	2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chr. 24
July 6	2 Kings 14; 2 Chr. 25
July 7	Jonah 1-4
July 8	2 Kings 15; 2 Chr. 26
July 9	Isaiah 1-4
July 10	Isaiah 5-8



REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

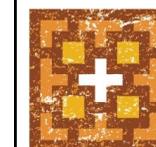
July 11-15

K4 (completed) - 5th Grade

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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Call Jill Mann with questions: 864-895-3351



PERU MISSION

Pray and Give
PERU MISSIONS TEAM

Give online to team members
(individual or team)

spcgreenville.org/GIVE

Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)

Corner of River and Rhett



On Wednesday afternoon the 44th General Assembly approved a new logo for the PCA. The logo was developed by Beaver Design Group, which initially developed nine options. According to Steve Beaver, the logos were evaluated using national surveys as well as four focus groups held around the country.

The initial group of options, Beaver explained to the Assembly, was sifted to two finalists which were presented to the Assembly. In focus groups, the winning design was described by respondents as:

- “Cross and the Word”
- “Centrality and Authority of Scriptures”
- “PCA Values”
- “Christ, the Word, and the World”
- “Memorable, appropriate, timeless – reflects history and values”
- “Tells who we are and what we believe”
- “Firm foundation”

The logo was the work of designer Matt Smartt, who is the son of one of the PCA’s founders, Kennedy Smartt.

From By Faith Magazine

The logo is said to visualize the unofficial motto of the PCA since 1973:

Faithful to the Scriptures
True to the Reformed Faith
Obedient to the Great Commission



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD’S DAY

July 3, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

CAIN AND ABEL

Genesis 4:1-5

Hymns: 599, 88, 461

Anthem: Plenty Good Room!

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

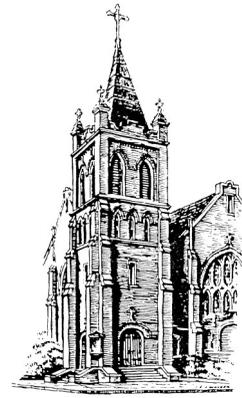
THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

Luke 18:9-14

Hymns: 512, 81, 499

Psalm 111 (verses 5-10)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister Racial Reconciliation at the 44th General Assembly

Last week I had the privilege of serving as a commissioner to the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), together with ruling elders Ken Safford and Mel Duncan. I also represented Calvary Presbytery as a member of the Overtures Committee, which has the important work of considering and presenting the various overtures sent to the general assembly by the 89 presbyteries of our denomination. Thank you all for your prayers for me, our elders, and the other commissioners who gathered in Mobile, Alabama.

The most notable issue heading into the assembly was the widespread desire for the PCA publicly to apologize and repent for sins of racism that had been committed primarily during the years of the Civil Rights Movement (1960’s) but also afterwards. During the last year, the subject has been often discussed. I wrote a number of articles about the matter and had been asked to address one presbytery (Central Georgia) to help them think through the matter. Our own Session drafted an overture on this subject, and it appeared at the assembly having been approved by Northern Florida Presbytery. Altogether, over forty overtures were sent by presbyteries calling on the general assembly to speak to racial reconciliation.

By an overwhelming vote on Wednesday, June 21, the assembly approved Overture 43, submitted by Potomac Presbytery and amended by the Overtures Committee. Its key statement reads as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, that the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America does recognize, confess, condemn and repent of corporate and historical sins, including those committed during the Civil Rights era, and continuing racial sins of ourselves and our fathers such as the segregation of worshipers by race; the exclusion of persons from Church membership on the basis of race; the exclusion of churches, or elders, from membership in the Presbyteries on the basis of race; the teaching that the