

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 10

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**  
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, July 11

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School  
**Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting**  
 6:00 PM-supper; 7:00 PM-meeting

### Tuesday, July 12

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday, July 13

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School  
**No Wednesday evening activities**

### Thursday, July 14

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School  
 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street  
 7:00 PM Summer with C. S. Lewis

### Friday, July 15

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:15-17

*The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

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](http://www.spcgreenville.org)*

## 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.

**Woody and Georgie Campbell**  
 27 Riverview Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29611  
 269-4400

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Katie Spears Norris**  
**Bill and Sue O'Brien**  
**Ernest Ray and Lynne Ouzts**

## Missionary for the Week

**Becky White**  
**Christ's College - Taiwan**

### Prayer Requests:

- **More Students** – Please pray for the recruitment & retention of students from Taiwan and other countries.
- **Summer Schedules** – Pray for students as they experience summer mission trips, part-time jobs, and extra family responsibilities. Pray for times of refreshing, for catching-up in many areas, and for renewed class preparation.
- **Missionaries on HMA** – Pray for two MTW missionary families who are beginning one semester HMAs: **Joe & Ann Lyle, and Jonathan & Kathleen Shumate**. Also for **Quentin & Karen Nantz** with a summer HMA. Pray for good travel, fund-raising, refreshment, and recruitment of the next generation of missionaries.
- **Other English major needs:** Pray for a visa for **Hannah Mei**, a direct-hire teacher. Please also pray for a long-term English major chairperson.
- **Leadership** – Please continue to pray for wisdom & discernment for each administrator & the board.



### 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

### Wednesday Activities Cancelled: July 13th



### Ice Cream Social

July 17th  
immediately following  
the evening worship service.



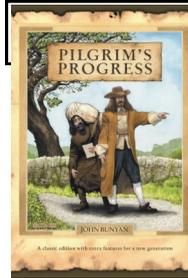
### Narnia "Movie Morning"

On Tuesday, July 19th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall the Narnia Book Club will be viewing the movie "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Come join us.



### WIC Adult Ladies' Night Out

Mark Your Calendars  
Tuesday, July 26th @ 6pm  
Meet @ Red Bowl Asian Bistro  
Please RSVP  
Alice Barnett (864-906-0166)



### 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 10  
"Apollyon"

RE Melton L. Duncan

In preparation for this week's lesson read pages 63-72.

### Treasurer's Report

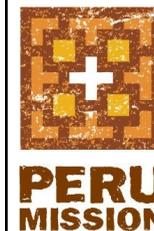
#### JUNE 2016 & YTD

	Actual		
	June 2016	YTD 2016	YTD Budget
Offerings	90,828	574,264	686,500
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	88,941	545,982	597,385
Mission	37,970	82,277	89,115
Total Outlays	126,911	628,259	686,500
Net Offerings	(36,083)	(53,995)	

- Contributions in June 2016 were \$90,828 versus budget of \$114,417.
- Contributions for June 2015 were \$116,699.
- YTD contributions are behind budget by \$112,236 and behind 6 months 2015 by \$81,799.
- Operating expenses for June 2016 were \$88,941 versus the budget of \$99,564.
- Missions and Benevolences for the second quarter were paid in June in the amount of \$37,970.
- YTD expenses exceed contributions by \$53,995.
- 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.

### Gideon Sunday

This Lord's Day we have the pleasure of having a Gideon speaker immediately following the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices. Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others. For this reason, the Gideons focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies of God's Word are printed in more than 90 languages and are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people, who may be searching for answers, will have the ability to encounter the Word of God.



**Pray and Give**  
PERU MISSIONS TEAM  
Give online to team members  
(individual or team)  
spcgreenville.org/GIVE  
Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)



What are some guidelines based on biblical teaching that can help us to embrace a biblical idea of patriotism? First, let me point out patriotic views and attitudes that Christians must reject:

- *Christians must reject a longing for national preeminence and power.* How well I remember the fiery passion of my youth, determined that America would be first in all things. As a Christian, I no longer crave earthly glory for my nation, but rather God's blessing. As a Christian I embrace the principle of Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."
- *Christians do not accept the statement: "My Nation, Right or Wrong."* A disciple of Christ must be loyal to God and his commands, even if it means speaking against his or her nation. As a Christian, I am horrified by sins widely embraced in America and consider it my duty to oppose in lawful ways the wide range of evil that increasingly dominates our culture. As a servant of Christ I am appalled both by the empty materialistic idolatry that often attaches itself to the political right and even more so by the pagan evil espoused by the political left. In any case, my desire is for our political leaders to appeal to God's Word as our founding fathers so often did.
- *Christians are not nationalists who despise rival nations.* As a believer in Jesus, I look on Christians of all races, tongues, and nations as brothers in Christ, and I consider non-Christians of all nations as fellow sinners in need of my loving witness to the gospel. My chief desire as a believer is that stated in Psalm 67:3, "O God, let all the peoples praise you!"

Based on the above principles, there are some people who would say that Christians have abandoned patriotism altogether. This is not true, however. Christians should not turn a cold heart away from their nation. In fact, celebrations like those of Independence Day provide a good start for developing a Christian patriotism:

- *July 4 reminds us that we are part of a nation, with a great history, wonderful privileges, and important responsibilities.* We are all indebted under God's grace to the sacrifices of others and in God's providence we are part of a great historical legacy of freedom and blessing that is worth celebrating. Recognizing our debt to prior generations and the blessings we have received as Americans should produce gratitude to God – a gratitude that serves as a good basis for Christian patriotism.
- *July 4 reminds us that God has sovereignly placed us in this land and under this government.* I praise God to be an American,



precisely because of what Independence Day represents. As I have traveled on other continents and had personal interactions with government tyranny and injustice, I have learned once more to bless the sight of an American flag. Yes, Christians should frankly admit and oppose the evils of our nation, but we should not fail to be grateful for the many good things our country does and represents. Moreover, when Romans 13:1-7 commands us to honor and obey civil authorities, Christians should do so from the heart, with love and fervor for the blessings of the land in which God has placed us and with sincere loyalty to all public servants who are seeking to do good.

- *July 4 reminds us to play our part today in the civil life of our nation.* When God addressed the Jewish exiles living in Babylon, he told them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf" (Jer. 29:7). Christians rightly think of any earthly home as a sort of exile, longing to arrive in the kingdom of glory with God. But we should be involved in the society and life of the land in which we are living. This means that we should be civic-minded as a church and as believers, exercising all kinds of gifts and opportunities to be a blessing to the nation and city in which we are living. In America, this calling involves participation in the political process, opposing evil, and promoting truth and righteousness. Especially when there are political leaders who openly seek a biblical agenda of godliness and civil well-being, they deserve the special support and prayers of God's people.

So maybe Christians can be patriots after all! Indeed, we can be, and we should celebrate our national heritage with thanks to God and with prayers for renewed faith and needed repentance. In fact, the best kind of Christian patriotism is that which offers a loving witness to the Savior, the great King Jesus Christ, who alone can give true freedom to anyone.

May God bless you and may God bless America,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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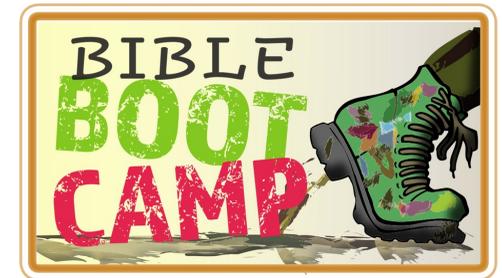
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## SPC Bible Reading Plan

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.

July 11	Amos 1-5
July 12	Amos 6-9
July 13	2 Chr. 27; Isaiah 9-12
July 14	Micah 1-7
July 15	2 Chr. 28; 2 Kings 16-17
July 16	Isaiah 13-17
July 17	Isaiah 18-22



**REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!**

**July 11-15**

**K4 (completed) - 5th Grade**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**[spcgreenville.org/sign-ups](http://spcgreenville.org/sign-ups)**

**Call Jill Mann with questions: 864-895-3351**

### VBS Workday

There will be a VBS Workday on Saturday, July 9, 9 am-12 noon. We are asking all VBS volunteers and workers to help us prepare the church for VBS week. If you have any questions please contact Jill Mann.

## Corner of River and Rhett

### NEW SPC PHONE SYSTEM

The Church has recently upgraded its phone system and established new extensions for staff members & general information. If you wish to reach a staff member dial the main number and then the new extension number.

864-232-7621... staff extension:  
101 – Judy Grant, Richard Phillips  
102 – Melton Duncan  
104 – Jane Warner  
105 – Verlyn Smoker  
106 – Scott Cook  
107 – Nate Johnson

864-232-7621...information extension:  
Church Information 1  
Directions 2  
Members in Hospital Information 3  
Upcoming Events 4  
Church Staff Directory 5  
Weekly Activities 6  
Monthly Activities 7

The Church also has a new Fax number: (888) 511-1949  
Email the Church office: [info@spcgreenville.org](mailto:info@spcgreenville.org)  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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~The Editor



### The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

July 10, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00

#### THE MARK OF CAIN

Genesis 4:6-16

Hymns: 99, 78, 254

Anthem: Brother James' Air

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

#### THE RETURNING KING

Luke 19:11-27

Hymns: 100, 322, 319

Psalms 112

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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### Letter from the Senior Minister Christian Patriotism

On July 4, our nation celebrated its independence with waving flags, picnics, and parades. Some churches deck their sanctuary with red, white, and blue, and devote the worship service to the honor of the state. Other Christians virtually ignore this or any other national holiday. This raises the question, "How does Christianity tell us to think about patriotism?"

This question is quite personal for me, since I grew up in an intensely patriotic family. Patriotic holidays were solemn occasions and the national anthem and flag were regarded as holy objects of veneration. In many respects, my childhood was probably not typical of others', since I was raised on Army posts during a war. My childhood virtually coincides with the Vietnam War, a conflict which twice took my father away for a year and cast its shadow over our lives, both for good and for ill. My father returned from Vietnam, but many of my boyhood friends' dads did not. I would guess that I attended more funerals by the age of ten than most people do in a lifetime. As a result, these formative years instilled in me an intense patriotism, which played no small part in leading me into a military career like my father and grandfather before me. I was commissioned on Memorial Day, a time when I was always proud to be an American, and grateful for those who laid down their lives for us all.

Another way in which I am probably not typical is that my conversion to faith in Jesus Christ, which occurred when I was 30 years old, required me immediately to recast my ideas of patriotism. At first, I was tempted to reject the idea of patriotism altogether, since I had been transferred out of the world into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. However, even though my relationship with Jesus greatly altered my attitude towards flag and country, I soon realized that there is a Christian patriotism that believers should feel towards their country.