

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 31

- 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 High School Youth Dinner

Monday, August 1

- 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, August 2

- 10:00 AM Narnia Book Club
- 7:00 PM Open Gym Volleyball Night

Wednesday, August 3

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
- 6:45 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

Thursday, August 4

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, August 5

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 37:39-40

*The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
The LORD helps them and delivers them;
He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in Him. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- July 27 CE Committee Meeting
- July 27 Administration Committee Meeting
- July 29 Sr. High at Frankie's Fun Park
- July 29 Peru Mission Trip (through August 6th)
- July 31 High School Youth Dinner
- August 1 Diaconate Meeting
- August 2 Open Gym Volleyball Night
- August 3 WIC Council
- August 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- August 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- August 8 Session Meeting
- August 9 WIC Circles
- August 10 Missions Committee Meeting
- August 10 Musical CAT Kids Program
- August 12 Family Night of Baseball
- August 14 Finance Committee Meeting
- August 17 Administration Committee Meeting
- August 21 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- August 21 Homemade Ice Cream Social
- August 24 CE Committee Meeting
- August 24 CAT/Covenant Kids resume
- August 26 Sr. High at Gravitopia
- August 27 WIC Annual Meeting
- August 28 Rally Day
- August 28 Installation of WIC Officers

New SPC Phone Extensions

- 101 – Judy Grant, Richard Phillips
- 102 – Melton Duncan
- 104 – Jane Warner
- 105 – Verlyn Smoker
- 106 – Scott Cook
- 107 – Nate Johnson

Remembering One Another

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

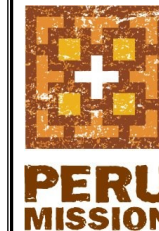
Florence Dickerson
The Haven
355 Berkman's Lane, Room 203-B
Greenville, SC 29605

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Steve and Sheryl Plating
Hugh and Cyndi Player
Spencer and Maria Player

Missionary for the Week



Pray and Give
PERU MISSIONS TEAM
July 29th - August 6th

Give online to team members
(individual or team)
spcgreenville.org/GIVE
Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)

Second Presbyterian

Elizabeth Madrid (Leader)
Steve Moore (Co-Leader)
John Smoker
Olivia Angell
Aaron Angell
Christina Bianchi
John Atwood
Audra Atwood
Lindsay Vanderwey

Hartsville Presbyterian

Martin Driggers
Scott Driggers
West Driggers
Kristin Walker

Mint Hill Presbyterian

Richard Brueck
Marilyn Haynes
Rachel Haynes
Malcolm Moore
Judy Moore

Colleyville Presbyterian

Bob Peck



**Sr. High Outing
Frankie's Fun Park
Friday, July 29th
6:00-9:00 pm**

Open Gym Volleyball Night



Tuesday, August 2nd
7pm - 9pm
High School Age and up
No Nursery

Children are welcome to come and play 4-square outside or to cheer their parents on in their athletic endeavors.

Musical CAT Kids Program

Wednesday, August 10th
Supper: 5:30 pm; Program: 7:00 pm
Come see what our covenant kids have learned this summer.
Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resume Wednesday, August 24th.

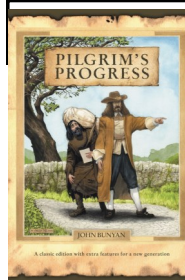
Family Night of Baseball



GREENVILLE DRIVE
VS
CHARLESTON
August 12th * 7:05 pm



**RALLY DAY
Sunday, August 28
10:00 am
Church Sanctuary**



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 31
"Giant Despair"

Mr. Nathan Sasser

In preparation for this week's lesson read pages 107-126.

WIC Annual Meeting



All college-age and above ladies in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Saturday, August 27
Fellowship Hall
10:00 am

Agenda:
Election of Officers
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities
Recognition of New Members
Refreshments will be served.

Contact Laurie Farley (864-918-9186) or
Rebekah Johnson (864-430-3408)
if you have any questions.

"Make-up Picture" Sunday

We are going to hold another "Make-up Picture" Sunday on July 31st, 10am-10:30am and 12:30pm-1:00pm. If you need to have a new picture for the online directory and the picture directory please contact John Smoker at jsmoker@spcgreenville.org. We encourage everyone who needs to have their picture updated to participate.

Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Mr. John Hook who went home to be with the Lord on July 22, 2016. We are thankful for the life and service of John and our prayers are with Margaret and the family during this time of loss and grief.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."



Boot Camp Survivors!

In our VBS *Bible Boot Camp*, the recruits (children) trained to utilize the armor of God in the battles of this world. Our church is blessed with many gifted people who willingly and joyfully use their talents in the work of God's Kingdom. We send a heartfelt THANK YOU to each one of the following who made our VBS possible. Thank you also to the WIC Circles for providing delicious refreshments for our workers all week.

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| Mott Altman | Isaac Maralit | Katie Preston |
| Olivia Angell | Noah Maralit | Kim Robertson |
| Alice Barnett | Leslie Martin | Grace Schvaneveldt |
| Dillon Caldwell | Ross Martin | James Schvaneveldt |
| Scott Cook | Haley Maycock | Lori Schvaneveldt |
| Ashley Crunk | Ethan McConnell | Sophie Scott |
| Lindsay Duncan | Noah McConnell | Emma Smoker |
| Lynda Duncan | Caroline Mobley | John Smoker |
| Shirley Duncan | Sue O'Brien | Kelli Smoker |
| Caleb Evans | Dean Pennington | Mark Smoker |
| Janet Godwin | Jean Pennington | Karrissa Spell |
| Jan Hu | Jennifer Pennington | Caroline Therrell |
| Nathaniel Johnson | Robert Pennington | Charlotte Therrell |
| Janice Leathers | Ellie Phillips | Aaron Vanderwey |
| Jill Mann | Hannah Phillips | Lindsay Vanderwey |
| Addison Maralit | Jonathan Phillips | Tammy Vanderwey |
| Ashley Maralit | Lydia Phillips | Tammy Welker |

The VBS mission project was to collect funds for our missions effort in Costa Rica. June Gallman teaches women in prison academics and life skills as well as spiritual lessons. Their transition into life outside of prison is difficult. The Lord has enabled June to purchase a home which she intends to use to help with this transition. Its size is sufficient to house several of these women with their children from the time of their release from prison until they can obtain suitable housing. June has purchased bunk beds, and our recruits raised more than \$600 to fully fund the purchase of bed linens, pillows and blankets for all these beds. We praise God for this generous offering!



Fast forward a few hundred years to the seventh from Adam in the line of Cain, Lamech and his three sons. Here we see how secular culture is fixated on the sensual and worldly, with no concern for godly spirituality. Genesis gives the names of Lamech's two wives (imagine that - a reinvention of marriage!) and his daughter. Without giving the details, they all refer to the beauty and sex appeal of the women. How we have evolved since then! Then we consider the staggering achievements of Lamech's sons, who between them pioneered economics, the arts, and science (Gen. 4:20-22). These are good things in and of themselves, just as American culture is extraordinarily impressive in its worldly achievements. Noticeably absent, however, is worship and the knowledge of God. If Lamech founded a university, it would have impressive colleges of business, arts, and science, but alas no school of divinity.

So here was the founding of secular culture, based on the brilliant talents of the earliest humans. It is impressive and forward moving! But it is also self-willed, self-glorying, and sensual/secular. Sound familiar? Were we expecting something different due to American exceptionalism? The biblical fact is that once the influence of God's Word has receded from public life, there is no other possible trend for fallen human society. To cap it off, Lamech determines to use these cultural achievements not for civic refinement but to cement a tradition of rivalry and war (see Lamech's song, Gen. 4:23-24, undoubtedly performed in gangsta rap.)

As the Democratic and Republican conventions meet this month prior to squaring off in the fall, a biblical analysis of them is bound to see far more in common than in distinction. To be sure, there are meaningful differences in the two parties and I would never say they don't matter. But as twin secular movements, they are bound to draw from the playbook of Cain and his offspring. Thus, both conventions will give no place for God's Word, will glory in men, women, and earthly prowess, will highlight the fleshly desire for pleasure and prosperity, and both will take up the combative militancy of Lamech: "I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me" (Gen. 4:23). To be fair, much of this is what political parties are supposed to do: they need to care about the economy, promote their own candidates, and sharpen swords against enemies, even if their primary enemies are sadly one another. But for the moral and cultural concerns of the followers of Christ, the likelihood of hope emerging from a now strictly secular process was never going to be great.

So where are Christians to look in seeking for hope in 2016? This answer is given in the last two verses of Genesis 4, which recount the line of the godly through Adam and Eve, Seth, and then Enosh. Here is the great statement that should fuel the imagination of Christians in



America today: "At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord" (Gen. 4:26). Here we see the church in its infancy: in worship, prayer, witness, and faith in Jesus Christ.

Let me work this out briefly. Notice, for the first time in biblical history that there is public gathered worship of the people of God. While Cain and his line built their city, Seth and his family made of the church their spiritual city. Calling on the name of the Lord means that they worshiped according to God's self-revelation. They put their focus upwards towards God and prayed publicly. (Is there any greater indictment of evangelicals amidst the cultural ruin of our time that we still have so few prayer meetings?) They bore testimony to God and his saving promise (notice in verse 25 that Eve named Seth as the new "offspring" to replace Abel - i.e., she was trusting in the promise of the Savior through her line - Gen. 3:15). Their hope was in the Savior to come and they bore testimony to him before the world.

The world before the flood is a microcosm of all history. Genesis 4 details stunning earthly achievements and growing power in Cain's secular line. The church's spiritual presence seems so small in comparison. But Adam's line through Seth kept meeting, praying, and proclaiming the promised Savior. While Lamech's sons pioneered arts and industry, Seth's sons promoted worship according to God's Word. Throughout those long centuries, God preserved and blessed his godly people. In time, God's judgement fell on the wickedness of Cain's culture and by Genesis 6 all that was left in the world was the church.

What is the hope to which Christians should be looking in this world? Our hope is not in the secular city, which in time always reverts to the Cainite mean. Our hope is in God, on whom we call, to whom we pray, to whom we offer worship, and for whom we proclaim the saving work he has done and is doing through his Son, Jesus. This means that the world's true hope is in the faithful Christian church. So if you find yourself frustrated watching CNN or FOX News, perhaps you might turn off the television and gather for family worship. While I would never want to discourage Christians from legitimate callings in the public arena, you will find true hope by investing in your church. If there is to be a Christian hope for America in our time it will be because what was said of the line of Seth is said of us: they "began to call upon the name of the Lord." And let us not forget the gospel promise that goes alongside: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13). There is the true and only hope for the world in 2016. Centered on this hope, Christians need not be dismayed after all.

May the Lord bless you this week,
Pastor 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.

August 1	Isaiah 64-66
August 2	2 Kings 20-21
August 3	2 Chr. 32-33
August 4	Nahum 1-3
August 5	2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chr. 34-35
August 6	Zeph. 1-3
August 7	Jer. 1-3



Mark Your Calendars



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GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY



October 14-16, 2016

Second Presbyterian Church
with Kent Hughes, Derek Thomas,
and Richard Phillips

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Corner of River and Rhett

Welcome Stephen Spinnenweber

The Session has appointed Stephen Spinnenweber as a Ministerial Intern. Beginning August 1st he will officially begin working at SPC about 12 hours a week and will be involved with a variety of Family & Youth Ministry activities. Stephen attends GPTS and is married to the lovely Sarah.

Thank You Lori Schvaneveldt

The CE Committee wishes to express thanks to Mrs. Lori Schvaneveldt for her service as Nursery Coordinator the last two years. Our covenant children have been safe and well cared for and the church family is grateful for her labors.

Welcome Marcia Russell

Marcia Russell has agreed to be the interim Nursery Coordinator for SPC Greenville. Marcia and Walter have been members for many years and they have 5 grown children. Now is a great time to get involved with nursery. Let Marcia know if you are willing to become a volunteer.

Search Committee

Please be in prayer for our Search Committee as they prayerfully consider and interview candidates for the position of Assistant Minister of Congregational Care here at Second.

RE Johnny Mann, Chairman
RE Tim Crunk
Ron McNeely, Diaconate
Kathy Karr, WIC
Barnetta Stephens, WIC
RE Melton L. Duncan
TE Richard D. Phillips

~The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

July 31, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

A WORLD OF EVIL

Genesis 6:1-8

Hymns: 39, 40, 470

Anthem: There Is a Balm in Gilead

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE CREDENTIALS OF THE KING

Matthew 8:5-27

Hymns: 2, 258, 310

Psalms 115

Dr. James McGoldrick preaching

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Pastoral Letter from the Senior Minister The World's True Hope

Americans have come to one of the more exciting portions of the quadrennial election cycle in the national conventions of the two main parties. This invariably means non-stop media attention, partisan revelry, messianic symbolism, and the occasional significant speech. Without dwelling on the details, it may suffice to say that Christians are considerably less enthusiastic in 2016 than in prior years. The evangelical hope of cultural power through political engagement has dimmed, both on the left and on the right. American Christians look to the political parties and see little hope for the values and principles we have held dear.

Instead of confronting this situation with dismay, biblical minded Christians will have seen this coming, based on the Scripture's assessment of secular culture and history. Consider the very start of secular culture in Genesis 4. Here, we may deduce precisely the values and priorities that have in time captured American culture. It all started in Genesis 4:17, when Cain "built a city." (It was probably a fairly small walled town, but it was a start for human culture.) Its founding premise was self-will in place of reliance on God's will. There can be little doubt that Cain built his city as protection from the threat of harm, since he expressed this very fear in Genesis 4:14. Yet Cain did not need walls, for God had promised him protection (Gen. 4:15). Moreover, Cain's punishment for slaying his brother Abel was to remain "a wanderer on the earth" (Gen. 4:14). That didn't fit Cain's plan at all, so usurping God's will through self-will, he founded secular culture in his own city.

Notice, too, how Cain names his city. Throughout Genesis, godly people named places for the praise of God's glory. Not Cain! "He called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch" (Gen. 4:17). What Cain cared about was the glory of his own achievements and those of his progeny. Likewise, secular culture is all about self-glory, with no concern for the glory of God.