

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 14

- 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)
- 10:10 AM Finance Committee Meeting
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 12:30 PM Kevin Mobley's Fold Luncheon
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

### Tuesday, August 16

- 10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

### Wednesday, August 17

- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
- 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:00 PM **MUSICAL CAT KIDS RAP UP**
- 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
- 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**

### Thursday, August 18

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street
- 6:00 PM Life Seminar-Parents & Internet Safety

### Friday, August 19

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

### Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 46:4-5

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.*  
(ESV)

## Upcoming Events

- August 10 Musical CAT Kids Program
- August 12 Family Night Baseball
- August 14 Finance Committee Meeting
- August 14 Kevin Mobley's Fold Luncheon
- August 17 Administration Committee Meeting
- August 18 Life Seminar: Parents & Internet Safety  
Fellowship Hall
- August 18-20 Gym Closed for Painting
- 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
- Sept. 2-6 Gym closed for floor refinishing
- Sept. 4 Membership Class begins
- Sept. 4 Adult Sunday School resumes
- Sept. 4-18 Deacon Nominations
- Sept. 5 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 7 WIC Council
- Sept. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Sept. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Sept. 12 Diaconate Meeting
- Sept. 12 Session Meeting
- Sept. 13-14 WIC Circles
- Sept. 14 Missions Committee Meeting
- Sept. 18 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- Sept. 19 Young At Heart
- Sept. 20 WIC Bible Study resumes
- Sept. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
- Sept. 21 EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET
- Sept. 21 Called Session Meeting
- Sept. 23 Sr. High Game Night at the church
- Sept. 25 Deacon Training begins
- Sept. 28 CE Committee Meeting

**GYM CLOSED FOR PAINTING**  
**August 18th-20th**

## Remembering One Another

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

**Vera Lane Griffin**  
19 Cahu Drive  
Taylors, SC 29687

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Holt and Katie Preston**  
**Gibson, Darby Anne, William, Harper, Fitz**  
**Sonny and Jan Price**  
**Ken and Jo-Ellen Pujdak**  
**Victoria**

## Missionary for the Week

**Marc and Aline Mailloux**  
**MTW International**

### Praise:

1. For a blessed month of ministry in France.
2. For the Lord's continued provision of health and resources.
3. For travelling mercies and a safe return home.

### Supplications:

1. For the continuation of our Haitian teaching and radio ministries.
2. For the Lord's continued provision for our work.
3. For the spiritual welfare of our children and grand-daughter

## Family Night Baseball



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

## Life Seminar

Parents and Internet Safety  
Thursday, August 18th  
6pm-8pm  
Fellowship Hall



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 21  
Immediately following the evening worship service.  
"Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share."  
Don't miss our last Ice Cream Social of the summer.



Senior High at Gravitopia  
Friday, August 26th  
7-8pm

Cost: \$13/hour

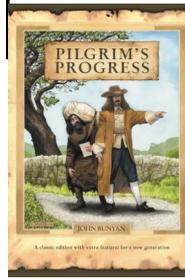


**RALLY DAY**  
Sunday, August 28  
10:00 am  
Church Sanctuary



## Men's Chorus

On Sunday evening, August 21, a men's ensemble will be singing for the evening service. Any man who would like to join his voice with this group is welcome to do so—High School and College age young men are also welcome. We will be rehearsing on Sunday August 14th from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Please call, text or email Verlyn Smoker if you would like to be a part of this vocal ensemble. 864-979-9378 or vsmoker@spcgreenville.org.



## 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, August 14  
"The Highway to the City"  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips

*In preparation for this week's lesson read pages 131-158.*

## Fold Luncheon

Kevin Mobley's Fold Luncheon  
Sunday, August 14th  
Immediately following the 11:00 am worship service  
Church Fellowship Hall

## Good News Club

Second Presbyterian congregation is again privileged to be able to participate in spreading the gospel to public school children through the Good News Clubs. We have sponsored a club at Augusta Circle Elementary for 13 years, and for several years have been involved in the program at the Kroc Center. Please pray for plans to start another school year shortly. We are in need of volunteers for the Friday afternoon club at the Kroc Center. Clubs will begin in mid-late September. A workshop will be held on August 27, 9 am - 2 pm at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley. If you are willing and able to devote 2 hours a week, 2-4 pm on Friday afternoons, please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to this ministry. You will be trained for any job you are willing to do. Please contact Cyndi Player if you are interested. [864-483-4644](tel:864-483-4644).



**Watch for Basketball Sign-ups  
coming soon online.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**Young At Heart resumes September 19th**  
Watch for exciting details in upcoming Heralds.

## Service Opportunity



Sixteen new nursery volunteers are needed to fill out the September - February schedule which will be published the end of August. There are 3 openings for the early service, 3 openings for Sunday School, 8 openings for the 11:00 worship service, and 2 openings for the evening service. If you have ever rocked a baby, read a story to a toddler, or worked a puzzle with a three-year-old, you are just who we are looking for. Nursery volunteers range in age from 11 to 99 and work once every six to seven weeks during one of the Sunday worship services (morning or evening) or Sunday School. If you are willing to serve the Lord and young SPC families in this way, please contact Marcia Russell.  
[marciarussell86@gmail.com](mailto:marciarussell86@gmail.com)

## Job Notice

Christa Pomerlyan needs a babysitter/nanny this school year, 3 days a week for a total of 12-15 hours. (Monday through Wednesday 2:30-6:30/7:00 pm) Please call 864-205-3754 if you are interested.

## Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mr. Joe Stevens who went home to be with the Lord on August 3, 2016. We are thankful for the life and service of Joe and pray for the family during this time of grief.  
*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."*

## New Baby

We rejoice with Holt and Katie Preston in the birth of their son Fitz Rogan on August 4, 2016. Fitz weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Both mother and son are doing well.

To sign up to take the family a meal go to:  
[takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com)  
User Name: Preston Password: 1892



things” might one day belong to His people (Rom. 8:32).

Nevertheless, our joy is a brokenhearted joy because Christ is worthy of so much better obedience than we Christians render. Our joy is a brokenhearted joy because so many people around the world have not heard the good news that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Our joy is a brokenhearted joy because human culture — in every society — dishonors Christ, glories in its shame, and is bent on self-destruction.

This includes America. American culture does not belong to Christians, neither in reality nor in biblical theology. It never has. The present tailspin toward Sodom is not a fall from Christian ownership. “The whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19). It has since the fall, and it will until Christ comes in open triumph. God’s rightful ownership will be manifested in due time. The lordship of Christ over all creation is being manifest in stages: first the age of groaning, then the age of glory. “We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies” (Rom. 8:23). The exiles are groaning with the whole creation. We are waiting.

However, Christian exiles are not passive. We do not smirk at the misery or the merrymaking of immoral culture. We weep. Or we should. This is my main point: being exiles does not mean being cynical. It does not mean being indifferent or uninvolved. The salt of the earth does not mock rotting meat. Where it can, it saves and seasons. Where it can’t, it weeps. And the light of the world does not withdraw, saying “good riddance” to godless darkness. It labors to illuminate. But not dominate.

Being Christian exiles in American culture does not end our influence; it takes the swagger out of it. We don’t get cranky that our country has been taken away. We don’t whine about the triumphs of evil. We are not hardened with anger. We understand. This is not new. This was the way it was in the beginning — Antioch, Corinth, Athens, Rome. The Empire was not just degenerate, it was deadly. For three explosive centuries, Christians paid for their Christ-exalting joy with blood. Many



still do. More will.

It never occurred to those early exiles that they should rant about the ubiquity of secular humanism. The Imperial words were still ringing in their ears: “You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved” (Mark 13:13). This was a time for indomitable joy and unwavering ministries of mercy.

Yes, it was a time for influence — as it is now, but not with huffing and puffing as if to reclaim our lost laws. Rather with tears, persuasion, and perseverance, knowing that the folly of racism, the exploitation of the poor, the de-Godding of education, the horror of abortion, and the collapse of heterosexual marriage are the tragic death-tremors of joy, not the victory of the left or the right.

The greatness of Christian exiles is not success but service. Whether we win or lose, we witness to the way of truth, beauty, and joy. We don’t own culture, and we don’t rule it. We serve it with brokenhearted joy and longsuffering mercy, for the good of man and the glory of Jesus Christ.

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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 - 5:30 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.

August 15	Jer. 30-31
August 16	Jer. 32-34
August 17	Jer. 35-37
August 18	Jer. 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
August 19	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chr. 36
August 20	Hab. 1-3
August 21	Jer. 41-45

### 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)

The following slate of WIC Officers have been nominated for 2 years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council and the Session. The election will take place at the August Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018.

President:	Cindy Duncan
Christian Growth:	Lora Evans
Historian:	Ashley Maralit
MTW Coordinator:	Sarah George
Treasurer:	Kristen Owens
WIC Circle 2 Chairman:	Tammy Looper
WIC Circle 3 Chairman:	Priscilla Carmichael

## Corner of River and Rhett

### MISSION TO MAIN STREET REPORT Thursday evening, August 5, 2016

We praise God that a “non-religious” engineer from Ann Arbor, MI, here for training with a local firm, prayed to receive new life in Christ. Though he was headed right back, we got his phone number and promised to find a church for him. A polite unchurched couple, one from England and the other from Germany, listened and accepted our German language tract. Lots of people brushed us off, including many of the better dressed ones. Five young men hurried by heads-down in close formation, each working his smartphone. We told a young woman from the NC-VA border preparing to attend Furman about the R.U.F. ministry there. We had great fellowship with a couple and three teenage sons from Perimeter PCA in Atlanta here for a Wofford soccer camp. Another dedicated Catholic couple, this one visiting from Houston, gave differing answers regarding assurance; the wife was adamant that she is “God's daughter” and going straight to heaven when she dies, while the husband was visibly worried about purging flames ahead for him. We tried to present the hope of the gospel. A young man from Norfolk who calls himself a “sort of Christian” (but not necessarily excluding Allah from that) questions the purity of church doctrine since Nicaea. He accepted a prophecy handout and agreed there's something “supernatural” there--but not necessarily what we think, etc. Most engaging was a young couple married just the day before, though with a little one well on the way. The mother-to-be took much joy in our gospel presentation, obviously hoping it would influence her husband. He was gracious, and seemed on the brink of praying with us, but was held back by fetters of a Catholic background. We gave him a personal phone number and urged him to call us to talk. Please pray this couple might be drawn to our church and the light of salvation in Christ.

**PRAY FOR OUR  
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**



### The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

**Return Service Requested**

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

August 14, 2016

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

#### GOD'S CALL TO NOAH

Genesis 6:9-13

Hymns: 66, 51, 692

Anthem: O God, Beyond All Praising

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### THE HOLY TRINITY: THREE PERSONS

Matthew 3:13-17

Hymns: 101, 332, 339

Psalm 118 (verses 1-16)

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching

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### Christian Exiles

**By John Piper**

In a profound sense, this world is not our home. When we are away from our bodies we will be “at home with the Lord” (2 Cor. 5:8). We are not to be “conformed to this age” (Rom. 12:2). Our lives “are hid with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3). We have been “transferred out of the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of his beloved Son” (Col. 1:13). We have “passed out of death and into life” (1 John 3:14). We are exiles and strangers here.

The fact that we are exiles on the earth (1 Peter 2:11) does not mean that we don't care what becomes of culture. However, it does mean that we exert our influence as very happy, broken-hearted outsiders. We are exiles. “Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil. 3:20). “Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come” (Heb. 13:14).

Yet we are very happy sojourners because we have been commanded by our bloody Champion to rejoice in exile miseries: “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matt. 5:11-12). We are happy because the apostle Paul showed us that “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8:18). We are happy because there are merciful foretastes everywhere in this fallen world, and God is glad for us to enjoy them (1 Tim. 4:3; 6:17). We are happy because we know that the exiles will one day inherit the earth (Matt. 5:5). Christ died for sinners so that “all