

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 21

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 Homemade Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 23

10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

Wednesday, August 24

5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (1st-6th grades)
 6:15 PM Youth Choir (7th-12th grades)
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant 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, August 25

6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, August 26

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study
 7:00 PM Sr. High at Gravitopia

Saturday, August 27

10:00 AM WIC Annual Meeting

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 46:10-11

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
 (ESV)

Upcoming Events

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. 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. 9-13 Gym closed for floor refinishing
 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 Called Session Meeting
 Sept. 23 Sr. High Game Night at the church
 Sept. 25 Deacon Training begins
 Sept. 28 CE Committee Meeting
 Sept. 28 **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET**

GYM Renovations: From 8/18-9/13, the gym will be undergoing a light renovation to paint the ceiling, upgrade the lighting, install sound dampening panels, reconfigure the audio system, and refinish the floor. There will be several days when the gym will be completely closed (listed above). If you need access to the gym during this time, please check with Nate.

Remembering One Another

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

Dave Maney
 1721 Parkins Mill Road
 Greenville, SC 29607

Praying For One Another



Remember in prayer this week the following members.

David and Jane Rainey
Fran Redick
William and Ashley Reese
Owen, Andrew, Emily



Missionary of the Week 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).

 **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

Fold Luncheon

Kirby Kee's Fold Luncheon
Sunday, August 28th
Following the 11:00 AM Worship Service
400 Mills Ave., #207, Greenville 29605 (864-907-7546)

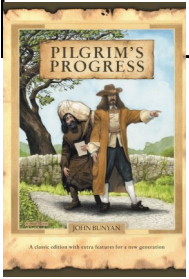
 **Church League Basketball sign-ups** 
for the 2016-2017 season
www.spcgreenville.org

Basketball sign-ups will run Aug. 22nd-Sept. 19th. On the Home page will be a link for Basketball information that will take you to an online form to register for basketball and pay the fees. **Please sign up early to help us with planning!** Games will begin in November and run through February. Contact Tim Johnson for more information.

New Baby

We rejoice with Marcus and Nicole Laughter in the birth of their son, Oliver on August 13, 2016. Oliver weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Both mother and son are doing well.

To sign up to take the family a meal go to:
takethemameal.com
User Name: Laughter Password: 1892

 **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 21
"The Celestial City"
Dr. Richard D. Phillips
In preparation for this week's lesson read pages 159-170.

Regular Adult Sunday School resumes Sept. 4th.

Treasurer's Report

	JULY 2016 & YTD		
	Actual		
	July 2016	YTD 2016	YTD Budget
Offerings	126,358	700,622	800,917
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	93,872	639,854	696,949
Mission	0	82,277	103,968
Total Outlays	93,872	722,131	800,917
Net Offerings	32,486	(21,509)	


- Contributions in July 2016 were \$126,358 versus budget of \$114,417.
- Contributions for July 2015 were \$72,205.
- YTD contributions are behind budget by \$100,295 and behind 7 months 2015 by \$27,646.
- Operating expenses for July 2016 were \$93,872 versus the budget of \$99,564.
- Missions and Benevolences for the third quarter are planned to be paid in August.
- YTD 2016 expenses exceed contributions by \$21,509.
- 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.

Deacon Nominations
September 4 - September 18

 **Service Opportunity**

Thanks to all the new volunteers who have agreed to serve the Lord by working in the nursery. The new schedule is almost complete. We still need **two volunteers during the evening service** once every seven weeks. Please contact Marcia Russell if you are willing to fill this need. (marciarussell86@gmail.com)

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.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the evening worship service on August 28th.

Music Ministry

The music ministry of Second Church is preparing for a fresh start to the fall and if you have been looking for an opportunity for you, and/or your children to join—NOW IS THE TIME!!! Next Wednesday, Aug. 24, the Hope Choir (K-4 to Preschool), Covenant Choir (grades 1-6), Youth Ensemble (grades 7-12), and Chancel Choir (Jr. High-Adult) will each begin a new season of ministry in music. Our weekly goal will be to encourage and instruct each of our musicians, young and old, in the practice and importance of proclaiming God's Word and truth in music and song. All choirs will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings with the Hope Choir, Covenant Choir, and Youth Ensemble meeting from 6:15 to 6:55 pm and the Chancel Choir from 7:30-9:30 pm. Please contact Verlyn Smoker with any questions at vsmoker@spcgreenville.org or 864-979-9378.



how to protect us from the worldly influences on the radio, videos, magazines and cable TV, how much more do Christian parents need to be informed, alert and vigilant in seeking to protect our children in this day of technological hyper speed!

I've been considering these things with an ever-increasing sense of urgency and sobriety as my sons near the age at which they become more and more susceptible to the allure of the evil in the world. There are several things to which I return again and again as I seek to counsel myself and other parents in our congregation regarding this issue. Here are four things to which we can commit as we labor to bring our children up in a way that is pleasing to the Lord:

We Must Make Every Effort to Protect Our Children from the Unwanted Influences of the World.

This necessitates that we are tuned into what our children are doing. We need to take an interest in what they are watching and in that with which they are involved online. I'm not suggesting that we suffocate or micromanage their lives. However, it is incumbent for us to protect our children, as much as possible, from the evil influences of the world around them. This does not mean that we will not have our children in the community--playing sports and actively involved in community events--or that they will not be allowed to have friends from unbelieving homes. It will mean, however, that we will closely monitor what they are saying and doing in the community and with those friends. It means teaching them what it means to be a witness to Christ to their unbelieving friends. After all, the Apostle Paul, taught the members of the church in Corinth that there was an expectation that they would have relationships with unbelievers:

"I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people--not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world" (1 Cor. 5:9-10).

Protecting our children from the unwanted influences of the world will mean using programs like Covenant Eyes on every electronic device on which we can put them in our homes. It might mean locking down their smart phones so that they cannot download apps that will give them unfiltered or unmonitored access to the internet. It does mean that we should know who they are texting and what is being texted. After all, the world can now reach into the lives of our children in their bedrooms in a way in which it could never in all of human history before the invention of the internet and smart phone.

We Must Learn to Talk with Our Children about the Dangers That They Face.

This is crucial. If we don't speak with our children about the wickedness of the world, rest assured that others will. It's vital for us to come to terms with the fact that we must start talking to our children about the evils with which they will be confronted. Recently, I was speaking with someone who has a friend involved with Backyard Bible Club (a Christian



outreach to public school children) in a significant Southern town. The individual to whom I was speaking told me that sex was the overwhelming focus of the conversation of the fourth graders being picked up every week. We must now assume that children are being exposed to conversation about sexual matters at a much younger age than was true for many of us. A few months ago, I wrote a post at the Christward Collective that deals with the necessity of teaching our children the raw portions of Scripture. Teaching our children a biblical view of the blessing of sex and the evil of sexual immorality is one of the best things that we can do for them. Teaching our children, from God's word, about the forms of evil with which they will be faced is vital.

We Must Remember that We Can't Change the Hearts of our Children.

No amount of sheltering our children from the evil of the world without will keep them from acting on the evil of their hearts within. We can neither regenerate our child's heart nor bring him or her to a place of spiritual maturity. We must teach our children the Scriptures, pray with and for them, gather with the people of God for weekly public worship and discipline them in love...but you can't secure results. Only the Spirit of God, taking the finished work of Christ and sovereignly applying it to the hearts and minds of our elect children, can do this work in their hearts. The Spirit of God is the only One who can regenerate our children and He is the only one who can bring our children to spiritual growth and maturity.

We Must Seek to Model Godly Living and Marriage in the Home and Church for our Children.

While we recognize that we are powerless to change our children's hearts, we also recognize that the godly example that parents set in the home is one of the ways that the Lord works in the lives of our children. The means of grace that God has appointed in the church for the salvation of His people (i.e. the word, sacraments and prayer) are complemented by the godly example of believers. If our children see us loving our wives and modeling for them what it means to be a Christian family in the home--delighting in Christ together, as well as being deeply committed to Him in weekly worship and service in the Church--we can expect them to want to follow that example. If our sons see us speaking lovingly to and about our wives and showing affection for them (and for them alone!) that will be a powerful example for them to follow. At the end of the day, we want our children to see how different a Christian home is from the world--not in a fundamentalist or separationist sense, but in a Spirit-filled, word-saturated and Gospel-exalting sense. While I wandered from the Christian home in which I was raised, the godly example my parents set in the home was indelibly etched in my mind and heart. It stayed with me through the years of rebellion and wandering, and, has continued to aid me as my wife and I seek to raise our own children. The importance of godly example is something that is not always emphasized in this regard.

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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.

August 22	Jer. 46-48
August 23	Jer. 49-50
August 24	Jer. 51-52
August 25	Lam. 1:1-3:36
August 26	Lam. 3:37-5:22
August 27	Ezek. 1-4
August 28	Ezek. 5-8

Greenville Seminary Upcoming Events

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary cordially invites you to attend its 30th Convocation, Friday, August 19, 7 pm at the Academy of Arts Logos Theater in Taylors, SC. Rev. Nick Batzig, pastor of New Covenant Church in Richmond, GA. will be the keynote speaker. A reception will follow at the seminary, 200 E. Main St., Taylors, SC.

Dr. Ryan McGraw will deliver his inaugural lecture as full professor of systematic theology at Greenville Seminary on Tuesday, August 23, 7 pm at Covenant Community Church, 418 E. Main St., Taylors, SC. His address is entitled "Gisbertus Voetius, Presbyterianism and Smart Phones." The public is invited. A reception will follow.

Membership Class

You are invited to the Pastor's Membership Class. This class will begin Sunday, September 4th at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be taught by Pastor Phillips and will last for eight weeks. The purpose of the class is to give you an opportunity to get to know our Pastor and to learn about Second Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. We request that any who are interested in becoming a member of Second attend this class, but attending the class does not obligate you to become a member of this church. For further information contact the church office, 232-7621. Come and meet other visitors. The coffee pot will be on.

Corner of River and Rhett

MISSION TO MAIN STREET REPORT Thursday evening, August 11, 2016

Many folks rushed by toward the Greenville Drive game, and a man going the other way said, "I'm a Christian---not interested!" as he hurried to whatever interests him more than talking about eternal life. About two dozen people paused to hear the gospel and receive literature and church invitations. A woman from Yorkshire, England who said her god is a "force" listened and took a tract, and a Mexican man accepted our Spanish one. We gave a couple visiting from Ohio our pamphlet on how Catholics can find assurance of eternal life. A few people had strong testimonies, including some relatives of an SPC couple. A cheerful woman under obvious enemy influence said she'd been Baptist, Presbyterian, and then Mormon for twelve years before being "enlightened" in India among poor Hindu people with "unshakable" faith in eternal life; returning home she found churches with pompous, self-absorbed "Christians" full of God-talk but little else. Even while walking off she was pleading with us to accept the "true message" of Jesus' love for people of all religions. One of us then made eye contact with a woman fifteen feet away talking on her phone, and beckoned her with his finger---and she came with great interest. She heard the Good News eagerly and took our church card and literature, but we couldn't invite her to pray with her staunchly atheist male friend beside her. Pray God may work in her heart, and his! The attitude of a couple from Erie, PA who are planning a move here to escape the drugs and snow changed noticeably during our long conversation. They seem to have had early exposure to the faith but strayed, and God's Word appeared to rekindle their desire to know more of Christ. The woman hugged us when they left. They had approached us for directions to a chocolate shoppe they'd heard about, and prayerfully received not only that but something far sweeter!



**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 21, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

BUILDING THE ARK

Genesis 6:14-22

Hymns: 700, 602, 672

Anthem: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN I?

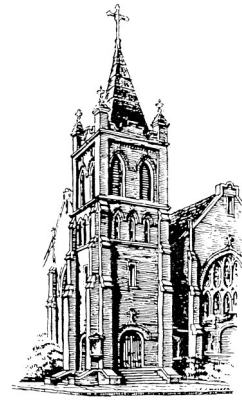
Philippians 2:5-8

Hymns: 168, 429, 420

Psalms 118 (verses 17-29)

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching

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Tuned in Parents on the Technological Frontier By Nick Batzig

I am a child of the technological frontier--the brave new world of exciting potential and seemingly limitless possibility. I learned how to type on a typewriter; but, how to spell on a Speak&Spell. As a young boy, I played video games on Commodore 64 and Atari. It wasn't until I was about 12 or 13 that Nintendo became a household object. Our family had one small TV with a rabbit ear antenna. We didn't have cable until the mid-90's. I distinctly remember my mom being enamored with Neil Postman's Amusing Ourselves to Death and that she really didn't like me watching the Simpsons or Ren & Stimpy (which I, incidentally, loved watching). I'll never forget the day that my dad walked us into a computer store to buy our first home computer. I was around 10 or 11. The salesman tried to convince my dad that we would never need more than 256 MB of memory (we had absolutely no idea what that meant at the time, but now realize that he had no idea what he was talking about). Neighborhood friends had boxes full of floppy discs--on which they traded video games with each another. When I was 13, one of those friends showed me pornography for the first time on one of those discs. This brave new world of technology was becoming a frightening new world of evil breaking into our neighborhoods and homes. Now, fast-forward 30 years.

Computers, smart phones, video game consoles, held game systems and just about all other electronic devices give us instant access to everything the world has to offer. Our children will grow up in a world of virtual reality and interactive online communities. There are an estimated 4 million pornographic websites online. That number will only increase. What was once filled with shame and indignity is now celebrated and promoted at an alarming rate. Tragically, more and more children from Christian homes are being drawn to cutter websites and pagan forums--often unknown to their parents. Many are simply being secularized through the influence of their friends online. There is no way to know exactly how quickly things are moving or where it is all heading; but, if our parents were concerned about