

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 2

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 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)
 6:45 PM Diaconate Training
 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 **SUMMER MISSION PRESENTATION**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 7

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 66:1

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Sept. 28 CE Committee Meeting
 Sept. 28 EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET
 Oct. 5 WIC Council
 Oct. 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Oct. 5 Summer Mission Presentation
 Oct. 9 Finance Committee Meeting
 Oct. 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Oct. 10 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 Oct. 11-12 WIC Circles
 Oct. 12 Missions Committee Meeting
 Oct. 14-16 GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY
 Oct. 16 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Oct. 17 Young At Heart
 Oct. 18 Evangelism Explosion Training begins
 Oct. 19 Administration Committee Meeting
 Oct. 22 Fall Church Picnic at Butler Springs Park
 Oct. 26 CE Committee Meeting
 Oct. 26 Reformation Party
 Oct. 27 Calvary Presbytery @ Mt. Calvary PCA
 Oct. 28 Sr. High Halloween party @ the Cooks
 Oct. 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY

SPC Parking Lot

The deacons are excited to announce that the new parking lot is now operational. The parking lot lights and seeding of the field will take place over the next couple of weeks to complete the project. If you are able to park in the new lot on Sundays and Wednesdays, please do so to save spaces near the church for visitors and those with limited mobility.

Also, a reminder that the entire new parking lot and half of the old parking lot are leased out to local businesses during the week. Please do not park in any space that is numbered during business hours. However, all SPC members are welcome to park in any of the **unnumbered** spaces at anytime. If there is a parking attendant, simply show him your SPC parking tag and they will let you park for free. If you have any questions about parking at SPC, please see Nate Johnson.

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

Caroline Ryer
 The Willows, Room 301
 105 Willow Place
 Easley, SC 29640
 423-5876

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Byron and Rebecca Senn
Welthy Senn
Paul and Mary Settle

Missionary of the Week

Operation Christmas Child

Please Pray For:

1. All who prepare shoebox gifts with love and joy for children in need.
2. That many children receiving these gifts would understand the enclosed Gospel message.
3. That these children would enroll in the follow-up Discipleship Program "The Greatest Journey".
4. That these children would become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.
5. That they would share Christ with others.

Church Calendar

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

Fall through Christmas is a very busy time in the life of our church. We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. From basketball practice to Christmas parties we need to be sure that schedules are on the calendar so there will not be any conflicts. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 10) or email (jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We appreciate your help in keeping all activities running smooth.

Membership Class * Oct. 2
9:45 AM * Fellowship Hall
"Reformed Worship" (Dr. Phillips)

Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Shoe boxes with instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located throughout the church. If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner.

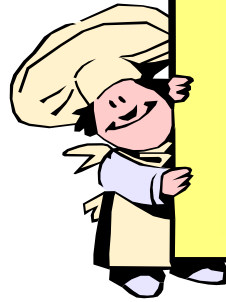
Return filled boxes to church office by November 13th.
Remember to include \$7.00 for postage.

2017 Budget Planning

Planning and preparations are underway for the 2017 Church Budget. Please be in prayer for the church officers as they plan the finances for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Bobby Mann, or David Rainey.

Young At Heart

The October Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, October 17, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$7.50 per person payable at the door. We are excited to have Freida Hunt Stroble returning this year to share additional information of her life as a Lumbe Indian. ("From Rags to Riches in Christ"). Mark your calendars and be sure not to miss this time of fun and fellowship together along with very good food!!



Evangelism Explosion Banquet

Wednesday, September 28
Dinner: 5:30 PM
Program: 6:45 PM
Speaker: Dr. Alan Avera
Christianity Explored



Evangelism Explosion Training

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? Evangelism Explosion is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester will begin October 18th, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions.



HERE WE STAND

GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY



October 14-16, 2016
Second Presbyterian Church
with

Kent Hughes
Derek Thomas
Richard Phillips

Register at herewestandgreenville.org

FALL CHURCH PICNIC



Saturday, October 22
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lunch-11:30 AM
(rain or shine)



NEW LOCATION:
Butler Springs Park
301 Butler Springs Road, Greenville
The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks.
Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

There will be a dessert contest!

Reformation Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th

We need booths, prizes, and candy.
If you would like to sponsor a booth,
see or call Scott Cook, (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,
please mark them for Reformation party
and leave in the gym.

Adoption:
A Beautiful
Doctrine



SPC Women In the Church

Annual Fall Retreat
November 18-19, 2016

ADOPTION

"No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home."

Bonclarken Conference Center,
Flat Rock, NC

The cost is \$85.00 per person.
Cost includes food and lodging based on double
occupancy. Registration forms are available
throughout the church. (Sign up early-space is limited.)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 28TH
If you have any questions you may contact
Alice Barnett (864-906-0166).

Check out the Truth for Life flyer on the bulletin boards and find the SS class that is right for you. Look forward to seeing you there!



the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Jesus loves the church. Jesus died for the church. Jesus wants to one day present the church as forever holy and perfect. The church is something Jesus Christ—our Savior and Lord—loves dearly.

3. The Body of Christ

Ephesians 1 describes the church this way: “And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Over and over again the Bible calls the church the body of Christ and identifies Jesus as the head. When you hear someone say, “I want to follow Jesus, but I don't want to be a part of a church,” take the “body” imagery seriously and literally. When we attempt to follow Jesus apart from the church, we essentially tear apart the body of Jesus. We decapitate him. What may have seemed at first to be an almost righteous-sounding statement becomes fiercely sinful and disrespectful, and it flies in the face of everything the Bible tells us about the relationship between Jesus and his church.

4. God's Main Weapon in this World

We're too often distracted by the spots and wrinkles to see the great purpose and calling God has given to the church. Paul had a grand vision for the church when he wrote these inspired words in Ephesians 3: “To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

Did you catch that final clause? God delivers his “manifold wisdom” through the church! He entrusts the greatest message in the world—the mystery of the gospel—to the church. There is no greater weapon God could have committed to his peoples' hands.

5. The Only Eternal Institution in the World

Of the world's many formidable institutions—governments, corporations, law firms, and so on—only one will last forever. Listen to the apostle John's vision of the church—God's people—at the end of time:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”



The church is eternal, because God has eternally committed himself to its welfare.

Let's Be Clear

We've been talking thus far about “the church”—meaning the “universal” church, comprising every believer in Jesus Christ who has ever lived.

The “local” church has a more specific definition, but it does not belong to a completely different category than the universal church. The local church is a localized and organized manifestation of the universal church. This means that everything we've been saying about the “church” can also, in general, be applied to the local church. We can't obey the Bible's instructions about life in the universal church unless we live them out in the context of a local church body.

As the universal church grew in the first century through conversions to Christ, local churches sprouted throughout the Roman world. This is why the New Testament usually calls a local church “the church at xcity.” It is THE church—localized in a particular way.

These local churches soon took on leadership and organization. Paul told Titus to “appoint elders in every town” as a way to establish godly leadership at the various local churches, and then gave him the spiritual qualifications for identifying these men. Local churches were characterized by two essential activities: the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments. Under these two core activities come other aspects of corporate worship: prayer, public Scripture reading, offering, singing, and fellowship.

Observing this pattern, we understand the local church as a *localized manifestation of the universal church that meets regularly for the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments, under the leadership, direction, and discipline of elders.*

For This School Year

Love for the “universal” church necessitates love for and commitment to the “local” church. So our local churches seek to manifest the universal church as a part of the body of Christ we can love, see, touch, struggle with, give to, and serve.

So as you begin this school year as a Christ-following college student, please hear this appeal from a Christian brother.

1. Go to Church

Find a church that preaches God's Word and holds true to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and go there during your college years. Get up on Sunday mornings. Get dressed. Leave your dorm. Grab a friend. And get to church on time.

2. Join a Church

Don't just go to church. Join a church during your college years. Membership is, as College Church senior pastor Josh Moody often puts it, a



“visible sign of an invisible reality.” Membership does not save you, but it does visibly represent your salvation. Belonging to a local body of Christ may signify that you belong—by faith—to Christ himself.

Practically, too, there are huge benefits to church membership during your college years and beyond. As a member, you place yourself under the spiritual guidance and authority of godly elders and pastors. You make a covenant with God and the people of the church to support them, give to them, care for them, and participate in their fellowship.

3. Serve a Church

Don't just go to church. Don't just *join* a church. Begin *serving* actively in a local church during your college years. Far too many young adults church “hop” during their college years. They become church consumers. Gathering nuggets of wisdom from various sermons and preachers. Getting a spiritual fix from vibrant singing, prayer, and fellowship here and there. Never giving and participating substantially in the life and ministry of a local body of believers.

Friends, the local church needs you during your college years. They will benefit from having you there, plugged in, and committed. It will be good for your heart and soul as well.

Jon Nielson (M.Div., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) previously served as the college pastor at College Church in Wheaton, Illinois, and as the director of training for the Charles Simeon Trust. He and his wife, Jeanne, have three daughters.



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.

Oct. 3	Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
Oct. 4	Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
Oct. 5	Matt. 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
Oct. 6	John 2-4
Oct. 7	Mark 2
Oct. 8	John 5
Oct. 9	Matt. 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6

Corner of River and Rhett

Second Presbyterian Church Collegians

Freshman:

Gran Baxa	Clemson
Blair Duncan	Anderson
Medora Hoopes	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Amy Looper	Greenville Tech
Noah Maralit	Clemson
Sarah Martin	Clemson
Matthew Phillips	Clemson
Ethan Russell	Greenville Tech
Katie Upton	Reformation Bible College
Lindsay Vanderwey	Liberty

Sophomore:

Elise Farley	Bob Jones
Emily Godwin	Clemson
Noah McConnell	Greenville Tech
Hannah Phillips	Anderson
John Smoker	Bob Jones

Junior:

Audra Atwood	Clemson
Caleb Evans	Anderson
Ethan McConnell	North Greenville
Victoria Pujdak	North Greenville
Haley Schvaneveldt	Anderson
Callie-Anne Therrell	Greenville Tech

Senior:

Daniel Baxa	Anderson
Rebekah Fields	Agnes Scott
John Gray	The Citadel
Daniel Grubbs	North Greenville
Grant Looper	Anderson
Robert Therrell	North Greenville

Graduate School:

Deanna Worley	MUSC
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If your child is not on this list or this information is incorrect would you please contact the church office and update.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

October 2, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

NEVER AGAIN

Genesis 8:20-22

Hymns: 35, 119, 76

Anthem: I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

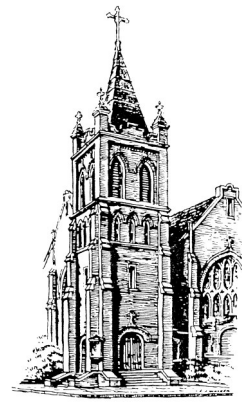
O SAFE TO THE ROCK

Psalms 94

Hymns: 48, 109, 655

Psalms 119 (verses 57-64)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter by Jon Nielson

Ministry Director for Christian Union
at Princeton University

Do any of these comments sound familiar?

- "I love Jesus, but I really can't stand Christians."
- "I want to follow Jesus, but I don't want to be a part of anything 'institutional' like a church."

Or how about:

- "I'm a part of the universal church; I don't need to be part of a local church."

If you haven't yet heard comments like these . . . you will. You'll hear them during your college years, and you'll hear them from people who profess to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. So how will you deal with church during your college years? Let me offer a few words of encouragement and exhortation as this school year begins.

A Church Is . . .

First, let's remember, biblically, what the church is.

1. A People, Not a Place

Listen to these words from 1 Peter 2: "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." The church is not a place; the church is the *people* of God. Many churches have beautiful buildings and sanctuaries. But without the people of God gathering together, it would not be a church.

2. Something Jesus Loves

In the midst of Paul's teaching on marriage in Ephesians 5 we find remarkable insight on the relationship between Jesus and the church: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by