

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 16

GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 AM Membership Class
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP

Monday, October 17

- 11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, October 18

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Wednesday, October 19

- 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)
- 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 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 BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 22

- 9am-2pm FALL CHURCH PICNIC
Butler Springs Park

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:1-3

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the
works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Nov. 2 WIC Council
- Nov. 6 International Day of Prayer
- Nov. 6 Called Session Meeting
- Nov. 6 Hugh Player's Fold Luncheon
- Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 7 Diaconate Meeting
- Nov. 8-9 WIC Circles
- Nov. 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Nov. 9 Missions Committee Meeting
- Nov. 13 New Members' Luncheon
- Nov. 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Nov. 14 Young At Heart
- Nov. 14 Session Meeting
- Nov. 16 Administration Committee Meeting
- Nov. 18-19 WIC Fall Retreat
- Nov. 18 Sr. High Movie Night @ the church
- Nov. 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Supper and Service
- Nov. 24-25 Church Office Closed
- Nov. 26 WIC Decorating for Christmas
- Nov. 27 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting
- Nov. 30 CE Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

- ⇒ Kirby Kee Fold & Fellowship SS Class Christmas Party Dec. 2
- ⇒ Sr. High Christmas Party Dec. 2
- ⇒ Good Grief Christmas Dinner Dec. 8
- ⇒ WIC Baby Shower (Haley Maycock) Dec. 10
- ⇒ Diaconate Election Dec. 11
- ⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music Dec. 11
- ⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program Dec. 14
- ⇒ Churchwide Christmas Caroling Dec. 21
- ⇒ Lessons and Carols Dec. 24

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.

Dale and Ginny Zeigler
125 Rounded Wing Drive
Easley, SC 29642
850-7757

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Remington and Irene Siemen
Leona Simons
David and Rhonda Slayton

Missionary of the Week

GREENVILLE CONFERENCE
ON REFORMED THEOLOGY
October 14-16, 2016

Please Pray:

- For good attendance.
- For the visitors who will be in our building and on our campus this weekend at GCRT.
- For the teaching by the speakers.
- For the opportunities to share the gospel.
- For the impact of this conference in our community.

Perry Correctional Christmas Party

In early December (the exact day TBD), Second Church will be participating in a Christmas celebration at Perry Correctional in Pelzer. Inmates will receive a meal, a bag with hygiene items, and a Gospel message. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food, sing in a small choir, and distribute the hygiene bags. If you are interested in participating, please see Bill Watkins or contact him at 864-304-4737 or wm.watkins.jr@gmail.com. Paperwork must be filled out and submitted to the prison by **October 19, 2016**. The exact date for the program has not been set yet, but if you have any interest in participating please contact Bill immediately.

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.

Happy 101th!!

Henry Montgomery will be 101 years old on Oct. 19th. You may send him a birthday card at:
564 S. Buckhorn Road
Greenville, SC 29609

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HENRY!!

Baptism

Fitz Rogan Preston, covenant son of Holt and Katie Preston received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 9, 2016. We are thankful for the Preston family and pray for Gibson, Darby Anne, William, Harper, and Fitz that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

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 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.

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 Stephen Spinnenweber.
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).



WIC

cordially invites all ladies to a
Baby Shower for

Nicole Welch

Saturday, October 29, 2016

10:00 am - 11:30 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

Nicole is registered at Target and Babies 'R Us.



Calvary Presbytery

The 132nd Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Thursday, October 27, at Mt. Calvary PCA, beginning at 9:00 am. Visitors are welcome. Please be in prayer for the Commissioners who will be attending from Second Church.



REFORMATION

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 2016





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 pioneer 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-glorifying, 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 met a few months ago prior to squaring off in the fall, a biblical analysis of them was seen 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 judgment 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.

Oct. 17	Matt. 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
Oct. 18	John 6
Oct. 19	Matt. 15; Mark 7
Oct. 20	Matt. 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
Oct. 21	Matt. 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
Oct. 22	Matthew 18
Oct. 23	John 7-8

Job Opportunities

- A local PCA church is looking to hire 3 women to work in the nursery on Thursday mornings from 9:30 am until 11:30 am for 7 weeks. They would be compensated \$10/hour for their work. If interested please contact the Church Administrator.
- A local church in the Greenville area is looking for an Administrative Assistant. Must be personable, enjoy working with a staff, and computer savvy (social media, website upkeep, web-based forms such as Sign-up Genius, Take-them-a-meal, Survey Monkey). Ideally needs solid bookkeeping skills and payroll but could divide that out from the position. If kept with the position it could be close to full time. Contact the Church Administrator for information.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, October 14th:

Bookstore opens at 11 am
Area Pastors Luncheon: Noon
Registration: 5:00-6:00 pm
Banquet Dinner: 6:00-7:00 pm
Kent Hughes speaking at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 15th:

Bookstore opens at 8:30 am
Rick Phillips speaking at 9:15 am
Kent Hughes speaking at 10:30 am
Lunch (on your own) 11:45 am
Derek Thomas speaking at 1:15 pm
Q and A with all speakers at 2:15 pm
Bookstore closes at 4 pm

Sunday Morning, October 16th:

8:30, 11:00 services, Kent Hughes Preaching

~The Editor



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

October 16, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY

THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENS

Luke 19:1-10

Hymns: 53, 94, 140

Anthem: The Church's One Foundation

Dr. R. Kent Hughes preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

O WORSHIP THE KING

Psalms 95

Hymns: 166, 2, 420

Psalms 119 (verses 73-80)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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The Second Presbyterian Church
Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

October 10, 2016

Letter from the Senior Minister

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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.

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