

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, October 30**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

9:45 AM Membership Class

9:50 AM Children's Chapel

10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 AM Diaconate Training

11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**

5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

**Tuesday, November 1**

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

**Wednesday, November 2**

5:00 PM WIC Council

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)

6:45 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

8:15 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

**Thursday, November 3**

4:00 PM Minors Basketball practice

5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice

**Friday, November 4**

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

6:00 PM College & 20's Bonfire @ the Loopers'

### Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:6-9

*He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 26	Reformation Party
Oct. 27	Calvary Presbytery @ Mt. Calvary PCA
Oct. 28	Sr. High Halloween party @ the Cooks
Oct. 29	WIC Baby Shower for Nicole Welch
Oct. 30	REFORMATION SUNDAY
Nov. 2	WIC Council
Nov. 4	College & 20's Bonfire @ the Loopers'
Nov. 6	International Day of Prayer
Nov. 6	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 6	Membership Class Luncheon
Nov. 6	Daylight Saving 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. 20	College & 20's Friends Giving
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
⇒ Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal	Dec. 8
⇒ College & 20's Christmas party	Dec. 9
⇒ 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

## 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.

**Lee Bailey**

135 Mountain View Circle

Greenville, SC 29609

244-7480

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Stephen and Sarah Spinnenweber**

**Kay Sporrer**

**Daniel and Carrie Stephens**

## Missionary of the Week

**International Day of Prayer—Nov. 6, 2016**

- Pray for both the repentance and redemption of those engaged in evil against the Church and for God's intervention against their evil schemes.
- Pray for disruption to the terror cycle and that God would change the hearts of all those who persecute Christians.
- Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters who live in fear daily under threat and for those who are imprisoned and sentenced to death because they have turned to Jesus.
- For God's protection to be upon the persecuted Christians in every way, guarding their bodies, minds and spirits.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the winners of the dessert contest at our annual Fall Picnic. All entries were wonderful but the following were this year's winners:

### Best Taste

Emma Smoker and Caroline Mobley  
"Presbyterian Pumpkin Bars"

### Best Presentation

Carolyn Fields  
German Chocolate Pecan Pie

## Baptism

Oliver Alexander Wellington Wilson Laughter received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 23, 2016. We are thankful for the Laughter family and pray for Lauren and Oliver that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

## 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.**

## 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



REFORMATION PARTY  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26th

*We need booths, prizes, and candy.*

*If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Stephen Spinnenweber.*

*If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,  
please mark and leave in the gym.*



## Backpack Blessings

Due to more children participating in the Backpack Blessings ministry, food resources were used more quickly than anticipated. Please bring contributions to the Church office, and thank you for your generosity.

## Young At Heart

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 14th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.50 per person payable at the door. Rita Stanley will give us a testimony of God's Grace on Bailey Manor. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

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.

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 28TH**

If you have any questions you may contact  
Alice Barnett (864-906-0166).

### Sr. High Halloween Party

**Friday, October 28th**

**6:00 pm**

**Home of Scott and Christina Cook**

**Food will be provided.**

### College & 20's Class Bonfire

**Friday, November 4**

**6-9 pm**

**Home of Jimmy and Tammy Looper**

## 30 Days of Prayer for World Missions

The 30 Days of Prayer for World Missions calendars are now available on the counter outside the library. This November calendar is put out by MTW and is a tool for you to use to pray for MTW missionaries and ministries throughout the month, particularly for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. The calendar also highlights the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 6**, giving you the opportunity to join the worldwide body of Christ in prayer for the persecuted Church. Be sure and pick up one of these calendars as we join together during the month of November in prayer for World Missions.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 6th.**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks  
back 1 hour Saturday Night.**





In the second generation of the Reformation, King James (of King James Bible fame) sought to reestablish his bishops over the Kirk. He famously declared, "No bishop, no king," meaning that he could only rule Scotland if he controlled the church. Andrew Melville famously replied to him: "There are two kings and two kingdoms in Scotland; there is King James, the head of the commonwealth, and there is Christ Jesus, the King of the Church, whose subject James the Sixth is." It was from this central issue that the Scottish Reformers gained their rally cry: For Christ's Crown and Covenant! For his part, King James offered back-handed praise to the Kirk, complaining, "Presbytery agreeth as well with monarchy as God with the devil."

As the Scottish Reformation reached a third generation, the battle lines were clearly drawn. The king and his bishops asserted the right of the state to govern the church, arguing that an independent church was a threat to civil order. The Presbyterians replied that the church is an institution of Christ's kingdom and that King Jesus must rule his church through elders who taught and obeyed the Bible.

In 1613, Alexander Henderson was installed by his bishop as pastor of the Kirk at Leuchars. The people welcomed him by nailing shut the doors of the church, so that he would have to enter through the windows like the thieves of Jesus' parable in John 10:1. It was in an empty and locked church that the unregenerate pastor was installed. The next year, however, Henderson was present to hear the Presbyterian firebrand preacher, Robert Bruce, preach a sermon from John 10:1, when he accused the royalist pastors of usurping Christ's rule over His flock. The Holy Spirit pierced Henderson's heart so that he repented and believed on Jesus for the first time. The result was immediate scorn from the royal authorities but the embrace of his people, to whom Henderson repented and to whom he now began preaching the Bible.

For the next twenty years, Henderson pastored his flock and gained a reputation for courage and integrity among the Presbyterians. When, in 1625, King Charles I required obedience to standards that required all churches to practice unbiblical rituals (such as venerating saints and kneeling before idols), Henderson was one of the leading pastors who refused to obey. In the 1630's King Charles and his notorious archbishop Laud sought to wipe out the Reformation and impose ritualistic Roman Catholic worship throughout the land. The people of the Kirk rose up in rebellion and Alexander Henderson stepped forth to lead them. He publicly refused to use the unbiblical forms of prayers or allow the rituals in his congregation. Threatened with imprisonment, he filed a claim pointing out the legal requirement for the General Assembly to approve any changes to worship. Emboldened by Henderson's stand, the Kirk stood together against the king, leading to a public stand-off. King Charles convicted Henderson of treason and threatening to invade Scotland with an English army to impose his control over the church. Henderson responded by drafting the famous National Covenant, a document by which all



ranks in Scotland agreed to stand as one for the gospel a true Kirk.

The National Covenant was first brought forth in the old Church of the Greyfriars in Edinburgh. After a time of fasting, Henderson and three others appeared in the church with the document. Raising his hands, he called upon God to secure the gospel and the church in Scotland. The Covenant was read and immense numbers of Scots came forth to affix their names. Nobles and barons came forth to stand for Christ. With them came the common people to affix their names in history. For days afterward, the people came in multitudes to stand for Christ's crown and covenant, and when the National Covenant was taken to each of the other cities of the realm the scene was repeated.

In the years to come, many struggles would ensue and great volumes of blood would be shed by the Scottish Presbyterians for their faith in Christ. But seldom has a greater uprising for the gospel been seen than when Alexander Henderson first refused to betray Christ, second, offered himself to be persecuted for Christ, and, third, challenged a whole nation to do likewise. Henderson's spirit and example are worth remembering today, as more and more Christians conform to the demands of the world and bow to official opposition to Christ and His gospel. Henderson's example reminds us that we may have to pay a great price in terms of worldly loss if we are to stand up for the gospel. But he also shows us that God will grant the power of His Spirit to those who refuse to yield the claims of Christ as King of His Church and Lord over the spirits of all men. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday this year, may God grant a renewal of courageous faith, so that we may possess a spirit of bold zeal for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

In Christ's Love,  
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. 31	Matthew 19; Mark 10
Nov. 1	Matthew 20-21
Nov. 2	Luke 18:15-19:48
Nov. 3	Mark 11; John 12
Nov. 4	Matthew 22; Mark 12
Nov. 5	Matthew 23; Luke 20-21
Nov. 6	Mark 13

### THE SHOEBOX

After shoeboxes are packed, sent off with prayer and prepared for overseas shipment, they travel by plane, boat and truck to countries where local churches receive them with joy. Every gift-filled shoebox provides these churches with an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship in places they otherwise might never be received. As a result, the Gospel is transforming children, families and entire communities. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this process. National collection week is coming up November 16-23.

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

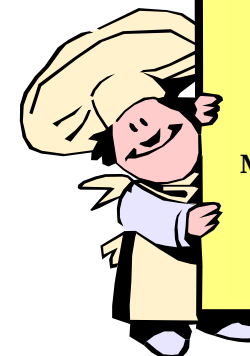
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

### New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, November 13, 2016** immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

**Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.**

**Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.**



## Corner of River and Rhett

### Second Presbyterian Home Groups

The Session has approved a new ministry in the life of SPC called Home Groups. These elder led home-based Bible Fellowship Groups will take place in members' homes throughout greater Greenville beginning in early November. It is our hope these groups will allow newer members and members who want to connect more deeply an opportunity for fellowship and community.

You will be contacted by the Home Group Leader nearest you this week with meeting information.

#### HOME GROUPS

**West Group:** (*Easley*) Elder Doug McDaniel  
Host: Mark & Beth Baxa, Nov. 3, 6-8 pm, Supper provided  
Study Material: *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges  
Teachers: Mark Baxa and Leon Harmon

**Northwest Group:** (*Furman area*) Elder Bill Wheeler  
Host: Scott & Sarah Grubbs, Nov. 4, 7-9 pm, Post-Supper  
Study Material: *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer  
Teacher: Nathan Sasser

**Northeast Group:** (*Taylor's*) Elder Keith Pratt  
Host: David & Sarah George, Nov. 4, 6-8 pm, Supper provided  
Study Material: *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis  
Teacher: Keith Pratt

**Central Group:** (*Augusta Road*) Elder Al Wills  
Host: Kirby & Helen Kee, Nov. 3, 6-8 pm, Supper provided  
Study Material: *Jesus the Evangelist* by Richard Phillips  
Teacher: Kirby Kee

**East Group:** (*Pelham*) Elder Bill Watkins  
Host: Rick & Sharon Phillips, Nov. 4, 7-9 pm, Post-Supper  
Study Material: *Children of the Living God* by Sinclair Ferguson  
Teacher: Chad Bailey

**Southeast Group:** (*Mauldin*) Elder Hugh Player  
Host: Kevin & Shannon Mobley, Nov. 3, 7-9 pm, Dessert only  
Study Material: *Simplify Your Spiritual Life* by Donald Whitney  
Teachers: Scott Cook and Kevin Mobley

### The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

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

October 30, 2016

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY

#### TRUSTING OUR SOVEREIGN GOD

Acts 12:1-25

Hymns: 92, 1, 75

Anthem: The Morning Trumpet

Rev. Chad T. Bailey preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### PRINCIPLES OF PROTESTANTISM

2 Timothy 3:1-17

Hymns: 300, 147, 706

Psalm 119 (verses 89-96)

Dr. James B. McGoldrick preaching

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### Letter from the Senior Minister Alexander Henderson and the Scottish National Covenant

Christians today tend to remember only the most well-known figures of the Reformation, such as Martin Luther and John Calvin. But as the restoration of the gospel and true worship spread from country to country in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, dramatic and inspiring events took place over several generations involving a wide number of heroic Christians. I strongly recommend the reading of Reformation history and the many biographies that chronicle these amazing events.

The struggle over the gospel was especially dramatic in Scotland during the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and the whole of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Few peoples ever showed such determination to possess true religion, against such bitter and violent persecution, as the Scots. In fact, the Scottish Reformation exerted a great deal of influence over our own history and even on the life of our corner of South Carolina, as many of the persecuted Scots fled to America, establishing strong churches mostly in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Carolinas. Our own region is considered a bastion of Presbyterian and Reformed Christianity because of the many Scots who came to our region in pursuit of religious freedom. Many of our church members descend from these stalwart Christians, including your senior pastor, whose Scottish forebears immigrated to North Carolina in the late 1600's.

In the first generation of the Scottish Reformation, John Knox led the Kirk (the Scottish church) to rebel against Mary Queen of Scots' rule over the church. In their famous interview, Mary accused Knox of sedition against the Scottish throne and Knox accused the Queen of sedition against God's throne. During the late 1500's, the Scottish Kirk gained a measure of independence from the crown and organized itself on biblical principles, led by Spirit-called elders who obeyed the Bible (this is known as Presbyterianism).