

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 20

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 12:30 PM College & 20's Friends Giving @ the Cooks
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP

Tuesday, November 22

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:30 PM I-Mites Basketball practice

Wednesday, November 23

- 5:30 PM THANKSGIVING DINNER AND PROGRAM
 8:15 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, November 24



*Happy Thanksgiving
 From the Church Staff*

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26

- 9:00 AM WIC Decorating for Christmas
 2:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112:4-6

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- 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
 Dec. 2 Sr. High Christmas Party @ the Cooks
 Dec. 5 Diaconate Meeting
 Dec. 7 WIC Council
 Dec. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Dec. 7 WIC Circle 6 Christmas Party
 Dec. 8 Good Grief Dinner
 Dec. 8 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Dec. 9 College & 20's Christmas Party @ the Cooks
 Dec. 9 Christmas Party for Kirby Kee's Fold/Fellowship
 Dec. 9 SS Class/Central Home Group @ the Kees
 Dec. 10 WIC Baby Shower for Haley Maycock
 Dec. 10 Christmas Party for Kevin Mobley's Fold/ACTS
 Dec. 10 SS Class/Southeast Home Group @ the Mobleys'
 Dec. 11 Congregational Meeting to Elect Deacons and Receive and Support the 2017 Budget
 Dec. 11 Chancel Choir Concert
 Dec. 11 Reception following Choir Concert
 Dec. 12 Young At Heart
 Dec. 12 Session Meeting
 Dec. 13 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 14 Christmas Dinner and Program
 Dec. 16 Chancel Choir Christmas Party @ the Smokers'
 Dec. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Dec. 21 Churchwide Christmas Caroling
 Dec. 21 No Wednesday Night Activities
 Dec. 23-26 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
 Dec. 28 No Wednesday Night Activities

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 101) or email (jgrant@spcgreenville.org).

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.

Elizabeth Cureton
 107 McMakin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29617
 235-4776

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Gina Thomas

Jacks Tingle

Jacks B. and Deborah Tingle

Missionary of the Week




**Calvary Home
 for Children**

The vision for Calvary Home for Children began in 1992. Members from several Upstate South Carolina churches participated in missions trips to a children's home in Columbus, Mississippi. After witnessing that work in Mississippi and being burdened by the increase in child abuse and abandonment incidences in South Carolina, this group of men and women had a vision to see similar work in the Upstate. At any given time, there are approximately 1400 children in the Upstate's foster care system, 6,000 throughout South Carolina, and 500,000 nationally.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 



Nov. 19	9:15 am	I-Mites	Home
Nov. 19	12:30 pm	Minor Boys	St. James
Nov. 19	12:40 pm	Mites	AYMC/FBC 1
Nov. 19	1:30 pm	Jr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Nov. 21	8:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Nov. 21	8:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	1st Pres.

 **Sr. High Movie Night**
Friday, Nov. 18
6:00 pm @ the church
No Cost * Food Provided

College & 20's Class
Friends Giving
Sunday, November 20th
Immediately following 11 am worship
Scott and Christina Cook's home
113 Muscadine Dr., Mauldin SC 29662

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday Nov. 23
Dinner :
5:30 PM - Gym
Service:
7:00 PM - Sanctuary

The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th.

 **WIC will be decorating the church**
for Christmas on Sat., Nov. 26th. 
Come join them as the ladies
beautify the church for this Christmas season.

The Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday, November 25th has been cancelled.



There will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on Nov. 27, 2016.

Missionary Speaker

Scott Hill, one of our support missionaries serving in Cherokee, North Carolina with MTW will be with us on Wednesday, November 30th to give us an update on his work with the Cherokee Indians. Mark your calendars and don't miss this very informative time with Scott.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child this year. We collected 90 boxes to be sent to hurting children overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Every gift-filled shoebox provides overseas 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. Be in prayer for these shoeboxes and the eternal difference they can make.

 **"A Carol Celebration"** 
December 11, 2016
 The Chancel Choir will present
 an evening of carols
 for choir and orchestra
 at the evening worship service.
 Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family
 and don't miss this Christmas tradition.
 A Churchwide Reception will follow in the gym.

2017 Offering Envelopes

The 2017 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2016 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than Dec. 31.

 **Christmas Poinsettias** 

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a RED Poinsettia for \$10.25. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 7th. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. (Please do not put in the offering plate.)

I would like to purchase __ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.25 ea. Total: _____
 In honor of:

 In memory of:

 Given by:
 (Name) _____ Telephone # _____

 *Showering with Love* 
 The Women in the Church
 cordially invite you
 to a baby shower for
Haley Maycock
 Saturday, December 10, 2016
 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Fellowship Hall

 Haley is registered online:
 Daniel and Haley Maycock's
 Baby Registry on BabyList



slice of the kind of Christ-centered good works that offer encouragement—and examples—for the next season of American life.

AT 8:30 ON SUNDAY MORNING in downtown Greenville, most streets are quiet as early risers file into the first worship service at Second Presbyterian Church (PCA). Morning light filters through stained-glass windows, as the choir sings an opening prayer in the traditional service: “God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power. Crown Thine ancient Church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.”

The morning sermon by assistant pastor Chad Bailey only mentioned the election once. During an exposition of the New Testament church’s growth through suffering and persecution, Bailey reminded the congregation: “Christ is still ruling and reigning no matter who is elected. ... That makes a difference in how we think and speak and spend our lives. ... We live and die unto the Lord.”

A mile and a half away, churchgoers heard a similar message later that morning from Pastor Stacey Mills of Mountain View Baptist Church, a historic African-American congregation founded in 1908.

In some ways, the nearby churches seem worlds apart. While modern condos flank Second Presbyterian, lower-income homes and shuttered textile mills surround Mountain View. But inside the nearly 100-year-old building, Mills helps his congregation think Biblically about suffering and trials: “You learn how to be grounded. You learn how to walk through the valley of the shadow of death,” he said in a rising cadence. “Why? Because I’ve found that on my worst day He is still with me,” Mills said to loud “Amens” from the packed congregation. “We ought to be able to have joy in the presence of trouble.”

The African-American community in Greenville knows about trials and troubles. When church members constructed the current building in the 1920s, they carried buckets of change they collected to deposit into a church bank account. They hauled bricks to the site by hand. During the era of segregation, the community was self-sustaining, as it found itself cut off from services the local white population enjoyed.

But desegregation slowly came, as Jesse Jackson (a Greenville native) and other civil rights activists marched to desegregate libraries and lunch counters.

Greenville avoided much of the worst violence that marked other civil rights demonstrations, but desegregation brought its own challenges. Mills says many black business owners near the church closed up when local residents began choosing from a wider range of businesses in town.



The community declined in coming decades, particularly as local textile mills closed and blue-collar jobs dried up. These days, many in the community still struggle. And they still remain separate, at least socially, in many ways.

That began changing a few years ago, when an unexpected friendship developed between the ministers at Second Presbyterian and Mountain View. Through mutual contacts, Mills met Rick Phillips, senior minister at Second Presbyterian. They became friends, and they started an annual tradition: The two congregations, black and white, become one gathering for sunrise services on Easter mornings. After outdoor worship, they share breakfast together. It’s a simple step, but it’s brought other traditions: The youth groups cooperate on occasional service projects, repairing homes for the elderly in both congregations. Mills has preached at Second; Phillips has spoken at a forum at Mountain View.

For Phillips, these are simple, gospel-centered ways to push back against social separations between blacks and whites in the city. “You have to have the relationship before you have anything else,” he said. “Unless there are personal connections ... you just live in separate worlds.”

Phillips acknowledges the simple steps haven’t changed the racial landscape of Greenville, but he hopes they’re a small way to form bonds between Christians who might not otherwise interact.

Mills says he’s appreciated the friendship as well and says other ministers from different racial and denominational backgrounds in Greenville have begun meeting monthly to discuss the racial tensions the country has faced in painful ways over the last year. He says it’s helpful for both groups to hear the experiences that have shaped their communities, and he thinks churches should lead their cities, even in small ways: “We are the keepers of the treasures that have been given to us by our Father.”

This summer, Phillips served on a Presbyterian Church in America denominational committee that helped approve an overture apologizing for racism in the denomination’s history. “This is Christian love in action,” he says. “Why would we not want to say we are appalled these things happened and we’re sorry for that? Why would we not repudiate them publicly?”

Back at Mountain View, the Sunday morning sermon wasn’t about race, but church members nodded in agreement as Mills encouraged them to be driven by faith in Christ, not by anxiety and tension. “I have a problem when we preach fear and never talk about hope,” he declared. “I have a problem when we tell people how to be afraid, but never tell them how to live in joy.”

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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.

Nov. 21	Acts 13-14
Nov. 22	James 1-5
Nov. 23	Acts 15-16
Nov. 24	Galatians 1-3
Nov. 25	Galatians 4-6
Nov. 26	Acts 17-18:18
Nov. 27	1 Thes. 1-5; 2 Thes. 1-3



*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.” —
Psalm 100:4-5*



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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

Corner of River and Rhett

ACTS Class New Location

The ACTS Sunday School Class, taught by Dr. Kevin Mobley, has moved to the Fellowship Hall.

Online Directory

The online directory has been fixed so members can now see all contact information (i.e multiple phone numbers). Reminder that members can access the online directory by downloading the Church Life App from your phone's app store or through the members' portal on the church website. Members can also access their contribution records from the Members' portal. Please see Nate Johnson if you have any trouble accessing this information.

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Greenville Seminary 2017 Theology Conference

March 14-16, 2017

TRUMPET CALL: 500 YEARS OF GOSPEL FREEDOM

Greenville Seminary is offering a 20% discount for members of our church on registration fees for this conference. Register at gpts.edu/conference. You will need to enter a special discount code on the registration form to receive this discount: **GSDonorChurch**. Please do not share this code with anyone who is not a member of our church. When registering, enter the name of our church in the appropriate place.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 20, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE TOWER BUILDERS

Genesis 11:1-4

Hymns: 345, 138, 378

Anthem: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON

John 15:26

Hymns: 331, 335, 339

Psalms 119 (verses 113-120)

Rev. Scott Cook preaching



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World Magazine Article on Greenville, Second Presbyterian Church & Mountain View Baptist

Two Sundays before American voters elected Donald Trump to become the 45th president of the United States, many American churchgoers marked the 499th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. In some churches, Christians clutched hymnals and sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," belting out Martin Luther's rousing lyrics: "Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever." It was a fitting way to begin a week consumed by news of temporal leaders in earthly kingdoms.

Those new leaders matter, and Trump's election has substantial implications for the future of the United States. But in considering what the presidential election means for evangelical Christians, another important question arises: What does it not mean? Will religious liberty remain under assault? It's likely, but Christ-centered believers won't exercise their religious faith less and won't stop proclaiming Biblical doctrines. Will the most vulnerable members of society continue to face danger? Almost certainly, but Christians won't stop defending those lives, regardless of political leaders. Will racial divides continue? Yes, but Christian churches can model true brotherly affection, even in the simplest of ways.

Indeed, before, during, and after the most tumultuous presidential campaign in modern American history, many evangelicals pursued gospel-centered efforts that transcend politics. And many will continue, even if the work is uncomfortable, unpopular, or unseen.

Just before the election, I spent 48 hours in Greenville, S.C., one American town where a variety of Christians quietly demonstrate those efforts. Their work isn't flashy, but it's faithful, and it mirrors similar church-centered efforts all over the country.

Such efforts may face political pressures, but no president or government policy will save or destroy them. Here's a glimpse into a tiny