

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 27

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
7:30 PM Congregational Informational Budget Meeting

### Tuesday, November 29

- 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 30

- 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 Covenant/CAT Kids  
6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies  
6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**  
7:25 PM **MISSIONARY SPEAKER: Scott Hill**  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:15 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

### Thursday, December 1

- 4:00 PM Minors Basketball practice  
5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice

### Friday, December 2

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study  
6:00 PM Sr. High Christmas Party @ the Cooks

### Saturday, December 3

- 2:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112: 7-9

*He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

- 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 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 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 Churchwide 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.

**Florence Dickerson**  
The Haven  
355 Berkman's Lane, Room 203-B  
Greenville, SC 29605

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Jerry and Cheryl Traynham**  
**Pat Tyner**  
**Nathan and Heidi Upton**  
**Sarah and Katie**

## Missionary of the Week

**Rev Wes & Jami Baker**  
**Peru Missions**

### WHAT WES DOES:

Church Planting  
Seminary Instruction  
Vision and Strategic Planning


### ABOUT THE BAKERS:

Wes is a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He and his wife Jami have seven children ranging in age from eleven to twenty-four. Wes serves as a pastor in the Cristo Rey Presbyterian Church in Trujillo, trains pastors and church planters in the seminary, and helps with the mission's strategic planning. The Bakers have been with Peru Mission in Cajamarca and Trujillo for almost sixteen years.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

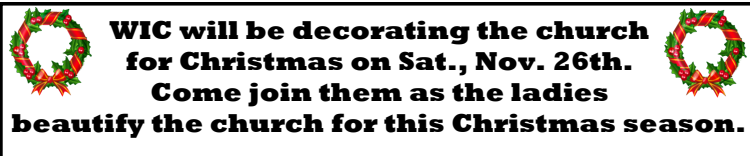
Nov. 28	8:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	1st Pres.
Nov. 28	8:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	Home
Dec. 1	8:00 pm	Men	AYMC/FBC 1
Dec. 1	8:00 pm	Women	St. Matthew
Dec. 3	9:15 am	I-Mites	Christ Church-Finlay
Dec. 3	11:00 am	Mites	AYMC/FBC 1
Dec. 3	12:00 pm	Minor Boys	W. Pres. 1
Dec. 3	12:30 pm	Jr. High Boys	St. George

**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.**

**Thank You**

*Betty and Jim McGoldrick extend sincere thanks to all who have prayed for us during Betty's recent illness. Your love and helpfulness encourage us greatly. We love you all and thank especially those who brought us meals.*

**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.

**Young At Heart**

**December 12, 2016 @ 11:45 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Our Christmas luncheon will be extra special! We will have a delicious Christmas meal for \$8.50 per person payable at the door. Tony Vincus and Margaret Hawkins will present us with a *Musical Christmas Program*. What a way to go into the Christmas season!



*Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program*  
**Wednesday, December 14th @ 5:30 pm, Church Gym**  
**Dinner: 5:30 pm \* Program: 6:45 pm**

 *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



 **"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 Reception for the church will follow.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_



Martin Luther employed the Lord's Prayer encouraging disciples to use each clause as a hook on which to hang thoughts of their own. From each clause of the Prayer, he recommended making "a garland of four twisted strands" by, (1) identifying the truth(s) taught, (2) expressing thankfulness for all the good gifts suggested, (3) confessing sin(s) that rise to the surface, and (4) petitioning God as needs come to our minds.

Since this coming week is the week of Thanksgiving, strand number 2 seems particularly appropriate. Perhaps it could function as a test of the seriousness with which we approach such a season. Before Thanksgiving dinner, why not ask each person to mention one or two things for which they are especially thankful?

Let the Prayer itself be your guide. Note that it begins - and stays - with God before it asks for anything. Too often we rush into prayer with our needs and wants. STOP! Breathe in the refined air of God's presence. Allow your thoughts to contemplate who he is. He is praiseworthy. Already, the familiar words of a hymn should rise to the surface: "Praise my soul the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring."

So we thank God for who he is in himself. God invites our praise so that we may be reminded every time we come to him that "he is God and we are not." Praise forces out selfishness and our in-built gravitational pull toward self-deification. As Calvin put it, our minds are idol factories by nature. Praising God is what we need to do and what we are so poor at doing. Listen to the content of much prayer and discover how poor we are in extolling God.

Thankfulness corrects such poverty. Be thankful, then, for God and your relationship with him. Do not make the fatal mistake of thinking that your relationship with God is directly proportional to the amount of theology you know and can debate. Knowing about God is not the same thing as knowing God. When we can say, "I know you, O Lord;



and you know me," it is a matter for which we must be truly grateful. Stand in his presence, or better, kneel, and say, "Father." It is a breathtaking experience. What a privilege that is! The One who made the universe and holds it together is my Father in heaven.

And your Father in heaven did not spare his Son.

He gave him up to a cross-shaped death for us.

What wondrous love is this!

Now thank him, with all your heart. This is gospel-shaped praying. We are thankful because of what he has done for us: he has chosen us, called us, regenerated us, justified us, adopted us...And we have only just begun the glorious duty of giving thanks.

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*"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



## 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. 28	Acts 18:19-19:41
Nov. 29	1 Cor. 1-4
Nov. 30	1 Cor. 5-8
Dec. 1	1 Cor. 9-11
Dec. 2	1 Cor. 12-14
Dec. 3	1 Cor. 15-16
Dec. 4	2 Cor. 1-4



## 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](http://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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**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

**DEACON NOMINEES**

*Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 11, 2016.*

John Atwood  
Mike Carey  
Willy Madrid  
Bill McDaniel  
Ron Vanderwey

*During the fall Deacon Training Class these men have studied the Biblical Basis for the Office of Deacon, Westminster Standards, PCA Book of Church Order, and SPC Policy Manual. They have completed an English Bible test and prepared a paper on the biblical basis for the office of Deacon.*

The Session calls all communing members of Second Presbyterian Church in good standing to give prayerful consideration in preparation for participation in the important responsibility given to the church of electing godly men to the office of deacon. There are five (5) vacancies to be filled at this time for the class of 2020.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
TO ELECT DEACONS  
Sunday, December 11, 2016  
10:00 am**

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE  
Sunday, January 8, 2017  
6:00 pm**

~The Editor 

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

**November 27, 2016**

**MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00**

**BABEL CONFUSED**

Genesis 11:5-9

Hymns: 196, 337, 331

Anthem: Sing to the Lord of Harvest  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 PM

**A PSALM OF THANKS TO THE LORD**

Psalm 107

Hymns: 198, 98, 4

Psalm 119 (verses 121-128)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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**The Second Presbyterian Church**  
Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
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November 21, 2016

**Praying Thankfully:  
A Thanksgiving Meditation  
By Derek Thomas  
Senior Minister of First Pres. Columbia**

Do you ever find yourself lost for words when it is time to pray? Most of us do.

All kinds of explanations can be offered for this experience, not least of which is the thought that anything we say seems so trivial and inappropriate when addressing God. We instinctively feel that we need to be better at praying than we are. So we try to correct this perceived shortcoming and find ourselves saying, "God will only hear me if I am better at it." But this cannot be right, for God hears the "groans" of his people when words are not forthcoming. At such times the Holy Spirit identifies with our groaning, "with groans that words cannot express" (Rom. 8:23, 26). A mother can interpret vocal pronouncements of a child whose mind is impaired when, to us, the sounds seem utterly unintelligible; so the Holy Spirit fixes our groans and sighs on the way up to our Father in heaven.

If ever you find yourself at a loss for words, there is something you can do. Turn to the Lord's Prayer. It is a model given to us by our Lord Jesus to help us pray. True, we can use it "as is" and repeat its grand petitions. But we can also use it as a model and learn from its structure and proportion how we ought to pray.