

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 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**
 Ordination and Installation of Deacons
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM Reception for New Deacons

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 6:00 PM-Supper; 7:00 PM-Meeting
 6:30 PM I-Mites Basketball practice
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, January 11

5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 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)
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 6
 6:55 PM CAT Kids/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:15 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE
 12:00 PM Men's Luncheon
 6:00 PM Friday Night Banquet

Saturday, January 14

10:00 AM Ladies' Fellowship
 6:00 PM College & 20's Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Jan. 4 WIC Council
 Jan. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Jan. 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Jan. 8 Deacon Ordination & Installation
 Jan. 8 Reception for New Deacons
 Jan 10-11 WIC Circles
 Jan. 10 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 Jan. 11 Missions Committee Meeting
 Jan 13-15 **2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**
 ~Men's Luncheon Friday @ Noon
 ~Friday Night Banquet @ 6pm
 ~Ladies' Fellowship Saturday @ 10am
 ~College & 20's Fellowship Sat. @ 6pm
 ~Adult Sunday School @ 10am-sanctuary
 ~8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Services
 ~6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
 Jan. 15 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Jan. 16 Young At Heart
 Jan. 18 Administration Committee Meeting
 Jan. 25 CE Committee Meeting
 Jan. 28 Calvary Presbytery at Bailey Manor

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (ESV)

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.

Betty McGoldrick
 627 Ashley Commons Court
 Greer, SC 29651
 968-0032

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Martin and Kathy Whigham
 Laura

Ramona White

Al and Sandra Wills



PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER

Missionary for the Week

JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH

- Pray that PWC will influence abortion-minded women and men to see the baby they have been given as a gift from God.
- Pray the staff and volunteers will glorify God in all ways.
- Pray that God will encourage women who are quietly suffering from the repercussions of an abortion to seek help from our abortion recovery Bible study.
- Pray that God will work in the hearts of our leaders to put an end to abortion in our nation.
- Pray about how you can be more actively involved with your time, talents, and finances with the ministry of Piedmont Women's Center.
- Pray for the success of this year's annual banquet. Pray the Lord will bless the event and more people will support the ministry of PWC.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Jan. 5	8:00 pm	Women	St. Matthew
Jan. 5	9:00 pm	Men	AYMC/FBC 1
Jan. 7	9:20 am	Mites	AYMC/FBC 1
Jan. 7	11:30 am	I-Mites	Christ Church-Finlay
Jan. 7	12:30 pm	Jr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Jan. 7	1:30 pm	Minor Boys	St. James
Jan. 10	8:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	1st Pres.
Jan. 10	9:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	St. Matthew

Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Tuesday, January 10th
Supper: 6pm * Meeting 7pm

Please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes located on a table outside the library.

Baptism

Christine Elizabeth Plourde, covenant daughter of Garrison and Amy Plourde received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 18, 2016. We are thankful for the Plourde family and pray that Christine will love and serve the Lord all the days of her life.

Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy go out to the family of Mr. Pat Holbrook, long time SPC member, Ruling Elder, and Trustee, who went home to be with the Lord on December 27, 2016. We are thankful for the life and service of Pat and pray for Mark and Linda and their family during this time of loss and grief.
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Join the Choir!

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 11. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at 864-979-9378. Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!

Good News Club

We have lost several volunteers at the Kroc Center on Friday afternoons. We currently need Grade Shepherds in order to continue that program. You can be quickly trained to sit with the children, to encourage them and help with memory verses, and to love them! Please contact Cyndi Player (864-483-4644) if you are willing to give two hours weekly (beginning mid-January) to this most worthwhile ministry.

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our morning worship service on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951). She will be compiling the 2017 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

Young At Heart

The monthly luncheon of the Young At Heart will be Monday, January 16th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal will be \$7.50 per person, payable at the door. Start your New Year by joining us for wonderful fellowship, delicious food, and very good programs. Mrs. Kathy Swartz, back by popular demand, will present us with a Dulcimer Concert, sharing God's grace in her life. Mark your calendars and don't miss this wonderful opportunity.



For Christ in South Carolina and the World

2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 13-15, 2017

Speakers:

- Octavius Delfils - Haiti missionary**
- Stephen Atkinson - Christian Witness to Israel**
- David Ely - RUF Furman**
- B. J. Bateman - Child Evangelism Fellowship**
- Jacob Edmisten - Miracle Hill Ministries**

Schedule:

- Men's Luncheon - Friday @ noon**
- Friday Night Banquet - 6:00 PM**
- Ladies' Fellowship - Saturday @ 10:00 AM**
- College & 20's Fellowship - Saturday @ 6:00 PM**
- Sunday: Sunday School and Worship Services**

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 8, 2017
 Evening Worship Service

Pictures will be immediately taken of all active Elders and Deacons at the close of the Evening Service in the Sanctuary. A Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall for the congregation in honor of our new Deacons.

ACTS Class

The ACTS Class, taught by Dr. Kevin Mobley, will begin a new study in Ephesians on Sunday, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of Christian fellowship and expository study; with coffee and refreshments!



DURING TIMES OF SPIRITUAL LUKEWARMNESS

There are inevitable times in life when your delight in God grows lukewarm. There are times when your heart longs for satisfaction in something—anything—other than God and his riches. In these times your worship can become marked by a lukewarm formality. Your time in prayer and God’s Word can become cold duty and you look with dread at the times of fellowship with other Christians. You may neglect the pursuit of communion with God, and instead treat your relationship with him as just another of life’s joyless duties. In these times you may be sure that Satan is close at hand to tempt you, to draw you even further from God and even deeper into lesser pleasures. Your heart is already marked by lukewarmness and he longs to chill it even more. Fight! Fight right now to restore the joy of your salvation.

DURING TIMES OF SPIRITUAL HIGHS

Just as temptation may be close behind your spiritual doldrums, it may also be lurking close behind your spiritual heights. You can observe this very thing in the life of Paul, who was given the great gift of being caught up to the third heaven and seeing Christ there. Yet immediately he was visited by Satan (2 Corinthians 12:7) who tried to discourage and crush him. God loves to bless us with those times of freedom and pleasure. We love to be blessed by him in this way! But temptation may lie close at hand. In those times of great spiritual enjoyment you may be so satisfied in your current state that you begin to neglect the means of grace, you stop fighting sin, you accept this delight as your due. You may even brag about the heights you have reached, and all but beg God to chasten and humble you. Enjoy soaring to those spiritual heights, but do not cease from guarding your heart, mind, and soul. In fact, be especially vigilant in those times.

DURING TIMES OF SELF CONFIDENCE

This world is full of temptations custom-crafted to appeal to every depraved heart. In times of self-confidence you can be sure you will soon enter into sore temptation. This was exactly the case with Peter who, on the final night of Jesus’ life, bragged that he would never desert his Savior.



Yet within hours he had not only abandoned him but denied him three times. His self-confidence allowed him to compare himself with others and boast, “Though they may forsake you, I will not.” And still he fell gravely at the very first opportunity. This world is full of temptations custom-crafted to appeal to every depraved heart. The greater your confidence in your ability to overcome these sins in your own strength and the greater your confidence that these sins cannot sway you, the greater the likelihood you will be tempted with them and the greater the likelihood you will fall into them. Beware of self-confidence and flee from its first awakenings. Trust always, only, ever in Christ.

EXPECT TEMPTATION, RESIST TEMPTATION

Temptation will come. It will come to you. It may come in times of prosperity, times of lukewarmness, times of spiritual excitement, or times of dangerous self-confidence. Be especially vigilant in those times! But always remember that even when temptation is inevitable, succumbing to temptation is not. God promises it. “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). You must, and you can, endure.

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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



Reading Through the Bible in 2017

Below is the new schedule for reading through the Bible in 2017. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. The amount of reading is balanced each day, rotating from OT to NT and using Sundays as “catch-up” days.

Jan. 2	Genesis 1-4
Jan. 3	Genesis 5-8
Jan. 4	Genesis 9-12
Jan. 5	Genesis 13-17
Jan. 6	Genesis 18-20
Jan. 7	Genesis 21-23
Jan. 9	Genesis 24-26
Jan. 10	Genesis 27-30
Jan. 11	Genesis 31-33
Jan. 12	Genesis 34-36
Jan. 13	Genesis 37-39
Jan. 14	Genesis 40-42



NEW ADDRESS

Chad and Rebecca Bailey
112 Birnam Court
Greenville, SC 29615



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Corner of River and Rhett

**SPC Home Groups
January 2017 Schedule**

Group	Elder Leader	Date	Location
WEST "Easley"	Doug McDaniel	Thursday Jan. 5 7-9 pm	Kirks 371 Store Road Easley, SC 29640 561-542-4936
NORTH- WEST "Furman"	Bill Wheeler	Thursday Jan. 5 7-9 pm	Grubbs 58 Park Vista Way Greenville, SC 29617 864-915-5105
NORTH- EAST "Taylors"	Keith Pratt	Friday Jan. 20 7-9 pm	Georges 300 Yorkshire Drive Greenville, SC 29615 864-561-7255
CENTRAL "Augusta Road"	Al Wills	Friday Jan. 6 7-9 pm	Kees 400 Mills Ave. #207 Greenville, SC 29605 864-907-7546
EAST 1 "Hudson Road"	Mel Duncan	Friday Jan. 6 7-9 pm	Phillips 11 Bridgeton Drive Greenville, SC 29615 864-236-7113
EAST 2 "Pelham Road"	Bill Watkins	Friday Jan. 6 7-9 pm	Watkins 215 Windstone Court Greenville, SC 29615 864-286-0147
SOUTH- EAST "Mauldin"	Hugh Player	Thursday Jan. 5 7-9 pm	Platings 428 Marswen Court Simpsonville, SC 29680 864-385-4609

If you have specific questions about H-Groups contact your Elder Leader or Chad Bailey at 232-7621, ext. 108.

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**
January 8, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

THE FAITH OF ABRAM
Genesis 12:4-9

Hymns: 498, 36, 672
Anthem: Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

THE OLD HUNDRETH
Psalm 100

Hymns: 9, 1, 32
Psalm 121

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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**4 Times In Life You Should Expect
To Face Temptation**

By Blogger Tim Challies

Temptation is a mysterious thing. There must be method to the madness, there must be patterns of how and when we are tempted by specific sins. If there are, I've never quite been able to hack or solve the system. But at the very least we can observe this: There are some times in life when you should be especially wary, when temptation is especially likely. Here are four times you should expect to face temptation.

DURING TIMES OF PROSPERITY

Prosperity and temptation often go hand-in-hand. You need to be careful, though—prosperity is not a curse and you do not need to dread it or be suspicious of it. Rather, you need to have an awareness that prosperity carries with it fuel that feeds temptation. Agur knew this and wrote in Proverbs, "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'" Guard yourself in times of abundance and prepare yourself for the likelihood of an onslaught of temptation. Look especially for the temptation of ingratitude, denying that your prosperity is a gift of God's grace; look for the temptation of greed, hoarding your wealth instead of being generous with it; look for the temptation of pride, believing that this abundance proves that God favors you over others. Always be aware that prosperity may be a kind of smokescreen that obscures the great temptation lurking behind it. Be wary of prosperity!