

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 15

- 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

### Monday, January 16

- 11:45 AM Young At Heart

### Tuesday, January 17

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

### Wednesday, January 18

- 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  
6:55 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 19

- 4:00 PM Minors Basketball practice  
5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice  
6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

### Friday, January 20

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

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 11 Missions Committee Meeting
- Jan 13-15 **2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**  
~Men's Luncheon Friday @ Noon  
~ Friday Night Banquet @ 6pm  
~WIC Brunch 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

**If you have a date for the February calendar please contact the church office this week. 232-7621, ext. 101/jgrant@spcgreenville.org**

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:1-2

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (ESV)*

## 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.

**Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery**  
564 S. Buckhorn Road  
Greenville, SC 29609  
244-4542

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Marian Wood**

**Stan and Barbara Woodward**

**Kevin and Cindy Worley**  
**Mitchell, Bryan, Deanna**



**Missionary**  
**for the Week**  
**Bethany.org**

### Adoption:

Adoption is a beautiful way to grow your family. You can provide a loving, nurturing home for a vulnerable child. Bethany helps families welcome an infant, an older child, or a child from another country into their family.

### Pregnancy counseling:

Bethany is here to provide pregnant women with support and guidance as they seek to make the best choice for themselves and their unborn child. There is no cost for this service.

### Temporary care:

Through Bethany's Foster Care program and Safe Families ministry, Bethany seeks to provide temporary care for children. Their ultimate goal is to ensure that they have a safe, loving family through either reuniting them with their biological family or finding an adoptive family for those who cannot return to their biological parents. Thousands of children need a loving family who will walk with them during a time of crisis and welcome them unconditionally into a caring home.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Jan. 12	8:00 pm	Women	St. Matthew
Jan. 12	8:00 pm	Men	W. Pres. 1

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

**ACTS Class**

The ACTS Class, taught by Dr. Kevin Mobley, began 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!

**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.

**Deacon Ordination/Installation**

**NEW DATE**  
 Sunday, January 22, 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.

**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](tel: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](tel:864-483-4644)) if you are willing to give two hours weekly (beginning mid-January) to this most worthwhile ministry.

**Calvary Presbytery**

The one hundredth and thirty third stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 am at Bailey Manor. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners who will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

**Memorial Flowers**

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



**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
- Mrs. B. J. Bateman - Child Evangelism
- Jacob Edmisten - Miracle Hill Ministries

**Schedule:**

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



**"Pancakes and Prayer"**

**ANNUAL WIC PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
 Saturday, February 18, 2017  
 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast and a structured time of prayer and hymn singing led by our WIC Council. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship as we gather together to pray for our church, community and nation. We hope you will make plans to attend! Please RSVP to Laurie Farley at [laurelfarley@gmail.com](mailto:laurelfarley@gmail.com).



righteousness (Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10). Jesus Christ is the true and perfect image of God, reflecting the Father's character and enjoying as the eternal Son intimate, loving fellowship with Him; we as redeemed humans are being renewed in the divine image and granted the status and privileges of sonship by adoption. As those who are being renewed in the image of God, we are called to reflect the holiness and righteousness of our Creator in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

The biblical doctrine of man's creation as the image of God is foundational for all of Christian ethics because it teaches that the lives of all human beings have intrinsic, and not merely instrumental, value. Our lives have value as such, not merely in terms of what we may be able to do for others. Human beings have inestimable value in the sight of God, irrespective of gender, race, state of health, dependency, or social and economic utility, but simply and profoundly because human beings, among all God's creatures, have been designed and created for the purpose of enjoying a personal relationship through Jesus Christ with the Creator of the universe.

**Ethical Implications of the Image: Some Contemporary Issues**

The biblical teaching concerning the image of God has important implications for contemporary issues such as human rights, the sanctity of human life, and bioethics. The concept of the image of God has been foundational in Western civilization for the institutions and practices of human rights and democracy. When Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," the background of his thought was this fundamental teaching of the first chapter of Genesis. Human beings are not in fact equal in ability, gifts, education, or achievement, but are equal in view of their common creation to be image bearers of God. The political scientist John Hallowell has pointed out that the modern world, having lost sight of this crucial, biblical truth, has in fact "no basis for believing that all men are equal," no firm basis for "human rights" that are anything more than the creations of human societies.

Likewise, the very concept of democracy finds its true basis in this crucial, biblical truth. The principles of "one person, one vote" and the principles of political equality and self-



government are consistent with the equality of all persons as equally bearing the image of God.

It is in the image of God that Christian faith grounds a sanctity-of-life ethic in issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and stem-cell research. As image bearers of God by their fact of being created by God, the lives of human beings, as stated above, have intrinsic and not merely instrumental value. Innocent human life is inviolable and may never be licitly destroyed for someone else's benefit. If it is asked, "When does the image of God appear in man," the best biblical answer is, "At the beginning, at the creation: When a living human being is present, the image of God is present." Human life has transcendent value in the eyes of God from the moment of conception until natural death, and must always be respected as such.

Finally, it will be helpful to remember at this juncture of our nation's history that the ethical implications of the image of God are not limited either to the political "right" or the "left" but encompass both "sanctity of life" and "social justice" agendas. This foundational, biblical teaching calls all Christians to honor the dignity and value of all persons, at all times and in all circumstances, in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

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**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



**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. 16	Genesis 43-45
Jan. 17	Genesis 46-48
Jan. 18	Genesis 49-50
Jan. 19	Matthew 1-4
Jan. 20	Matthew 5-7
Jan. 21	Matthew 8-11



**WHY WE DON'T INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH**

**-By Michael Harvey**

1. We have no non-church going friends.
2. It's the pastor's job!
3. My friend said no to me last year.
4. What if it damages my friendship?
5. Our services and people are unpredictable.
6. I fear what the congregation will think of my friend; they are not our type of people.
7. I don't want to be seen as strange.
8. I wouldn't know what to say and they might ask something about my faith.
9. Below the surface of these answers lies the fear of rejection.

"If you invite your friends to Second Presbyterian Church I guarantee you I will tell them about Jesus and the Gospel."

- Dr. Richard D. Phillips



**A Prayer of Moses - a Man of God**

LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even before You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction and say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up. In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers. For we have been consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are terrified. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, the years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

~The Editor



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**Return Service Requested**

**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY**  
January 15, 2017  
**2017 SPC Missions Conference**

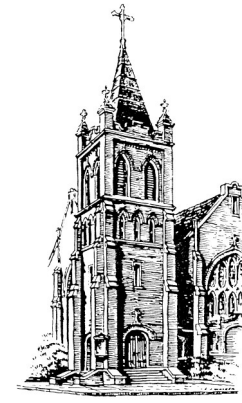
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
8:30 & 11:00 am

**THE COMMISSION TO MISSION**  
Luke 24:44-47  
Hymns: 369, 165, 378  
Anthem: Lift High the Cross  
Rev. Stephen Atkinson preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 pm

**2017 SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE**  
Hymns: 442, 370, 441  
Psalm 121  
Rev. Octavius Delfils preaching

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**Sanctity of Life**

**by John Davis, Tabletalk Magazine**

The simple but sublime words of Genesis 1:26 that God created mankind in His own image and likeness are some of the most important words in all of Scripture. The teaching that man is the image and likeness of God is absolutely foundational for a Christian understanding of human nature, the dignity and value of the person, and for all of Christian ethics. It is the purpose of this article to explore briefly some of the important practical implications of this crucial, biblical truth for Christian living and for contemporary ethical issues such as capital punishment, human rights, abortion, and stem cell research.

For our purposes, the following definition should be sufficient: The image of God in man is that which gives human beings the capacity for a uniquely personal relationship with God. The image of God encompasses man's humanity as such and involves the whole person — body, mind, emotions, will, spirit — and man's humanity cannot be reduced to only one of these aspects. The image of God is not a human achievement, but a gift conferred on all humans by God's creative act. The purpose of man's creation as the image of God is that man might enjoy a personal relationship with the Creator, both in time and eternity.

A definition of the image of God that encompassed more explicitly the various strands of biblical revelation could be as follows: Being created in the "image and likeness of God" means being created to share the status of Christ's royal sonship (see Gen. 5:3; Col. 1:15), reflecting on earth God's heavenly authority (Gen. 1:26, 28; Ps. 8:6-8), glory (Ps. 8:5; 2 Cor. 4:4), and