

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 26

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM Membership Class  
 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 Youth Fellowship Dinner in gym

### Tuesday, February 28

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 1

5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:00 PM Called Administration Meeting  
 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 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

### Thursday, March 2

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

### Friday, March 3

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 18:1-3

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 22 CE Committee Meeting  
 Feb. 22 Sports Banquet  
 Feb. 26 Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 Feb. 28 Young Adult Bible Study  
 March 1 WIC Council  
 March 5 Communicants' Class begins  
 March 6 Diaconate Meeting  
 March 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 March 8 Missions Committee Meeting  
 March 12 Finance Committee Meeting  
 March 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 March 13 Session Meeting  
 March 14-15 WIC Circles  
 March 15 Administration Committee Meeting  
 March 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services  
 March 20 Young At Heart  
 March 22 CE Committee Meeting  
 March 25 WIC Shower for Sarah Spinnenweber

### 2017 Mission Dates

#### Mission Trip to Trujillo, Peru

July 21-29, 2017

Team Leader: Chad Bailey  
[cbailey@spcgreenville.org](mailto:cbailey@spcgreenville.org)

#### Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation

July 22-29, 2017

Team Leader: Ken Pujdak  
[AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com](mailto:AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com)

## 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.

**Dale and Ginny Zeigler**  
 125 Rounded Wing Drive  
 Easley, SC 29642  
 850-7757

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Caleb and Frida Barbier**  
**Matt and Eliana**  
**Joel and Alice Barnett**  
**Geoffrey Barnett**

## Missionary for the Week

**Rev. John Boyte**  
**RUF - Anderson University**

John Boyte is a graduate of Clemson University where he earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. John has worked with youth as a lay minister directing and teaching the Junior High Youth at Peoples Bible Church in Greenville, SC and the Senior High at the Evangelical Church of Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand. He was involved with teaching Sunday School and assisting with the youth at New Covenant before joining the staff in 1996. He finished the MDiv at Erskine Seminary and is ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCA Church. He married his wife, Cheryl in 1987. They have three children, J.J., Casey, and Caleb. John served as Associate Pastor of New Covenant Church for twelve years while also serving as the campus minister at Anderson University. He has served as campus minister at Anderson for over 18 years. He has also served the church as an interim pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Easley, SC.



**ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET**  
**Wednesday, February 22nd**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Speaker: Rev. Chad Bailey**  
*Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2015-16 sports participation.*



Players are encouraged to bring and leave their jerseys in the gym after this week's Sports Banquet. It's certainly appropriate if players want to wear their jerseys to the banquet. Teams are encouraged to sit together (if practical). Join us for a delicious meal and a celebration of our church league basketball season.

### Mark Your Calendars

April 13	Maundy Thursday Service
April 14	Good Friday Lunch & Service
April 16	Sunrise Service
April 23	New Members' Reception & Luncheon
April 29	WIC Spring Luncheon
May 3	Graduation Banquet
May 10	CAT Kids Program
May 24	Musical CAT Kids begins
June 4	All Adult Sunday School begins
June 12-16	General Assembly, Greensboro NC
July 1	Church Picnic
July 10-14	Vacation Bible School

### Church Directory

Please make the following changes to your church directory:

**Daniel and Carrie Stephens**  
 216 Wild Horse Creek Drive  
 Simpsonville, SC 29680-6512



**Miracle Hill**  
 MINISTRIES

## Miracle Hill Gala

Miracle Hill's 80th  
 Anniversary Fundraising Gala

*"A Night of Miracles  
 and Fundraising"*

March 21, 2017

Pre Show 5:30 pm \* Celebration 6:00 pm

Speaker: Derek Clark

TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC

Semi Formal admired, but not required!

To register as a guest; register to host a table  
 and/or have questions go to:

<http://miraclehill.org/gala> or

Contact Lysie Crespo  
 631-0137 or [lcrespo@miraclehill.org](mailto:lcrespo@miraclehill.org)

### Communicants Class Begins

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, March 5th, taught by Pastor Scott Cook. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in classroom S-307. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class.

#### Class Schedule

- March 5: What does it mean to be a Christian?
- March 12: What are the ordinary means of grace?
- March 19: What is a healthy Church member?
- March 26: What do our membership vows mean?

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to sign your child/children up for the class.  
 (232-7621, ext 106 or [scook@spcgreenville.org](mailto:scook@spcgreenville.org))

### Membership Class

Meets Sundays @ 9:45 am  
 Classroom C-209

- Feb. 26: Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 5: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 12: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 19: Membership Vows (Pastor Bailey)
- Mar. 26: Presbyterian History (RE Duncan)
- April 2: Finding Your Place at SPC (RE Duncan)
- April 2 & 9: Session interviews for membership
- Apr. 23: Reception of New Members and New Members' Luncheon

*(Class will not meet April 16 due to Easter Sunday.)*

We request that any who are interested in becoming members of Second Presbyterian Church attend this class; however, attending this class does not obligate you to become a member of this Church. Come and meet other visitors. The coffee pot will be on. If you have any questions please contact our Church Administrator, Melton Duncan at 232-7621, ext. 102.

### New Baby

Daisy Claire Maycock was born to Daniel and Haley Maycock on February 16, 2017. Daisy weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

#### Take Them A Meal

If you would like to sign up to take the Maycock family a meal go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) (User Name: Maycock; Password: 1892).



kingdom purposes – form the basis of our prayers? If our prayers reflect God’s known will, the result can only be a more confident, more expectant, and more fruitful prayer life.

What are God’s kingdom purposes? The answer is found throughout the Bible, but the Lord’s Prayer is a good place to start. How did Jesus begin? Did He teach, “When you pray, go straight to your worldly needs and concerns, which may or may not be God’s will for you?” Far from it! Jesus said, “Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name’” (Mt. 6:9). This means, “Father, may your name be holy!” May your name be exalted above all other names! May your name receive the praise it deserves! May the glory of who and what you are – a glory far above all other glories – be known and exalted everywhere! Jesus is telling us that the top priority of God’s kingdom is God’s glory. For this reason, in normal situations the priority of our prayers should be the praise of God, coupled with petitions for His glory to be advanced in our own lives, in the church, and in the world. These are prayers that are in God’s will and are certain to be answered by our glory-revealing God.

Jesus’ second priority is God’s rule on earth: “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Mt. 9:10). Praying for God’s kingdom to come is praying for the ways of God to be known, believed, and practiced. We pray for God’s kingdom when we ask God to send forth His Word in power for the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of believers. We pray for God’s kingdom when we ask God to increase our faith and grant us a passion for holiness. We pray for God’s kingdom when we weep in prayer over the broken, asking for them to seek comfort in Him. We pray for God’s kingdom when we pray against the wicked advance of pagan godlessness in our culture. We are certainly praying in God’s will, therefore, when we ask God to bring our children up to a mature faith, to strengthen mothers and fathers for their duties, to grant wisdom and grace to the elders and deacons in their leadership, and when we ask God to bind our church together in a holy bond of truth and love through Jesus Christ. Aren’t these the truly important things? Of them, Jesus said, “Ask, and you will receive.”

Praying with a kingdom purpose does not mean that we cannot or should not pray for our own practical affairs. It does mean that our perspective on our affairs ought to be molded by God’s perspective as revealed in the Bible. We tend to be concerned with circumstances, whereas God is concerned with character. We tend to care about finding answers to our problems, whereas God sees the indwelling effects of sin and unbelief as our real problems. Therefore, when we pray for ourselves we should prioritize God’s spiritual agenda in our lives. In his important parable on prayer, Jesus concluded “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



(Lk. 11:13). This says that God is eagerly willing to give us what we need, and also that the best things God has for us are the result of the Holy Spirit’s work! Therefore, while I must say, “If it is your will,” when it comes to outward matters of my circumstances (for which I do not know what God’s will is), I can be certain of God’s will when I am praying for the work of His Holy Spirit in my life.

Realizing that God is certain to answer prayers about the Spirit’s work has revolutionized my prayer life. I can look at the Beatitudes with which Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount and pray knowing that God desires these things for me, wants me to pray for them, and in His own way is certain to answer these prayers. I can pray, “Make me poor in spirit so that I may receive your kingdom,” knowing that He will send the Spirit to do that. I can pray, “Father, make me pure in heart, so that I can see your face,” confident that the Spirit will come to cleanse and purify. I can pray the same way about the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, which contains numerous graces that I know God wants me to exhibit. I can pray for my growth in grace, my passion for Christ, my need for strength against sin, my boldness as a witness, God’s blessing on my spiritual gifts for service, my faithfulness as a husband and father, my courage as a leader and compassion as a shepherd, along with many other items that I know are God’s agenda for me, and I can do so knowing that these are in God’s will and that He will send the Spirit in answer to my prayer. Aren’t these the important things? Jesus says of them, “The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Lk. 11:13). Let’s therefore pray with a kingdom purpose and with a spiritual purpose in our own lives. Then James will be able to say of us, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working” (Ja. 5:16).

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

#### 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.

Feb. 27	Leviticus 17-18; Psalm 7
Feb. 28	Leviticus 19-21; Psalm 8
Mar. 1	Leviticus 22-23; Psalm 9
Mar. 2	Leviticus 24-25; Psalm 10
Mar. 3	Leviticus 26-27; Psalm 11
Mar. 4	John 1-4



#### **BJU’s Symphony Orchestra and Choirs with Rivertree Singers**

present

#### **Dan Forrest’s JUBILATE DEO**

#### **& Bernstein’s GUITAR CONCERTO with Isaac Greene**

**March 11, 2017 \* 8:00 pm**

**The Peace Center  
Buy tickets at [peacecenter.org/events](http://peacecenter.org/events)**



**Young at Heart**

At the February 20, 2017 monthly meeting of the Young at Heart Dr. Phillips on behalf of the Session recognized and thanked Ministry Coordinator Judy Brigman for her two decades of service to the congregation through Young at Heart. Mrs. Brigman will work with the Ministry for the next few meetings to assist Mr. Verlyn Smoker who has been asked by the Session to lead the ministry going forward.

**Spring Young at Heart Schedule**

March 20<sup>th</sup> Spann Harp Recital  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Red Lobster Lunch  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Special Devotion from Verlyn Smoker

**Local Musicians to Perform  
Original Sacred Classical Music**

The choirs of Bob Jones University present an outstanding evening of music with acclaimed guest choir, Rivertree Singers, and renowned guest composer, Dan Forrest. This concert, under the direction of Warren Cook, features performances by individual choirs and culminates with comments by Dan Forrest and a combined choral/orchestral performance of his new major choral work, Jubilate Deo. This seven-movement setting of Psalm 100, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord," sets portions of the Psalm in eight different languages, representing all the earth resounding with joy.

March 2, 2017 @ 8pm Bob Jones University  
March 11, 2017 @ 8pm The Peace Center

~TheEditor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY  
February 26, 2017**

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

**THE BLESSING OF MELCHIZEDEK**  
Genesis 14:17-24

Hymns: 465, 168, 305  
Anthem: Send Out Thy Light  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 pm

**THE TRINITY AND PRAYER, THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
Romans 8:26

Hymns: 331, 338, 344  
Psalm 128  
Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching



**The Second Presbyterian Church**  
Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
Greenville, South Carolina

February 20, 2017

**Letter from the Senior Minister  
Praying with a Kingdom Purpose**

I am occasionally asked whether or not we should always add the words "if it is Your will" to our prayers. This is a good question, since the apostle James taught us to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" (Ja. 4:15). James was concerned that Christians not pray boastfully or presumptuously, but humbly leave our affairs in God's sovereign hands. For this reason, when we pray for practical needs in our lives – jobs, health, relationships, etc. – we should indeed pray, "If it is Your will."

There are, however, important prayer concerns for which we should not pray, "if it is Your will." The reason is that we know from Scripture that they are God's will. In fact, these are the most important prayer matters and, since we know they are God's will, they should occupy the primary place in our prayers. In my experience, most of us can greatly improve our prayer lives by focusing on these things that we know are God's will and which He has promised to answer if only we will pray. In these matters, the problem is not that God may not grant what we pray for but simply that we will fail to ask Him. James, again, states the situation best when it comes to these divinely-willed matters: "You do not have, because you do not ask" (Ja. 4:2).

What are these matters that we know God wills, and which He promises to grant if we ask? To put it differently, to what was Jesus referring when he taught His disciples: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Lk. 11:9). Again, Jesus taught, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (Jn. 14:13). Praying in Jesus' name is praying in line with His agenda. So what is this divine agenda that Jesus has promised to bless if only we will pray for it?

The answer is that *God wills the purposes of His kingdom*. God has His agenda and has published it in the Holy Scriptures. God's kingdom purposes are His will, and when we pray for them we need not add, "if it is Your will," since we know it is. Shouldn't this agenda – God's