

Church Calendar

Daylight Saving Time Begins-set clocks ahead 1 hour.

Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
9:45 AM Membership Class
9:50 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Communicants' Class
10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting
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 Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, March 13

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

Wednesday, March 15

5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
6:15 PM Administration Committee 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)
6:50 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

Thursday, March 16

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Friday, March 17

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Upcoming Events

March 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
March 8 Missions Committee Meeting
March 8 WIC Circle 6
March 12 Daylight Saving Time begins
March 12 Finance Committee Meeting
March 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
March 13 Session Meeting
March 14 WIC Circles
March 15 Administration Committee Meeting
March 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
March 20 Young At Heart
March 21 Young Adult Bible Study
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

Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation
July 22-29, 2017
Team Leader: Ken Pujdak
AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 25:4-5, 8 (ESV)

*Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of
my salvation; for you I wait all the day long...Good and up-
right is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

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.

Lee Bailey
135 Mountain View Circle
Greenville, SC 29609
244-7480

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Shane and Rachel Berens
Leanna
Lee Bereza
Joe and Monica Bianchi
Christina

Missionary for the Week



Bill and Susan Carr
MTW-Northern Minnesota

Currently Bill and Susan are working with Native Americans in northern Minnesota. One of the greatest needs of the Native American church is spiritual leadership. The Carrs have accepted the challenge to help train leaders at Mokahum Ministry Center. Mokahum offers intensive training programs requiring a high degree of accountability, including a one-year discipleship track and a three-year ministry track. Both programs emphasize theological education, life skills, and ministry experience. Bill serves as educational director for the center. Susan teaches enrichment and study skills classes for the students. Please pray for Bill and Susan, and that effective Native American leaders will be equipped for gospel ministry for the Lord's glory.



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Young At Heart

The March Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, March 20, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the delicious catered meal is \$7.50 per person payable at the door. This month our own Jacob Spann will delight us with a Harp Concert. Mark your calendars and don't miss this time of fellowship, delicious food, and a wonderful musical concert.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Second

Apr. 13	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 14	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
Apr. 16	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Easter Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on April 12th.

Easter Sunrise Service



April 16, 2017
Wyche Pavilion @ 7:00 am
 Mountain View Baptist Church
 Second Presbyterian Church
 Speaker: Rev. Stacey Mills
 Assisted by Dr. Richard D. Phillips
Breakfast at 8:00 am at Second Presbyterian Church



WIC
 cordially invites all ladies to a
 Baby Shower for
Sarah Spinnenweber
 Saturday, March 25, 2017
 10:00 am - 11:30 pm
 Church Fellowship Hall
 Sarah is registered at Babylist.com



Treasurer's Report

FEBRUARY 2017 & YTD FINANCIAL STATUS

	Actual		
	Feb. 2017	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Offerings	107,506	195,336	231,834
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	90,989	178,612	201,962
Mission	0	1,708	29,872
Total Outlays	90,989	180,320	231,834
Net Offerings	16,517	15,016	

- Contributions in Feb. 2017 were \$107,506 versus budget of \$115,917.
- Contributions for Feb. 2016 were \$94,117.
- Contributions YTD Feb. 2017 were \$195,336 compared to YTD Feb. 2016 of \$189,108.
- Operating expenses for Feb. 2017 were \$90,989 versus the budget of \$100,981.
- Missions and Benevolences were not paid in February. We plan to pay 3 months of Missionary commitments in March **if funds are available**. 3 months of Missionary commitments are \$31,600.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Doug McDaniel or David Rainey.

Membership Class

Meets Sundays @ 9:45 am * Classroom C-209

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.)

Communicants Class

Sundays 10:00 am * Classroom S-307

Class Schedule

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. It's not too late.
 (232-7621, ext 106 or scook@spcgreenville.org)

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
June 26-July 1	Sr. High Beach Trip to Edisto Island
July 1	Church Picnic
July 10-14	Vacation Bible School

*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!
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are submitted to you in the same way.” The theorized submission of the Trinity to a human being — or to all human beings — is a theological innovation of the most extreme and dangerous sort. The essence of idolatry is self-worship, and this notion of the Trinity submitted (in any sense) to humanity is inescapably idolatrous.

The most controversial aspects of *The Shack*’s message have revolved around questions of universalism, universal redemption, and ultimate reconciliation. Jesus tells Mack: “Those who love me come from every system that exists. They were Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims, Democrats, Republicans and many who don’t vote or are not part of any Sunday morning or religious institutions.” Jesus adds, “I have no desire to make them Christian, but I do want to join them in their transformation into sons and daughters of my Papa, into my brothers and sisters, my Beloved.”

Mack then asks the obvious question — do all roads lead to Christ? Jesus responds, “Most roads don’t lead anywhere. What it does mean is that I will travel any road to find you.”

Given the context, it is impossible not to draw essentially universalistic or inclusivistic conclusions about Young’s meaning.

The obvious question is this: How is it that so many evangelical Christians seem to be drawn not only to this story, but to the theology presented in the narrative — a theology at so many points in conflict with evangelical convictions?

Evangelical observers have not been alone in asking this question. Writing in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Professor Timothy Beal of Case Western University argues that the popularity of *The Shack* suggests that evangelicals might be shifting their theology. He cites the “nonbiblical metaphorical models of God” in the book, as well as its “nonhierarchical” model of the Trinity and, most importantly, “its theology of universal salvation.”

Beal asserts that none of this theology is part of “mainstream evangelical theology,” then explains: “In fact, all three are rooted in liberal and radical academic theological discourse from the 1970s and 80s — work that has profoundly influenced contemporary feminist and liberation theology but, until now, had very little impact on the theological imaginations of nonacademics, especially within the religious mainstream.”

He then asks: “What are these progressive theological ideas doing in this evangelical pulp-fiction phenomenon?” He answers: “Unbeknownst to most of us, they have been present on the liberal margins of evangelical thought for decades.” Now, he explains, *The Shack* has introduced and popularized these liberal concepts even among mainstream evangelicals.

Timothy Beal cannot be dismissed as a conservative “heresy-hunter.” He is thrilled that these “progressive theological ideas” are now “trickling into popular culture by way of *The Shack*.”

Similarly, writing at *Books & Culture*, Katherine Jeffrey concludes that *The Shack* “offers a postmodern, post-biblical theodicy.” While her main



concern is the book’s place “in a Christian literary landscape,” she cannot avoid dealing with its theological message.

In evaluating the book, it must be kept in mind that *The Shack* is a work of fiction. But it is also a sustained theological argument, and this simply cannot be denied. Any number of notable novels and works of literature have contained aberrant theology, and even heresy. The crucial question is whether the aberrant doctrines are features of the story or the message of the work. When it comes to *The Shack*, the really troubling fact is that so many readers are drawn to the theological message of the book, and fail to see how it conflicts with the Bible at so many crucial points.

All this reveals a disastrous failure of evangelical discernment. It is hard not to conclude that theological discernment is now a lost art among American evangelicals — and this loss can only lead to theological catastrophe.

The answer is not to ban *The Shack* or yank it out of the hands of readers. We need not fear books — we must be ready to answer them. We desperately need a theological recovery that can only come from practicing biblical discernment. This will require us to identify the doctrinal dangers of *The Shack*, to be sure. But our real task is to reacquaint evangelicals with the Bible’s teachings on these very questions and to foster a doctrinal rearmament of Christian believers.

The Shack is a wake-up call for evangelical Christianity. An assessment like that offered by Timothy Beal is telling. The popularity of this book among evangelicals can only be explained by a lack of basic theological knowledge among us — a failure even to understand the Gospel of Christ. The tragedy that evangelicals have lost the art of biblical discernment must be traced to a disastrous loss of biblical knowledge. Discernment cannot survive without doctrine.

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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.

Mar. 13	Numbers 1-2; Psalm 12-13
Mar. 14	Numbers 3-4; Psalm 14-15
Mar. 15	Numbers 5-7; Psalm 16
Mar. 16	Numbers 8-11; Psalm 17
Mar. 17	Numbers 12-14; Psalm 18
Mar. 18	Numbers 15-16; Psalm 19

**BJU’s Symphony Orchestra and Choirs
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with Isaac Greene
March 11, 2017 * 8:00 pm
The Peace Center
Buy tickets at peacecenter.org/events**

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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

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

A Primer on Trinitarian Heresies

Modalism (i.e. Sabellianism, Noetianism and Patripassianism)

...taught that the three persons of the Trinity are different “modes” of the Godhead. Adherants believed that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not distinct personalities, but different modes of God's self-revelation. A typical modalist approach is to regard God as the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Spirit in sanctification. In other words, God exists as Father, Son and Spirit in different eras, but never as triune. Stemming from Modalism, Patripassianism believed that the Father suffered as the Son.

Tritheism

...Tritheism confesses the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as three independent divine beings; three separate gods who share the 'same substance'. This is a common mistake because of misunderstanding of the use of the term 'persons' in defining the Trinity.

Arianism

...taught that the preexistent Christ was the first and greatest of God’s creatures but denied his fully divine status. The Arian controversy was of major importance in the development of Christology during the fourth century and was addressed definitely in the Nicene Creed.

Docetism

...taught that Jesus Christ was a purely divine being who only had the “appearance” of being human. Regarding his suffering, some versions taught that Jesus’ divinity abandoned or left him upon the cross while others claimed that he only appeared to suffer (much like he only appeared to be human).

Ebionitism

...taught that Jesus was endowed with particular charismatic gifts which distinguished him from other humans but nonetheless regarded Him as a purely human figure.

Macedonianism

...that the Holy Spirit is a created being.

Adoptionism

...taught that Jesus was born totally human and only later was “adopted” – either at his baptism or at his resurrection – by God in a special (i.e. divine) way.

Partialism

...taught that Father, Son and Holy Spirit together are components of the one God. This led them to believe that each of the persons of the Trinity is only part God, only becoming fully God when they come together.

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

March 12 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

THE COVENANT OF GRACE

Genesis 15:7-17

Hymns: 65, 110, 470

Anthem: Canticle of Jean Racine
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

HOW TO PRAISE THE LORD

Psalms 103:6-22

Hymns: 703, 456, 6

Psalms 131

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

March 6, 2017

**Letter from R. Albert Mohler,
President SBTS, Louisville, KY**

The Shack: The Missing Art of Evangelical Discernment

The publishing world sees very few books reach blockbuster status, but William Paul Young’s *The Shack* has now exceeded even that. The book, originally self-published by Young and two friends, has now sold more than 10 million copies and has been translated into over thirty languages. It is now one of the best-selling paperback books of all time, and its readers are enthusiastic.

According to Young, the book was originally written for his own children. In essence, it can be described as a narrative theodicy — an attempt to answer the question of evil and the character of God by means of a story. In this story, the main character is grieving the brutal kidnapping and murder of his seven-year-old daughter when he receives what turns out to be a summons from God to meet him in the very shack where the man’s daughter had been murdered.

In the shack, “Mack” meets the divine Trinity as “Papa,” an African-American woman; Jesus, a Jewish carpenter; and “Sarayu,” an Asian woman who is revealed to be the Holy Spirit. The book is mainly a series of dialogues between Mack, Papa, Jesus, and Sarayu. Those conversations reveal God to be very different than the God of the Bible. “Papa” is absolutely non-judgmental, and seems most determined to affirm that all humanity is already redeemed.

The theology of *The Shack* is not incidental to the story. Indeed, at most points the narrative seems mainly to serve as a structure for the dialogues. And the dialogues reveal a theology that is unconventional at best, and undoubtedly heretical in certain respects.

The relationship of the Father to the Son, revealed in a text like John 17, is rejected in favor of an absolute equality of authority among the persons of the Trinity. “Papa” explains that “we have no concept of final authority among us, only unity.” In one of the most bizarre paragraphs of the book, Jesus tells Mack: “Papa is as much submitted to me as I am to him, or Sarayu to me, or Papa to her. Submission is not about authority and it is not obedience; it is all about relationships of love and respect. In fact, we