

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 30

- 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**
- 7:30 PM Evangelism and Discipleship Committee

Monday, May 1

- 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM **2017 GRADUATION BANQUET**
- 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Friday, May 5

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

Mark Your Calendars

- 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 4 Annual Church Picnic
- July 10-14 Vacation Bible School
- July 21-29 Peru Mission Trip
- July 22-29 Cherokee Reservation Mission Trip
- August 9 Musical CAT Kids Program
- August 23 CAT Kids Resumes
- August 27 Rally Day

Mark your calendars and plan early!!

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Upcoming Events

- April 26 CE Committee Meeting
- April 27 Calvary Presbytery @ Clemson PCA
- April 28 HS/Middle School Lighthouse @ church
- April 29 WIC Spring Luncheon
- April 30 Evangelism & Discipleship Committee
- May 1 Diaconate Meeting
- May 3 WIC Council
- May 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- May 3 Graduation Banquet
- May 4 National Day of Prayer
- May 7 Elder Vow Renewal
- May 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- May 8 Session Meeting
- May 9 WIC Circles
- May 10 Missions Committee Meeting
- May 10 CAT Kids Program
- May 13 WIC Bridal Shower
(Kailyn Elliott/Robert Pennington)
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 15 Young At Heart Spring Picnic
- May 17 Administration Committee Meeting
- May 17 CAT Kids Spring Fling
- May 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- May 24 CE Committee Meeting
- May 24 Musical CAT Kids begins
- May 28 Safety Sunday
- May 28 Youth Fellowship Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- May 29 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 31 Missionary Speaker: Guillermo Salinas

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 31: 3-5

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. (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.

Margaret Hook
2 Brynhurst Circle
Greenville, SC 29615
864- 288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Sara Cater
Mike and Livia Chiu
Richard Chivers

Missionary for the Week



SCOTT AND RUTH HILL
MTW CHEROKEE NC

Scott and Ruth married in 1988, just a few months before Scott began seminary at Columbia International University in Columbia, S.C. After completing seminary in 1992, Scott was called to serve as pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church in Gaffney, S.C., where he served for 10 years. In 2002 God called the Hills to Newberry, S.C., where Scott served as pastor of Smyrna Presbyterian Church. Scott and Ruth have been involved in short-term missions with MTW in Cherokee, N.C., since 2006. God placed a desire in their hearts to become full-time missionaries in Cherokee to reach out with the gospel to those who are without Christ. They are involved in ministries of outreach and discipleship to the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Ruth's gifts are in hospitality, small group Bible study, mentoring women, and working with children. Scott's gifts are in teaching, preaching, and mentoring men.

Calvary Presbytery

The 134th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held on Thursday, April 27th at Clemson PCA. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for God's blessing on this meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

SPC Spring Student Recital

Come join us for our first annual Spring Student Recital to be held in the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 pm. This free program will present an opportunity to hear several of our Junior and Senior High youth share their musical abilities on the piano, violin, cello and bagpipe. A reception will follow and all are welcome to attend.

**High School/Middle School
"Light House"
Friday, April 28th * 6-9 pm
At the church**

Welcome to the Pulpit

Dr. Tim Foster, Associate Minister at Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA will be bringing us the message at both morning services as Dr. Phillips is in Philadelphia at a PCRT Conference. After Tim finished seminary and completed the pastoral internship at IPC, the Session of Independent PCA offered him the opportunity to join the staff, and he was ordained and installed in September of 2007. His duties include preaching for the Wednesday Noon Service, filling in at the High Pulpit, and teaching a Sunday School class. He completed his undergraduate education at Bob Jones University and received his M. Div. from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. Tim is happily married to the former Caroline Gardener from Greenville, South Carolina.



WIC Ladies Spring Luncheon

**Saturday, April 29th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

Ruthie Delk, speaker and author (cravinggrace.org)

During our time together, Ruthie Delk, author of "Craving Grace" will give us a fresh look at the gospel and how it can bring healing and hope to our weary hearts.

"It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace."

Hebrews 13:9

Please RSVP to Laurie Farley

laurelfarley@ymail.com

Nursery provided.



Graduation Banquet



**Wednesday, May 3, 2017
5:30 PM * Church Gymnasium**

Join us as we honor our 2017 graduates:

Ashley Crunk	Southside Christian School
Amelia Gray	Homeschool
Grace Schvaneveldt	Homeschool
Jacob Spann	Homeschool
Caroline Therrell	Homeschool

Natalie Carey	College of Charleston
Jack Gray	The Citadel
Daniel Grubbs	North Greenville University
Grant Looper	Anderson University
Samuel Maycock	North Greenville University
Ethan McConnell	North Greenville University
Robert Therrell	North Greenville University

*If you are graduating in May or December 2016, and have not contacted the church office please do so **ASAP**.*

Elders' Vow Renewal

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service on May 7, 2017.

Narnia Book Club

The Narnia Book Club will begin on May 16 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall and will continue through the summer months. This summer they will continue reading the "Chronicles of Narnia" and will begin by reading The Horse and His Boy. All ages are welcome. The last WIC Bible Study will be May 2nd.



CAT Kids Program



**Wednesday, May 10
Supper: 5:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM**

Come and see what our covenant children have learned this year in CAT Kids.

Musical CAT Kids will begin May 24th.

It's Time to Join the Choir

Following Easter is a great time to join the Chancel Choir! On Wednesday evening, April 26, the choir will resume rehearsals and will begin to prepare our musical offerings for the late spring and summer months. This presents an excellent time to join our ranks since we will be starting afresh following our Holy Week services. There is a need for additional singers, especially ladies, and NOW is a great time to jump in. Please call me if you have any questions. Verlyn Smoker, 232-7621, x 105.



Showering with Love

*WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Bridal Shower for*

Kailyn Elliott (Robert Pennington)

Saturday, May 13, 2017

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Fellowship Hall



David is not sticking his head in the sand or denying reality; rather, he knows all too well the dangers that surround him. The king feels very sharply the inward struggle of the faith when confronted with such formidable enemies. When we think of our flesh or sin, the world, and the devil, it is easy to see how we are surrounded outwardly and inwardly. And yet it puts steel in our bones to know that we are not alone. Moreover, we have no reason to fear though all hell should endeavor to shake us and overtake us because the Lord is our "light" and "salvation" and "stronghold". There really is no enemy we need to fear. "Let us learn, therefore, to put such a value on God's power to protect us as to put to flight all our fears" (Calvin). If God is for us, then who can be against us? (Rom. 8:34) Dwell on the security of the Lord.

God's satisfying presence gives us motivation to wait.

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord." (4-6)

It is all too easy to live in dread and terror or fear of enemies and thus act in unbelief or falter in the faith. David knew the struggle and so do we. However, it is equally a temptation to falter when we seek our ultimate satisfaction outside of the Lord. There are lesser things that are appropriately satisfying. But solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know. Solid and lasting satisfaction is found in the Lord alone. Remembering this and pursuing this was what steadied the Lord Jesus as He refused to give in to the devil's temptation in the wilderness. His obedient suffering and resistance was for our salvation. And it is also the way forward for those who are trusting in Jesus. Glorifying and enjoying God is to be our chief end and He is to be our soul's chief treasure. This will surely help us to be anxious for nothing and to wait patiently for the Lord's help. Gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.

God's sympathizing presence gives us assurance to wait.

"Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence." (7-12)



In Christ, we know that God has a sympathizing ear. He waits readily to answer when we cry out to Him. In fact, God tells us, "Seek my face". Does your heart resonate with that command and assurance? We have a sympathetic High Priest in the Lord Jesus Christ who was tempted in every way we are and yet without sin. He knows what we struggle with and urges us to draw near, to seek the Lord even with our greatest fears or sorrows or hurts. Many do know what it is like to be disowned by father and mother for following the Lord Jesus. And no matter what we experience in this life from any human, we know that the Lord can be trusted to never leave us or forsake us no matter how bad our troubles seem. That soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, God promises to never desert to its foes. Seek the face of the Lord.

God's sustaining presence gives us courage to wait.

"I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (13-14)

John Calvin gives the sense of what is being expressed: "Had I not relied on the promise of God, and been assuredly persuaded that he would safely preserve me, and had I not continued firm in this persuasion, I had utterly perished: There was no other remedy." David calls us to live by faith and not by sight. The Lord does not promise us to live forever on this earth; yet, we are encouraged to rely upon the Lord for life here and now. Life is hard and our warfare is long. We must continually be stayed upon Jehovah. Look upon the goodness of the Lord.

God is sovereign, satisfying, sympathetic, sustaining. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage in the face of all your enemies that surround you daily.

Your friend,

Pastor Bailey



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.

May 1	Joshua 12-15
May 2	Joshua 16-19
May 3	Joshua 20-24
May 4	Judges 1-2; Psalm 40
May 5	Judges 3-4; Psalm 41
May 6	Judges 5-6; Psalm 42



SPC Mission Trips

Mission Trip to Trujillo, Peru

July 21-29, 2017

Team Leader: Chad Bailey

cbailey@spcgreenville.org

Commitment Deadline:

April 30, 2017 * \$850 Deposit due

Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation

July 22-29, 2017

Team Leader: Ken Pujdak

AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com

Commitment Deadline:

April 30, 2017 * \$300 Deposit due

Please communicate with Team Leaders immediately if you have not done so.

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THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017
For Your Great Name's Sake!
Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us...

Daniel 9:19 says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history. At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions! As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions!



Calvary Home for Children's Celebration Day
Friday, May 5th
at noon

Personal tours of the campus and cottages
Picnic lunch on the grounds
Please RSVP to:
greg@calvaryhome.org or 864-296-5437



Piedmont Women's Center
Annual Prayer Gathering
Saturday, May 6th, 9am - 12 pm

Please drop by any of the locations and join us between the hours of 9am-12pm to pray over a list of requests and other needs.
Locations: 1389 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors
100 Collins Drive, Greer
1146 Grove Road, Greenville (Hours 12pm-3pm)

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

THE GREAT EXCHANGE

Isaiah 40:27-31

Hymns: 4, 311, 310

Anthem: Christ Hath a Garden

Dr. Tim Foster preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

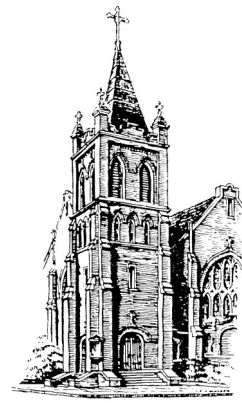
WHAT IS LOVE?

1 John 3:16-17

Hymns: 184, 597, 261

Psalms 138

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching



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Letter from the Assistant Minister Wait for the Lord

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"
(Psalms 27:14)

Waiting is hard no matter who you are. Even for the most mature Christians, waiting for the Lord to help you when you are in trouble or opposed by enemies (sin, worldliness, & Satan), can be downright exhausting and gut-wrenching. In that context, Psalm 27 is among perhaps the most encouraging psalms and even books in all the Bible. It is written by David who knew what it was like to live a hard and difficult life continually pursued by enemies. The king was always needing to trust in the Lord and encourage himself to take heart and be strong in the Lord. We see this perfectly portrayed in the King of Kings Jesus Christ who in his humanity was in constant reliance upon the Holy Spirit and remained continually dependent upon the Father as he faced enemies all around. Jesus was always praying and here we see that same spirit in one after God's own heart. In many respects, King David stands alone as God's anointed king pointing us to the Lord Jesus. But in another respect, David is like us as a sinner saved by grace needing the Lord every day and looking unto him for grace and mercy and help. David teaches us how to cry out to and wait upon the Lord. In particular, David highlights the presence of God and our recognition of it to help us wait. Notice several features of God's presence in which David takes comfort and delight to help him wait.

God's sovereign presence gives confidence to wait.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident." (1-3)