

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 2

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 (Adults 7th grade & up meet in sanctuary)
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 (Children 1st-6th grade meet in regular classrooms)
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM Catered Lunch in gym for Phillips family
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, July 3

10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed
 6:00 PM Church Picnic

Wednesday, July 5

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, July 6

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, July 7

6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Game Night @ the church

Saturday, July 8

9:00 AM VBS Workday

**The Friday Men's Lunch/Bible Study
has been cancelled for July 7th and 14th.**

**Narnia Book Club Schedule
July 3 (Monday) and 18 (will not meet 11 or 25)
August 8, 15, 22, 29 - "The Last Battle"
(will not meet August 1)**

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:9-10

*Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints,
for those who fear Him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

July 2 Catered Lunch in Gym for Phillips family
 July 4 Church Office Closed
 July 4 Church Picnic
 July 5 No Wednesday Night Activities
 July 7 Jr. & Sr. High Game Night at the church
 July 8 VBS Workday
 July 9 Finance Committee Meeting
 July 9 Missions Committee Lunch
 July 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 July 10-14 Vacation Bible School
 July 10 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 July 11 WIC Circle 4
 July 12 No Wednesday Night Activities
 July 14 Christianity Explored begins
 July 16 The Lord's Supper at the Morning Services
 July 16 Mobley/Kee Fold Luncheon
 July 18 WIC Ladies Night Out
 July 19 Administration Committee Meeting
 July 21-29 Peru Mission Trip
 July 22 Calvary Presbytery at Second
 July 22-29 Cherokee Mission Trip
 July 26 CE Committee Meeting
 July 30 Ice Cream Social

Mark Your Calendars

August 9 Musical CAT Kids Program
 August 20 Homemade Ice Cream Social
 August 23 CAT Kids Resumes
 August 27 Rally Day
 August 27 WIC Annual Meeting
Mark your calendars and plan early!! www.spcgreenville.org

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.

Chuck and Carolyn Fields
Shannon Flaherty
Travis Gaulden

Missionary for the Week calvaryhome.org

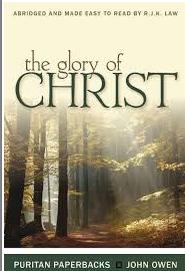


There are many great opportunities to support and get involved at Calvary Home for Children. We are currently focused on generating the funds needed to fill our cottages with children and complete construction of our counseling center. We are also planning special events and ways that you can get involved in volunteering and serving at the Calvary Home for Children. Calvary Home is in a prime position to grow and meet even more children's needs. Can we count on you to get involved in the exciting work that God is doing here?

Our Mission: Providing help and hope for children in need.

Our Need this Summer: Food, cleaning supplies for cottages and personal care supplies.

All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



July 2, 2017
10 am in the sanctuary
"The Glory of Christ"
by John Owen
RICHARD PHILLIPS - Pages 63-68
The Glory of Christ's
Exaltation

Ushering Needs

We are in need of several men to step forward and volunteer for ushering on Sundays. This is an excellent opportunity to provide a valuable service in the ministry of the church. If you are willing to help please contact Kip Altman (ckaltman@yahoo.com or 828-773-7841).

WIC Adult Ladies' Night Out



Mark Your Calendars
Tuesday, July 18th @ 6:30 pm
Meet @ Stax Omega
on Orchard Park Road
Please RSVP
Laurie Farley (864-918-9186)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIALS
July 30 and August 20
Immediately following
the evening worship service.
Deacons will provide ice cream
and toppings on July 30th. On August 20th everyone is
asked to bring their favorite homemade ice cream.

**Wednesday Activities Cancelled:
July 5th and 12th**

Church Office Closed: July 4th

Church Picnic - July 4, 2017



Church Grounds and Gym
Good Food * Great Fellowship * Inflatables
6:00 PM until
Deacons will provide beverages,
hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings.
Families are asked to bring generous
portions of side dishes and/or desserts.

Please sign-up online so the deacons will know how much
food to prepare. spcgreenville.org/signups

Memorial Flowers

The following dates are open to have flowers put in the sanctuary on Sundays at the worship services in honor or memory of someone special.

JULY 9, 16, 30
SEPTEMBER 17
OCTOBER 8, 29
NOVEMBER 26

WIC Circles' Summer Schedule

Circle 1 (formerly Circle 6) and Circle 2
will not meet during the summer.

Circle 3
will meet August 8; 10 am in the Conference Room

Circle 4
will meet July 11 and August 8; 7:00 pm
at Panera Bread on August St.

Circle 5
will meet August 8; 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

VBS Workday

There will be a VBS Workday on Saturday, July 8, 9 am-12 noon. We are asking all VBS volunteers and workers to help us prepare the church for VBS week. If you have any questions please contact Jill Mann.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THE BIGGEST BIRTHDAY!

July 10-14, 2017
K4 (completed) - 5th Grade
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Register online today:
spcgreenville.org
**NEED WORKERS
AND SNACKS!**
Contact Jill Mann

Pray and Give



PERU MISSIONS TEAM
July 21-29, 2017

MISSION TRIP TO
CHEROKEE RESERVATION
July 22-29, 2017



Give online to team members
(individual or team)

spcgreenville.org/GIVE

Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)





What are some guidelines based on biblical teaching that can help us to embrace a biblical idea of patriotism? First, let me point out patriotic views and attitudes that Christians must reject:

- *Christians must reject a longing for national preeminence and power.* How well I remember the fiery passion of my youth, determined that America would be first in all things. As a Christian, I no longer crave earthly glory for my nation, but rather God's blessing. As a Christian I embrace the principle of Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."
- *Christians do not accept the statement: "My Nation, Right or Wrong."* A disciple of Christ must be loyal to God and his commands, even if it means speaking against his or her nation. As a Christian, I am horrified by sins widely embraced in America and consider it my duty to oppose in lawful ways the wide range of evil that increasingly dominates our culture. As a servant of Christ I am appalled both by the empty materialistic idolatry that often attaches itself to the political right and even more so by the pagan evil espoused by the political left. In any case, my desire is for our political leaders to appeal to God's Word as our founding fathers so often did.
- *Christians are not nationalists who despise rival nations.* As a believer in Jesus, I look on Christians of all races, tongues, and nations as brothers in Christ, and I consider non-Christians of all nations as fellow sinners in need of my loving witness to the gospel. My chief desire as a believer is that stated in Psalm 67:3, "O God, let all the peoples praise you!"

Based on the above principles, there are some people who would say that Christians have abandoned patriotism altogether. This is not true, however. Christians should not turn a cold heart away from their nation. In fact, celebrations like those of Independence Day provide a good start for developing a Christian patriotism:

- *July 4 reminds us that we are part of a nation, with a great history, wonderful privileges, and important responsibilities.* We are all indebted under God's grace to the sacrifices of others and in God's providence we are part of a great historical legacy of freedom and blessing that is worth celebrating. Recognizing our debt to prior generations and the blessings we have received as Americans should produce gratitude to God – a gratitude that serves as a good basis for Christian patriotism.
- *July 4 reminds us that God has sovereignly placed us in this land and under this government.* I praise God to be an American,



precisely because of what Independence Day represents. As I have traveled on other continents and had personal interactions with government tyranny and injustice, I have learned once more to bless the sight of an American flag. Yes, Christians should frankly admit and oppose the evils of our nation, but we should not fail to be grateful for the many good things our country does and represents. Moreover, when Romans 13:1-7 commands us to honor and obey civil authorities, Christians should do so from the heart, with love and fervor for the blessings of the land in which God has placed us and with sincere loyalty to all public servants who are seeking to do good.

- *July 4 reminds us to play our part today in the civil life of our nation.* When God addressed the Jewish exiles living in Babylon, he told them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf" (Jer. 29:7). Christians rightly think of any earthly home as a sort of exile, longing to arrive in the kingdom of glory with God. But we should be involved in the society and life of the land in which we are living. This means that we should be civic-minded as a church and as believers, exercising all kinds of gifts and opportunities to be a blessing to the nation and city in which we are living. In America, this calling involves participation in the political process, opposing evil, and promoting truth and righteousness. Especially when there are political leaders who openly seek a biblical agenda of godliness and civil well-being, they deserve the special support and prayers of God's people.

So maybe Christians can be patriots after all! Indeed, we can be, and we should celebrate our national heritage with thanks to God and with prayers for renewed faith and needed repentance. In fact, the best kind of Christian patriotism is that which offers a loving witness to the Savior, the great King Jesus Christ, who alone can give true freedom to anyone.

May God bless you and may God bless America,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The LORD looks down from heaven; and he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 33:12-14



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.

July 3	2 Kings 9-11; Psalm 82
July 4	2 Kings 12-14; Psalm 83
July 5	2 Kings 15-17; Psalm 84
July 6	2 Kings 18-20; Psalm 85
July 7	2 Kings 21-23; Psalm 86
July 8	2 Kings 24-25; Psalm 87



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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

Corner of River and Rhett

RICK & SHARON PHILLIPS 10th ANNIVERSARY AT SPC

Sunday, July 2, 2017 is Rick and Sharon Phillips' 10th anniversary within the Second Presbyterian Church congregation. The church is planning a special catered reception luncheon to honor the family after the 11 am service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rick Phillips was raised in an Army family and grew up on posts around America. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he followed his father and grandfather by serving as a tank officer. While in graduate school in Philadelphia, his mother urged him to start attending church again, so Rick visited nearby Tenth Presbyterian Church. The message he heard that night changed his life, a sermon from the Old Testament book of Hosea about God's redeeming love for sinners through the cross of Jesus Christ. Surrendering his life to the love of Christ, Rick became active in Officer's Christian Fellowship during the years he was teaching leadership at West Point. He began leading a Bible study for students, then was asked to write a daily devotional, and then to preach at Christian meetings. Through these experiences, he and his wife concluded that God was calling Rick into a full-time pulpit ministry, so they left the Army and embarked on fulfilling God's call to the ordained ministry.

Rick writes the kind of books similar to those that have ministered so powerfully in his own life. Mainly, these are books of biblical exposition. His writing heroes are James M. Boice, Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and similar writers of biblical teaching. Some of his books seek to provide clear biblical teaching to important matters of practical living, such as manhood and relationships. He is grateful to God for the privilege of ministering to so many people through his books, desiring above all that God's Word would be clearly, faithfully, and passionately set forth.

Dr. Phillips speaks at conferences on the Bible and theology and is active in overseas missions, especially in East Africa. In addition to his ministry duties, Rick likes to spend time with his wife and children: Hannah, Matthew, Jonathan, Ellie and Lydia. He is a loyal follower of his alma mater, the Michigan Wolverines, and is an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

July 2, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENDED CONQUERER AND GIVER OF GIFTS

Ephesians 4:7-16

Hymns: 296, 289/131, 295

Anthem: Good News!

Dr. Jon D. Payne preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

LIMITED ATONEMENT

Hebrews 12:1-2

Hymns: 37, 259, 246

Psalms 145 (verses 9-15)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Christian Patriotism

On July 4, our nation will celebrate its independence with waving flags, picnics, and parades. Some churches deck their sanctuary with red, white, and blue, and devote the worship service to the honor of the state. Other Christians virtually ignore this or any other national holiday. This raises the question, "How does Christianity tell us to think about patriotism?"

This question is quite personal for me, since I grew up in an intensely patriotic family. Patriotic holidays were solemn occasions and the national anthem and flag were regarded as holy objects of veneration. In many respects, my childhood was probably not typical of others', since I was raised on Army posts during a war. My childhood virtually coincides with the Vietnam War, a conflict which twice took my father away for a year and cast its shadow over our lives, both for good and for ill. My father returned from Vietnam, but many of my boyhood friends' dads did not. I would guess that I attended more funerals by the age of ten than most people do in a lifetime. As a result, these formative years instilled in me an intense patriotism, which played no small part in leading me into a military career like my father and grandfather before me. I was commissioned on Memorial Day, a time when I was always proud to be an American, and grateful for those who laid down their lives for us all.

Another way in which I am probably not typical is that my conversion to faith in Jesus Christ, which occurred when I was 30 years old, required me immediately to recast my ideas of patriotism. At first, I was tempted to reject the idea of patriotism altogether, since I had been transferred out of the world into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. However, even though my relationship with Jesus greatly altered my attitude towards flag and country, I soon realized that there is a Christian patriotism that believers should feel towards their country.