

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 9

- 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)
- 10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 12:30 PM Missions Committee Lunch
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, July 10

- 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- 6:00 PM Supper
- 7:00 PM Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

- 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 @ Panera Bread

Wednesday, July 12

- 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, July 13

- 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, July 14

- 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
- 5:30 PM Christianity Explored

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:15-17

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- 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 members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.

Woody and Georgie Campbell
27 Riverview Drive
Greenville, SC 29611
269-4400

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jeff and Bethany Gearhart
Clara, Adeline, Eleanor

David and Sarah George
Benton, Ruth, Wyatt

Roger and Janet Godwin
Kathryn and Emily

Missionary for the Week

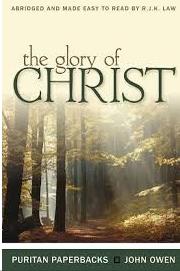
Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)



In 2016:
8,278 Children
488 Salvations
1,617 Volunteers
114 School Clubs in 94 Schools
13 Community Clubs

Second Pres sponsors two Good News Clubs: Augusta Circle Elementary and the Kroc Center. Pray for the children this summer that they will remain faithful to the Lord. If you would like to become involved in next fall's program please see Cyndi Player.

All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



July 9, 2017
10 am in the sanctuary

Special Speaker:
Missionary Wageeh Mikhail

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**



**Jr. & Sr. High Game Night
Friday, July 7th
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

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
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.

**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)



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)



Two Sides of the Debate

Is it too late for a debate? The lines of argument are hardening, to be sure. This is partly attitudinal, with some LGBTQ advocates contending that reverse discrimination against conservative Christians is to be celebrated. The moral progressives, as they see themselves, are in no mood to compromise.

We're now presented with two stark alternatives, and two competing visions of our social compact.

Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination—released virtually on the second anniversary of *Obergefell*—is a state-of-the-art presentation of both sides of the argument. The authors are current, candid, and clear. On one side, philosopher John Corvino argues for SOGI laws and, while claiming to respect religious liberty, openly calls for RFRA to be revised and for religious liberty claims to be demoted from the standard of “strict scrutiny” to “heightened scrutiny.” That may sound innocuous, but it means government authorities (specifically judges) would have greater power to disregard claims based in religious liberty.

On the other side, Ryan T. Anderson of the Heritage Foundation and legal scholar Sherif Girgis make the case for religious liberty, against SOGI laws, and against what they call the “Puritan mistake.” As they see it, the LGBTQ advocates, like the Puritans who fled Europe for the New World, are now making the mistake of protecting their own liberties, while denying liberty to others.

Anyone who has followed these debates closely will recognize the names. Corvino, who identifies as gay, has been very influential in framing the arguments for LGBTQ rights and same-sex marriage. Anderson and Girgis, on the other hand, are equally known for their defense of traditional marriage and religious liberty. For the most part, the arguments are exactly what you would expect—and what we now need, if we're to grasp the challenges ahead.

Anderson and Girgis—who with Princeton's Robert P. George offered the best natural law and legal argument against same-sex marriage as that question was before the Supreme Court—offer a brilliantly comprehensive argument for a policy that would protect religious liberty and conscience. They argue against SOGI laws and lay bare the reality of such measures—the curtailing of religious liberty and convictional integrity. Religious conscience will be trampled.

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Corvino doesn't believe the consciences of those religiously opposed to celebrating same-sex marriage and the full LGBTQ spectrum can be fully protected under SOGI laws. To the contrary, he candidly sees the conflict—but he just as candidly defends the argument that LGBT persons deserve such protections, even with the cost to other citizens. In the end, Corvino isn't even sure why religion should be treated as a special category.

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do. What it does mean is the winning side in a great moral crisis will never win on argument alone. Moral sentiment is more basic than moral argument.

In Defense of Religious Liberty

I agree with Anderson and Girgis, not only in the framework of their major arguments, but with their most fundamental judgments and concerns. They represent stellar argumentation, blending the best natural law arguments with logic, history, and legal tradition. They're correct on every major point, and convincingly so. They win on points, hands down. Further, they see through the fallacies of the arguments for SOGI measures.

They're also deeply committed to human flourishing, and they surely know this sexual revolution—right down to same-sex marriage and SOGI laws—can't deliver what the LGBTQ community hopes to gain: moral legitimacy. In fact, that's the argument I wish they had made more directly and passionately.

No one has made the case for protecting religious liberty in this context so well, or seen the danger more accurately. Anderson and Girgis are exactly the team I would want preparing the seminal legal brief on these questions.

But the majority opinion in *Obergefell*, as in so many prior cases, didn't reflect the victory of a superior legal, constitutional, or philosophical argument. We know the pattern all too well. The justices in the majority simply trumped the Constitution with their own moral judgment. The majority opinion is, more than anything else, a reflection of the justices' moral intuition and sentiment. Over and over again, that's where the big battles are lost.

In Defense of LGBTQ Rights

This brings me to Corvino's essays. Above all, Corvino must be an effective teacher in the classroom. He makes his arguments with verve and, most importantly, with passion.

Anderson and Girgis complain, quite rightly, that Corvino doesn't even offer a comprehensive defense of SOGI laws, nor does he always keep his arguments straight. But he's not trying to win on comprehensiveness and consistency. He intends to win on passion and strategic candor. He's stunningly candid when he calls forthrightly for RFRA to be revised in order to lower the protection of religious liberty. No evasion there. He even dares to argue that, since most federal judges have undermined RFRA by applying this lower standard, RFRA should be revised to match their subversion of the statutory language.

Corvino claims to respect religious liberty, but he doesn't see that religious beliefs deserve any particular protection. In his view, “not every religious claim is deep and important, and not every deep and important claim is religious.” This means the end of *religious* liberty. RFRA and SOGI laws pale in significance to the force of his assertion. If religious liberty doesn't protect religious belief as a special category of belief, it becomes meaningless.

Anderson and Girgis offer an important argument as they contend for respect for religion and link religious conviction to moral integrity:

Our own rationale centers on the fact that religion and moral integrity are basic goods, to which the state denies citizens adequate access when it coerces conscience, which it shouldn't do needlessly.

Corvino counters that this would open the door to countless conscience exemptions at the expense of what he defines as civil rights.

Corvino drops a few bombs along the way, leaving little mystery as to what his position—if adopted as law and policy—would mean. Christian schools can exist and operate by conviction on LGBTQ issues but must forfeit their tax-exempt status. Christians operating in the public square or in business would have no specific protections at all—at least not on religious liberty claims.

Threat of Dignitary Harm

There's one clash of arguments in the book that may, over time, be seen as most important. Corvino presses the case for what he calls *dignitary harm* as differentiated from *material harm*. His description of dignitary harm is quite expansive:

- (1) treating people as inferior, regardless of whether anyone recognizes the mistreatment;
- (2) causing people to *feel* inferior, intentionally or not; and
- (3) contributing to systemic moral inequality, intentionally or not.

Don't miss what Corvino claims here: even making someone “*feel* [morally] inferior, intentional or not” constitutes harm. As Anderson and Girgis understand, that means the end of religion, particularly any religion based on a claim to revelation. Taken to its logical conclusion, it means the end of all moral judgment. In their words:

Religious freedom includes nothing if not the rights to worship, proselytize, and convert—forms of conduct (and speech) that can express the conviction that outsiders are wrong. Perhaps not just wrong, but deluded about matters of cosmic importance around which they have ordered their lives—even *damnably* wrong.

Of course, both sides in a moral conflict see the other side's position as morally inferior. But make no mistake: this idea of dignitary harm may be the biggest single threat to religious liberty in this entire book—and in our immediate future.

Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination is timely and important, and never more so than when the debate turns to the argument over dignitary harm. The book also reveals our predicament. We have no choice but to make the right arguments and to make them well. Anderson and Girgis make their arguments extremely well, and they're the right arguments. But Corvino asserts the case for SOGI laws, openly at the expense of religious liberty, and adds the category of dignitary harm. Thus he radically expands the reach of his argument. And he appears quite confident his side will win.

The three authors begin by asking, “Is it possible to find common ground on these issues?” By the end of the book, readers will likely conclude, with sadness, that there's little common ground to be claimed.



Corner of River and Rhett

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 10	Galatians 1-6
July 11	1 Chronicles 1-3; Psalm 88
July 12	1 Chronicles 4-6; Psalm 89
July 13	1 Chronicles 7-9; Psalm 90
July 14	1 Chronicles 10-12; Psalm 91
July 15	1 Chronicles 13-15; Psalm 92



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Hospital Information 3 * Wednesday night menu 4

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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

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY July 9, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 am & 11:00 am

TO US A SON
Genesis 21:1-7

Hymns: 219, 128, 621

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE
Matthew 9:9

Hymns: 498, 168, 703

Psalm 145 (verses 1-10)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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A Book Review by R. Albert Moher

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This is a first for me—writing a book review while flying over the northern reaches of the Atlantic Ocean. I'm returning to the United States after responsibilities in the United Kingdom, speaking mostly to pastors and other Christian leaders. Everywhere I went, from central London to rural Kent, the same urgent question was asked: “Can religious liberty survive the LGBTQ moral revolution?”

Winston Churchill famously believed in the basic cultural unity of those he called the “English-speaking peoples,” meaning, most specifically, Britain and the United States. We've historically shared a basic commitment to moral truths including human dignity and liberty, and these commitments have been enshrined in our laws and social life. But Christians in both countries now face the prospect of a disastrous collision between the new sexual liberty prized by the LGBTQ revolution and religious liberty—long recognized in the United States as the first and most foundational freedom.

Long before the *Obergefell* decision legalized same-sex marriage, the inevitability of the collision was anticipated by both sides in the debate. LGBTQ advocates had already made clear their intention to advance from the legalization of same-sex marriage to press for the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) in all relevant civil rights laws and regulations. Even then, the collision with religious liberty was inevitable. Even then, we were warned religious liberty would have to give way to newly constructed and judicially mandated sexual liberties.

In the brief two years since *Obergefell*, we have seen Christian cake bakers, wedding photographers, florists, county clerks, judges, and a host of others face civil—and in some cases criminal—prosecution. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), passed in 1993 with no negative votes in the House of Representatives and only three in the Senate, is now seen by the revolutionaries as radical legislation that must be curtailed, if not overturned. Religious adoption agencies and schools are now warned to either surrender to the revolution or, with the passage of SOGI laws, face penalties or extinction.