

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 6

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

### Monday, August 7

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, August 8

10:00 AM Narnia Book Club  
 10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 in Conference Room  
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 in Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 at Panera Bread  
 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, August 9

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting  
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 7:00 PM **MUSICAL CAT KIDS PROGRAM**  
 7:30 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 10

6:00 PM Mission to Main

### Friday, August 11

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 46:1-3

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the  
 mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters  
 roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*  
 (ESV)

## Upcoming Events

August 1 Young Adult Bible Study  
 August 2 WIC Council  
 August 7 Diaconate Meeting  
 August 8 WIC Circles 3, 4, & 5  
 August 8 Young Adult Bible Study  
 August 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 August 9 Missions Committee Meeting  
 August 9 Musical CAT Kids Program  
 August 13 Finance Committee Meeting  
 August 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 August 14 Session Meeting  
 August 15 Young Adult Bible Study  
 August 16 Administration Committee Meeting  
 August 16 Musical CAT Kids Wrap-up  
 August 20 The Lord's Supper at the evening service  
 August 20 Evangelism/Discipleship Committee  
 August 20 Homemade Ice Cream Social  
 August 23 CE Committee Meeting  
 August 23 Regular CAT/Covenant Kids resume  
 August 27 Rally Day  
 August 27 WIC Annual Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 3 Membership Class begins  
 Sept. 3 Regular SS resumes  
 Sept. 18 Young At Heart resumes  
 Oct. 13-15 Greenville Conference on  
 Reformed Theology  
 Oct. 21 Church Picnic  
 Oct. 25 Reformation Party  
 Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday

## Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in  
 member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

**Vera Lane Griffin**  
 Shepherd's Care, Room 115  
 2100 N. Pleasantburg Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29609

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Emil Henning**  
**Mark and Kathy Hoagland**  
**Mark and Linda Holbrook**

## Missions for the Week



### Meals on Wheels

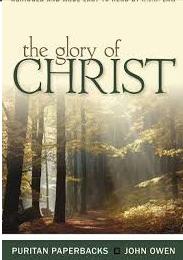
Meals on Wheels of Greenville delivers a hot meal Monday through Friday to nearly 1,500 homebound residents of Greenville County who have no means to prepare a nutritious meal for themselves and little or no support system to help them on a daily basis.

For variety, menus are prepared on a 4 week rotation and vary based on a client's diet restrictions, including vegetarian, renal, chopped, diabetic and pureed.

Volunteer your time. Attend an event. Refer a neighbor in need. Make a gift. No matter how you support Meals on Wheels of Greenville County, you are enhancing the lives of our community's homebound residents. Together we can make a difference.

[www.mealsonwheelsgreenville.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsgreenville.org)

### All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



August 6, 2017  
10 am in the sanctuary  
"The Glory of Christ"  
by John Owen

BILL WATKINS - Pgs. 127-140  
Exhortations to Unbelievers

### Church Financial Report August 6, 2017

before the morning worship services.



### Musical CAT Kids Program

Wednesday, August 9th  
Supper: 5:30 pm; Program: 7:00 pm  
Come see what our covenant kids have learned this summer.

### 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

August 8; 7:00 pm at Panera Bread on August St.

#### Circle 5

will meet August 8; **1:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall  
**(PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED TIME)**

### Summer Ice Cream Socials



August 20  
Immediately following  
the evening worship service.  
Everyone is asked to bring their favorite churn  
of homemade ice cream.



**Watch for Basketball Sign-ups  
coming soon online.**



**RALLY DAY**  
**Sunday, August 27th**  
**10:00 am**  
**Church Sanctuary**



### WIC Annual Meeting



Sunday, August 27  
Church Sanctuary @ 10:00 am

#### Agenda:

Election of Officers  
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities  
Recognition of New Members

*All college-age and above ladies in the church are  
invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.*

*Questions contact Alice Barnett (864-906-0166)*

The following slate of WIC Officers have been nominated  
for 2 years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC  
Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council  
and the Session. The election will take place at the August  
Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2017  
through August 31, 2019.

President Elect:	Susan McDaniel
Vice President:	Judy Bishop
Secretary:	Linda Kirk
MNA Coordinator:	Linda Bragdon
WIC Circle 1 Chairman:	Monica Bianchi
WIC Circle 4 Chairman:	Jean Pennington
WIC Circle 5 Chairman:	Pat Shuford

### Young Adult Bible Study for August

Tuesdays  
August 1, 8, and 15, 2017  
Come enjoy a time of food, fellowship,  
and study with other young adults at Second.  
If you have any questions  
please see Stephen Spinnenweber.

### Sabbatical

The Session has generously granted a sabbatical to Pastor  
Phillips for the month of August. If you have any pasto-  
ral needs during this time please contact Pastor Bailey at  
864-232-7621, ext. 108 or cbailey@spcgreenville.org.

### Ushering Needs

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

### Wednesday Night Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the Wednesday Night  
Fellowship Supper. There are two positions: Prep/Serve  
and Clean-up. If you are willing to help please contact  
Chad Scoggins: 864-884-3987/chadscoggins@charter.net

### Nursery Coordinator

Beginning in August our new Nursery Coordinator will  
be Olivia Angell. We are thankful for Olivia and for  
Leslie Martin who served this past year. We are also  
thankful for our members who are willing to step for-  
ward and volunteer in such a vital and important minis-  
try in the life of our church.



### Service Opportunity

Ten new nursery volunteers are needed to  
serve in our nursery. If you have ever  
rocked a baby, read a story to a toddler, or  
worked a puzzle with a three-year-old,  
you are just who we are looking for. Nursery volunteers  
range in age from 11 to 99 and work once every six to  
seven weeks during one of the Sunday worship services  
(morning or evening) or Sunday School. If you are will-  
ing to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Olivia  
Angell: oliviamangell@gmail.com

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

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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.

Aug. 7	Ephesians 1-6
Aug. 8	Philippians 1-4
Aug. 9	Ezra 1-4
Aug. 10	Ezra 5-8
Aug. 11	Ezra 9-10; Nehemiah 1-2
Aug. 12	Nehemiah 3-6

## Welcome to the Pulpit



Dr. Ryan McGraw is Professor of Systematic Theology at Greenville Seminary. He is a Research Associate with the Jonathan Edwards Centre of Africa, Co-editor of the *Cultivating Biblical Godliness Series* from Reformation Heritage

Books, and Assistant Book Review Editor for *Puritan Reformed Journal*. He also writes for the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals (*Meet the Puritans, Reformation21*). Formerly, Dr. McGraw served as pastor of First OPC in Sunnyvale, California (2012-2015), Pastor of Grace PCA in Conway, South Carolina (2006-2012), and as Youth Minister at First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, California (2000-2002). He has authored, edited, and collaborated on many books, articles, and academic book reviews on topics related to Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, Preaching, and Christian Living.

Dr. McGraw will be bringing us the message at both our morning worship services this Lord’s Day.

**Corner of River and Rhett**

**Men's Monday Morning Bible Study  
The Book of Jonah  
6:30 – 7:30 AM  
SPC, Fellowship Hall  
(Coffee Served)**

Men,  
I hope you will join me each Monday morning, beginning August 7, from 6:30 -7:30 AM, for a robust study of the Old Testament book of Jonah.

Jonah is a remarkable study of God's sovereign rule over man and all creation; of election and of rebellion; of mercy and of grace; of judgement and the necessity of repentance. In short, it is an ancient story with a very modern message which I hope you will find compelling!

I am honored in being asked by the Session to lead a morning Bible study for men who live or work in downtown Greenville. But in truth, the study is open to all men who wish to begin their week with an in-depth study of God's Word. Please feel free to bring a friend. Coffee will be served. Simply bring you Bible.

I am relatively new to SPC. My wife, Linda and I joined the church in November, 2016, having relocated to the Greenville area in my retirement. Prior to our move here, I pastored churches for 40 years, while serving concurrently as a Chaplain (Colonel) in the US Army (Reserves).

I hope to see you!

Wayne Kirk

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

**August 6, 2017**

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

**PREACHING, PRAYER MEETINGS, AND YOU**

John 14:12-14  
Hymns: 4, 508, 598  
Anthem: Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing  
Dr. Ryan McGraw preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 pm

**GOD IS ETERNAL**  
Psalm 90:1-4  
Hymns: 101, 5, 30  
Psalm 148

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching



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**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