

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM Membership Class  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM Deacon Training  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10:10 AM Finance Committee Meeting  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, October 9

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
**Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting**  
 6:00 PM-Supper; 7:00 PM-Meeting

### Tuesday, October 10

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church  
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 6:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

### Wednesday, October 11

5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting  
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (grades 1-6)  
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (grades 7-12)  
 6:45 PM Deacon Training  
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 1  
 6:55 PM CAT Kids/Covenant Kids  
 6:55 PM Jr. & 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, October 12

6:00 PM Mission to Main

### Friday, October 13

**GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY**  
 11:00 AM Bookstore Opens  
 12:00 PM Area Pastors Luncheon  
 5:00 PM Registration  
 6:00 PM Banquet Dinner  
 7:00 PM Ligon Duncan Speaking

### Saturday, October 14

8:30 AM Bookstore Opens  
 9:00 AM Harry Reeder Speaking  
 10:15 AM Richard Phillips Speaking  
 11:30 AM Q & A with All Speakers  
 12:00 PM Lunch & Enjoy Fall for Greenville  
 6:00 PM Ligon Duncan Speaking

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 4 WIC Council  
 Oct. 4 Pastoral Care  
 Oct. 6 Middle School Bonfire  
 Oct. 8 Finance Committee  
 Oct. 8 Worship & Music Committee  
 Oct. 9 Joint Session/Diaconate  
 Oct. 10-11 WIC Circles  
 Oct. 11 Missions Committee  
 Oct. 13-15 GCRT Conference  
 Oct. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service  
 Oct. 16 Young At Heart  
 Oct. 18 Administration Committee  
 Oct. 21 Church Picnic  
 Oct. 22 Evangelism/Discipleship Committee  
 Oct. 25 CE Committee  
 Oct. 25 Reformation Party  
 Oct. 26 LightBringers (Jessamines)  
 Oct. 26 Calvary Presbytery at Friendship PCA  
 Oct. 28 Bridal Shower for Callie Therrell  
 Oct. 29 Called Session Meeting  
 Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday  
 Oct. 29 Quarterly Youth Dinner

## Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 6 WIC Ladies Night Out  
 Nov. 10 Youth Game Night at Church  
 Nov. 12 New Members Reception & Luncheon  
 Nov. 16 LightBringers/Jessamines  
 Nov. 20 Young At Heart  
 Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Dinner & Service  
 Nov. 23-24 Church Office Closed  
 Dec. 1 High School Christmas Party  
 Dec. 2 WIC Decorating for Christmas  
 Dec. 7 LightBringers Christmas Party  
 Dec. 9 WIC Cookie Exchange

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:1-3  
*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. (ESV)*

## 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.

**Jacks and Deborah Tingle**  
 P. O. Box 31  
 Tigerville, SC 29688  
 864-895-5714

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Madison Linquist**  
**Laura Lizak**  
**Hanna**  
**Jimmy and Tammy Looper**  
**Grant and Amy**

## Missions for the Week

**GREENVILLE CONFERENCE  
 ON REFORMED THEOLOGY  
 October 13-15, 2017**

**Please Pray:**

- For good attendance.
- For the visitors who will be in our building and on our campus this weekend at GCRT.
- For the teaching by the speakers.
- For the opportunities to share the gospel.
- For the impact of this conference in our community.

## Membership Class

October 8 @ 9:45 am \* C-209  
Membership Vows (Pastor Bailey)

## Middle School Bonfire

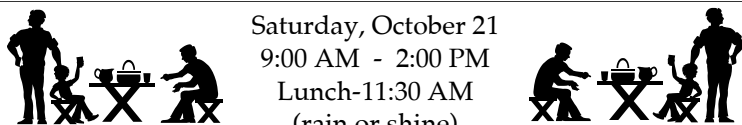
6th - 8th Grades  
Friday, October 6th  
6:30-9:00 pm  
Home of Joseph and Ashley Maralit  
36 North Windward Court, Taylors  
864-382-9113

## The Lord's Supper Oct. 15th @ Evening Worship Service

## Young At Heart

The October Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, October 16, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$8.00 per person payable at the door. Verlyn Smoker will be our speaker giving us "A Reformation Tour." Mark your calendars and be sure to attend this time of fellowship along with very good food!!

## FALL CHURCH PICNIC



Saturday, October 21  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Lunch-11:30 AM  
(rain or shine)

Butler Springs Park  
301 Butler Springs Road, Greenville  
The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks.  
Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

**There will be a dessert contest!**

## Fall Basketball



Church League Basketball sign-ups  
for the 2017-2018 season  
[www.spcgreenville.org/signups](http://www.spcgreenville.org/signups)  
Late Fees will be added after Oct. 2nd.  
Contact Tim Johnson for more information.



## Reformation Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th

We need booths, prizes, and candy.  
If you would like to sponsor a booth,  
see Stephen Spinnenweber.  
If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,  
please mark them for Reformation party  
and leave in the gym.

## Treasurer's Report

### SEPTEMBER 2017 & YTD

	Actual		
	Sept.. 2017	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Offerings	114,085	901,169	1,043,250
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	80,826	805,442	908,828
Mission	<u>36,733</u>	<u>121,445</u>	<u>134,422</u>
Total Outlays	117,559	926,887	1,043,250
Net Offerings	(3,474)	(25,718)	

- Contributions in Sept. 2017 were \$114,085 versus budget of \$115,917.
- Contributions for Sept. 2016 were \$90,394.
- Contributions YTD Sept. 2017 were \$901,169 compared to YTD Sept. 2016 of \$884,774 or increase of \$16,395.
- Actual contributions YTD are behind budget by \$142,081.
- Operating expenses for Sept. 2017 were \$80,826 versus the budget of \$100,981.
- For first 9 month of 2017, **cash outflows exceeded inflows** by \$25,718.
- Third quarter missionary and benevolence commitments were paid in September.
- To meet the 2017 budget for collections, collections for the period October-December need to exceed collections for same period last year by \$53,422.
- 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.

## Shoebox Operation

Packing a shoebox full of small gifts is a unique way to show a child the love of God. So get a shoebox or maybe 2 or 3 and start packing.

You will find Shoeboxes with information sheets throughout the church. Pick yours up now and return them early!!

**Wed. Night Supper Volunteers Still Needed**  
**Contact Chad Scoggins:**  
[chadscoggins@charter.net](mailto:chadscoggins@charter.net)

## Kairos Cookies Needed

Call to all bakers! Bill Watkins and the Kairos Prison Ministry team need cookies for the upcoming 4-day class on basic Christianity that will be held at Perry Correctional. While only 36 inmates are in the class, all 1000 inmates during the weekend receive bags of cookies with Bible verses and visits from the Kairos ministry team. Please bake as many dozens as you feel led to do and bring them to the kitchen at Second Church on Sunday October 8, 2017. Please package them in disposable containers such as shoe boxes. If you have any questions, call Bill Watkins at 304-4737.

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to keep the nursery on Tuesdays during the 10:00 am WIC Bible Study. If you are willing to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Olivia Angell: [oliviamangell@gmail.com](mailto:oliviamangell@gmail.com)

## Church Calendar

### Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

Fall through Christmas is a very busy time in the life of our church. We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. From basketball practice to Christmas parties we need to be sure that schedules are on the calendar so there will not be any conflicts.

Contact the church office:  
(232-7621, ext. 101) or email ([jgrant@spcgreenville.org](mailto:jgrant@spcgreenville.org)).

We appreciate your help in keeping all activities running smoothly.



church into being by His Word. God reveals Himself, rules His people, and shows the way of salvation by His Word. The Bible — not the church, not the Pope, not human reason, not religious experience — is the final authority for faith and practice in the Christian life. We need this teaching as much today as 500 years ago.

Stephen Prothero, a famous scholar of world religion, has observed that one of the things that make religions different is the big question they are trying to answer or the big problem they see in the world. Well, the Reformers taught that the big problem in the world is us! Our sin is the problem. We have met the enemy and he is us. This has massive implications for the rest of Christian theology, and the Reformers understood that.

Meanwhile, we live in a time where there is, simultaneously, a diminished consciousness of sin and an increased evidence of it. I remember a Scottish professor of mine saying, "Today we ask 'Why pain?,' but in the 16th century they asked 'Why sin?'" Our modern outlook is fundamentally man-centered, as opposed to the God-centered view taught by the Reformers.

Of course, the solution to the problem of sin is even more important, and the Reformers answered: God's grace! Their answer to the problem of our sin and our deserving of God's judgment was not something they found in us: not our works, not our righteousness, not our trying to be good, not our best intentions and efforts — "nothing."

**CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE by Dr. Ligon Duncan**  
**The Reformation Still Matters**

Even among some evangelical Protestant Christians, who are the heirs of the Reformation, there is ambivalence. "Ministry & Leadership in our hands we bring, simply to His cross we cling." Our problem is inside us (our sin), but the solution is outside us (in Christ's death and resurrection). To paraphrase Jonathan Edwards, "The only thing we contribute to our salvation is the sin that made it necessary."

This question is important for every age and culture: How can we be saved? How can we be right with God? The Reformers answered — by God alone, by Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone. This is the great issue of justification, and



what the Reformers said is still desperately relevant to the church in the world today.

The question of identity has been roiling in our culture for over a century, and even in the recent debates about gender and sexuality, people are searching to answer: Who am I? And the Reformers bequeathed a trio of doctrines to help us answer it: creation, the Imago Dei and union with Christ.

Contrary to naturalistic evolutionary thought, we are not higher animals, but created by the one, true and living God to be His image in this world. Because all humans are created by God in His own image, they are image bearers and must be treated with dignity and respect. Furthermore, as believers, our fundamental identity is found in union with Christ. Whatever our background, culture, ethnicity or sex may be, we are fundamentally "in Christ," and thus one with Him, adopted sons/heirs, brothers and sisters to one another, saved for communion with Him.

Along with the question of identity (who am I?) is the related question: What am I here to do? What is my purpose in life? And the Reformers gave a great (and biblical!) answer to that question: we are here to worship God, both as His glad, redeemed people, gathering Lord's Day after Lord's Day for His praise, and also in every part of everyday life. In short, we were created to glorify God in everything we do. That means that Christianity isn't only important for eternity; it's important for now. The Bible speaks to our life Monday to Saturday, not just to Sunday. God cares about our vocations, our love for our neighbor, and our involvement in society and culture. He cares about it all (and it all belongs to Him and owes Him tribute). In all these areas and more, the Reformers speak to us faithfully and helpfully about vitally important things we need to know, about which our age is not nearly so wise.

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 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.

Oct. 9	Jeremiah 1-3; Psalm 142
Oct. 10	Jeremiah 4-5; Psalm 143
Oct. 11	Jeremiah 6-8; Psalm 144
Oct. 12	Jeremiah 9-11; Psalm 145
Oct. 13	Jeremiah 12-15; Psalm 146
Oct. 14	Jeremiah 16-19; Psalm 147

**Widow's Fund**

The Church established a Widows' fund for the substantial (and often on-going) needs that come upon some of those who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members.) The reserve balance in this fund has been slowly but steadily declining over the past months. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a monthly gift to the widows' fund. We praise our God for His provision for those that look to Him.

**2018 Budget Planning**

Planning and preparations are underway for the 2018 Church Budget. Please be in prayer for the church officers as they plan the finances for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Doug McDaniel, or David Rainey.

**Check out the Truth for Life flyer on the bulletin boards and find the SS class that is right for you. Look forward to seeing you there!**



*Justification by Faith Alone*  
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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Bookstore opens at 11 am  
Area Pastors Luncheon: Noon  
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Banquet Dinner: 6:00-7:00 pm  
Ligon Duncan speaking at 7:00 pm

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Richard Phillips speaking at 10:15 am  
Q & A with all Speakers at 11:30 am  
Lunch (on your own): Noon  
Enjoy Fall for Greenville  
Ligon Duncan speaking at 6:00 pm

**Sunday Morning, October 15th:**

8:30, 11:00 services, Ligon Duncan Preaching  
10:00 AM, All Adult Sunday School  
*Second's 125th History Presentation*

For more information or to register go to:  
[herewestandgreenville.org/register](http://herewestandgreenville.org/register)

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY  
October 8, 2017**

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

**A WIFE FOR ISAAC**

Genesis 24:1-28

Hymns: 82, 58, 57

Anthem: Glory Be to God the Father  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 pm

**THE GOD WHO REMOVES**

Daniel 5

Hymns: 78, 469, 252

Psalms 7

Rev. Chad T. Bailey preaching

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**The Second Presbyterian Church**  
Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
Greenville, South Carolina

October 2, 2017

**Letter from the Church Administrator  
500th Anniversary of the Reformation**

This year marks the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed to the Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, 95 theses (theological propositions) he wanted to debate. That date is usually given as the starting point of what became the Reformation era of Western Christendom.

In our time there are all sorts of attitudes toward this event. In the 19th and 20th centuries, theological liberals hailed the Reformation as the coming of an age of reason, and the throwing off of the shackles of superstition that held back the progress of mankind. Today, however, many liberals look at the Reformation with lament, viewing it as a force for division and intolerance. My, how things change.

But even among some evangelical Protestant Christians, who are the heirs of the Reformation, there is ambivalence. There are various reasons for this: Some evangelicals tend to suffer from historical amnesia, some yearn to move past the past and into a new experience of Christian unity, while others have a penchant to view history as irrelevant.

So why should we remember the Reformation with thankfulness, honoring the heritage we have received from it? Well, in short, because the Reformation still matters — in positive and important ways.

First, the Reformation addressed the question of ultimate religious authority and the knowledge of God. What is the sole, final authority for faith and life? The Reformers answered: Scripture. God makes Himself known by His Word. God brings His