

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 14

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**

Monday, January 15

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 16

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Wednesday, January 17

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)
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 6:55 PM CAT/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, January 18

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, January 19

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
 4:30 PM Middle School Fellowship @ Johnsons

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Jan. 10 Missions Committee Meeting
 Jan. 13 WIC Shower for Daniel & Madison Grubbs
 Jan. 17 Administration Committee Meeting
 Jan. 19 Middle School Fellowship
 Jan. 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Jan. 24 CE Committee Meeting
 Jan. 26-29 **SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE**
 ~Men's Luncheon Friday @ Noon
 ~Friday Night Banquet @ 6pm
 ~WIC Brunch @ 10:00 am
 ~Adult Sunday School @ 10am-sanctuary
 ~8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Services
 ~6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
 ~Young At Heart Monday @ 11:45am
 Jan. 27 Calvary Presbytery at Woodruff Road PCA
 Jan. 29 Young At Heart

Mark Your Calendars

WIC Day of Prayer	February 10
Membership Class	February 11
Communicants Class	February 21
Annual Sports Banquet	February 28

If you have a date for the February calendar please contact the church office this week. 232-7621, ext. 101/jgrant@spcgreenville.org

Remembering One Another

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

Henry Montgomery
 564 S. Buckhorn Road
 Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Robert and Kailyn Pennington

Richard and Sharon Phillips
Hannah, Matthew, Jonathan, Ellie, Lydia

Larry and Judy Pitts



**Missionary
for the Week
Bethany.org**

Adoption:

Adoption is a beautiful way to grow your family. You can provide a loving, nurturing home for a vulnerable child. Bethany helps families welcome an infant, an older child, or a child from another country into their family.

Pregnancy counseling:

Bethany is here to provide pregnant women with support and guidance as they seek to make the best choice for themselves and their unborn child. There is no cost for this service.

Temporary care:

Through Bethany's Foster Care program and Safe Families ministry, Bethany seeks to provide temporary care for children. Their ultimate goal is to ensure that they have a safe, loving family through either reuniting them with their biological family or finding an adoptive family for those who cannot return to their biological parents. Thousands of children need a loving family who will walk with them during a time of crisis and welcome them unconditionally into a caring home.

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes located on a table outside the library.



Showering with Love



WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Wedding Shower for
Daniel and Madison Grubbs
Saturday, January 13, 2018
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

January Middle School Fellowship

Friday, January 19th
4:30 - 8:00 pm
Home of Nathaniel and Rebekah Johnson
Outdoor and indoor games
Dinner will be provided.

Thank You

*Dear Second Church Family,
Lynda and I would like to express our thankfulness for the many Christian expressions of love after the death of Lynda's mom, Jan Karel Robbins in December. Your prayers, friendship and everyday kindnesses were a special blessing to our family and comfort to us in our days of grief. We are so thankful for our Church.*

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

~The Duncans

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our worship services on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951). She will be compiling the 2018 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

Change of Address

The following have recently had an address change. Please make these changes in your church directory.

Wayne and Linda Kirk
103 Kensington Road
Easley, SC 29642

Louie LaBombard
215 Woodberry Circle
Easley, SC 29642

Larry and Marsha Briggs
204 Double Eagle Court
Taylors, SC 29687

Mark and Beth Baxa
915 Laurel Crest Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Stephen and Sarah Spinnenweber
10961 Burnt Mill Rd., Apt. 633
Jacksonville, FL 32256

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and thirty seventh stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 27th at 9:00 am at Woodruff Road PCA. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners who will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.



For Christ in South Carolina and the World

2018 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 26-29, 2018

Speakers:

Rev. Reid Jones, Clemson RUF
Rev. Jegar Chinnavan, First Asian/Indian PCA

Schedule:

Men's Luncheon - Friday @ noon
Friday Night Banquet - 6:00 PM
WIC Luncheon - Saturday @ noon
Sunday: Sunday School and Worship Services
Young At Heart - Monday @ 11:45 AM

Register today at spcgreenville.org

January Young At Heart

The January Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, January 29th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. **Please note the change of date for January only.** This meeting will be included in our 2018 Missions Conference. Reid Jones will speak on "How a church family should pray and love college students".

Christmas Tree Burning

For Middle School, High School and their parents
Saturday, January 13; 4-8 pm
Home of Ron and Tammy Vanderwey
Soup, breads, and hot chocolate will be served.
Bring your Christmas tree or contact Ron about him picking up your tree from church on Wednesday night. Please RSVP to Ron and Tammy and let them know if you are coming. (561-735-2746)



According to the federal Food and Drug Administration:

Ultrasound examinations provide parents with a valuable opportunity to view and hear the heartbeat of the fetus, bond with the unborn baby, and capture images to share with family and friends. In fetal ultrasound, three-dimensional (3D) ultrasound allows the visualization of some facial features and possibly other parts such as fingers and toes of the fetus. Four-dimensional (4D) ultrasound is 3D ultrasound in motion. [Note to the FDA: "Parents" don't have "fetuses." They have babies.]

This technology is now so common that ultrasound photos are a routine part of prenatal care. To behold a baby in the womb is to wonder at the magnificence of life and to be humbled by the reality that bearing a child is not a burden but a gift, a blessing beyond words.

BABY'S FIRST PICTURE

As Bob Morrison has written of the miracle of ultrasound technology: Expectant mothers often form that indissoluble bond with their child even before he or she is born. In millions of homes, the first family picture on the fridge is often that ultrasound picture. Ultrasound technology has advanced to the point where mothers and, hopefully, fathers can see their unborn child in real time. Something within us is touched, and touched deeply, when we see an unborn child—our own flesh and blood sucking a thumb, yawning, scratching an itch, even holding hands up as if in prayer.

Or as one woman recounted after seeing, for the first time, the little one within her:

I saw my baby, its heart moving all fast. The lady that was doing the ultrasound for me said "hi" and the baby moved its arms. . . . It was such a happy moment, even though the baby was probably just moving its arm. I can't stop replaying it over and over in my head and staring at the pictures of my baby.

This mother knew what to call her little one: Baby. Not Fetus. Baby.

God's Word tells us that fallen human beings "suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). The word translated "suppress" denotes the idea of holding down or detaining. Though something apparent—something true—is recognized, we scramble to stuff it away, like a Jack-in-the-box forced back into its confined rectangle of tin.

But sometimes even a slight jarring of the box can provoke Jack to pop out again. So it is with truth: we can harden our consciences, but to get to such a point we must first suppress them for a long time. It doesn't happen overnight. And until that kind of moral scar develops, the truth will keep popping up, uncomfortably and persistently.



TENDER MILLENNIAL CONSCIENCE

The millennial generation is riven by the slashes of a broken culture. Less than half of millennials are reaching the age of 17 with a married mom and dad. Their conflicting perceptions of God, truth, and morality—even of what foods to eat and clothes to wear—vary in levels of intensity. Jonathan Monroe notes:

As millennials become more prominent in the workforce, companies are spending small fortunes researching their interests, from specific jobs to new products. The results of this research provide conflicting answers that typically are reducible to one conclusion: We don't know.

Yet many of their consciences are tender. And when it comes to the issue of life, they know what they see and what they see, via ultrasound, is a baby. No wonder Jeff Jacoby of The Boston Globe writes:

There [has] been an empathy-driven reaction against abortion among the generation of Americans that grew up in a world of vivid ultrasound images and among the miracles of neonatal medicine that now make it possible even for babies born extremely prematurely to survive and flourish.

Some older Christians seem eager to despair of the future. But in this they underestimate God's capacity for transformation, one means of which is "the law written on their hearts" (Rom. 2:15), the conscience itself. And in some, that conscience can be triggered—reawakened—simply by seeing the life growing within.

Someone once observed that to despair is to turn your back on God. Let's be careful not to turn our backs on him—nor on the millennials who so desperately need the help and hope that Christ alone can give.

Editors' note: This article first appeared at ChristianHeadlines.com and has been lightly edited.

National Sanctity of Human Life Day is January 22, 2018



PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

B is for Blessing

Blessings beyond price. God gives them three jewels more worth than heaven—the blood of His Son, the grace of His Spirit and the Light of His countenance.



2018 Greenville Seminary Theology Conference

"The Person and Work of Jesus Christ: the Lord of Glory"
March 13-15, 2018

Registration is now open

GPTS Spring Theology Conference Registration Page
Members of supporting churches receive a 20% discount
Choose Registration (Early Bird Rate); at the bottom of the page, check the box for "I have a discount code."
Discount Code is: gsdonorchurch

Speakers:

Ian Hamilton, Joel Beeker, Johnny Gibson,
Greg Beale, Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
Richard D. Phillips, Ryan Speck
Michael Barrett, Ryan McGraw

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Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

Corner of River and Rhett

**2018 Second Presbyterian Missions Conference
January 26 through 29**

A Message from Hugh Player

The Missions Committee is very excited about the upcoming 2018 Missions Conference which will be held the week-end of January 26 – 29. We encourage you to attend to hear about the mission work that is supported by Second Presbyterian Church. Our Mission Conference theme for the last several years has been “For Christ in South Carolina and the World” and again this year we are emphasizing that through our guest speakers. We will hear from Rev. Jegar Chinnavan and his wife Jemima who are involved with establishing the first Asian Indian Presbyterian Church in the US. This church plant is in Fairfax, VA. Jegar is a wonderful servant of our Lord who was indeed one called out of darkness into His marvelous light. Jegar was born and raised in Singapore and was converted out of Hinduism. Jemima Chinnavan will be speaking to the children of Second, ages 4 to 12, on Friday evening and to the women on Saturday morning.

Our other speaker will be Rev. Reid Jones who currently is working for Reformed University Fellowship at Clemson University. Reid will be speaking to the 7th to 12th graders during the Sunday School hour Sunday morning, will bring us a message at the 6:00 Evening Worship service, and will speak at the Young at Heart meeting on Monday.

In addition, we will hear from some of our local Missionaries. Ramona White will tell us about her experience at Christ College in Taipei, Taiwan and her plans for 2018. We will hear about the Prison Ministry work and the Koinonia Ministry to our congregation.

The members of Second Presbyterian Church have been so faithful over the years praying for our missionaries, going on short and long term mission trips, giving to mission causes, and general support and interest to our missionaries. I pray that you will come out for this conference to hear about the exciting work that is going on for Christ.

Register today at www.spcgreenville.org

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

January 14, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

THE GREAT BABY WAR

Genesis 29:31-30:24

Hymns: 345, 37/131, 621

Anthem: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

REMEMBERING THE RESURRECTION

² Timothy 2:8-10

Hymns: 286, 270, 690

Psalm 14

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Ultrasounds: Conscience, Technology, and New Life
By Rob Schwarzwald
of the Family Research Council

In a cover story titled “How Millennial Parents Think Differently About Raising Kids,” Time magazine reporter Katy Steinmetz describes how younger moms and dads are bringing up their kids with a host of values—some more traditional, others much more unconventional.

There is much to trouble religious conservatives in the parenting trends described. Today’s little ones are being raised in home environments so at odds with natural law and biblical revelation with that one wonders how, as older children and young adults, they will relate to one another.

It’s certain a common moral language will be lacking. So will any common recognition of what composes a healthy family. Having experienced so much conflict in the home, many will seek to avoid cultural conflict by hiding from social engagement and political activism, leaving the public square potentially less civil and certainly less representative. These invariable outcomes can only mean increased social contention of the kind now plaguing our society.

ULTRASOUND EXCEPTION

Yet one sentence, tucked deeply in the Time article, is arresting: “46 percent of millennial parents said they posted a picture of their youngest child either in the womb or before the baby was one day old.”

Why is this significant? Because younger Americans intuitively understand, as parents always have, that the life growing inside the mother’s body is more than an accumulation of gelatinous tissue. Instead, in watching the ultrasound images projected on a screen, they recognize a living person, developing and small and, in appearance, unlike a full-term baby, but undeniably a human being.