

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 21

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:15 PM Men's Chorus Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, January 22

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

5:00 PM CE 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)
 6:55 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 25

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, January 26

SPC 2018 Missions Conference

12:00 PM Men's Luncheon
 6:00 PM Banquet

Saturday, January 27

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Woodruff Rd. PCA
 10:00 AM WIC Brunch

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:3-4

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

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
 Feb. 5 Diaconate Meeting
 Feb. 7 WIC Council
 Feb. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Feb. 10 WIC Day of Prayer
 Feb. 11 Finance Committee Meeting
 Feb. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Feb. 12 Session Meeting
 Feb. 13-14 WIC Circles
 Feb. 14 Missions Committee Meeting
 Feb. 15 Light Bringers
 Feb. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Feb. 19 Young At Heart
 Feb. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
 Feb. 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
 Feb. 28 CE Committee Meeting

Remembering One Another

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

Jerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Steve and Sheryl Plating
Hugh and Cyndi Player
Spencer and Maria Player



Missionary for the Week

17 Sensational Calvary Home Stats in 2017:

~168 children served
 ~6 children accepted Christ
 ~25 children reunited with family
 ~1,100 home-cooked meals
 ~713 volunteers on campus
 ~over 130 hours of counseling
 ~over 27,375 hours of prayer and devotion
 ~5 cottage family vacations and 6 summer camps
 ~2,860 loads of laundry
 ~13 vocational skills classes
 ~7 children taking martial arts classes
 ~91 holidays our children missed with their family but celebrated at Calvary Home
 ~227 tutoring hours
 ~2 vehicles donated
 ~231 pairs of shoes
 ~64 supporting churches and Sunday School classes
 ~2 sets of braces and 9 pairs of glasses

Follow Calvary Home for Children on facebook

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.

The Lord's Supper
Sunday, January 21, 2018
Morning Worship Services

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.

Ushering Meeting

There will be a brief but required meeting for all active ushers and for any male member in good standing that desires to serve your church as an usher. The meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 10:30 am to 10:45 am in the sanctuary under the balcony. We need to fill a minimum of nine usher positions. Ushering is a great way to serve our congregation, to meet new people and be a warm welcome to our guests. Contact Ken Pujdak at kenpujdak@gmail.com or [864-399-8333](tel:864-399-8333) for more info or to express interest.

Baptism

Abigail Geer Pomerlyan, covenant daughter of Serge and Christa Pomerlyan received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 14, 2018. We are thankful for the Pomerlyan family and pray that Eleanor, Margaret and Abigail will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.



LightBringers
Thursday, February 15th
6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall



Mark Your Calendars

MEMBERSHIP CLASS
begins March 4, 2018
taught by Dr. Richard D. Phillips.

Treasurer's Report

	DECEMBER 2017 & YTD		
	Actual		YTD Budget
	Dec. 2017	YTD 2017	
Offerings	274,114	1,386,011	1,391,000
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	202,431	1,172,606	1,211,770
Mission	39,934	161,379	179,230
Total Outlays	242,365	1,333,985	1,391,000
Net Offerings	31,749	52,026	

- Contributions in Dec. 2017 were \$274,114 versus budget of \$115,917.
- Contributions for Dec. 2016 were \$177,101. An increase of \$97,013.
- Contributions for 2017 were \$1,386,011 compared to YTD Dec. 2016 of \$1,321,183 for an annual increase of \$64,828.
- In 2017, actual contributions were \$4,989 less than the 2017 budget.
- Operating expenses for Dec. 2017 were \$242,365 versus the budget of \$100,981.
- For 2017, **cash inflows exceeded outflows** by \$52,026.
- Fourth quarter missionary and benevolence commitments were paid in December.
- 2017 was a very good year financially for Second Church. The Lord blessed us richly. Thank you for your support during 2017.
- 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.



**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".

Mark Your Calendars

WIC SPRING RETREAT
Bonclarken Conference Center
March 9-10, 2018
Registration is due by February 7th
Contact Judy Bishop for further information

WIC Day of Prayer
Saturday, February 10th @ 10:00 am
Church Fellowship Hall
Watch Herald for further details.



when he actually witnessed tiny bodies being ripped limb from limb—he was startled and revolted. *Even more sickening, the ultrasound showed babies desperately trying to wriggle away from the suction apparatus. One twelve-week fetus continued to struggle even after it had been severely maimed, opening his mouth in what looked like a scream of fear and pain.*"

4. Human Rights: Not all agree that a fetus is a person. The courts have said that to be a person, one must be rational, conscious, and self-aware. Pre-born children certainly have a brain and this potential; they only need time to develop these capacities. It is the same after they are born. They have promise and aptitude, but need time to learn to crawl, walk, speak, read, and defend themselves. That is why personhood should be grounded in who we are, not in what we can do, the stock we come from, our religion, the color of our skin, or the circumstances of our birth. Not grounding personhood in what we are only sets us up for discrimination—or perhaps worse: lynchings, gas chambers, and the furnaces of Auschwitz. Human rights—and all the protections that go with them—are for human persons. And we, including the unborn, are all members of the human family, teaming with hope and possibility.

5. Scripture: "The overall picture of the unborn child presented by Scripture is not, as Aristotle would have it, of gestating vegetable life waiting for an animal soul. Instead, the Bible portrays the unborn child the same as it does a developed infant..." Here are just a few examples:

- **Psalm 139:13-17** gives a beautiful poetic description of fetal development in the womb: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!"
- The callings of Isaiah and Jeremiah while in the womb:
 - ~Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. (Isa. 49:1, NIV)
 - ~"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jer. 1:5, NIV)
- **Luke 1:40-45** points to fetal awareness in John the Baptist and fetal



development in both Jesus and John: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice, she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!'" (Luke 1:39-45) The Creator of our DNA's intimate care and concern extends to all human life. Period. The unborn children we fight to protect may be potential princes or princesses, statesmen or justices, medical doctors or great, holy people. Or they may have special needs or disabilities, but nonetheless teach us incredible things about love, empathy, and infectious joy. All are little children that Jesus loves. His coming as a human being was the result of the greatest unplanned pregnancy in recorded history. He came to forgive our sins and bring life to dead souls by his Spirit. And these truths—the dignity of all human unborn life, the forgiveness of sins, and the inward fire of perfect love—still move our spirits to leap for joy.

South Carolina Statistics

Babies Killed Annually By Abortion: 5,700+
 Babies Killed Annually in Greenville County: @ 3,500
 Babies Saved Annually at PWC: 300+

Piedmont Women's Center's Work

Piedmont Women's Center has helped thousands of women choose life for themselves and their babies since 1991.

We provide the following:

- * free pregnancy tests
- * limited OB Ultrasounds
- * vouchers for maternity wear & baby needs
- * biblical peer counseling
- * abortion recovery assistance for women & men
- * speakers bureau

Locations:

1146 Grove Road, Greenville, 29605, 864.233.3823
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 1389 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, 29687 864.244.1434
 24 hour hopeline: 864.233.3823
 Website portal: www.piedmontwomenscenter.org



PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

C is for Conscience

Strive greatly to have and to exercise a good conscience towards God and men; to commit your soul, life, and cause to the Lord; and then expect the worst of men, and the best of Christ.

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.

SPC SURVEY

Be on the lookout for a church wide email being sent to each SPC member. The purpose of this survey is to provide information to our Christian Education Committee and the Session regarding various ministries in our church. Please provide information about your involvement and constructive feedback that will help us to serve you better. The deadline for response is January 31st. There will be hard copies of the survey placed near the Holbrook Library. One can take and leave surveys in the library. The survey covers the following ministries in our church: Sunday School, Wednesday Night Activities, Children's Ministry, Middle School Ministry, Senior High Ministry, College Age Ministry, Young Adults, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Home Groups, Senior's Ministry, Evangelism Ministry, Music Ministry, Media Ministry, Worship Services. There is also an opportunity to give any opinion that you would like to convey about SPC ministry. The survey will be anonymous. Please participate and give your feedback.

WIC Missions Brunch
Second Presbyterian Church
January 27, 2018

Letter from Alice Barnett, WIC President

On Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, the Missions committee will be sponsoring a brunch for the women of Second Presbyterian Church. Undoubtedly the food will be scrumptious, but more importantly we will have the opportunity to hear from two amazing women who are serving Christ and His Kingdom. **Jemima Chinnavan** serves with her husband Jegar at the First Asian Indian Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia. This is a mission church that seeks to proclaim the gospel to the international community. Some of her responsibilities include establishing relationships with Hindu wives as well as being a host parent to Hindu and Muslim graduate students from George Mason University. **Ramona White** is home only for a few weeks before returning to teach the spring semester at Christ's College in Taipei. From India to Virginia, from South Carolina to Taiwan, these women have known adventure and heartache, culture shock and homesickness, trials and joys. They are just like the rest of us. However, these ordinary women are being used in extraordinary ways for the glory of Christ and His Church. It will be a privilege to share a meal with these ladies so please make your plans to attend. No passport necessary and childcare is provided.



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WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
January 21, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

THE UNWANTED HOUSE GUEST

Genesis 30:25-31:16
Hymns: 700, 550, 378
Anthem: Bread of the World
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

THE GOD WHO STRENGTHENS

Daniel 10
Hymns: 40, 358, 449
Psalm 15
Rev. Chad T. Bailey preaching



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

January 15, 2018

Why I'm Pro-Life

by Greg Austen

I remember when reports announced that Princess Kate of England was pregnant. Even the most secular news outlets immediately began talking about the child in her womb as an heir to the throne... But doesn't the dignity we conferred on a 'royal' baby apply also to countless other 'ordinary' babies whose lives are no less significant.

For me, being pro-life is not about politics. It's about civilized society, common sense, science, human rights, and Scripture. Here's my case:

1. **Civilized Society:** In the 1992 decision *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said: "The ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation has been facilitated by the ability to control their reproductive lives." This is associated with what is called the "reliance interest"; that is, the idea that women have come to rely on abortion to maintain their place in society. I'm certainly an advocate for the equality of women and will talk about that next week. I'm confident, however, that a civilized society can find a way to protect one life in a way that doesn't "rely" on destroying the life of another. What gives us justification to idolize a woman's body and social status, and to place its value over the life of her own child? Is abortion really the best option we have to protect a woman's economic and social equality? I know we can do better.

2. **Common Sense:** Rather than being above a president's paygrade, the pro-life position is common sense: Is the unborn fetus human? Yes. Is it alive? Yes. Then it's human life. It's that simple.

3. **Science:** Human life begins at fertilization, that is, with the union of sperm and ovum. Especially on this side of ultrasound technology, most will easily agree on this. A picture's worth a thousand words. Chuck Colson in his book, *How Now Shall We Live*, described Dr. Bernard Nathanson's use of ultrasound technology to witness abortion: "Nathanson knew quite well what happened in an abortion. Yet when he saw abstract concepts transformed into vivid images—