

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 4

- 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, February 5

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

### Tuesday, February 6

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

### Wednesday, February 7

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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, February 8

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

### Friday, February 9

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

### Saturday, February 10

- 10:00 AM WIC Day of Prayer

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 8:3-5 (ESV)

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?  
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 5 Diaconate Meeting
- Feb. 7 WIC Council
- Feb. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Feb. 9-10 Elders' Retreat at Ridgecrest
- 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. 16 Valentine's Day Concert and Dinner
- 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

## Mark Your Calendars

- Membership Class begins March 4
- WIC Retreat @ Bonclarken March 9-10
- Communicants Class begins March 25
- WIC Spring Luncheon April 21
- Graduation Banquet May 2
- CAT Kids Program May 9
- Musical CAT Kids begin May 23
- Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation June 2-9
- General Assembly in Atlanta, GA June 11-15
- Church Picnic July 4
- Vacation Bible School July 9-13
- Mission Trip to Cajamarca, Peru July 20-29
- Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven July 23-27

## Remembering One Another

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

**Mamie Riggins**  
The Haven in the Village at Chanticleer  
355 Berkman's Lane, Room 214  
Greenville, SC 29605

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Holt and Katie Preston**  
**Gibson, Darby Anne, William, Harper, Fitz**  
  
**Sonny and Jan Price**  
  
**Ken and Jo-Ellen Pujdak**  
**Victoria**

## Missionary 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)



### Light Bringers



For Mothers & Daughters  
(5th-8th grade)  
February 15th  
6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Dinner included  
Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.

### Widows 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.

### 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.

**If you have not picked up your 2018 offering envelopes please do so this week.**

**The Lord's Supper  
February 18, 2018  
Evening Worship Service**

### Mark Your Calendars

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

**COMMUNICANTS CLASS**  
begins March 25, 2018  
taught by Dr. Kevin Mobley

### It's Going to Be Spectacular!



Join us on **Saturday, February 17th at the TD Convention Center in Greenville for the 3rd annual Good News Spectacular.** The Good News Spectacular is a free one-day event with big inflatables, many new for the first time! Yes, there will be popcorn, snow cones, face painting, balloon animals, games, and prizes, and everything is completely free! Would you volunteer and/or bring Good News Club children on Feb. 17th from 10am to 3pm?

### Christian Youth in Action

CEF is looking for students to serve in our CYIA program, leading Summer Good News Clubs. CYIA is a summer missions program for students ages 15-22 sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Summer Missionaries commit to extensive training before leading Summer Good News Clubs and must complete an application. For further information or questions please feel free to call our office at (864) 292-5842.



**WIC Day of Prayer  
Saturday, February 10th  
@ 10:00 am**



**Church Fellowship Hall  
Food, fellowship and prayer time  
Contact Judy Bishop if you have questions.**



### A Valentine Celebration

This year's Valentine Banquet on Friday, Feb. 16, will present an opportunity for a "double date" for members and guests of Second. First, at 5:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary, professional cellist Yuriy Leonovich will present a recital of solo cello works. Dr. Leonovich is the cello professor at Bob Jones University and plays in the Greenville and Charleston symphonies. Second, at 6:30 p.m. a banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker, Wayne Kirk. The cost for the cooked to order steak or chicken dinner is \$14.00 per person. There is no charge for the recital. Please contact Tammy Vanderwey (843) 834-2553 with any questions or simply sign up for the meal at [spcgreenville.org](http://spcgreenville.org). Childcare will be provided on appointment.

### Young At Heart

The February Young At Heart luncheon will be on Monday, February 19 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Dr. David Woodard, Professor of Political Science at Clemson University. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of delicious food and great fellowship.

### Mark Your Calendars



**Great Escape 2018  
WIC SPRING RETREAT  
Bonclarken Conference Center,  
Flat Rock, NC  
March 9-10, 2018**

**Registration is due by February 7th**

Space is limited, so register early. Information and registration forms are located throughout the church or you may contact Alice Barnett (864-906-0166) with questions.



until we get buried under a multitude of superstitions” Calvin warned. The experience in evangelical churches today confirms Calvin’s concern and warning.

Following these convictions, our church adheres to the Reformation approach known as the “regulative principle” of worship. The Westminster Confession of Faith, explains this principle:

The acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture (WCF 21.1).

This states that God has told us how he desires to be worshiped and that we are to worship in obedience to the commands and relevant examples of the Bible concerning worship. Key to this approach is an emphasis on biblical “elements” in worship. Our worship service is to be made up of elements – activities – that all have biblical warrant through explicit commands or examples. These biblical elements include the reading of Scripture, the sound preaching of God’s Word, corporate prayer, the faithful administration of the sacraments, the giving of tithes and sacrifices, and the singing of praise to God. You will note that these are the primary elements in our worship service at Second Church. Indeed, from start to finish, every element in our worship service is based on a biblical command or example, since we desire to worship the Lord in a way that is acceptable to Him.

Let me suggest how this approach should shape our attitude to worship together. First, this reminds us that we approach a sovereign deity who calls us to obey His Word. He says, “To obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Sam. 15:22). We do not come to God demanding to have things our way, but submitting to His good and perfect, sovereign will. Second, when we worship biblically, we have a great cause to rejoice, since God’s way of worship directs us to the saving work of Jesus Christ. God wants us to draw near to Him through faith in Christ’s blood,



to praise Him, to pray to Him, to learn from Him, and to meet with Him. What good news this is for us! Third, and perhaps most importantly, we come for the purpose of worshipping God and not ourselves or our felt needs. Worship always has an object, and the object – the recipient – of our worship – is not the congregation, nor the visitors, but the God whose name we praise. To put it a bit differently, we do not come to church “to get something for ourselves,” but to give our praise to God: worship is for Him, and not for us. The beauty of biblical worship is, however, that when we worship in such a God-centered and God-glorifying way, we get so much out of it! He has designed it that the best thing for us is to give ourselves wholly to God, so that biblical, God-centered worship is the most evangelistic and most edifying worship possible. To Him be the glory as we worship Him today!

May the Lord bless you this week.

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 - 5:45 PM \* Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM



### PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

#### E is for Eternal Security

It may be that we are sinful; but God did not love us for our goodness, neither will he cast us off for our wickedness. Yet this is no encouragement to life’s licentiousness, for God knows how to put us to anguishes and straits and crosses, and yet to reserve everlasting life for us.

~John Cotton

#### 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.



## Corner of River and Rhett

### BEN & LYNN SHAW RETIRING THIS MAY

After 19 wonderful years, Dr. & Mrs. Ben Shaw have announced their plans to retire this spring from the Wednesday night & special banquets kitchen. The Deacons will announce an occasion later this year when we can properly thank the Shaw's, but let us begin with a heartfelt note of appreciation for two decades of loving service to this congregation through their ministry of hospitality. Their faithful work and delicious menus have been an inestimable blessing to Second Pres. Thanks Ben & Lynn!

### SR HIGH BOYS SEASON ENDS

Coach Noah McConnell led the Senior High Boys to the Church League Basketball Championship game on Monday night at St George's. Congratulations to the boys on a great season.



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

February 4, 2018

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

#### SITTING ON IDOLS

Genesis 31:17-42

Hymns: 376, 377, 668

Anthem: Blessed Is the Man

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

#### FAITHFUL

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Hymns: 32, 602, 498

Psalms 16:1-6

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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### Letter from the Senior Minister Biblical "Acceptable" Worship

In reflecting on the great blessings God has given us through His Son, the writer of Hebrews urged us, "Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:28-29). Worship should be, according to Hebrews, acceptable to God, offered in a reverent way, by those who approach God with amazement and wonder.

This raises an essential question, namely, what is worship that is acceptable to God? Many people believe that as long as our worship is sincere and well-meant, then God must surely accept it. But according to the Bible, we are to worship God in accordance with His Word. That is, God has told us what kind of worship is acceptable to Him. The way for us to offer acceptable worship, then, is to worship in accordance with Holy Scripture.

This emphasis on biblical worship stems from the Protestant Reformation. Having returned to biblical doctrine, it was inevitable that the Reformed churches would insist on biblical worship. Two concerns motivated this conservative approach to worship. The first was a desire to exalt God's sovereignty over His church. The second was a humble belief that we, as the creatures, simply lack the competence to devise means for worshiping our holy God, especially given our tendency to sin and folly. As John Calvin wrote, "it tends greatly to establish God's authority that we do not follow our own pleasure." Meanwhile, he reminded us that we simply are not spiritually competent to devise our own means for worship: "once we have turned from the right path, there is no end to our wanderings,