

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 18

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 19

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

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, February 22

6:00 PM Mission to Main
 6:00 PM LightBringers

Friday, February 23

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 9:9-11

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Feb. 16	Cello Recital in the sanctuary
Feb. 18	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Feb. 19	Young At Heart
Feb. 21	Administration Committee Meeting
Feb. 22	LightBringers
Feb. 25	Evangelism Committee Meeting
Feb. 28	CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 28	Sports Appreciation Night
March 4	Membership Class begins
March 5	Diaconate Meeting
March 7	WIC Council
March 7	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
March 9-10	WIC Ladies' Retreat at Bonclarken
March 11	Finance Committee Meeting
March 11	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
March 12	Session Meeting
March 13-14	WIC Circles
March 14	Missions Committee Meeting
March 15	LightBringers
March 18	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
March 19	Young At Heart
March 21	Administration Committee Meeting
March 25	Communicants' Class begins
March 25	Evangelism Committee Meeting
March 28	No Wednesday Night Activities
March 29	Maundy Thursday Service
March 30	Good Friday Lunch and Service
March 30	Church Office Closed

Mark Your Calendars

Easter Sunrise Service	April 1
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 him a note of encouragement.

Jacks Tingle
 P. O. Box 31
 Tigerville, SC 29688

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jerry Rice
Lila Riggins
Mamie Riggins

Missionary for the Week



Rev. Stephen Atkinson
Directory of Ministry
CWI of North America

Rev Stephen Atkinson moved from Northern Ireland in June 2012 to develop and promote the work of CWI in North America.

He is also a PCA Pastor at Covenant Presbytery 'Ministering Out of Bounds'. Having served as a minister for 18 years, and as CWI's Ireland Secretary since 2004, as Director of Ministry in the USA, Stephen's labors include driving (often literally!) the nationwide operations of CWI (NA), teaching in churches, connecting with pastors, and developing resources that will enable churches and Christians to reach their Jewish neighbors. 42% of the world's Jewish population lives in the USA. It is CWI's desire that our ministry will grow with an increasing staff of preacher, teachers and evangelists in Jewish areas, that we will be a help in training local churches in sensitive Jewish evangelism, and that we will grow a nationwide network of supporters who are able to fund and pray for this vital ministry among God's ancient people.

Middle School Ministry Event

Saturday, February 17th
1:00-6:00 pm

Ministry: Meet at Marian Wood's home at 5 Creek-bend Court, Simpsonville, at 1:00 pm to help the Deacons clear her backyard of garden debris.

Social: Around 3:00 pm we will caravan in the Phillips' vehicles to their house for Pork BBQ and game time. Pick up will be at the Phillips' home (11 Bridgeton Drive, Greenville, SC 29615) around 6:00 pm.

Please contact Sharon Phillips (864-569-8765) with any questions.

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

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.

Light Bringers



For Mothers & Daughters
(5th-8th grade)

February 22nd (DATE CHANGE)

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner included

Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.



SPORTS APPRECIATION NIGHT

**Wednesday, February 28th
6:30-7:00 pm**



Membership Class

Begins March 4, 2018
taught by Dr. Richard D. Phillips.
9:45 am in Classroom C-209

March 4	The "Solas" of the Reformation
March 11	The Doctrines of Grace
March 18	Law and the Gospel
March 25	Covenant Theology
April 8	Reformed Worship
April 15	Membership Vows
April 22	Presbyterian Church History
April 29	Finding Your Place at SPC
April 22/29	Session interviews for membership
May 6	New Members' Reception & Luncheon

Class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 1st

Visitors and/or members interested in learning about the beliefs of our church and those of the PCA should attend. We request that any who are interested in becoming members of SPC attend this class; however, attending this class does not obligate you to become a member of this Church. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bailey at 864-232-7621, ext. 108.

Communicants Class

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, March 25th, taught by RE Kevin Mobley. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in classroom S-307. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class.

Job Announcement

The Diaconate of Second Presbyterian Church invites those interested in applying for the position of Cook / Special Events Caterer to submit a resume and references to the Sports and Fellowship Committee by March 31, 2018. This position will be responsible for weekly meals for the church family and occasional conferences, banquets and special events. Send to Administration@SPCGreenville.org.

THE VALENTINE BANQUET HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Mark Your Calendars



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

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.

Cello Recital

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Friday evening, February 16, at 5:30 p.m., professional cellist, Dr. Yuriy Leonovich will present a recital of solo cello works in the sanctuary. Dr. Leonovich is the cello professor at Bob Jones University and also plays in the Greenville and Charleston symphony orchestras. This free recital will feature the works of J.S. Bach, Domenico Gabrielli, Sergi Prokofiev and others. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow. Please contact Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker (864) 979-9378, with any questions.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Second

Mar. 29	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 30	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
Apr. 1	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Easter Evening Worship Service
<i>There will be no Wednesday evening activities on March 28th.</i>		



When I think of a pastor as a servant, I think of a man who is content with his calling and clothed with humility (cf. 1 Pet. 5:4). Rather than seeking for self-promotion, he is one who can say “I am an unworthy servant and have done only what was my duty” (cf. Luke 17:10). Such a man is satisfied with the congregation and the sphere of influence that the Lord has given Him. I’m reminded of the words of Peter:

“... shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge” (1 Pet. 5:2–3).

As a servant, the pastor realizes that the local church doesn’t stand or fall based on how well he performs and understands that he needs his congregation as much as they need him.

The Pastor as a Steward

Second, a pastor must view himself as a “steward of the mysteries of God” (cf. 1 Cor. 4:1). The image that Paul paints for us is that of a household steward, which is a person who manages and dispenses goods to the household at the request of the owner. Pastors are household stewards because they have specifically been tasked to manage and dispense to the congregation “the mysteries of God”, which is the gospel of God.

Pastors are to steward the gospel of God by making sure it is faithfully taught in their church. Hence, pastors should treat this stewardship with the utmost care. No one has the expectation that their local minister will be the best preacher in the world. However, it is expected that a minister of the gospel is competent with the Scriptures. Consider the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy:

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

Hence, it is expected that a minister performs his due diligence and labors in the Word so that he may teach us effectively and efficiently. As mentioned above, there is a myriad of issues that may fight for our attention as Christians, but nothing deserves the central place in our lives than the Word of God. Although there should be times when pastors must confront contemporary issues, pastors are uniquely trained and called as stewards of the gospel. For this reason, he should labor to preach faithfully from the Scripture and to preach in such a way that the Spirit of God can apply the Word of Christ to the heart of the congregation. Pastors are charged to faithfully proclaim the whole counsel of God to His people week in and week out. Even in times when it may appear that the congregation is disinterested, pastors are called to reprove, rebuke, encourage, warn, and exhort with great patience and instruction (cf. 2 Tim. 4:1–3).



The Pastor as an Example

Finally, pastors are expected to be examples to their congregations. It would be irrational and unrealistic to hold pastors to the standard of perfect, but it should be said that a pastor is pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (cf. Phil. 3:14). There’s nothing more encouraging for me to see a pastor, who already is a godly and mature man, growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. This means that a pastor should be an individual whose character is above reproach on moral, family, and financial matters. I rejoice to see pastors who abstain from all appearance of evil (cf. 1 Thess. 5:22) and hate even the clothing stained by fleshly corruption (cf. Jude 23).

I don’t think that this can be stressed enough. Virtually all formerly professing Christians that I have met in my life have blamed their apostasy on the behavior of former pastors, and I sympathize with them. Throughout my life, I have met pastors who exploited the poor so that they may live extravagant lives; I’ve met pastors who had affairs with multiple women within their own church; and I’ve met pastors who have gone through multiple divorces. Within evangelical circles, there is an epidemic of sexual immorality from the pew to the pulpit, and the question is: who will serve as an example of godliness? It is definitely praiseworthy to observe the fruits of the Spirit abounding in the life of a minister. For this reason, pastors should be men of godly sincerity who can serve the Lord and their congregation with a clean conscience. It is this type of man who is worth emulating.

Within our society today, there are myriad opportunities for pastors to lose focus on what they have been specifically called to do. It is my prayer that God will continue to raise up pastors who do the ordinary, yet indispensable, work of shepherding the flock of God.

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PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

G is for Grace

Grace and glory differ very little; the one is the seed, the other is the flower; grace is glory militant, glory is grace triumphant.

~Thomas Brooks

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?

GPTS Conference Housing Needs

We are asking local churches to ask their members if any would like to sign up to host conference attendees. Our Spring Theology Conference is March 13th – 15th and we have many attendees that come from out of town. We would like to place those who need housing with members of the reformed community here in Greenville. If you are interested and willing to host, please let me know. It would involve Monday night (12th) through Wednesday night (14th). The attendees are responsible for their own meals and transportation; hosting simply involves offering them a place to sleep. We do offer one free conference registration to any family that is willing to host. You may contact me at registrar@gpts.edu or [864 322 2717](tel:8643222717) ext 302 if you are interested. Thank you for considering this request.



The Session met this past weekend at Ridgecrest Camp and Conference Center in Black Mountain to have a retreat and time of prayer for the congregation. Dr. Harry Reeder of Briarwood Presbyterian was the guest speaker. Topics covered were Unity, Shepherding, and Sessional Priorities for the Church. Sixteen of our twenty Elders participated in the sessions and times of prayer lasting over two days.



The Second Presbyterian Church

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Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

February 18, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

DELIVER ME FROM EVIL
Genesis 32:1-21

Hymns: 44, 147, 562

Anthem: O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

A WORKMAN UNASHAMED

2 Timothy 2:14-21

Hymns: 100, 561, 420

Psalms 17:1-7

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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The Work of the Pastor

by Gabriel Williams

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Anyone who has been attentive to the debates within conservative Reformed denominations will notice that there is a growing disagreement about the mission of the Church and the role that the Church plays within American society. There is growing pressure that the Church must speak out concerning matters of politics, race, economics, social justice, environmentalism, and a large array of cultural issues. This raises the question: what should we expect from pastors today? From my perspective as a layperson, there are three non-negotiable traits that a pastor must have.

Pastor as a Servant

First, a pastor must view himself as a servant of Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 4:1). By using the word "servant", the apostle Paul informs us that pastors are those who carry out the commands of their superiors. First and foremost, a pastor is to serve Christ, which means that the pastor's primary job is to carry out the will of Christ.

Practically, a pastor demonstrates his servanthood to Christ based on how he cares for his congregation. From my perspective as a layperson, if I know that my pastor loves me genuinely, many other shortcomings and misunderstandings will be forgiven. The best pastors that I've had were the ones who encouraged me when I was afflicted, who admonished and corrected me when I was unruly and foolish, and who prayed earnestly for my soul. In this way, a pastor fulfills his role as an undershepherd for the congregation. It has also been disheartening at times to see some pastors neglect this basic responsibility due to a busy travel schedule or other priorities. I thank God for pastors who shepherd the flock of God well (cf. Acts 20:28).