

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 27

- 8:45 AM Food and Fellowship in the Gym
9:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
(6th grade and under regular classrooms)
9:00 AM **ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**
(7th grade and up in the gym)
9:50 AM Children's Chapel (in the Chapel)
10:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, May 28

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 30

- 5:30 PM BLOOD DRIVE
5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
6:55 PM Jr. and 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, May 31

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, June 1

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 33:4-5

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- May 23 CE Committee Meeting
May 23 Musical CAT Kids begins
May 24 Light Bringers
May 27 All Adult Summer Sunday School begins
May 27 One Worship Service begins
May 28 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 30 Blood Drive
June 1 ACTS SS Class Barbeque @ Trautners'
June 2-9 Mission Trip to Cherokee
June 4 Diaconate Meeting
June 6 WIC Council
June 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
June 11-15 General Assembly in Atlanta, GA
June 12-13 WIC Circles
June 13 Missions Committee Meeting
June 13 Missionary Speaker-Stephen Atkinson
June 17 Father's Day
June 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
June 19 WIC Social at Barnett's home
June 20 Administration Committee Meeting
June 24 Evangelism Committee Meeting
June 24 Ice Cream Social
June 25-30 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
June 27 CE Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

- Church Picnic July 4
Vacation Bible School July 9-13
WIC Social at local restaurant July 16
Mission Trip to Cajamarca, Peru July 20-29
Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven July 23-27
Ice Cream Social July 29
Homemade Ice Cream Social August 26
Rally Day September 2

Mark your calendars and plan early!!

Remembering One Another

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

Lila Riggins
801 Musgrove Street
Clinton, SC 29325

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Richard Wagner
Judy Waite
Todd and Wanda Walton
David, Daniel, Matthew

Missionary for the Week



Rev. and Mrs. Reid Jones
RUF-Clemson University

Reid and Kelli Jones, together with their girls, Lucy and Jordan, moved from north Alabama to Clemson in the summer of 2017... because they're the biggest bandwagon fans of all time. They are excited to join an exciting and thriving community, both on and off the campus.

Reid and Kelli met while attending Troy University and they were married in 2005. Reid received his Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) in Charlotte in 2010. Before moving to Clemson, Reid was the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for five years, and he served as an assistant pastor in Utah before that.

<http://www.ruf.org/ministry/clemson-university1>



Musical CAT Kids

Musical Cat Kids will be getting underway this Wednesday evening, May 23 at 6:30 pm. Musical activities for ages 4 through 6th grade will be offered the children of Second Church throughout the summer months, with a break for Independence Day and VBS, and all children are welcomed to attend. This will be the only activity for the children of our church offered on Wednesday evenings this summer so if your child is not involved they will need to accompany you to the prayer meeting. If you have any questions, please see Verlyn Smoker.



Light Bringers



For Mothers & Daughters (5th-8th grade)
May 24
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner Included
Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

~Sharing Life. Saving Lives~
Wednesday, May 30th
5:30-8:00 pm
Sign-up sheets are located
in SS classrooms, in the gym, and
on the library counter.

ACTS SS Class Barbeque

ACTS Sunday School Class Barbeque
Friday, June 1
6:00 pm
Home of Rob and Christian Trautner
102 Staghorn Lane, Greer, SC 29650
Contact Christian at 856-371-6183 for more info.

Welcome to the Pulpit



We welcome to the pulpit at our evening worship service, Rev. Paul Sanders. Paul is the Senior Minister at Christ Community Church in Simpsonville, SC. He received

his MDiv in 2008 at RTS Charlotte. After serving in ministry for over 15 years under Pastors Gordon K. Reed and Richard Thomas, he was thrilled to have an opportunity to serve now at CCC-Simpsonville. He is married to Suzanne Robinson of Hendersonville, TN and they have 6 children, the youngest adopted from Africa. Paul also serves as Chairman of the Mission to North America, Calvary Presbytery Committee.

Missionary Speaker

Stephen Atkinson
Chairman, Witness to Israel
Wednesday, June 13th

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
June 11-15, 2018
Atlanta, GA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Sunday, June 24th
Immediately following
the evening worship service.
Deacons will provide ice cream
and toppings.
Summer Ice Cream Socials: July 29, August 26



Church Office will be closed Monday,
May 28th for Memorial Day.

Summer Missions Information

Cherokee Mission Trip: June 2-9, 2018
LEADERS: Ken Pudjak/Pastor Jeff Windt

Cajamarca Peru Mission Trip: July 20-29, 2018
LEADER: Pastor Chad Bailey

*Please support SPC Missions with
your prayers and donations.*

Information On Youth Trips

Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island: June 25-30, 2018
LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven: July 23-27, 2018
LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

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.

Help Still Needed

The Deacons are requesting that interested members sign up to help serve the Wednesday night suppers. If interested, please see Bill McDaniel or call the church office. We need volunteers to prayerfully consider serving the church in this fellowship.

How could this happen?

I speak as a Christian theologian. We can now see what so many have long denied—that the experiment in liberty and self-government known as the United States of America is premised upon an affirmation of human dignity and human rights that only makes sense within and can only be sustained by a worldview that is based on at least an inherited Christian conception and an affirmation of natural rights.

The Declaration of Independence famously stated this affirmation in the most direct of terms: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The Founders did not fully understand the affirmation they were making, as is clear from the horrible reality of slavery, but they were most certainly correct in their conception of unalienable rights endowed upon every human being by their Creator.

This same spirit gave birth to the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, without which the Constitution itself would never have been ratified. Religious liberty is the first freedom, the foundational liberty, upon which every other enumerated liberty depends.

But the center is not holding. Religious liberty becomes fragile in a secular age. Indeed, *all* liberties become fragile in a secular age. The very idea of human dignity will not long survive in a secular season, for once that dignity is grounded in anything other than the act of the divine Creator, human dignity withers to whatever dignity humanity can accord itself. The twentieth century should be warning enough of what happens when human dignity is grounded in a merely secular conception of humanity or dignity.

But religious liberty is also seen as problematic and out of date by those who see liberty in its most urgent form as liberation from the shackles of religious belief, divine revelation, and revealed morality. We live now on the leeward side of a revolution in sexuality and morality that threatens to sacrifice religious liberty as injurious to human freedom, sexual liberty, transgender liberation, and a host of new imperatives. In this view, religious liberty is just another way of allowing religious citizens to threaten the newly declared liberties of those long oppressed and invisible.

Consider the fact that religious liberty is now described as religious privilege. By definition, a privilege is not a right. It can be revoked or redefined as circumstances may dictate. It can be withdrawn or subverted by the courts in the name of liberation and justice. And, in our day, privilege is suspect in the first place—an embarrassment to be identified and corrected.

In 2016 the chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Martin R. Castro, stated in an official report of the Commission:

“The phrases ‘religious liberty’ and ‘religious freedom’ will stand for nothing except hypocrisy so long as they remain code words for discrimination, intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, Christian supremacy or any form of intolerance.”

The commission’s report included both religious liberty and religious freedom in scare quotes as if they are merely terms of art — linguistic constructions without any objective reality.

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This is the full text of the keynote address delivered by R. Albert Mohler Jr. at the First Amendment Lunch, hosted by the National Religious Broadcasters and the National Day of Prayer on Thursday on May 3, 2018 at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, D.C.



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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
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

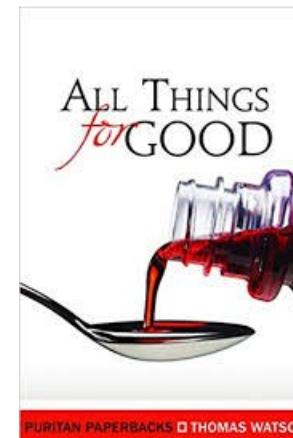
U is for Unity

There is but one God, and they that serve Him should be one. There is nothing that would render the true religion more lovely, or make more proselytes to it, than to see the professors of it tied together with the heart-strings of love.

~Thomas Watson

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(7th grade and up-gym)
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ALL ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins May 27th
in the gymnasium

"All Things For Good"
by Thomas Watson

you may purchase the book by
ordering online for \$7

[http://spcgreenville.org/
my-second/sign-ups](http://spcgreenville.org/my-second/sign-ups)

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Mark & Jane are a young couple coming to America from Taiwan for Mark to attend seminary at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. They will be arriving on July 23rd with a few books, clothes, and most importantly their 3 small children (4 mo., 2, & 4). I have assisted in finding them a small dwelling; however, they have nothing with which to set up a home. They need everything! Below is just a small list of the items we are attempting to collect for them before they arrive. They are not expecting new items. They would be grateful for any household items that you have a surplus of or any items in your home not being used. Of course, we realize that we will not receive everything that they need and so financial donations would also be appreciated so that we can purchase those items that are not donated. You may bring the items and give them to either Ken or Jo-Ellen Pujdak. Thank you for caring

- ⇒ Bunk beds & mattresses for the girls (2 & 4 yrs old)
- ⇒ Crib/changing table/high chair
- ⇒ 2 maybe 3 car seats
- ⇒ Children's toys/books
- ⇒ Everything for a kitchen (dinnerware, silverware, pots/pans, utensils, towels, you get the idea)
- ⇒ Lawn mower, equipment to maintain both the interior & exterior of a home
- ⇒ Towels, bed linens
- ⇒ Queen bed and mattress
- ⇒ Night stands, high boy
- ⇒ Living room furniture
- ⇒ Small to medium sized desk / bookshelves
- ⇒ Rugs for the laminate floors
- ⇒ Electric heater / fans for the sunroom
- ⇒ Mark will need a car for the 2-3 years they will be here. He is looking for a used, affordable vehicle.

The house does come with all of the appliances including a washer & dryer and a fridge. The seller has generously offered to leave her kitchen table. The list is by no means exhaustive. If you have any questions please call Jo-Ellen at 864-363-1352.



The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**

May 27, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 am

FLEEING POTIPHAR'S WIFE

Genesis 39:1-12

Hymns: 78, 141, 565

Anthem: Sing Praise to God

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

BOYS WILL BE BOYS...OR WILL THEY?

2 Chronicles 34

Hymns: 398, 147, 59

Psalms 22:22-26

Rev. Paul Sanders preaching

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May 21, 2018

**We Hold These Truths:
Defending Liberty in a Perilous Age Part 1**

It was almost one hundred years ago, in the aftermath of the Great War, the war that did not end all wars, that William Butler Yeats sounded the warning in his famous poem, "The Second Coming:"

*Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the center cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.*

That poem was written in 1919 and it voiced for millions a loss of innocence and the evaporation of hope. We can now see that Yeats's words grew only more prophetic over the last ninety-nine years. Things are falling apart. The center cannot hold.

We who now live in the late modern age are witnesses to a great falling apart, to a center that may not hold. As we meet today the most basic liberties enshrined in our Constitution are confused, contorted, and sometimes even condemned. The enumerated rights recognized in the First Amendment are now suspect in the eyes of many and injurious in the eyes of others. Religious freedom, freedom of speech, and the freedom of the press, along with the other rights recognized and respected within the Bill of Rights, are all threatened even as other rights are marginalized. Even more distressingly, a new regime of invented rights threatens to replace the rights that are clearly enumerated within the text of the Constitution.