

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 8

8:45 AM Food and Fellowship in the Gym
 9:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 (8th grade and under regular classrooms)
 9:00 AM **ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 (Senior High 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, July 9

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Supper: 6pm; Meeting: 7pm

Tuesday, July 10

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 at Panera Bread

Wednesday, July 11

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, July 12

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, July 13

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
No Men's Lunch & Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 36:5-7 (ESV)

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Upcoming Events

July 4	Church Office Closed
July 4	WIC Council
July 4	Church Picnic
July 6	No Men's Lunch & Bible Study
July 7	VBS Workday
July 9-13	Vacation Bible School
July 9	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
July 11	No Wednesday Night Activities
July 13	No Men's Lunch & Bible Study
July 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning service
July 15	Worship & Music Committee
July 16	WIC Fun Night @ the Barnetts
July 18	Administration Committee Meeting
July 20-29	Peru Mission Trip
July 22	Evangelism Committee Meeting
July 23-27	Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
July 25	CE Committee Meeting
July 28	Calvary Presbytery @ Westminster PCA
July 29	Ice Cream Social

Mark Your Calendars

Musical CAT Kids Program	August 8
Musical CAT Kids Game Night	August 15
Regular CAT/Covenant Kids resumes	August 22
Homemade Ice Cream Social	August 26
Rally Day	September 2
WIC Annual Meeting	September 2

Mark your calendars and plan early!!

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Remembering One Another

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

Al and Anne Anderson
 c/o Timothy A. Anderson
 148 Gallows Hill Road
 Redding, CT 06896

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Ginny Zeigler
Dennis and Chris Zimmerman
Kye Zimmerman

Missionary for the Week



Miss Rebecca White
MYW-Christ's College, Taiwan

Please Pray:

- **Leadership**-Pray for board members as they bear a great and difficult responsibility.
- **President & Deans** – At present, Interim President Benjamin Wu is standing in the leadership gap. We are still actively looking and praying for new leadership for key positions at CCT.
- **Chaplain** – We have been without a chaplain in recent years. Please pray for spiritual leadership
- **Entrance Exam** – Saturday, June 30, we will hold an entrance exam for extension students.
- **Recruitment:** Pray for more students from Taiwan & for contact with churches, alumni, schools.
- **CC Administration**– Pray for much needed communication, cooperation, focus, and prayer.
- **Next Generation Missionary Teachers** – Ask God to raise up new missionary English teachers. (Photo right: Saying farewell to missionary Ramona White.)
- **Continue to pray** for our new graduates – especially those returning to China.



All Adult Summer SS

Sunday, July 8 * 9:00 am * Gym
"The Tests of Love to God"
Rev. Jeff Windt teaching

VBS Workday

There will be a VBS Workday on Saturday, July 7, 9 am-12 noon. We are asking all VBS volunteers and workers to help us prepare the church for VBS week. If you have any questions please contact Jill Mann.



Sign-up online today
www.spcgreenville.org/signups

Wednesday Activities Cancelled:
July 11th

Men's Lunch & Bible Study
Cancelled: July 6th and 13th



You are invited to a Baby Shower for
Charlie Cook
born March 3, 2018
to Scott and Christina Cook
Saturday, July 7, 1:00-3:00 pm
At the home of Doris Youngblood

109 Providence Square, Greenville, 29615

Charlie is currently in 12 month sizes.

Registered at Bye-Bye Baby, Target, and Amazon.



July 16 Fun Night!



...for women of all ages...

Bring an appetizer to share and come enjoy a relaxing evening with your Second Pres. sisters. The pool will be open, so bring your swim suit and towel!

At the home of Alice Barnett (4:00 pm-until)
1000 Old Boiling Springs Road
864-906-0166

The Lord's Supper
July 15th @ the morning service

Treasurer's Report

	JUNE 2018 & YTD		
	June 2018	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Offerings	90,442	592,579	665,500
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	89,441	506,076	578,485
Mission	-0-	85,723	87,015
Total Outlays	89,441	591,799	665,600
Net Offerings	1,001	780	

- Contributions in June 2018 were \$90,442 vs. budget of \$110,917.
- Contributions for June 2017 were \$98,145.
- Contributions YTD June 2018 were \$592,579 compared to YTD June 2017 of \$592,169. Net increase of \$410.
- Operating expenses for June 2018 were \$89,441 versus the budget of \$96,414.
- Missions and Benevolences for the 2nd quarter, 2018 were paid in May.
- 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.



Jr. High Trip
Ridge Haven
July 23-27, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIALS

July 29 and August 26

Immediately following
the evening worship service.

Deacons will provide ice cream and toppings on July 29th. On August 26th everyone is asked to bring their favorite homemade ice cream.

New Baby

Meredith Rose Strickland was born to Mark and Christy Strickland on June 25, 2018. Meredith weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

If you would like to take the Stricklands a meal please go to: www.takethemameal.com

User Name: Strickland; Password: 1892

Please make enough food for 3 adults and 1 child. Deliver meal between 4-5 pm or call to make other arrangements. There are no food allergies.

806 Brockman McClimon Rd., Greer, 29651
Strickland's phone # 864-349-6661

Calvary Presbytery

The 139th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held on Saturday, July 28th at Westminster PCA. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for God's blessing on this meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

What are some guidelines based on biblical teaching that can help us to embrace a biblical idea of patriotism? First, let me point out patriotic views and attitudes that Christians must reject:

- *Christians must reject a longing for national preeminence and power.* How well I remember the fiery passion of my youth, determined that America would be first in all things. As a Christian, I no longer crave earthly glory for my nation, but rather God's blessing. As a Christian I embrace the principle of Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."
- *Christians do not accept the statement: "My Nation, Right or Wrong."* A disciple of Christ must be loyal to God and his commands, even if it means speaking against his or her nation. As a Christian, I am horrified by sins widely embraced in America and consider it my duty to oppose in lawful ways the wide range of evil that increasingly dominates our culture. As a servant of Christ I am appalled both by the empty materialistic idolatry that often attaches itself to the political right and even more so by the pagan evil espoused by the political left. In any case, my desire is for our political leaders to appeal to God's Word as our founding fathers so often did.
- *Christians are not nationalists who despise rival nations.* As a believer in Jesus, I look on Christians of all races, tongues, and nations as brothers in Christ, and I consider non-Christians of all nations as fellow sinners in need of my loving witness to the gospel. My chief desire as a believer is that stated in Psalm 67:3, "O God, let all the peoples praise you!"

Based on the above principles, there are some people who would say that Christians have abandoned patriotism altogether. This is not true, however. Christians should not turn a cold heart away from their nation. In fact, celebrations like those of Independence Day provide a good start for developing a Christian patriotism:

- *July 4 reminds us that we are part of a nation, with a great history, wonderful privileges, and important responsibilities.* We are all indebted under God's grace to the sacrifices of others and in God's providence we are part of a great historical legacy of freedom and blessing that is worth celebrating. Recognizing our debt to prior generations and the blessings we have received as Americans should produce gratitude to God – a gratitude that serves as a good basis for Christian patriotism.
- *July 4 reminds us that God has sovereignly placed us in this land and under this government.* I praise God to be an American, have traveled on other continents and had personal interactions with government tyranny and injustice, I have learned

once more to bless the sight of an American flag. Yes, Christians should frankly admit and oppose the evils of our nation, but we should not fail to be grateful for the many good things our country does and represents. Moreover, when Romans 13:1-7 commands us to honor and obey civil authorities, Christians should do so from the heart, with love and fervor for the blessings of the land in which God has placed us and with sincere loyalty to all public servants who are seeking to do good.

- *July 4 reminds us to play our part today in the civil life of our nation.* When God addressed the Jewish exiles living in Babylon, he told them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf" (Jer. 29:7). Christians rightly think of any earthly home as a sort of exile, longing to arrive in the kingdom of glory with God. But we should be involved in the society and life of the land in which we are living. This means that we should be civic-minded as a church and as believers, exercising all kinds of gifts and opportunities to be a blessing to the nation and city in which we are living. In America, this calling involves participation in the political process, opposing evil, and promoting truth and righteousness. Especially when there are political leaders who openly seek a biblical agenda of godliness and civil well-being, they deserve the special support and prayers of God's people.

So maybe Christians can be patriots after all! Indeed, we can be, and we should celebrate our national heritage with thanks to God and with prayers for renewed faith and needed repentance. In fact, the best kind of Christian patriotism is that which offers a loving witness to the Savior, the great King Jesus Christ, who alone can give true freedom to anyone.

May God bless you and may God bless America,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The LORD looks down from heaven; and he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 33:12-14



Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

C is for Canaan Genesis 10:15-19

Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth, and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the clans of the Canaanites dispersed. And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

Pray and Give



**Cajamarca
Peru Mission
Trip
July 20-29, 2018**



**PERU
MISSION**

Leader: Rev. Chad Bailey

Team:

Second Pres:

Chad Bailey, Wayne and Linda Kirk, Ron Babington, John Atwood, Audra Atwood, Ric Gilliland, James Pratt, Andi Scoggins, Ashton Scoggins, Anne Todd, Bill and Sue O'Brien, Charlie Gray

Downtown Pres:

Larry Myers, Laurence Myers

Trinity Pres:

Roland Barnes, Al Burke

Covenant Pres:

Linda Chesser, Phillips Chesser, Iain Chesser

Texas:

Bob Peck

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Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)**

PCA PRISON MINISTRY

Yesterday the congregation heard from Marc Casson, the PCA's Coordinator of Prison Ministry. Marc is a Ruling Elder at First Pres., Chattanooga and works with area prison chaplains to implement a plan to raise Christian male mentors from throughout the region to disciple prisoners one-on-one. Mentoring is understood to be a critical component leading to transformation of prisoners' hearts and minds.

Since many of our mentors never have ministered in jails and prisons, we offer a mandatory training class which covers the biblical basis of mercy and prison ministry, and an introduction to inmate and prison culture, with an overview of this specific ministry. This class also covers the mandatory South Carolina Department of Corrections training that all volunteers are required to take prior to volunteering at an SCDC prison.

Other than your own deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ, the only requirements are that you take this training, pass a State of South Carolina background check and can devote a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday night, every other week, to meet at the prison from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (arrive at the prison at 6:15). We are currently only mentoring on Mondays.

Invitation

We are planning on holding our next mentor training on Saturday, July 28. This training runs on a Saturday from 8:30-noon with coffee and light snacks served. Why not prayerfully consider participating? For more information, please contact:

Mark Casson, (c) 559-681-7858; mcasson@pcanet.org

God will work mightily for our benefits and His glory if we step out in loving obedience to meet the needs of His church that meets behind the razor wire at Perry Correctional Institution.

~The Editor



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Return Service Requested

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

July 8, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
10:00 am

A RECKONING FOR HIS BLOOD

Genesis 42:1-24
Hymns: 6, 624, 486
Anthem: In Bright Mansions Above
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

THE CALLING OF ELDERS

Titus 1:5-11
Hymns: 345, 353, 348
Psalm 26
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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July 2, 2018

**Letter from the Senior Minister
Christian Patriotism**

On July 4, our nation will celebrate its independence with waving flags, picnics, and parades. Some churches deck their sanctuary with red, white, and blue, and devote the worship service to the honor of the state. Other Christians virtually ignore this or any other national holiday. This raises the question, "How does Christianity tell us to think about patriotism?"

This question is quite personal for me, since I grew up in an intensely patriotic family. Patriotic holidays were solemn occasions and the national anthem and flag were regarded as holy objects of veneration. In many respects, my childhood was probably not typical of others, since I was raised on Army posts during a war. My childhood virtually coincides with the Vietnam War, a conflict which twice took my father away for a year and cast its shadow over our lives, both for good and for ill. My father returned from Vietnam, but many of my boyhood friends' dads did not. I would guess that I attended more funerals by the age of ten than most people do in a lifetime. As a result, these formative years instilled in me an intense patriotism, which played no small part in leading me into a military career like my father and grandfather before me. I was commissioned on Memorial Day, a time when I was always proud to be an American, and grateful for those who laid down their lives for us all.

Another way in which I am probably not typical is that my conversion to faith in Jesus Christ, which occurred when I was 30 years old, required me immediately to recast my ideas of patriotism. At first, I was tempted to reject the idea of patriotism altogether, since I had been transferred out of the world into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. However, even though my relationship with Jesus greatly altered my attitude towards flag and country, I soon realized that there is a Christian patriotism that believers should feel towards their country.