

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 3

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 4

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

### Tuesday, February 5

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

### Wednesday, February 6

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 5:15 PM WIC Council  
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Hope & Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble  
 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  
 8:00 PM Elder Training

### Thursday, February 7

9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

### Friday, February 8

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

## 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

Jan. 30 Cherokee Mission Trip Interest Meeting  
 Jan. 30 Elder Training begins  
 Feb. 4 Diaconate Meeting  
 Feb. 6 WIC Council  
 Feb. 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 Feb. 7 Precepts Bible Study begins  
 Feb. 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 Feb. 11 Session Meeting  
 Feb. 12-13 WIC Circles  
 Feb. 16 WIC Day of Prayer  
 Feb. 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service  
 Feb. 20 Administration Committee Meeting  
 Feb. 22 Sr. High Bowling Night  
 Feb. 22 Middle School Activity in SPC gym  
 Feb. 24 Evangelism Committee Meeting  
 Feb. 26 LightBringers  
 Feb. 27 CE Committee Meeting  
 Feb. 27 Sports Banquet

## Mark Your Calendars

Membership Class	March 3
Communicants Class	March 10
Graduation Banquet	May 1
WIC Spring Luncheon	May 4
CAT Kids Program	May 8
Mission Trip to England	May 10-20
Musical CAT Kids begin	May 22
Sr. High Trip to Pawley's Island	June 10-15
Mission Trip To Cherokee	June 15-20
General Assembly in Dallas, TX	June 25-28
Church Picnic	July 4
Vacation Bible School	July 8-12
Peru Mission Trip	July 20-29
Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven	July 22-26

## 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.

**Carl and Jan Hu**  
  
**Ray and Kathryn Huber**  
  
**Dan and Toni Huff**

## Missionary Of the Week



### Rev. David Ely RUF-Furman University

David Ely is a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama but graduated from Auburn University (War Eagle!) where he met his wife, Mary Beth. They were married in 2006 and worked together at the Navigator Headquarters in Colorado Springs before going on staff themselves. After serving in college ministry at the University of South Carolina for two years (and where Mary Beth received her Masters degree in Higher Education & Student Affairs), David attended Covenant Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity. Upon graduation, he had the opportunity to serve for two years as an assistant pastor in Georgia. David is thrilled to be the RUF Campus Minister at Furman University. David and Mary Beth have three wonderful little girls and a son who keep their days full and fun. When David isn't ministering to college students, he loves to watch college football, spend time outside, read, and make spontaneous stops at historical markers and battlefields. You can reach David at 706.524.3571 or david.ely@ruf.org. He would also love to be your friend on [Facebook](#).

### Mission Trip Meeting

There will be Mission Trip Interest Meeting for the Cherokee Mission trip in June, 2019 on Wednesday, January 30, in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 pm.

### Precepts Bible Study

Precepts Bible Study begins Thursday, February 7. They will be studying the book of Nehemiah. The Bible Study will be 5 weeks on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am in the Conference Room. These lessons require approximately 5 hours of preparation each week. Please contact Mary Settle if you have any questions.  
(864-329-1670 or erussell1670@charter.net)



**WIC Day of Prayer**  
**Saturday, February 16th**  
**@ 10:00 am**




**Church Fellowship Hall**  
**Watch Herald for further details.**

**The Lord's Supper**  
**February 17th**  
**Evening Worship Service**


### Youth Fellowship Events

Senior High  
February 22 \* 6:30-8:30pm  
Friday Night Bowling @ Wade Hampton Lanes

Middle School  
February 22 \* 6:00-8:00pm  
SPC Gym



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**LightBringers**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 26th**  
**6:30 pm \* Fellowship Hall**  
**For Mothers & Daughters**  
**(5th-8th grade)**  
**Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.**



**Mark Your Calendars**

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**  
begins March 3, 2019  
taught by Dr. Richard D. Phillips and Rev. Chad T. Bailey.

**COMMUNICANTS CLASS**  
begins March 10, 2019  
taught by Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt



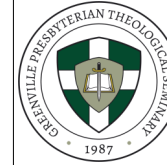
**Nursery Workers Are Needed!!**  
**Please contact Olivia Angell (864-643-9042)**  
**if you can help with this important church**  
**ministry.**

**Volunteers are still needed for Wednesdays to serve or cleanup. Please contact Spencer Player (483-0682 or spencer.player@gmail.com).**

**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 2019 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

**Please contact the church if you have a change of address, cell or home phone number, email, etc. (jgrant@spcgreenville.org)**  
**We are updating the online and pictorial directories.**



### 2019 Greenville Seminary Theology Conference

*"Amazing Grace:  
400 Years After Dort"*  
March 12-14, 2019

Registration is now open  
gpts.edu/conference or phone (864) 322-2717  
Early Bird Tuition is available until February 1, 2019.

**Speakers:**  
Dr. Ian Hamilton, Rev. Daniel Hyde,  
Rev. Jeffrey Kingswood, Dr. Tony Curto,  
Dr. Ryan McGraw, Dr. Joseph Pipa, Jr.,  
Dr. Jonathan Master, Rev. Philip Proctor

### Join the Choir!

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at 864-979-9378. Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!

### It's Going to Be Spectacular!



Join us on Saturday, February 23rd at the TD Convention Center in Greenville for the 4th 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. 23rd from 10am to 3pm? See Al Wills for more information.

Proof of Schaeffer's prediction is seen all around us. Not only do our fellow citizens rejoice in the slaughter of infants, but the language of violence and murder increasingly fills our political debate. In service of this dehumanizing of society we find not only the ultimate idea in the denial of God, but supporting ideas that buttress an ungodly worldview. Political violence is supported by identity politics and the ideas of cultural Marxism. The standard argument for abortion is the claim that women must have the right over their own body – a claim rendered illogical by the reality that a baby inside her is the body of another person. So it is that not only ultimate ideas but also supporting doctrines have deadly consequences. Out of ideas flow results, and by the pen the savage scalpel is unleashed.

Yet another way ideas have consequences is that there is, in truth, a God. Moreover, this God inflicts righteous judgment on those who deny him. This consequence of ideas – the wrath of God on idolatrous rebellion – also is necessary to account for the spectacle of a great city and state rejoicing for the right to slay innocents. Romans 1:21 says that “although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Here is an explanation for the irrationality inherent to the pro-abortion position. More than the mere moral consequence of unbelief, Scripture shows that in judgment “God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false” (2 Thess. 2:11). Is this not a likely explanation for the moral insanity of the New York pro-abortion law and its adoring applause? After all, here are secularists who claim science for their beliefs, while the overwhelming consensus of science declares the full humanity of preborn infants. Thus, as Christians watch bewildered, we should realize that the consequences of ideas involve a spiritual dimension of cursing and bondage. The apostle John reminds that there is more than one spirit in the world, so that to turn from God in faith is to secure a dark enslavement to the personal spirit of evil that is at work in this world (1 John 4:1-3).

Because ideas have consequences, it is as important as ever that Christians learn how to discern truth from error and that we become again a people of truth from God's Word. But discernment is not enough – there must be courage as well. Now is not the time for cultural accommodation and dreading fears

that our tone might be thought unkind. As we witness the brutalization of our culture and tearfully wonder how our fellow citizens can celebrate such slaughter, the Christian response must include a commitment to speak truth fearlessly from God's Word. We are staring the consequences of ideas in the face. And while a spirit of evil is at work through the ideas of death and darkness, the Bible reminds us of the great power at work through the ideas of biblical truth: “he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

<http://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2019/1/24/world-trade-center-lit-up-in-pink-to-celebrate-new-abortion-laws>

May the Lord bless you this week,

Richard D. Phillips



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**Church Services: Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 AM \* Evening Worship - 6:00 PM  
**Wednesday:** Supper - 5:45 PM \* Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM  
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

### Puritan Quotations

#### SILENCE

*Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.*

Prov. 17:28

~SILENCE is so rare a virtue where wisdom regulates it, that it is accounted a virtue where folly imposes it.

~THOMAS BROOKS

~A fool is hardly discerned when silent; his picture is best taken when he is speaking.

~WILLIAM JENKYN

~Some, like Balaam's ass, scarce ever open their mouths twice.

~THOMAS ADAMS

~ A man may wrong another as well by silence as by slander.

~ THOMAS WATSON

~Speech is then only good when it is better than silence.

~RICHARD SIBBES

~As he cannot be wise who speaks much, so he cannot be known for a fool that says nothing.

~THOMAS BROOKS

~Either keep silence, or speak that which is better than silence.

~JOHN TRAPP

~Silence is the daughter of shamefacedness.

~THOMAS ADAMS



### NEW BIBLE SERIES BEGINNING AT SPC

**Sunday mornings: 1 JOHN**  
**Dr. Richard D. Phillips**

**Sunday evenings: HOSEA**  
**Dr. Richard D. Phillips**

**Wednesday evenings: JAMES**  
**Rev. Chad T. Bailey**

**Corner of River and Rhett**

- There are still 2019 offering envelopes on the table outside the library. If you have not picked up your envelopes please do so this week. The Deacons are asking everyone to use the 2019 envelopes for accurate accounting purposes.
- There are still dates available to put Memorial Flowers in the church sanctuary for our Sunday worship services. If you would like to reserve a date please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951).
- If you would like to volunteer to help with the Good News Clubs, please contact Cyndi Player (864-483-4644).
- If you are interested in being a part of our vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please contact Verlyn Smoker (864-979-9378).
- If you are interested in helping with Wednesday Night hospitality ministry (food service), please contact Spencer Player (864-483-0682).
- If you are interested in being a part of our vibrant ministry of nursery care for the covenant children and visitors of the church please contact Olivia Angell (864-643-9042).

~The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND**

**THE LORD'S DAY**

February 3, 2019

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 & 11:00 am

**CHRIST MADE KNOWN**

1 John 1:1-2

Hymns: 167, 147, 181

Anthem: A Choral Hymn

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm

**A BRIDE FOR HOSEA**

Hosea 1:1-5

Hymns: 100, 535, 497

Psalms 36:1-6

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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**Letter from the Senior Minister**

**The Consequences of Ideas in New York**

January is Sanctity of Life Month

By now, most Christians in America have seen the images (hyperlink to link provided below): thunderous applause at the New York State Assembly and a festively decorated World Trade Center spire. And what is the great deliverance celebrated by this applause? The legal freedom to terminate babies until the moment they are born. One wonders how such a large segment of society – in New York and across America – could embrace such a diabolical legislation, against all scientific proof of sustainable human life within the womb?

One essential answer is that attitudes and behaviors are formed from ideas. And behind the gleeful celebration of the slaughter of pre-born babies is the idea that there is no God. The chief doctrine of secular humanism – embedded in the very expression – is that life does not originate as the creation of a personal and moral deity. The consequence of this denial of God is not only the rebellious egocentricity by which men and women would terminate their own children for the sake of convenience but also the loss of the very idea of humanity. Francis Schaeffer pointed out the consequences of atheistic naturalism forty-five years ago: “if we begin with an impersonal universe, there is no explanation of personality.” His point was that our conception of human experience is tied to our conception of God: “when men try to explain man on the basis of an original impersonal, man soon disappears.” Thus a society founded on the “no God” idea cannot fail to descend into a culture of death, so that life becomes a pawn in calculations of utility and contests of power.