

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 17

- 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 18

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, February 19

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

### Wednesday, February 20

- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Hope & Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble
- 6:30 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
- 8:00 PM Elder Training

### Thursday, February 21

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

### Friday, February 22

- 10:30 AM Playdate at the church
- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Middle School Movie Night
- 6:30 PM Senior High Bowling Night

## 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. 15 Cello Recital at the church
- Feb. 16 WIC Day of Prayer
- Feb. 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Feb. 20 Administration Committee Meeting
- Feb. 22 Playdate at the Church
- Feb. 22 Sr. High Bowling Night
- Feb. 22 Middle School Movie Night
- Feb. 24 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Feb. 26 LightBringers
- Feb. 27 CE Committee Meeting
- Feb. 27 Sports Banquet
- March 3 Membership Class begins
- March 4 Diaconate Meeting
- March 6 WIC Council
- March 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- March 8 Playdate at the church
- March 10 Communicants' Class begins
- March 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- March 11 Session Meeting
- March 12-13 WIC Circles
- March 13 Missions Committee Meeting
- March 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- March 20 Administration Committee Meeting
- March 22 Playdate at the church
- March 24 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- March 27 CE Committee Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars

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| 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 member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

**Ann Brand**  
P. O. Box 1416  
Greenville, SC 29602-1416

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Nathaniel and Rebekah Johnson**  
**Nate, Andrew, Jeremiah, Silas, Seth**

**Tim and Avery Johnson**

**Mary Jones**

## Missionary Of the Week



**Roger and Laura Dye**  
**Latin America**

Dear Second Church Family,

We are so very grateful for the many years of partnership with us in ministry in Latin America.

Thank you!

We have very quickly found ourselves with more opportunities for ministry than we can handle. The latest excitement we have is anticipating the launch of the Art of Parenting. Roger has been involved in every area of the translation and dubbing as well as adaptation into Spanish. We are most excited about getting this tool into the hands of churches as they reach out with the Gospel to families.


Please keep praying!

With Gratitude,

Roger and Laura Dye




**WIC Day of Prayer**  
**Saturday, February 16th**  
**@ 10:00 am**  
**Church Fellowship Hall**  
**Food, fellowship and prayer time**  
**Contact Judy Bishop if you have questions.**




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


**February Play Date**  
February 22  
 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (@ church)  
 Please let Amy Plourde (864-787-6017)  
 know if you plan to attend.

**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  
 Movie Night @ SPC Fellowship Hall


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



**SPORTS APPRECIATION NIGHT**  
**Wednesday, February 27th**  
**6:30-7:00 pm**


**Solo Cello Recital**


This Friday evening, February 15, at 6:00 p.m., professional cellist and friend of SPC, 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 recital will feature several of the most famous and beloved pieces for unaccompanied cello, the Suites of Johann Sebastian Bach. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow. There is no charge for admission and we encourage you to bring your friends. Please contact director of music, Verlyn Smoker (864) 979-9378, with any questions.

**Volunteers are still needed for Wednesdays to serve or cleanup. Please contact Spencer Player (483-0682 or [spencer.player@gmail.com](mailto: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 (246-095).  
 Dates opened:  
 2/24, 3/24, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2, 6/23, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 9/15, 9/22

**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.

**Membership Class**

Begins March 3, 2019  
 taught by Dr. Richard D. Phillips and Rev. Chad Bailey  
 9:45 am in Classroom C-209

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| March 3     | The "Solas" of the Reformation    |
| March 10    | "Finding Your Place at SPC"       |
| March 17    | The Doctrines of Grace            |
| March 24    | Membership Vows                   |
| March 31    | Law and the Gospel                |
| April 7     | Covenant Theology                 |
| April 14    | Reformed Worship                  |
| April 28    | Presbyterian Church History       |
| April 14/28 | Session interviews for membership |
| May 5       | New Members' Reception & Luncheon |
- Class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 21st*

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 10th, taught by Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt. 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.

**Country Dance Group**

Carolina English Country Dance Group will be holding three dance groups at Second on March 1, March 29, and April 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. No partner or experience needed. A \$5 per person donation is suggested but no one will be turned away.  
 CarolinaEnglishCountryDance.com for more information.

One reason why fire-keepers are so valuable is that most of us lead weak and inconsistent prayer lives. If we are honest, most will admit that we find prayer difficult and even unsatisfying. This is because prayer is a purely spiritual work, and we are not particularly spiritual people. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to find a reason not to join in prayer? There is always someone to talk to or some time-consuming task; how easy it therefore is to stay out of the prayer meeting or skip your personal time of prayer. But, as Philip Ryken writes, "There is no other way to receive the blessings of God. All of the spiritual blessings that God has to give come through a life of prayer. Wisdom for life's decisions come through prayer. The awesome presence of God in worship comes through prayer. Conversions come through prayer. The revival fire of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer."

It is because of this truth that we should be so thankful to God for the fire-keepers among us who have kept up the demanding discipline of prayer. How many blessings we presently enjoy as a church are the result of faithful prayers lifted up for God's work in this place? If you know someone who is fervent and devoted in prayer for you, for our church, and for Christ's work, make sure to thank them for tending the fires for us all. Even better, we should consider joining them. Ask an older member who has learned the discipline of prayer about how they have kept faithful in prayer. Come to the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night and learn how to spend a half-hour or so with your brothers and sisters in prayer. Begin praying for God to protect the blessings that we enjoy: sound doctrine, reverent worship, faithful shepherds, loving fellowship, joyful spiritual vitality and more. These things should not be taken for granted, but should be preserved and promoted in word, speech, and prayer. Then begin praying for God to extend these blessings into more and more lives. Pray that the young people in our church would be inspired with a passion for Christ. Pray that what takes place on Sundays here would extend into our homes during the week. Pray for weary mothers, who are expending their energies in sacrificial love for their families. Pray for burdened fathers, who so often feel the weight of the world on their shoulders. Finally, having prayed for God to protect and extend our current blessings, pray for God to give us new blessings. Pray for a renewing of evangelistic fervor and for new converts in and through our church. Pray for new opportunities of service and gospel outreach. Pray for the resources to expand the potential of our church for ministry in the generation to come. In a

church like ours, there is so much to do—but there is nothing more important than for us to pray to God for protection, strength, and blessing.

Like us, Elijah lived in a time when people did not know the Lord. So he prayed, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God" (1 Ki. 18:37). After he had prayed this way, the fire of the Lord descended and consumed the sacrifice Elijah had prepared. When the people saw this, "they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God'" (1 Ki. 18:39). Our historical setting is different from Elijah's, but it remains true that if we will commit ourselves to prayer, we may expect to see God's power at work among us so that people believe that Christ is Lord. In my view, all of us in this church have many reasons to thank the fire-keepers among us and who have gone before us – their prayers are the source in God's grace for our present blessings. Let's learn the lesson and be fire-keepers in our families, keeping the home-fires of faith burning on our knees. Let's be fire-keepers in our church. And as a church, let us be those whose prayers are used by God to shine his light so brightly that many see it and that God's power will overcome unbelief and lead many to know the Lord in saving faith.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips



### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

### ESAU'S REPENTANCE

*When he (Esau) afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected (for he found no place of repentance), though he sought it diligently with tears.*  
Hebrew 12:17

~His is like weeping with an onion; the eye sheds tears because it smarts.  
~WILLIAM SECKER

~The eye may be watery and the heart flinty. An apricot may be soft without, but it has a hard stone within.  
~THOMAS WATSON

~Sin may be the occasion of great sorrow when there is no sorrow for sin.  
~JOHN OWEN

~ Esau cried, not for his sin in selling the birthright, but for his loss in missing the blessing.  
~ JOHN TRAPP

~Many have the space of repentance who have not the grace of repentance.  
~WILLIAM SECKER

~Esau wept that he lost the blessing, not that he sold it.  
~WILLIAM GURNALL

## Essay Contest

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit is seeking submissions for its 2019 essay contest. Students are invited to consider and share their thoughts on the question: "How has the right to freedom of speech established for public school students in the Supreme Court case of Tinker v. Des Moines evolved in the 50 years since it was decided?" The contest is open to all students currently in grades 9 through 12 from Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Essays are limited to 1,000 words and must be submitted by April 15, 2019. Students have the opportunity to win one of three cash prizes: first place, \$2,000; second place, \$1,500; and third place, \$1,000. Winners will be announced in July, and travel will be provided to the court's Constitution Day event in September 2019. For additional information and instructions on how to submit an essay, visit: [www.ca4.uscourts.gov/essay-contest-2019](http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/essay-contest-2019) or <http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/essay-contest-2019>. For questions, contact the Fourth Circuit Clerk's Office at [essaycontest@ca4.uscourts.gov](mailto:essaycontest@ca4.uscourts.gov) or (804) 916-2706. Please note: Children, grandchildren, stepchildren, or members of the household of a federal judge or federal judiciary employee are excluded from the competition.

### Why Church Membership is Important?

What is it?

According to the Bible, church membership is a commitment every Christian should make to attend, love, serve, and submit to a local church.

Where is it in the Bible?

Throughout Old Testament history, God made a clear distinction between his people and the world (see Lev. 13:46, Num. 5:3, Deut. 7:3). Christ says that entering the kingdom of God means being bound to the church "on earth" (Matt. 16:16-19; 18:17-19).

Where do we see the church on earth? The local church.

The New Testament explicitly refers to some people being inside the church and some people being outside (1 Cor. 5:12-13). This is much more than a casual association. The church in Corinth consisted of a definite number of believers, such that Paul could speak of a punishment inflicted by the majority (2 Cor. 2:6). Not only does the New Testament speak of the reality of church membership, but its dozens of "one anothers" are written to local churches, which fill out our understanding of what church membership should practically look like.

Why is it important?

Biblical church membership is important because the church presents God's witness to himself in the world. It displays his glory. In the church's membership, then, non Christians should see in the lives of God's changed people that God is holy and gracious and that his gospel is powerful for saving and transforming sinners.

From 9 Marks Ministry

~The Editor



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

February 17, 2019

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
8:30 & 11:00 am

**THE WORD OF LIFE**

1 John 1:1-2

Hymns: 66, 168/131, 476

Anthem: Above All Praise and All Majesty

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm

**NOT MY PEOPLE**

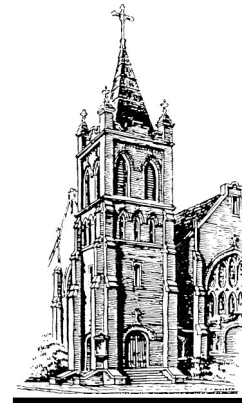
Hosea 1:6-2:1

Hymns: 99, 695, 420

Psalms 149

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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## Letter from the Senior Minister God's Fire-Keepers

In the Iroquois tribe of Native Americans, community life revolved around the log house situated in the center of the camp. Extended families would live there, as well as sleep, work, and play around the great fire kept always burning. In order for the log house's fire to keep burning there needed always to be a fire-keeper. His job was to make sure the flame was never extinguished. When others went out to gather, hunt, or fight, the fire-keeper stayed in the log house keeping the home fires burning.

The church needs fire-keepers, too: those who devote themselves when others may be too busy or distracted and who keep the spiritual fires lit. Christian fire-keepers are otherwise known as prayer-warriors. It is through devoted and disciplined prayer that fire-keepers uphold the church. In the Old Testament, Elijah was a fire-keeper. In a time of idolatry and sin, we read, "Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down to the earth and put his face between his knees" (1 Ki. 18:42). According to the Bible, the faithful prayers of this one godly man made a vital difference in his generation. In the New Testament, James reminds us of Elijah's prayers: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." He then points out that "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours" (Ja. 5:16-17). Notice the emphasis: Elijah was just a person no different from us. But he prayed devotedly in faith and his prayers were used by God to keep faith alive in Israel. The prophets of Baal were trying to stamp out the true worship of God, but Elijah's prayer kept the flame for Israel. When the people were gathered back to the Lord, it was Elijah's prayer that reignited their hearts to trust in God once more. We need today the kind of fire-keepers that Elijah was then.