

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 24

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**
 7:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting

Monday, February 25

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 26

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion
 6:30 PM LightBringers

Wednesday, February 27

5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope & Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble
 6:30 PM Sports Appreciation Event
 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 28

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

Friday, March 1

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 20:6-8

*Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
 he will answer him from his holy heaven
 with the saving might of his right hand.
 Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
 but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

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 Appreciation Event
 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 Daylight Saving Time begins
 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 19 LightBringers
 March 20 Administration Committee Meeting
 March 22 Playdate at the church
 March 24 Evangelism Committee Meeting
 March 27 CE Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

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.

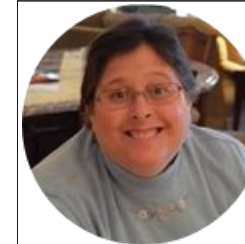
Sara Cater
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Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Kathy Karr
Kirby and Helen Kee
Fitz and Dottie King

Missionary Of the Week



JUNE GALLMAN
Presbyterian Evangelistic
Fellowship
Costa Rica

June has been an educator at a women's prison in San Jose for 20 years teaching English. She also teaches 7th-9th grade English. She also owns a half-way house that will house several of the women inmates and their children once they are released. She is working to increase that number and eventually own another home.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Salvation of Inmates
- June's health and ability to work
- The half-way house "Casa Eleos"
- Finances to purchase the necessary items for the classes being taught in the prison



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



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

Church Gym



Heads up!



Daylight Saving Time
begins March 10th.
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Baptism

Walker Michael Hughes and Nora Robinson Hughes, covenant children of Tyler and Kate Hughes received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 17, 2019. We are thankful for the Hughes family and pray that Walker and Nora will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

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 (246-095).

Dates opened:

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

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 RE Kevin Mobley and TE 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.

Class Schedule

March 10:	What does it mean to be a Christian?
March 17:	What are the ordinary means of grace?
March 24:	What is a healthy Church member?
March 31:	What do our membership vows mean?

You may contact RE Kevin Mobley or TE Jeff Windt if you have any questions.

Q: What is the biblical basis for covenant baptism, as opposed to believer's baptism?

A: Here are the basic biblical considerations that lead us to this practice:

- Infants were included in the covenant family and received the sign of the covenant (circumcision) in the Old Testament. This principle is never altered or revoked in the New Testament, whereas other Old Testament practices are revoked. The burden of proof lies not with those who continue what God ordained but with those who would cancel it.
- In general, the new covenant expands rather than contracts the scope of God's grace. We therefore should not expect to see children included in the Old Testament sacrament but excluded in the New.
- God's covenant promise explicitly includes children in the New Testament: "The promise is to you and to your children" (Acts 2:39). Since children receive God's salvation promise, they should receive the sign of God's promise, baptism.
- God's way of salvation has always embraced families. Not all believers' children are saved, but they are all comprehended within God's covenant community: "This is my covenant... between me and you and your offspring after you" (Gen. 17:9-10).
- Of the twelve baptisms recorded in the New Testament, three are household baptisms. In these cases, we are not told that children individually believed, but rather that the head of the household believed and the household was baptized.
- Conferring the covenant sign and seal upon our children is consistent with Jesus' exhortation and example: "Suffer the little children to come to me and do not forbid them... And he took them up in his arms and put his hands upon them and blessed them" (Mk. 10:14, 16).

Q: Why do we baptize by sprinkling, instead of immersion?

A: Because the Bible consistently relates baptism to sprinkling. Consider the example of Exodus 24:6-8, the teaching of Hebrews 9:11-22, and the prophecy of Ezekiel 36:25-26, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put with you."

Q: Why does the Nicene Creed say, "We believe in one baptism for the remission of sins?"

A: People sometimes object to these words as unbiblical. In fact, they are practically a quotation from the Bible: "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). Does this mean that we are confessing that forgiveness comes through the ritual of baptism? The answer is *No*. The Bible is clear that forgiveness comes only through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Baptism is a symbol of the washing of our sins as we call on his name. Speaking the words of the Nicene Creed, we thus believe that baptism is a symbol of the remission of our sins. The word for ("one baptism for the remission of our sins") should thus be taken and spoken to mean "corresponding to".

Baptism, like the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is meant to be a picture, not a textbook. Therefore, perhaps the most important thing whenever we witness the baptism of a child or a new converted adult is for us to marvel, saying, "Christ washed away my sins and now he calls me to walk in purity and spiritual power as I bear His name in the world."

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick 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

MERCIES

I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies.

Zech. 1:16

~Mercies are such gifts as advance our debts. ~WILLIAM SECKER

~Mercies are never so savoury as when they savour of a Saviour.
~RALPH VENNING

~Wicked men have mercies by providence, not by virtue of a covenant; with God's leave, not with his love. ~THOMAS WATSON

~Christians have two sorts of goods: the goods of the throne and the goods of the footstool; moveables and immoveables.
~ JOHN FLAVEL

~Outward things are the gifts of God, and he doth not value them at so high a rate as we do. He doth not care if his enemies have them.
~EDWARD MARBURY

~Every true son of Jacob will be content to part with his broth for the birthright.
~JOHN TRAPP

~God doth not parcel himself out by retail, but gives his saints leave to challenge whatever he hath as theirs. ~WILLIAM GURNALL



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.

All these events are open to the public and are great opportunities for our community to enjoy the pleasure of English Country Dance.

CarolinaEnglishCountryDance.com for more information.

Or visit our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/38467804221/>

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WINTER 2019

ADULT CLASSES

The Chapel Class, Winn Chapel
Dr. James McGoldrick, *The Gospel of Matthew*

Westminster Class, S-304
Mr. Jason Korol, *Apologetics in the Gospel of John*

ACTS Class, Fellowship Hall
Dr. Kevin Mobley, *1st & Second Peter*

Fellowship Class, Gresham Conference Room
RE Kirby Kee *Selected Psalms*

SPECIAL TEACHING

Membership Class, C-209
Dr. Richard D. Phillips teaching, *Basics of the Faith*

Communicants Class
RE Kevin Mobley & Rev Jeff Windt
What is a Christian?

YOUTH CLASSES

Senior High Class (Grades 9-12), Scout Hut,
Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt, *Sanctification*

Middle School (Grades 6-8), S-309,
Mr. Jeff Early, *Genesis*

PRIMARY AGE CLASSES

5th & 6th Grade Class, S-308, Mr. Jeremy Weaver
3rd & 4th Grade Class, C-211, Mr. and Mrs. Rainey Hoopes
1st & 2nd Grade Class, C-212, Mrs. Cindy Mann
4 & 5 Year Olds Class, C-213, Mrs. Cyndi Player
King's Kids (3 year-olds), C-112, Dr. Steve Schvaneveldt
Sunbeams (2 year-olds), C-111, Mrs. Karissa Spell

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~The Editor



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

February 24, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1 John 1:1-3

Hymns: 6, 164, 649

Anthem: The Lord Is My Shepherd
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

A DOOR OF HOPE

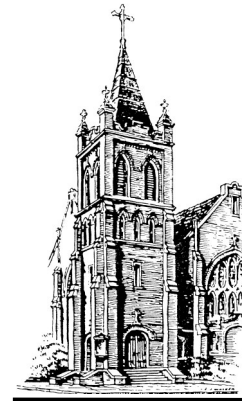
Hosea 2:2-15

Hymns: 523, 94, 655

Psalms 37:1-9

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Letter from the Senior Minister

Questions Regarding Baptism

Since questions concerning the sacrament of baptism have dogged the church for centuries, it is no surprise that I receive a good number of questions regarding baptism. Therefore, I thought it would be good to provide answers to some questions that I frequently receive.

Q What do the words *baptize* and *baptism* mean?

A: The Greek word for "to baptize" (*baptizo*) means permanently identify with someone or something. Thus baptism is a way in which we are publicly identified as belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ. The word for "baptism" (*baptisma*) means to either wash by pouring or dipping in water. For this reason, the word itself does not determine whether sprinkling or dunking is the correct mode, since it can mean either.

Q: What does the sacrament of baptism represent?

A: The sacrament of baptism is not "an outward sign of an inward change," as is often said, but rather baptism is a "sign and seal of the covenant of grace." Baptism points to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ (most especially his atoning death and the sending of the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal). Baptism also functions as an official seal, by which God officially marks someone who belongs to his covenant people (see Rom. 4:11).

Q: Why do we practice infant baptism?

A: Strictly speaking, we do not practice infant baptism. We practice covenant baptism. That is, we baptize Christian infants not because they are infants but because they are covenant children through their relationship with Christian parents.