

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, May 26

- 8:45 AM Food & Fellowship in the Gym
- 9:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(5th grade and under-regular classrooms)
- 9:00 AM **ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(6th grade and up-gymnasium)
- 10:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Conference Room
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 7:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting

### Monday, May 27

**Church Office Closed**

### Wednesday, May 29

- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
- 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Study
- 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 30

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

### Friday, May 31

- 5:00 PM Middle School Activity at the church
- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and 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 22 Musical CAT Kids begin
- May 24 Playdate
- May 26 Summer All Adult Sunday School begins
- May 26 One Worship Service begins in gymnasium
- May 26 Evangelism Committee
- May 27 Church Office Closed
- May 31 Middle School Activity (Kickball)
- June 3 Diaconate Meeting
- June 4 WIC Bible Study and Meal
- June 5 WIC Council
- June 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- June 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- June 9 Ice Cream Social
- June 10-15 Sr. High Trip to Pawley's Island
- June 10 Session Meeting
- June 11-12 WIC Circles
- June 12 Missions Committee Meeting
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 16 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- June 19 Administration Committee Meeting
- June 23 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- June 25-28 General Assembly in Dallas, TX
- June 26 CE Committee Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars

- Church Picnic July 4
- Vacation Bible School July 8-12
- Peru Mission Trip July 19-27
- Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven July 22-26
- Ice Cream Social July 28
- Ice Cream Social August 25
- Rally Day Sept. 1

## 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.

**Ernest Ray and Lynne Ouzts**

**Barb Owen**

**Tim and Kristen Owens  
Cole**

## Missionary Of the Week



**Rev. Stephen Atkinson**  
**Directory of Ministry**  
**CWI of North America**

Rev Stephen Atkinson moved from Northern Ireland in June 2012 to develop and promote the work of CWI in North America. He is also a PCA Pastor at Covenant Presbytery 'Ministering Out of Bounds'. Having served as a minister for 18 years, and as CWI's Ireland Secretary since 2004, as Director of Ministry in the USA, Stephen's labors include driving (often literally!) the nationwide operations of CWI (NA), teaching in churches, connecting with pastors, and developing resources that will enable churches and Christians to reach their Jewish neighbors. 42% of the world's Jewish population lives in the USA. It is CWI's desire that our ministry will grow with an increasing staff of preachers, teachers and evangelists in Jewish areas, that we will be a help in training local churches in sensitive Jewish evangelism, and that we will grow a nationwide network of supporters who are able to fund and pray for this vital ministry among God's ancient people.



### Musical CAT Kids

Musical Cat Kids will be getting underway this Wednesday evening, May 22 at 6:30 pm. Musical activities for ages 4 through 5th 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.



### May Play Date

May 24

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

For more information please call Amy Plourde.  
(864-787-6017)



**Church Office will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.**

### Middle School Activity



Friday, May 31 @ the church  
Supper @ 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall  
Activity: Kickball  
Game will be over by 8:00 pm.

### SR. HIGH CONFERENCE ON PAWLEYS ISLAND

June 10-15, 2019

LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Completed 9th grade through completed 12th grade

Speaker: Dr. Richard D. Phillips:

Foundations of a Christian Worldview, from Gen. 1-11

Total Cost: \$300/Balance due May 31

### Building Renovations

The officers of the church have approved refurbishing the Sanctuary this summer. Here are the details of the upcoming refurbishment:

1. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 20 and will be completed no later than August 31.
2. All worship services will be held in the gymnasium during the refurbishment project (beginning May 26).
3. During the refurbishment, the entire sanctuary floor will be closed for safety reasons.
4. Work to be performed: repaint sanctuary and hallways, full refinishing of pews and upholstery, new carpet, rework some of the chancel and choir loft area to better accommodate needs, lighting, and moving floor vents. The sanctuary restrooms will also be refurbished during this time.

If you have any questions about this, please see Tony Stephens or Nate Johnson.

### Help Needed in Mullins, SC

The Deacons of Calvary Presbytery are requesting any able bodied person to assist in our current Mission to North America (MNA) disaster relief project in Mullins SC. Mullins was flooded in 2016 and 2018 by hurricanes. There is an ongoing effort to help clean up and rebuild there. This ministry directly benefits the PCA churches in the Mullins area. The specific work sites are requested by a PCA pastor for a congregant or needy person with whom the pastor has been reaching out to with the Gospel. We, the Deacons of Second Presbyterian Church, are inviting anyone to come and serve for the week of June 10-14, 2019. You can help one or more days or all week. There is no cost, and the Mullins church is providing 2 meals/day and free housing at a local campground. BUT, you need to register ASAP. There is a brief video on mnashortterm.org to review. Also, there is a registration form to complete. Construction skills are not a requirement. You only need a serving heart and a reasonably well physical condition. Smyrna PCA in Newberry is sending 9 volunteers (not all are deacons) and is coordinating this trip. Please contact Pastor Dan Ratchford of Smyrna PCA at 803-960-6716 if you are willing and able to join them and he will get you the registration form. For more info, you can contact Ken Pujdak at 864-399-8333.

### Welcome to the Pulpit



We welcome Dr. Brian Cosby to the pulpit at the morning and evening worship service this Lord's Day, May 26, 2019, while Pastor Phillips is on vacation. He is the Senior Minister at Wayside PCA in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. A native of Signal Mountain, Brian was called to Wayside in April 2012 after serving churches in Alabama and Georgia. He is a visiting professor at Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta, and an adjunct professor at Covenant College on Lookout Mountain, Georgia. He holds degrees from Samford University (B.A.), Beeson Divinity School (M.Div.), and the Australian College of Theology (Ph.D.). Brian is an officer (Capt.) in the United States Air Force Reserves and the author of over a dozen books. He also regularly contributes to various magazines, journals, and blogs. Brian serves as an assistant editor for The Gospel Coalition and the general editor for the forthcoming multi-volume *Works of John Flavel* (Banner of Truth Trust). He enjoys reading, backpacking, fishing, and guitar. He and his wife, Ashley, have three children and live on a small farm.

### New Baby

We rejoice with Nate and Rebekah Johnson in the birth of their daughter, Abigail Kathryn Johnson on May 14, 2019. Abigail weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

If you would like to take the Johnsons a meal please go to:

[www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com);

User Name: Johnson, Password: 1892

### Baptism

Russell Douglas McDaniel, covenant son of Bill and Rebekah McDaniel received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 19, 2019. We are thankful for the McDaniel family and pray that Will and Russell will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.



flock... not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you to do... not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-3).

Third, an elder is a *steward* of the gospel and a *teacher* of the Word of God. Not all elders are specially gifted as theologians and preachers, which is why teaching elders are set apart for full-time labor in the Word of God. Yet ruling elders must be sound theologians who can guard the trust of sound doctrine. Elders must be able to exhort and instruct the people in biblical truth. Equally important, we need ruling elders to oppose error in the church – both the congregation and denomination – and to serve as pillars of truth. Experience shows that most heresies and theological problems arise from errant teaching elders – ordained ministers – so that our ruling elders must band together with sound teaching elders to oppose false teaching in and out of our denomination.

These three callings organize the main work of elders, and as you can see they are far more than any mere man can fulfill in his own strength. These items also help us to know how to pray for our serving elders. Let me encourage you specifically to pray for the following:

- A strong and growing personal relationship with Christ that will supply the zeal and stamina needed to fulfill so demanding a calling. It should be obvious that serving as an elder is physically exhausting. It is also spiritually consuming in such a way that it demands a close walk with the Lord. Pray that God would communicate this priority to our elders in a special way as they are consecrated for this office.
- A combination of careful biblical discernment and supernatural wisdom. Elders must be men of the Word of God, training themselves to think and act biblically. Bear in mind that our ruling elders usually have not gone to seminary and have secular vocations that demand greatly from them. So pray for God to give them the ability and the motivation to continue to develop their biblical competency. Then pray for God to grant them wisdom. As a full-time pastor with some years of experience, I still find myself facing situations that require careful biblical consideration and a higher level of wisdom than I normally possess. For both biblical discernment and wisdom, the elders are in great need of prayer.



- A Christ-like love for the flock of God and a joy in the service of so great a king as Jesus Christ. A man can only succeed as an elder if he develops a love for the people of God that comes from the greater love of Jesus. The Christian flock consists of sheep that bite. And kick. And refuse to yield to instruction and rebuke. So a Christ-like shepherd must love them and must communicate that love in all things. This love flows from prayer for the flock, but also from a joy in the service of so great a Master as the Savior Jesus Christ, who has loved us by dying for our sins. Pray for this love and joy to work together in the hearts of our elders.
- Pastors and elders are prime targets for spiritual attack, so pray for God to protect these men from Satan and his devices. Pray that they would guard themselves from temptation and the renewal of their vows would grant them a new zeal for personal holiness. Pray that they would realize how dire is their daily need of God's Word and of private prayer.

May God be praised for providing our church with our faithful elders. Let me also express my dear love for all of our elders and my humble appreciation for the outstanding service they render to Christ and Second Presbyterian Church. Few people beyond the pastors and the elders' families realize how great are the sacrifices our elders make for the well-being of this church. None but the elders themselves realize how dire is their need for your prayers, along with your loving support.

May God bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips



**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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**Puritan Quotations**

**Mercy**

*He delighteth in mercy.* Micah 7:18

~Without faith we are not fit to desire mercy, without humility we are not fit to receive it, without affection we are not fit to value it, without sincerity we are not fit to improve it.

~STEPHEN CHARNOCK

~There is no reason to be given for mercy, but mercy.

~RALPH VENNING

~Thou standest in a centre, the circumference is mercy.

~NEHEMIAH ROGERS

~Shall there be more mercy in the stream than in the spring?

~ RICHARD SIBBES

~He that hath enough mercy can want nothing.

~JOHN BOYS

~One ray of mercy is better than a sun of pleasure.

~WILLIAM SECKER

~Mercy's clock does not strike at the sinner's beck.

~THOMAS WATSON

~The bow smites not all it threatens.

~CHRISTOPHER NESSE

~God is not merciful as a flint yields fire, by force, but as a spring whence water naturally issues.

~RICHARD SIBBES

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



**Sunday, June 9th**  
Immediately following  
the evening worship service.  
Deacons will provide ice cream  
and toppings.

**Summer Ice Cream Socials: July 28, August 25**

**THE "SOUTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT RIDGEHAVEN"**

**July 22-26, 2019**

LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Rising 6th grade through rising 9th grade

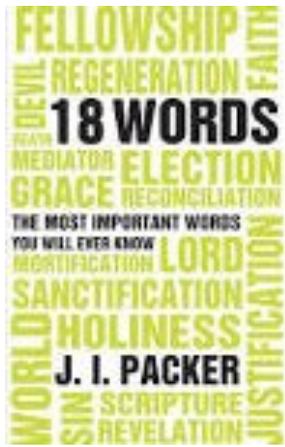
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### ALL ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



Begins May 26th  
in the gymnasium

"18 Words"  
by J. I. Packer

you may purchase the book by  
ordering online for \$9  
<http://spcgreenville.org>

### May 26th SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Lord's Day during the SS hour, Dr. Brian Cosby will be teaching on "The Life & Ministry of John Flavel." We will begin our study on J. I. Packer's book on Sunday, June 2, 2019.

### The Second Presbyterian Church

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY**  
May 26, 2019

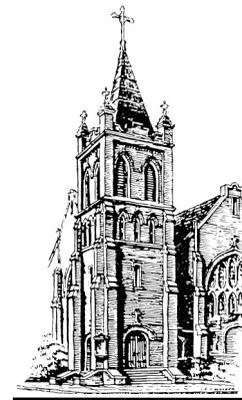
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
10:00 am

**LEARNING TO BE CONTENT (PART 1)**  
Philippians 4:10-13  
Hymns: 53, 11, 706  
Anthem: All People That On Earth Do Dwell  
Dr. Brian Cosby preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 pm

**LEARNING TO BE CONTENT (PART 2)**  
Philippians 4:10-13  
Hymns: 498, 505, 371  
Psalm 44:1-12  
Dr. Brian Cosby preaching

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Greenville, South Carolina

May 20, 2019

## Letter from the Senior Minister Praying for Our Elders

On Sunday, May 5th, at the evening worship service the Elders renewed their vows. On Sunday, May 19th, the congregation elected two new Elders, Ron McNeely and Dennis Zimmerman. I urge our entire church to be praying for them especially as God sets them apart for this high and holy calling. To this end, I would like to remind you of the duties they undertake and offer some advice for how you should pray for them.

According to our Book of Church Order, an elder is called an *overseer* of the flock and household of God. This means that the elders are required to govern and rule over all the affairs of the church. "It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein" (BCO 8-3). According to Paul, the elders are required to ensure the order of the church (Tit. 1:5) and to guard the treasures of Christ (Tit. 1:7). As a pastor, I have observed that most church members do not realize how important this overseeing function is. While the Session is not a board of directors in a business sense, the elders do meet as a board to direct the church's affairs. This overseeing work involves chairing and participating in important committees and meeting frequently to deal with matters that require a great deal of biblical discernment and wisdom.

Second, an elder is called to be a *minister* of the people of Christ. This calling requires our elders to minister comfort, counsel, and sometimes rebuke to individual members of the church. They are called to visit members in the hospital when they are sick. "They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care... They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock" (BCO 8-3). Peter emphasized this calling to minister, saying "shepherd the