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Speaking Itinerary for Dr. Phillips

KEEPING OUR PASTOR IN PRAYER

- Sept. 20-23 Westminster Seminary Preaching Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- Oct. 2-3 First Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg, MS
- Oct. 4 First Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA
- Oct. 19-20 Westminster Seminary Board Meeting
- Oct. 23-25 Briarwood National Conference, Birmingham, AL
- Oct. 29-30 Reformation Conference, Harrisburg, PA
- Nov. 6 Men's Conference, , Anderson, SC
- Jan. 24-25 Rafiki Bible Study Seminar, Eustis, FL
- Feb. 11-12 Men's Conference, Simpsonville, SC
- Mar. 18-19 Men's Equipping Conference
- April 28-30 Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology, Bryn Mawr, PA

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THE LORD'S DAY**
September 19, 2021
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MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

WHEN I PUNISH THEM

Jeremiah 8:4-17

Hymns: 51C, 336, 202

Rev. Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

MAKE IT PLAIN

Habakkuk 2:2-5

Hymns: 456, 523, 466

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Belonging to the Body

People who are part of a particular Christian congregation are often called church "members." This language is profoundly biblical, and is a visible manifestation of the believer's union with Christ and the communion of saints.

The Greek word used to describe the individual parts of a body is melos; literally "body member". For example, James 3:5-6 call the tongue an individual member of the body. Throughout New Testament, melos is also used metaphorically to describe the relationship between believers and Christ. Individual believers are all mele (members) of Christ, such as in Romans 12:4-5, because we are in Christ. Just as the human body has parts that are members of the whole, so also Christians are individually members of the whole body of Christ. To be part of Christ is to be a member of him, to be united to him.

This union of the believer with Christ is total: all of the believer, in all our being, even our bodies, as part of ourselves, are mele, members, of Christ. This is what Paul means when he reminds the church of Corinth that their bodies are members of Christ (1 Corinthians 6:15; cf. Ephesians 5:29-30). Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Christians have been united to Christ as his members (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

This is biblically developed most clearly in Ephesians. God reveals the gospel by Gentiles, along with Jews, being brought by the Holy Spirit into the church as oikoei, household members, of God's family (Ephesians 2:18-22). Here the language of member persists, though the metaphor has shifted from individual body parts being united to a whole, to a single household composed of individual people collected into one family. Christians are family members.

Yet, Paul grounds the two metaphors in the same reality: Because of the gospel, Jews and Gentiles alike are sus-soma, of the same body (Ephesians 3:6). The gospel that God reveals shows that scattered individuals are united together by the Spirit under Christ, either with

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the metaphor of Jesus as the head of his body (Ephesians 1:22-23) or the household cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). By the Holy Spirit, Christians are made members of the household of God, because we share in the same body, that is, we are all united to Christ. This me, union in Christ, is central to the mystery of the gospel relationship of Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:29-32). Salvation is Jesus joining with his people and his people being joined to him. By being his members, the Christian is a participant in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) because Jesus abides in us and we in him (John 14). That is what church membership is, ontologically.

The me of the church then also describes the way in which individual Christians relate to each other as a whole. Being united to Christ as his individual members is the basis of the communion of saints: by our union with Christ, Christians are members of Jesus and each other. When Peter describes participation in the divine nature, he has an immediate ethical application in mind (supplementing faith with virtue to resist the corruption of sin). Paul has a similar approach on the basis of our membership in Christ, "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members (mele) one of another" (Ephesians 4:25). Because we are united to Jesus as his members, we are members with each other, and have obligations to each other on the basis of God's precious and great promises.

This is why Paul describes the duties of love Christians have for one another in the terminology of membership in Romans 12:4-5 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-30. The Petrine cultivation of virtue is urged towards in the communal practice of interdependent support: the members of Christ looking out for one another, bearing one another's burden's, caring for each other. But more than that, the members of Christ do so as the church. In these two passages, as well as Ephesians 5:29-32, the context is of being comembers of Christ is not merely the interpersonal relationships of the saints, but the life of the institutional church.



The many members of Christ's body have gifts that includes prophesying to and teaching other members serving them and contributing (i.e. financial support) to the good of the whole, according to the grace given to each (Romans 12:6-7). The many members of the body as described in 1 Corinthians 12 include those who exercise ministerial authority over the body, as apostles, prophets, teachers, and administrators (1 Corinthians 12:27-30). In other words, being members of Christ, the communion of saints, includes a gathered, worshipping aspect. Being members of each other, as a result our union with Christ, requires us to belong to visible expressions of the body of Christ, including the institutional ministry of the gospel. From being led by Christ in worship (Hebrews 2:11-12) to singing to each other (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16), membership in Jesus means membership in the church of which Jesus is the cornerstone, and this membership expresses itself visibly in gathered worship.

This means that being a member of Christ requires commitment to his visible, present (e.g. local) body. Christians are to submit to their leaders (Hebrews 13:17), who are to shepherd the flock of God (1 Peter 5:1-3). Membership in Christ is the foundation of membership in the church, which is practiced through commitment to a local congregation where the members of Christ graced with gifts of teaching and ministry shepherd the household of God.

To be a Christian is to be a member of Christ. To be a member of Christ is to be a member of the church. To be a member of the church is to be a participant in the institutional life of the church. Or to reverse the order: church membership reflects our union with Christ. That's what makes the term and practice profoundly biblical.

By Cameron Shaffer

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And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the LORD, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. 2 Corinthians 3:18



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Helping the Harrimans

SPC Family, Caleb & Moonsun Harriman, along with their three children, Enoch (7), Hannah (5), and Paul (3) have just moved to Greenville from Turkey, where they were missionaries. Caleb plans to start seminary this fall. They arrived with what they could pack in suitcases, but they are eating off of paper products and sleeping in sleeping bags. They need everything from furniture to household goods as well as toys and clothes for the children. If you are able to help with any of these items you may reach out directly to Moonsun at (480) 410-5815. The Harriman's address is 306 Hillbrook Rd, Taylors.

Thank you in advance for your Christian generosity.

Membership Class

This no obligation class convenes for eight weeks. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about our beliefs or joining our church. Gather with Pastors Rick and Chad as we explore together what makes us uniquely PCA.

Sundays, 9:45 am

Room C-209

www.spcgreenville.org/membership

Widow's Fund

The Church established a Widows' fund for the substantial (and often on-going) needs that come upon some of those who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members.) The reserve balance in this fund has been slowly but steadily declining over the past months. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a monthly gift to the widows' fund. We praise our God for His provision. for those that look to Him.

Missionary Of the Week



EPCEW

Rev. Johannes Müller Berlin Church Plant

Rev. Müller was born on 20th October 1988. He grew up in a Christian home, coming to faith when he was 12 years old. After school he studied electrical engineering for half a year in Munich, then switched to Theology at a little seminary in Hannover, now Heidelberg. After three years he moved to London to study at London Theological Seminary (now London Seminary) for two years. After Seminary he moved to Berlin in 2014 to work for the church plant. In 2015 he married Ayten (I-ten) and they now have two children, Sofia and Elias. Rev. Müller was ordained in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales.

Men's Breakfast

Fellowship | Faith | Food
Join us for our *NEW*
Saturday 8 AM Men's Breakfast:

- September 18
- October TBA
- November 13



Questions? Contact Melton Duncan, *Church Administrator*
mduncan@spcgreenville.org



The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning Worship Service
September 19

September Birthdays

September 1 Hannah Phillips, Pat Schuford
September 2 Brenda Cumbus, Keith Pratt
September 3 Jason Cassell, John Duncan, Leon Harmon, Shannon Satterlee
September 4 Andy Barringer, Laura Everett, Renee Plourde
September 6 Jan Moore
September 7 Kathy Swartz
September 8 Kip Altman
September 9 Rick Phillips
September 10 Gordon Early, Rachel Lewis
September 11 Tammy Welker
September 12 Jenny-Lynn Babington, Gran Baxa, William Reese
September 13 Barbara Leeman, Cyndi Player
September 15 Jenny Earle, Elijah Windt
September 16 Buck Brown, Max Mann, Gail Whigham
September 17 Dan Huff, Luke Senn
September 18 Evelyn Watkins
September 19 Tylor Hughes, Dave Leeman, Debbie Martin
September 20 Verlyn Smoker, Kye Zimmerman
September 21 Elisabeth Swaim
September 22 Margaret Swait, Lindsay Vanderwey
September 23 Susan Hastings
September 25 Eleanor Gearhart, James Leathers, Bill McDaniel, Shannon Mobley, Fraser Tabb
September 26 Robert Therrell
September 27 Joe Swartz
September 28 Gregg Styles
September 29 Kathryn Huber
September 30 Judy Bishop



CHURCH CALENDAR
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Sunday, September 19

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:55 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**
 7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Monday, September 20

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 9:30 AM Rafiki Bible Study
 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting
 6:30 PM Session Meeting
 7:30 PM Men's Basketball Night

Tuesday, September 21

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, September 22

5:00 PM Christian Education Committee
 5:15 PM WIC Council Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (Grades 1-6)/Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)
 6:30 PM WIC Circle 1
 6:30 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM **ADULT PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 7:00 PM CAT Kids/Covenant Kids and Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 23

9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study Video Series
 7:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, September 24

12:00 PM Men's Bible Study Luncheon

Saturday, September 25

9:00AM GRN Convocation (REs and TEs only)
 7:00 PM English Country Dancing

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Saturday, September 25
 7 PM in the Gymnasium



Upcoming Events

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- Sept. 18 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Sept. 19 The Lord's Supper (Morning Worship)
- Sept. 22 Hope Choir (K-4 to Preschool) Begins
- Sept. 25 GRN Gathering
- Oct. 2 Amy Looper Bridal Shower
- Oct. 8-10 Greenville Conference on Reformed Theology
- Oct. 16 Amy Looper/Jonathan Frost Wedding
- Oct. 27 Reformation Party

Pray for Our Country



If My people who are called by My Name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
 2 Chronicles 7:14

Missing your church group event announcement?

E-mail these to Susan
 by 9 AM on Thursdays
skindall@spcgreenville.org

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day to the glory of God

by

Ernestine Waterholter.

Remembering Our Shut-ins

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member, sending a note of encouragement:

Georgie Campbell
 27 Riverview Drive • Greenville, SC 29611

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:1-3 (ESV)

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

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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 - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM