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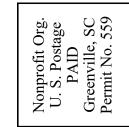
SPC EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is in need of a female church member to join the committee. By way of background, the Evangelism Committee seeks to mobilize and equip our church members for evangelism in both individual and group ministry situations. The committee conducts two primary evangelistic ministries, Evangelism Explosion training (led by Ruling Elder Ken Safford on Tuesday evenings several time a year) and Mission to Main Street (a weekly sidewalk evangelistic outreach, on Thursday evenings in the summer, but Friday afternoons during the colder months, with Saturday afternoons if Friday is rained out.) We have also attempted to implement a Christianity Explored outreach ministry and may do so again in the future. (It would be held either at the church or in a private home sometime during the week.) This ministry involves inviting participants from one's neighborhood, job, etc., and helping to host a seven week series of meetings with A/V presentations, informal live discussions, and some sort of light meal. The committee coordinates other evangelistic ministries including the weekly downtown Bible Study and Child Evangelism Fellowship Good News Clubs at Augusta Circle School and the Kroc Center. The committee also coordinates weekly worship and outreach at The Haven dementia and nursing center behind the new VA clinic.

We are looking for a female church member to join our committee who would:

- Attend committee meetings (usually the fourth Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall, following the evening church service) unless canceled by the committee chairman.
- Have a sincere desire to pray, discuss, and plan with us our church's evangelistic outreaches.
- Be willing to go through at least one semester of Evangelism Explosion training.
- Be willing to participate to the extent possible in E.E. visitations (usually to persons or families who have visited our church) and occasional Saturday neighborhood canvassing (door-to-door).
- Be willing to participate to the extent possible in Mission to Main Street witnessing on the sidewalk at various locations along South Main Street in the vicinity of the church.

Please contact Emil Henning if you are willing to join this very vital ministry or have any questions. (864-484-7933).



The Second Preshyterian Church

105 River Street Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537 **Return Service Requested**

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Letter from the Senior Minister 2020 Spring Membership Class

On March 1, we will begin our Membership Class for the spring. The purpose for this class is to provide information on the key beliefs of Second Presbyterian Church and to provide an opportunity for visitors to enter into our church membership. We ask that those seeking to join attend the class not only so that they can learn about our church but also so that we can get to know them and begin to incorporate them into our church life. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, and some may wish to attend simply to learn about the Reformed faith and Second Church. At the end of the class the Session will be available to meet with prospective members, who join by presenting a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ and agreeing to fulfill the membership vows as stipulated by the Presbyterian Church in America.

In recent years, I find that many Christians have underestimated the importance of church matters. Many may not understand the biblical basis and calling for Christians to enter into covenant relationship with a local congregation of believers. Let me give some reasons why it is important for you to be a member of a faithful church and perhaps why you should consider joining our congregation:

1. The very first thing we see after Pentecost in Acts 2:42ff is that Christians immediately began to gather together. They "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." The early Christians did not stay at home and say, "I can be a Christian by myself," but they committed themselves to a local body of fellow Christians.



2. In Hebrews 10:25, God commands Christians not to neglect meeting together but to encourage one another, "and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This teaches at least 3 things: 1) Christians are commanded by God to gather together corporately for the purpose of encouraging one another; 2) Christians gathering together is not to be an infrequent thing, but rather it is to be a regular occurrence; 3) Christians are to encourage one another, which requires knowing one another; and knowing one another implies regular commitment to the same local body of Christians – which again is what church membership signifies.

3. In Philippians 1:1, Paul states that he is writing "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons." This implies that "all" the Christians ("saints" means those who have believed in Christ and are set apart for holiness) are committed to gathering together regularly in a church with officers (elders and deacons, cf. 1 Tim. 3) appointed or elected to oversee their affairs. When Paul writes to the church in Philippi, he writes to the Christians who have committed to one another there and to their leaders.

4. In Hebrews 13:7, Christians are commanded, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." This clearly assumes what we know as church membership, since this command can only be fulfilled by believers who are under the authority of elders in a local church body. Hebrews 13:7 tells believers to "remember your leaders... and imitate their faith." Living as believers under godly shepherd-leaders, especially those who are "keeping watch over your souls," is one of the chief biblical provisions for your perseverance and growth in faith.

In short, just as salvation involves a covenant relationship with God, the life of faith also involves a covenant relationship with other believers under Christ's authority in the church. To this end, my constant prayer is that Second Presbyterian Church would not only be a place where God's Word is faithfully taught but also where God's people are faithfully shepherded. The more I grow in experience, the more I see how important the second of these is, together with the first. If you have been attending Second Church regularly, I would therefore ask you to consider your calling to join the church. The schedule of the

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upcoming Membership Class, meeting in Classroom C-209 at 9:45 am, is as follows:

March 1	The "Solas" of the Reformation	
March 8	The Doctrines of Grace	
March 15	Membership Vows	
March 22	Law and the Gospel	
March 29	Covenant Theology	
April 5	Reformed Worship	
April 19	"Finding Your Place at SPC"	
April 26	Presbyterian Church History	
April 19/26	Session interviews for membership	
May 3	New Members' Reception & Luncheor	
Class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 12th		

If you have any questions about our church or church membership, I am simply delighted to answer them. I look forward to getting to know many of our recent visitors better during this class, with thanks to God for the way He is increasing the numbers at our church.

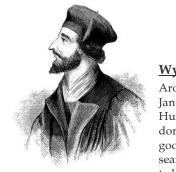
May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Phillips

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Bite Size Biographies



Jan Hus c. 1369–1415 The Goosefather: Part 2 By: Greg Morse Wycliffe's Bulldog

Around 1369, a goose was born in gooseland. Jan Hus (Czech for *goose*) was born in Hussinec (Czech for *Goosetown*) in the Kingdom of Bohemia. Born into a poor family, the goose left the gaggle for the priesthood in search of a better living and prestige. He came to be a renowned preacher at Bethlehem Chap-

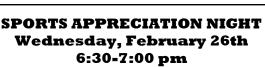
el, but spent much of his time serving in academia as the dean of the philosophical faculty in Prague. Living in a time of social unrest between German speakers and Czech citizens, Hus became a key figure for Czech nationalism. Hus lived in a time when immorality infected the priesthood of the Catholic Church. He soon began preaching "violent sermons" against the rampant iniquity of the clergy until they reported him to the archbishop and had him banned from preaching. As Hus read Scripture and watched the popes of his day abuse their power, he concluded that papal authority was not ultimate. He needed a sturdier foundation than was built from the straw and sticks of men's opinion — no matter how highly regarded those men were. He built his life and ministry on the word of God. His views about Scripture's ultimate authority were set ablaze as he began to read the condemned works of John Wycliffe. Wycliffe found a loyal disciple in Hus. Hus defended his works with such tenacity that one historian called Hus "Wycliffe's bulldog" (The Unquenchable Flame, 30). He staunchly argued against indulgences, advocated for both the bread and the wine to be served in communion, and preached in the common language (as opposed to the untranslated Latin of the day). Although still in agreement with the Catholic Church on matters such as the Mass, his allegiance to the teachings of Wycliffe got him excommunicated, tried for heresy, and burned alive.

The Geese Are Not Silent

After Hus was finally condemned to death, he proclaimed, "You may roast the goose, but a hundred years from now a swan will arise whose singing you will not be able to silence." Exactly 102 years later, a sprightly monk nailed ninety-five theses to Wittenberg's door. He too, seeing the discrepancy between Roman doctrine and Scripture, sought to reform the Catholic Church. He too was led to challenge the pope. And he too was condemned as a heretic. During the Leipzig Debate, Luther was disparagingly condemned as a "Hussite." He rejected the title in the moment, but took time to read his works during an intermission, returned, and commended the teaching of the condemned Hus. Luther was Hus's swan, and would later own the association. He's often painted with swans to this day. The Goosefather, a prominent forerunner to the Reformers, stood his ground and was martyred. The Swan followed the Goose, and Rome still has not silenced him.

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Come join us as we honor the participants of the 2019-2020 sports season.

Youth Fellowship Events



Senior High February 28 6:00-8:30 PM Taco/Game Night/Campfire at the Smokers

Middle School February 28 5:30-8:30 PM Movie Night @ SPC Fellowship Hall



Showering with Love WIC Cordially invites all ladies to a Bridal Shower for Sarah Martin Saturday, February 29 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall Registry: www.theknot.com/mattandsarah2020/registry

Men's Basketball Night



Men's Basketball Night Second Presbyterian Gym March 13, 2020 from 7:30-9:30 pm



All men senior high and up Contact Kevin Mobley at 864-270-2989 if you have questions.

Communicants Class

COMMUNICANTS CLASS begins March 15, 2020 taught by RE Kevin Mobley and Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt

ACTS SS Community Class

<u>Potluck Lunch</u> in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 15 Immediately following 11:00 am worship service

Rafiki Women's Bible Study

The next Rafiki Bible Study will begin on March 16 at 9:30 am and will last until May 11th. We will be studying 1 Samuel. The deadline to sign up for this Bible Study has been extended until March 1st. If you have questions or would like to sign up please contact Sylvia Long.

(sdlong1016@gmail.com)

Precepts Bible Study

Ladies: Precepts Bible Study, part 2 in the gospel of John, begins Thursday, April 9 for 8 weeks. It is not necessary to have studied Part 1 to participate in Part 2. Please contact Mary Settle by March 16 if you plan to attend as books need to be ordered. Call or text 864-918-2269 or call 864-329-1670.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Call to all bakers! Bill Watkins and the Kairos Prison Ministry team need cookies for the upcoming 4-day class on basic Christianity that will be held at Perry Correctional. While only 30 inmates are in the class, all 1000 inmates during the weekend receive bags of cookies with Bible verses and visits from the Kairos ministry team. Please bake as many dozens as you feel led to do and bring them to the kitchen at Second Church on Sunday March 8, 2020. Please package them in disposable containers such as shoe boxes. Please avoid using aluminum foil or zip lock bags. If you have any questions, call Bill Watkins at 304-4737.

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.

WIC Annual Spring Retreat



The Great Escape 2020 Theme: Biblical Hospitality Friday, March 20 – Saturday, March 21 The Unicoi State Park & Lodge, Helen, GA

Heads up!



Daylight Saving Time begins March 8th. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



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 shortterm 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.

Lost and Found Cleanout

The next two Wednesdays and Sundays (2/26-3/8) the church will be cleaning out the lost and found. All items in the lost and found will be put out on tables in the gym to be claimed. All unclaimed items will be donated to Miracle Hill.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 1

Sunday, March 1		
8:30 AM	MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE	
9:45 AM	Membership Class	
9:50 AM	Children's Chapel	
10:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	
11:00 AM	MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE	
5:30 PM	Season of Prayer in the Chapel	
6:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE	
Monday, March 2		
6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	
6:00 PM	Diaconate Meeting	
Wednesday, March 4		
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. and 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	
Thursday, March 5		
9:30 AM	Precepts Women's Bible Study	
Friday, March 6		
12:00 PM	Men's Lunch & Bible Study	

1:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 25:4-5, 8 (ESV)

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long...Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 26	CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 26	Sports Appreciation Night
Feb. 28	Sr. High Fellowship Night @ Smokers
Feb. 28	Jr. High Movie Night in Fellowship Hall
Feb. 29	WIC Shower for Sarah Martin
Mar. 1	Membership Class begins
Mar. 2	Diaconate Meeting
Mar. 4	WIC Council
Mar. 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Mar. 8	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar. 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Mar. 9	Session Meeting
Mar. 10-11	WIC Circles
Mar. 11	Missions Committee Meeting
Mar. 11	Missionary Alonzo Ramirez visiting
Mar. 13	Men's Basketball Night
Mar. 15	Communicants Class begins
Mar. 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Mar. 15	ACTS SS Community Potluck Lunch
Mar. 16	New Rafiki Bible Study begins
Mar. 17	LightBringers
Mar. 18	Administration Committee Meeting
Mar. 20-21	WIC Spring Retreat in Helen GA
Mar. 20	Jr. High March Madness tournament
Mar. 21	Sr. High hiking and picnic at Caesars Head
Mar. 22	Evangelism Committee Meeting
Mar. 25	No Wednesday Night Activities
Mar. 27-29	SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Save the Dates

May 1-11	Mission Trip to England
May 2	WIC Spring Luncheon
May 6	Graduation Banquet
May 13	CAT Kids Program
May 27	Musical CAT Kids begin
June 16-19	General Assembly in Birmingham
June 22-27	Sr. High Trip to Pawleys Island
July 4	Church Picnic
July 13-17	Vacation Bible School
July 20-24	Jr. High Trip to Ridgehaven
July 24-31	Mission Trip to Peru
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Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

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.

Brendon and Rose Branigin Solomon

Larry and Marsha Briggs

Josh and Becky Briscoe David, James, Hudson

Missionary of the Week



Rick and Beth Brawner RUFI Clemson University

- 1) Please pray for the one on one Bible studies I am seeking to regularly provide, offer and develop within the international university community.
- 2) Praise God! As some internationals attending Tigers Talk are asking deeper heart questions and some are visiting church. Specifically pray many will take a Bible and desire to read God's Word, especially the Gospels.
- 3) Please pray that the relationships we made with internationals this semester will grow deeper next semester.
- 4) Please pray for God's financial provision.