

- ◆ Steve Jeffrey et al, *Pierced for Our Transgressions: Rediscovering the Glory of Penal Substitution* (Crossway, 2009). An excellent defense of penal substitutionary atonement in light of recent attacks from scholars in the UK. A good introduction to the theological issues involved in the cross.
- ◆ Richard D. Phillips, ed., *Precious Blood: The Atoning Work of Christ* (Crossway, 2009). Contains the conference addresses and seminars from the 2008 Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology. Is particularly useful in its studies on the development of atonement theology throughout Christian history. Contributors include R. C. Sproul, Robert Godfrey, Joel Beek, and Philip Ryken. Later this year, my booklet, *What Is the Atonement?* will be published in the P&R *Basics of the Faith* series.
- ◆ Mark Dever and Michael Lawrence, *It Is Well: Expositions on Substitutionary Atonement* (Crossway, 2010) Published sermons on the cross from numerous Old Testament texts as well as New Testament doctrinal passages. A meaty and rich meal of atonement theology.
- ◆ R. C. Sproul, *The Truth of the Cross* (Reformation Trust, 2008). Classic, brilliant Sproul, expositing the glories of Christ's death for our sins in his typically clear and engaging style.
- ◆ Robert A. Peterson, *Calvin and the Atonement: What the Renowned Pastor and Teacher Said about the Cross of Christ* (Christian Focus, 2009). There is a reason Calvin is so famous and why his books are still being read five hundred years after he was born. This is great stuff. A more academic, but rich study of Calvin's thought and teaching on the atoning work of Christ.

If you read any one of these books, you will be richly rewarded by an increased knowledge and love for the Savior who died for you. As our morning studies in John's Gospel take us to Calvary and the crucifixion of our Lord, reading on the atonement will enrich your learning and strengthen your faith.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



CHURCH INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Church Services: **Sunday:** Sunday School—10:00 AM •
Morning Worship—8:30 and 11:00 AM • Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper & Bible Study and Prayer Meeting – 5:45 PM

Radio Broadcast: Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station: WLFJ 660 AM

Upcoming Events

May 30	New Members' Luncheon
May 30	Hymn Sing
May 31	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 2	WIC Council
June 5	WIC Wedding Shower
June 6	Fellowship Supper
June 7	Diaconate Meeting
June 8-9	WIC Circles
June 9	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
June 9	Miracle Hill Ministries Presentation
June 10	WIC Book Club II
June 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
June 13	VBS Teachers' Meeting
June 14	Session Meeting
June 14-18	Flute Master Camp
June 16	VBS Workers' Meeting
June 17	WIC Book Club I
June 18	Senior High Dinner
June 19	VBS Workday
June 20	The Lord's Supper at the Evening Worship Service
June 21	Young At Heart
June 21-25	Vacation Bible School
June 23	CE Committee Meeting
June 24	WIC Jessamines
June 27	St. Andrews Youth Choir-Evening Worship Service
June 27	Ice Cream Social
June 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
June 29-July 2	General Assembly, Nashville Tennessee

Attention: Sunday School Teachers
Please pick up your summer SS materials located
on the work table in the office.

Music Notes

Our summer musical CAT Kids program began Wednesday, May 19. We are meeting 6:30-8:00 pm each week until August. We are focusing on all aspects of music: singing, playing instruments, hymn study, composer study, and more. If you could help with crafts (teenagers through adults) or give an instrument demonstration one week, please contact Elizabeth Guest (864-313-0193).

Vacation Bible School Meeting Schedule



Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 21—Friday, June 25
8:45 am—12:00 noon
4 years-old to 6th grade (completed)

MEETINGS:

June 13—VBS teachers' meeting
June 16—VBS workers' meeting
June 19—VBS Workday

WIC Shower



All ladies are cordially invited to a wedding shower for

Abby Griffin Wyatt

Saturday, June 5

Church Fellowship Hall

3:00 to 4:30 PM



Hymn Sing

Sunday, May 30

Following the evening service in the sanctuary.
A special time of fellowship as we sing your favorite hymns
from the Trinity Hymnal.



New Baby

We rejoice with Melton L. and Lynda Duncan in the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Mary weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. We thank God for the Duncan family and pray for Ford, Frances, and Mary, that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

Baptism

Christopher Patrick Bassett, covenant child of Brian and Maria Bassett, received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, May 23, 2010. We are thankful for the Bassett family and pray that Christopher will grow strong in his faith and walk with the Lord all the days of his life.

"Every time we baptize a child we bear witness that salvation is from God."

—B.B. Warfield

Congratulations

Alexandria Amicy, daughter of Charles and Antoinne Amicy, graduated from Covenant College on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Alexandria is currently staying with Jack and Pat Shuford awaiting her return to Haiti where she will work until deciding upon medical school. Congratulations Alexandria.

Housing Needed

There may be two new students attending GPTS in the Fall of 2010. One is Charles Amicy's nephew, Reginald, and one is a young man from Southern California, Nathan Lee. Both young men are hoping to be able to rent a room from a local church member. Is there someone who would consider having a "boarder" and if so will you let me know so that I can make arrangements accordingly? If you need information on either young man, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you! Lynn Shaw

History Room

The church archives is re-opening during the break between the Sunday School hour and the 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 30. The History Room (archives) is located beyond the women's parlor at the end of the hall that accesses the sanctuary seating. There is a display case containing artifacts just beyond the history room door. The title of the current historical display is "The Children of Second Presbyterian Church."

Please direct all comments, suggestions, and questions about the newsletter and/or the bulletin to Mr. Melton L. Duncan, Media Chairman.
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Church Calendar

Sunday, May 30

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM New Members' Luncheon
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:30 PM Wee Worship Choir
 7:15 PM Hymn Sing

Monday, May 31

The church office is closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, June 2

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

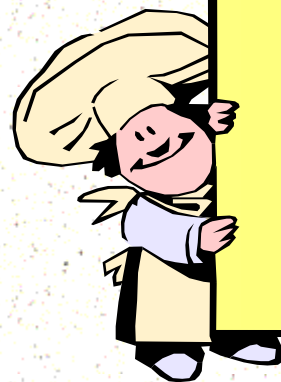
Thursday, June 3

Friday, June 4

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, June 5

3:00 PM WIC Shower for Abby Griffin Wyatt



New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,

Sunday, May 30, 2010

Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.

Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member. Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY MAY 30, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

KING OF THE JEWS

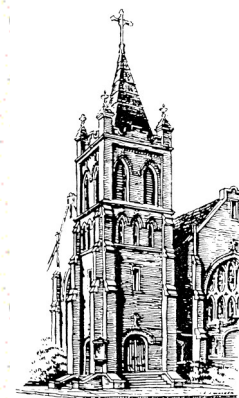
John 19:13-22
 Hymns 255, 168, 176
 Anthem: Psalm 86
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

2 Corinthians 4:16-18
 Hymns 546, 689, 649
 Psalter: Psalm 79 (verses 8-13)
 Rev. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer preaching

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Letter from the Senior Pastor.... Helpful Books on the Atonement

At the very heart of our Christian faith is the death of Jesus Christ as an atonement for our sins. For this reason, while I always recommend Christian devotional reading in general, I especially recommend reading books on Christ's death for us. When new books on the atonement come out, I almost always purchase and read them. Simply put, we can never think too much about Jesus' death on the cross or know too much about it. This is all the more true in recent days, when subtle (and not-so-subtle) attacks on Christ's atoning death have been launched from within evangelical Christian circles. If we permit error at the atonement, we poison the spring from which the whole of our religion flows. More positively, a strong grasp of Christ's precious blood will strengthen our faith and deepen our love for the Savior.

With this in mind, here are some recommendations of recent, helpful books that focus on Christ's atoning death:

- ◆ D. A. Carson, *Scandalous: The Cross and Resurrection of Christ* (Crossway, 2010). Carson is perhaps the world's leading evangelical New Testament scholar and he is a tremendous blessing to the church. This book deals with the ironies of Christ's death in a way that brings out the wonder of the cross. As an example, Carson explains why the man who saved others refused to save himself.
- ◆ Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer, ed., *Atonement* (P&R, 2010). Tremendous addresses from past years of the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology, from such eminent scholars as R. C. Sproul, J. I. Packer, James M. Boice, and Sinclair Ferguson. Topics include the necessity of the atonement, Christ's death as propitiation and redemption, and Christ as our sacrifice. Incredibly powerful material.
- ◆ Mark Dever and J. I. Packer, *In My Place Condemned He Stood* (Crossway, 2009). A short book containing an excellent overview of atonement theology by Dever and several classic chapters on Christ's death from various of Packer's previous books.