

so that he would have to enter through the windows like the thieves of Jesus' parable in John 10:1. It was in an empty and locked church that the unregenerate pastor was installed. The next year, however, Henderson was present to hear the Presbyterian firebrand preacher, Robert Bruce, preach a sermon from John 10:1, when he accused the royalist pastors of usurping Christ's rule over His flock. The Holy Spirit pierced Henderson's heart so that he repented and believed on Jesus for the first time. The result was immediate scorn from the royal authorities but the embrace of his people, to whom Henderson repented and to whom he now began preaching the Bible.

For the next twenty years, Henderson pastored his flock and gained a reputation for courage and integrity among the Presbyterians. When, in 1625, King Charles I required obedience to standards that required all churches to practice unbiblical rituals (such as venerating saints and kneeling before idols), Henderson was one of the leading pastors who refused to obey. In the 1630's King Charles and his notorious archbishop Laud sought to wipe out the Reformation and impose ritualistic Roman Catholic worship throughout the land. The people of the Kirk rose up in rebellion and Alexander Henderson stepped forth to lead them. He publicly refused to use the unbiblical forms of prayers or allow the rituals in his congregation. Threatened with imprisonment, he filed a claim pointing out the legal requirement for the General Assembly to approve any changes to worship. Emboldened by Henderson's stand, the Kirk stood together against the king, leading to a public stand-off. King Charles convicted Henderson of treason and threatening to invade Scotland with an English army to impose his control over the church. Henderson responded by drafting the famous National Covenant, a document by which all ranks in Scotland agreed to stand as one for the gospel a true Kirk.

The National Covenant was first brought forth in the old Church of the Greyfriars in Edinburgh. After a time of fasting, Henderson and three others appeared in the church with the document. Raising his hands, he called upon God to secure the gospel and the church in Scotland. The Covenant was read and immense numbers of Scots came forth to affix their names. Nobles and barons came forth to stand for Christ. With them came the common people to affix their names in history. For days afterward, the people came in multitudes to stand for Christ's crown and covenant, and when the National Covenant was taken to each of the other cities of the realm the scene was repeated.

In the years to come, many struggles would ensue and great volumes of blood would be shed by the Scottish Presbyterians for their faith in Christ. But seldom has a greater uprising for the gospel been seen than when Alexander Henderson first refused to betray Christ, second, offered himself to be persecuted for Christ, and, third, challenged a whole nation to do likewise. Henderson's spirit and example are worth remembering today, as more and more Christians conform to the demands of the world and bow to official opposition to Christ and His gospel. Henderson's example reminds us that we may have to pay a great price in terms of worldly loss if we are to stand up for the gospel. But he also shows us that God will grant the power of His Spirit to those who refuse to yield the claims of Christ as King of His Church and Lord over the spirits of all men. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday this year, may God grant a renewal of courageous faith, so that we may possess a spirit of bold zeal for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Phillips

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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 - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

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

Upcoming Events

Oct. 31	Reformation Sunday
Oct. 31	Hymn Sing
Nov. 1	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 3	WIC Council
Nov. 3	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 7	New Members' Luncheon
Nov. 7	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 8	Session Meeting
Nov. 9-10	WIC Circles
Nov. 14	International Day of Prayer
Nov. 14	College Dinner at the Shaws
Nov. 15	Young At Heart
Nov. 19-21	FULL CONFIDENCE CONFERENCE
Nov. 21	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Dinner and Program
Nov. 25-26	Church Office Closed
Nov. 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting

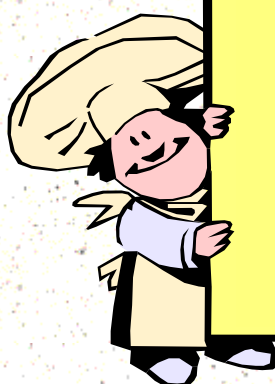


REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2010



MTW's 30 Days of Prayer

30 Days of Prayer is designed to encourage prayer for the work of the gospel and the growth of the Church, especially in restricted-access countries and among unreached people groups. MTW's goal is also to bring attention to the cries of persecuted believers around the world. MTW has scheduled a month of prayer for Global Missions—November, 2010. Brochures has been placed around the church as a guide for your prayer time. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is November 14, 2010. Please be sure to pick up a brochure and participate in the 30 Days of Prayer. Mark your calendars for November 14 and join millions of people around the world who will be "Hearing their Cry" and praying for the Persecuted Church.



New Members' Luncheon

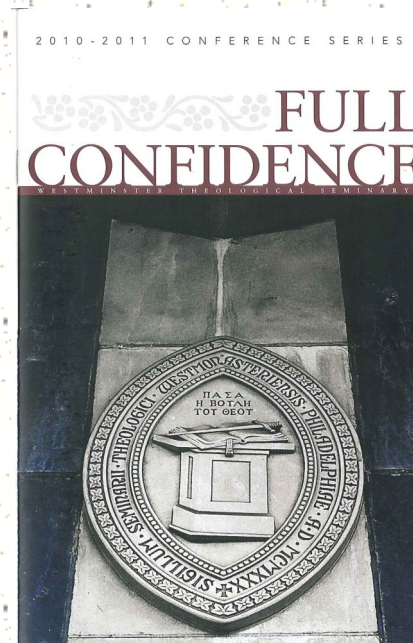
All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,

Sunday, November 7, 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.



The Bible Should It Be Trusted?

November 19-21, 2010
Second Presbyterian Church
Friday: 7-9 pm
Saturday: 9-12 Noon
Sunday: 8:30 & 11 am

Speakers:

Rev. Dr. K. Scott Oliphint
Rev. Dr. Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
Rev. Dr. David B. Garner
Rev. John Currie

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wts.edu/fullconfidence

Operation Christmas Child

Once again we have the opportunity to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box project. Informational brochures are available through Pat Tyner, the church office, or posted throughout the church. Information on gift ideas and how to pack the box can be found in the brochure. Please plan on bringing your prepared box(es) to the church office by Sunday, November 14th.

Yard Work Volunteers

Anyone who might be willing to help with some light yard work such as raking leaves or cleaning out gutters for some of our older members, please contact John Atwood (275-9821 or atwood.jm@gmail.com). The Sympathy and Service committee is planning to use Saturday, November 6, as a scheduled date to send out teams of 2 to 3 people for short tasks, but would welcome anyone taking on a task on their own schedule as well. Most of the members needing help are in the Greenville area but some are in outlying areas as well.

Seminary Book Sale

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary will be holding their annual all-day book sale on November 13th. Everyone is invited to attend and buy! If you have used books that you would like to contribute please leave them ASAP in the reception boxes by the church library.



Hymn Sing

Sunday, October 31st

Immediately following the evening worship service.

Join us as we sing your favorite hymns from the Trinity Hymnal.



Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution

The Creation Study Group (CSG) features this DVD by Dr. Jobe Martin of Biblical Discipleship Ministries, Rockwell, TX. Dr. Martin is a retired dentist and teacher at Baylor School of Dentistry, whose evolutionary scientific and medical training was challenged by his study of remarkable, unexplained animals. Come and bring a friend on Thursday, October 28th, 7:30 PM with book browsing at 7:00 PM. This program will cause you to marvel over the ingenious creativity and even sense of humor of our great God! See yellow CSG cards for details.

—Thanks to Johnny King of A Press for the delightful animal graphics.—

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 31

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 4:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Messiah Rehearsal
- 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, November 1

- 5:30 PM 5th/6th grade Basketball practice
- 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, November 2

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Midget Boys' Basketball practice
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion training
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, November 3

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
- 6:30 PM Covenant Choir
- 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Thursday, November 4

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice

Friday, November 5

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Saturday, November 6

- 10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

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 OCTOBER 31, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

A MIGHTY FORTRESS
Psalm 46

Hymns: 668, 691, 92

Anthem:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

**THE MAN OF GOD
AND THE WORD OF GOD**

1 Kings 13:1-34

Hymns: 139, 94, 141

Psalter: Psalm 95

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Letter From The Senior Minister

Alexander Henderson and the Scottish National Covenant

Christians today tend to remember only the most well-known figures of the Reformation, such as Martin Luther and John Calvin. But as the restoration of the gospel and true worship spread from country to country in the 16th and 17th centuries, dramatic and inspiring events took place over several generations involving a wide number of heroic Christians. I strongly recommend the reading of Reformation history and the many biographies that chronicle these amazing events.

The struggle over the gospel was especially dramatic in Scotland during the late 16th century and the whole of the 17th century. Few peoples ever showed such determination to possess true religion, against such bitter and violent persecution, as the Scots. In fact, the Scottish Reformation exerted a great deal of influence over our own history and even on the life of our corner of South Carolina, as many of the persecuted Scots fled to America, establishing strong churches mostly in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Carolinas. Our own region is considered a bastion of Presbyterian and Reformed Christianity because of the many Scots who came to our region in pursuit of religious freedom. Many of our church members descend from these stalwart Christians, including your senior pastor, whose Scottish forebears immigrated to North Carolina in the late 1600's.

In the first generation of the Scottish Reformation, John Knox led the Kirk (the Scottish church) to rebel Mary Queen of Scots' rule over the church. In their famous interview, Mary accused Knox of sedition against the Scottish throne and Knox accused the Queen of sedition against God's throne. During the late 1500's, the Scottish Kirk gained a measure of independence from the crown and organized itself on biblical principles, led by Spirit-called elders who obeyed the Bible (this is known as Presbyterianism). In the second generation of the Reformation, King James (of King James Bible fame) sought to reestablish his bishops over the Kirk. He famously declared, "No bishop, no king," meaning that he could only rule Scotland if he controlled the church. Andrew Melville famously replied to him: "There are two kings and two kingdoms in Scotland; there is King James, the head of the commonwealth, and there is Christ Jesus, the King of the Church, whose subject James the Sixth is." It was from this central issue that the Scottish Reformers gained their rally cry: For Christ's Crown and Covenant! For his part, King James offered back-handed praise to the Kirk, complaining, "Presbytery agreeth as well with monarchy as God with the devil."

As the Scottish Reformation reached a third generation, the battle lines were clearly drawn. The king and his bishops asserted the right of the state to govern the church, arguing that an independent church was a threat to civil order. The Presbyterians replied that the church is an institution of Christ's kingdom and that King Jesus must rule his church through elders who taught and obeyed the Bible.

In 1613, Alexander Henderson was installed by his bishop as pastor of the Kirk at Leuchars. The people welcomed him by nailing shut the doors of the church,