

2. The Bible writers never claim inerrancy for themselves.

Answer: It is true that the Bible writers recognize their own personal finitude and sinfulness and thus their liability to error... But they nevertheless claim inerrancy for the written Word of God which he gave to humankind through them by inspiration (Pss. 19:7-9; 119:86, 138, 142, 151, 160; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). In fact, it is precisely because they could err, that the Spirit's inspiring influence was necessary to keep them from error.

3. The doctrine of inerrancy leads to bondage to a book and thus to spiritual bondage.

Answer: To the contrary, the doctrine of inerrancy guarantees the truthfulness of Scripture, and truth never binds one unwholesomely. It is truth that sets one free from bondage to sin, thus granting true liberty (Jn. 8:32) which is bondage to God and his Christ.

4. Inerrancy obscures or denies the human element that was integrally present in the production of Scripture: "Scripture was written by humans; all humans err; therefore, Scripture must necessarily err," is the argument.

Answer: This is a fallacious argument. It may be true that to err is human but it is not true that it is intrinsic to humanity necessarily always to err... It is no more essential to the Bible that it must err because of its human side than it is essential that Christ must err because of his human nature. His human nature was sinless. Similarly, the Bible's human side is "errorless" because of the Spirit's superintendence of the Bible writers.

5. Inerrancy shifts the emphasis away from Christ as the proper object of the Christian's worship to Scripture which becomes the inerrantist's object of worship.

Answer: This is a groundless charge. No evangelical has ever worshiped the Bible!... To listen to Scripture and to ascribe inerrancy to it is to listen to [Christ] and to inscribe inerrancy to him who is the Truth and the source of Scripture's inerrancy."

"God is trustworthy (inerrant); his word is true; he cannot lie. What he declares to human beings must be true, that is, without error. If then the Bible is God's Word..., then the Bible must be true, that is, without scientific or historical error or logical contradiction" (Robert Reymond, *Systematic Theology*, pp. 70-72).

I hope Dr. Reymond's explanation will strengthen your own conviction as to the truthfulness of God's Word, so that we may together submit ourselves to its doctrine and life. Please consider attending the Full Confidence conference this weekend at Second Presbyterian Church, a modest investment of time that will surely yield a great reward in understanding of Holy Scripture. Please pray for me as I travel to Philadelphia, and may the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Phillips

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

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. 27	WIC decorates the church for Christmas
Nov. 28	Informational Budget meeting - pm service
Nov. 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting

December Calendar

Please call the church office this coming week if you have a December date for the calendar. We encourage Sunday School classes and other church groups to be sure and let us know the date if you are planning a Christmas party. Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, and this busy time of year, we would like to have all dates on the church calendar before Thanksgiving Day. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday of that week.

Upcoming Dates for December

WIC Wreathmaking	Dec. 2
Messiah Rehearsal/ Choir Christmas Party	Dec. 4
Deacon Election/Budget	Dec. 12
Messiah Presentation	Dec. 12
WIC Circle 3 Christmas party	Dec. 14
WIC Circle 5 Christmas lunch	Dec. 14
Christmas Supper/ Caroling Downtown	Dec. 15
Jr. High Christmas Party	Dec. 18
Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon	Dec. 20
College Class Christmas party	Dec. 21
No Wednesday night activities	Dec. 22
Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24

Thanksgiving Dinner and Service
Wednesday, November 24th
Supper - 5:45 PM - Church Gymnasium
Service - 7:00 PM - Church Sanctuary

Ushering

Any man, high school age and above, interested in serving as an usher for any or all of the Sunday services next year, please contact Kip Altman as soon as possible. (ckaltman@yahoo.com or 292-3353) There will be an informational meeting for all interested, future and current, on December 8th at 8:15 in the sanctuary.

Music Notes

Choir Members: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4th. We will rehearse Messiah from 4-6 pm in the sanctuary. Following rehearsal we will have our annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres, spouses, and a white elephant gift.

WIC will be decorating the church for Christmas
on Saturday, November 27th,
beginning at 9:30 AM.

WIC Precepts Bible Study

WIC Precepts Bible Study: Hebrews 2 will begin on Thursday, December 2, at 9:30 am in the Conference room. This study will be a 19-week course. If you would like to attend, please call Mary Russell ASAP (329-1670) It is not necessary to have completed Hebrews 1 to take Hebrews 2.

WIC Wreath-Making Party

WIC invites women and girls of all ages to our Annual Wreath-Making Party on Thursday, December 2, 6:30 PM, in the church gymnasium. An evening of fellowship and fun will be had by all as we make Christmas wreaths. Please bring a simple dessert (cookies, etc.) to add to our festive party. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Cost is \$7.00 if you bring your own PVC wreath from a previous wreath-making party. Please sign up on the church bulletin boards or in your Sunday School Class. Also, bring enough greenery/berries, etc. to fill your wreath and share with others. Also, please bring your own clippers/gloves. If you have any questions please call Leslie Martin at 271-2022.

New Baby

Josiah Calvin Mobley was born to Kevin and Shannon Mobley on November 9, 2010. Josiah weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. We are thankful for the Mobley family and pray that Josiah and Caroline, Mary Grace, Virginia, and Samuel will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

Gymnasium

There are quite a few items that have been left in the gymnasium. If you have left any items (dishes, clothing, Bibles or books) please pick up these items this week. All items that have not been picked up in two weeks will be given to Goodwill.

Welcome

We welcome Dr. Scott Oliphint, Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, to the pulpit for the morning worship services on Sunday, November 21, 2010. We also welcome Rev. Paul Settle to the pulpit for the evening services on November 21st and November 28th.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. They will be in the church from December 5 through the 26. This year you may purchase a Poinsettia for \$10.00. **Please consider being a part of making our church beautiful for Christmas.** If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Please do not put in the offering plate.)**

I would like to purchase _____ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____
(Name) _____ Telephone # _____

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 21

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

Monday, November 22

5:30 PM 5th/6th grade Basketball practice

Tuesday, November 23

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 24

5:45 PM THANKSGIVING DINNER AND SERVICE
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, November 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 27

9:30 AM WIC decorating the church for Christmas
 10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Congregational Meetings

—There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, November 28, immediately following the evening worship service. David Rainey, church treasurer, will present the 2011 budget.

—There will be a congregational meeting at 9:55 am in the sanctuary on December 12, to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2011 budget. Immediately following the congregational meeting there will be a joint Sunday School class for all communicant members. Visitors will meet in the Chapel with Pastor Spears.

Remembering One Another

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

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 21, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WHAT MORE CAN HE SAY?

Hebrews 1
 Hymns: 94, 170, 296
 Anthem:
 Psalm 100
 Dr. Scott Oliphint preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

WHAT IS GOD DOING?

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Hymns: 353, 345, 295
 Psalter: Psalm 97
 Rev. Paul Settle preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister God's Infallible, Inerrant Word

We are honored this week to welcome members of the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary, who will be speaking here this weekend on the topic of "full confidence" in God's Word. I would like to convey my deep appreciation to Drs. Gaffin, Garner, and Currie, and especially to Dr. Scott Oliphint who will preach during our morning worship services. I thank God for the leadership being provided today by Westminster Seminary in the defense of the authority, inerrancy, and sufficiency of God's Word. Interestingly, while these Philadelphia-based scholars are here in South Carolina, I will be traveling from South Carolina to Philadelphia to preach on the same theme. It is my honor to preach at the service commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the great Bible teacher, Donald Grey Barnhouse, at Tenth Presbyterian Church. The theme of my sermon will be the power and sufficiency of God's living Word. May God bless the teaching both here in Greenville and in Philadelphia to strengthen the faith of God's people in his holy, inerrant, and life-giving Word.

In light of this theme, I thought it would be good to provide a summary of our doctrine of the inerrant and infallible Word from the able pen of Dr. Robert Reymond. I hope this will help you understand the meaning and importance of the inerrancy of Scripture, a doctrine so greatly assailed in many churches today. Here is Dr. Reymond:

"Because the Bible is God's Word... the church has always insisted not only upon its revelatory and divine character but also upon inspiration's concomitant effect, infallibility. What does the word 'infallibility' mean?... By it we assert that the Bible is true, that is to say, devoid of, and incapable of teaching falsehood or error of any kind in all that it intends to affirm. It is internally noncontradictory and doctrinally consistent. Its assertions correspond to what God himself understands is the true and real nature of things.

"By 'inerrancy' we intend essentially the same thing as 'infallibility,' namely, that the Bible does not err in any of its affirmations, whether those affirmations be in the spheres of spiritual realities or morals, history or science, and is therefore incapable of teaching error. Because the Bible is God's Word, its assertions are as true as if God spoke to man today directly from heaven...

"Many are the objections that have been brought against the doctrine of the Bible's infallibility or inerrancy, including:

1. The Bible contains errors in history and science.
Answer: Inerrantists do not claim to be able to resolve every historical difficulty that occurs in the Bible. While, admittedly, we will occasionally have difficulty in understanding a historical reference or allusion in Scripture, no historical error has ever been proven to exist in Scripture...