

Frequency: Does family worship have to happen every night? No. It would be impossible for our family to gather for worship every night. Along with Sundays and Wednesdays, there are many other nights when I am out or some activity makes family worship impossible. I would suggest that consistency is more important than frequency. If our families held family worship one night per week, that would make a massive difference. Two nights a week would be a good goal.

Timing: Any time that consistently works. And it may shift during different seasons of our children's lives. We have gotten away from trying family worship at meal times, since there is just too much distraction. At present, we aim for evenings before bed time, which means 7:30 or 8:00 for family worship. This way, after we sing the Doxology all the children are off to bed.

Length: Don't worry too much about this and don't think you have to make it a huge production. However long it takes to study the Bible together, pray, and sing. My guess is that our family worship lasts about 40 minutes.

Discipline: The flesh wars against the spirit, and our children find family worship to be difficult. It is not all that rare for at least one of them to get a spanking during family worship (although we would much rather avoid this). This is why family worship is a team endeavor of Mommy and Daddy together. Generally, the father will lead the worship and the mother will be plenty busy in her help-meet role.

The bottom-line is that our families need to make a commitment to worship in the home. If we don't do this, when will we read the Bible and pray with our children? When will they see an open window to look upon our faith? When will we bond at the altar of prayer? What will happen to our children if we don't? Family worship may get de-railed from time to time, and we will need to jumpstart it again. But it is a commitment that will pay eternal dividends. I would urge all the families of our church to seriously consider making a commitment to family worship in 2011.

Dr. Beeke recounts that for his parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary, each of their five children wrote a note of thanks for one particular thing. Interestingly, every one of them thanked their mother for her prayers and every one of them thanked their father for leading family worship. In Beeke's booklet, *Family Worship*, he reminds us that great revivals have often begun through a recommitment to family worship. Our own nation desperately needs revival: perhaps it will begin in our living rooms, at our kitchen tables, and in the hearts of our own precious boys and girls.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

CHURCH INFORMATION

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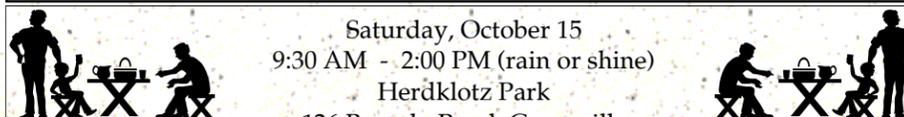
Church Services: Sunday: Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

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

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6 Evangelism Explosion Training begins
- Oct. 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Oct. 10 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- Oct. 11-12 WIC Circles
- Oct. 12 Blood Drive
- Oct. 15 Church Fall Picnic
- Oct. 16 The Lord's Supper - evening service
- Oct. 17 Young At Heart
- Oct. 19 CE Committee Meeting
- Oct. 21-22 WIC Fall Retreat
- Oct. 26 Reformation Party
- Oct. 27 Calvary Presbytery
- Oct. 30 Reformation Sunday
- Oct. 30 Hymn Sing

FALL CHURCH PICNIC



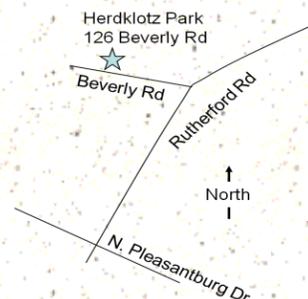
Saturday, October 15
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (rain or shine)
Herdklotz Park

126 Beverly Road, Greenville
The Deacons will be smoking BBQ.

Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

There will be a dessert contest!

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun at the 2011 Fall Picnic. The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks. We request that you bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM but come early. There are playgrounds and lots of room to run at the park, so bring your footballs and Frisbees.



Music Notes

The adult choir is holding its regular rehearsals at 4:00 pm and the Christmas Cantata rehearsals at 4:45 pm. If you are interested in joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata, please come! **We are especially in need of men, both tenors and basses. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this way.**

The church history room will be closed until Sunday, November 6, for repairs and the installation of new displays.

Special Offering

The congregation approved the purchase of 225 South Academy at its 9/25 meeting. If you wish to contribute to the down payment please designate "225 South Academy" on your contribution. Enclosed in this week's Herald you will find a special offering envelope for your contribution. These envelopes will also be available each Sunday in the church pews.

Evangelism Explosion Training

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? EE is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester will begin Thursday, October 6, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions.

Pack a Shoe Box

**Operation Christmas Child
"The Power of A Simple Gift"**

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Pamphlets on how to pack a shoe box and all other instructions are located throughout the church, on bulletin boards or in the church office.

WIC Fall Retreat

**The Great Escape 2011
October 21-22
Saluda, NC**

Cost: \$75.00 per person

(includes lodging, two meals, teaching sessions, fellowship times.)

Speaker: Sharon Phillips

If you have any questions or need further information please contact Jill Mann.

New Baby

We rejoice with Shane and Rachel Stillman Berens in the birth of their daughter, Leanna Claire Berens on Sunday, October 2, 2011. Leanna weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 23 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well. The proud grandmother is Jane Patterson Stillman.

Reformation Party

Our annual Reformation Party will be Wednesday, October 26th. We need your help. We need booths and candy. If you can help with a booth, please see or call Seth (ext. 25). Please leave any donations of candy in a designated box in the gym. Thanks for your help.

**BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, October 12th
Watch for sign-up sheets.**

Treasurer's Report

September 2011 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		
	Sept. 2011	YTD 2011	YTD Budget
Offerings	62,275	671,261	724,763
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	56,627	645,337	622,928
Mission Disbursements	-0-	83,616	96,735
Total Outlays	56,627	728,953	719,663
Net Offerings	5,648	(57,692)	

Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

Contributions in Sept., 2011, were \$62,275 versus budget of \$80,529. Contributions for 9 months ending Sept., 2011, were \$671,261 versus \$630,385 for the same period in 2010. YTD contributions are behind budget by \$53,502. Operating expenses for Sept., 2011, were \$56,627 versus the budget of \$57,964. The 3rd quarter missionary support was paid in Aug. The missionaries are paid up through Sept. If you are behind in your contributions for 2011, we encourage you to catch up. To meet projected expenditures of \$995,000 for 2011, contributions need to average \$107,900 per month for Oct. through Dec. The average for the same period in 2010 was \$89,100.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 9

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM New Members' Class
- 9:55 AM Deacon Training
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 4:00 PM Regular Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir
- 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, October 10

- 4:45 PM I-Mites Basketball Practice
- Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting**
- 6:00 PM Supper
- 7:00 PM Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

- 10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
- 12:00 PM Men's Bible Luncheon at Tommy's Ham House
- 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
- 6:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball Practice
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
- 7:00 PM 5th and 6th grade Boys' Basketball Practice
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread on Augusta Street

Wednesday, October 12

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE
- 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
- 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6
- 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
- 6:55 PM Deacon Training
- 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' Basketball Practice

Thursday, October 13

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Saturday, October 15

- 9:30 AM **CHURCH FALL PICNIC**
- 10:30 AM Senior High Girls' basketball practice

Remembering One Another

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

Marion and Iris Dillard
3504-319 Highway 153
Greenville, SC 29611
295-2220

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 9, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

Anthem:

Behold, Now, Praise the Lord

Hymns: 668, 166, 606

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

VENEGANCE IS MINE

2 Samuel 13:23-39

Hymns: 551, 311, 552

Psalter: Psalm 119 (verses 33-40)

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter From The Senior Minister Family Worship

One of the most important commitments our families could make in 2011 is commitment to regular family worship in the home. Dr. Joel Beeke has written eloquently on this subject:

Every church desires growth. Surprisingly few churches, however, seek to promote internal church growth by stressing the need to raise children in covenantal truth. Few seriously grapple with why many adolescents become nominal members with mere notional faith or abandon evangelical truth for unbiblical doctrine and modes of worship. I believe one major reason for this failure is the lack of stress upon family worship.

I agree with Dr. Beeke. Over the years, I have observed the mistake many parents make in their hands-off approach to the Christian nurture of their children. They assume that if they bring their children to Sunday School and church, and if they home school them or send them to a Christian school, and if their children participate in a Christian youth group, that will be sufficient to ensure their children's commitment and growth in Christ. But this is wrong, since it just is not enough to provide a Christian environment to our children. We must personally disciple their minds and hearts unto Jesus Christ. And if we do not practice regular family worship, I cannot imagine when parents would be able to disciple their children in the faith.

What is family worship? Family worship is the gathering of the father, mother, and children to worship God in the home. It involves two essential elements: the reading and teaching of God's Word and prayer. It is also good for the family to sing together. Our family begins with a short prayer, after which we sing a psalm together (we use the Trinity Psalter). Next is a time of family Bible study in which I teach, allowing questions and discussion. I have often been thrilled by the insightful questions asked by my children, which shows they really think about biblical things (and really are learning in Cat Kids and Sunday School!). After the Bible lesson, we pray together, with every member of the family participating. At the very end, we stand together, hold hands, and sing the Doxology.

I know that many families are intimidated about family worship because it just seems undoable. However, a quick look at our use of time will show that we do have the time if we make this a priority. To help you get started, let me address some specific concerns: