

Beloved family and friends,

It is hard for me to believe another year has come and gone (I suppose time really does fly when you are having fun!) What a year we have been through together as a church family? There were days that seemed as though they would never end and heartache so real it literally hurt. Through it all, however, God has shown this people the beauty of His character. He IS the God who is faithful to keep every detail of the Covenant promises made to Israel.

I cannot express to you my heartfelt thankfulness for the patience, love, and compassion you continue to pour out upon me, my family, and each member of the ministry staff. Thank you for being an example of Christ to me in such formative years of Christian ministry. The testimony of this people will be one that stays with me for years to come and through-out every stage in ministry and life.

As we close this year, it is my heartfelt prayer for each of you that the beauty of Christ would be a reality that captures your heart and captivates your affections. Oh, that He would be lovely to your hearts and minds as you worship, adore, and serve Him all the while longing for the glorious day of His return!

With our hopes and fears resting on the solid rock that is Jesus Christ, may we press on to know Him and love Him more together this Christmas season, in 2012, and until we see Him face to face!

Peace be to the brethren,
Seth



Christmas Eve Service

LESSONS AND CAROLS
Saturday, December 24th, 6:00 PM
*We will marvel with the heavenly host
as we hear the good news of our Savior's birth
retold in Scripture and song.*
There will not be a nursery at the Lessons and Carols service.

Christmas Day Services

10:30 AM Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
Sunday School on Christmas Day has been cancelled.

CHURCH INFORMATION
Website: www.secondpca.org
Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621
Fax: (864) 232-7622 * Email: info@secondpca.org
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Information Centers: Church Services information 1 * Directions 2
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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

Dec. 21	No Wednesday activities
Dec. 22-26	Church Office Closed
Dec. 24	Lessons and Carols
Dec. 28	No Wednesday activities
Dec. 30	Church Office Closed
Jan. 4	WIC Council
Jan. 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Jan. 4	BLOOD DRIVE
Jan. 8	College Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
Jan. 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 9	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 10-11	WIC Circles
Jan. 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 16	Young At Heart
Jan. 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
Jan. 25	CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 26	Jessamines
Jan. 27	Sr. High Game night and supper in gym
Jan. 28	Calvary Presbytery
Jan. 28	Evangelism Explosion Workshop
Jan. 29	Summer Missions Interest Meeting
Jan. 29	Hymn Sing

**All Wednesday evening activities have been cancelled for:
December 28th.**

**The Church Office will be closed:
December 22 - 26 and December 29 - 30, 2011**

**Due to Christmas holidays the West End Herald
will not be mailed the week of 12/26/11.**

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2011 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 30.

Treasurer's Report

	November 2011 & YTD Financial Status		
	Actual Nov. 2011	YTD 2011	YTD Budget
Offerings	72,979	851,233	885,821
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	61,069	757,910	739,057
Mission Disbursements	-0-	83,616	119,032
Total Outlays	61,069	841,526	858,089
Net Offerings	11,910	9,707	

Contributions in Nov., 2011, were \$72,979 versus budget of \$80,529. Contributions for 11 months ending Nov., 2011, were \$851,233 versus \$787,568 for the same period in 2010. Operating expenses for Nov., 2011, were \$61,069 versus the budget of \$58,265. Projected expenses for 2011 is \$970,000. To cover 2011 expenses, contributions for December 2011 need to be \$118,767. Dec. 2010 contributions were \$110,024. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

2012 Offering Envelopes

The 2012 offering envelopes have been placed on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. If you or any of your children need a box of envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18.

Pledge/Contribution Report

225 South Academy Street Report for 12/11/11

Pledges Received:	\$85,773
Contributions Received:	\$67,920

History Room

The first of a new series of displays about the charter members of our church is available for viewing in the History Room. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin are the subjects of the display. Also, beginning in January, the West End Herald will include historical bits about the early years of the church, as space is available. The History Room is normally open after the early service, through the Sunday School hour, and is closed at 10:55 am for the second service.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Each day when I thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given me, I also thank Him for my church family. Thank you for your prayers, visits, meals, and phone calls.
Betty McGoldrick

Meals for New Mothers

The WIC's program "Meals for New Mothers" is online at takethema-meal.com. If you would like to get on the schedule to take the Gambles' a meal, the login is Gamble and the password is 1892. If you have any questions you can call Janice Leathers at 895-6646 or 616-5854.

Lost & Found

If you have misplaced a Bible, a coat, a bag, or sundry other things it is a good chance that it has found its way to the Lost & Found shelf. This is located by the gym in the bathroom hallway. Please take a look and retrieve lost items as we will be giving items away and taking various unclaimed articles to Miracle Hill the first week in 2012.

College Class Lunches

The College Class will begin in January with a Fellowship Lunch in the Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of each month. Mark your calendars and don't miss the first lunch on Sunday, January 8, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service.

Senior High Game Nights

Beginning in January the Senior High will have a fourth Friday night supper and game night in the church gym beginning at 6:00 pm. The first game night is scheduled for Friday, January 27th. If you have any questions please see Pastor Starkey.

Church Calendar



Sunday, December 25
 10:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, December 26
CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 28
 No Wednesday evening activities

Friday, December 30
CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

2012 Session Committees

Worship & Music Committee: Walter H. Russell, Chairman; Al S. Anderson; Emil H. Henning
Missions Committee: Timothy J. Crunk, Chairman; David L. Bragdon; Doug McDaniel; Seth T. Starkey
Finance/Benevolence Committee: Bobby H. Mann, Jr., Chairman; Billy R. Cross, Sr.; Pat C. Holbrook
Administration Committee: Johnny A. Mann, Chairman; Melton L. Duncan, Administrator (other members include the Chairman of each committee.)
Pastoral Care: C. Stuart Patterson, Chairman; Fred H. Youngblood, Jr.; Robert E. Spears
Christian Education Committee: Keith A. Pratt, Chairman; J. W. Wheeler; Seth T. Starkey
Media Committee: David M. Rainey, Chairman
Evangelism & Discipleship Committee: Ken E. Safford, Chairman; Hugh M. Player
Long Range Planning Committee: Al H. Wills, Jr.
Moderator: Richard D. Phillips
Clerk of Session: Hugh M. Player

2012 Diaconate Classes

Class of 2012: Alan Farley, *Fellowship & Athletics Chairman*; Jacob Gamble; John Gray; Michael Holman; Ron Mahon; Tindell Russell
Class of 2013: John Atwood; Joel Barnett, *Ushering Chairman*; Mike Carey, *Sympathy & Service Chairman*; Jon Guest, *Vice Chairman*; Rich Moran, *Secretary*; Bill Watkins, *Chairman*
Class of 2013: Ed Butler, *Building & Property Chariman*; Jim Leathers, Joseph Maralit, Steve Moore, Joe Stevens, Kevin Worley
Class of 2015: Mark Baxa, Kevin Mobley, Mike Morgan, Randy Carter, Bill Turek, Martin Whigham

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.
 Also, send her a note of encouragement.
Lila Riggins
 205 Bud Nalley Drive
 Easley, SC 29642

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 Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
 THE LORD'S DAY
 DECEMBER 25, 2011**

**MORNING WORSHIP
 10:30 AM**

MY EYES HAVE SEEN

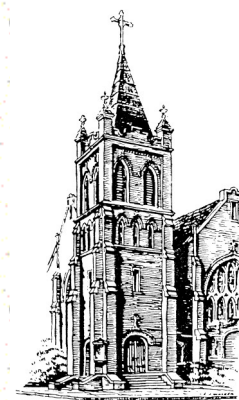
Luke 2:22-35
 Anthem: Away In A Manger
 Hymns: 195, 214, 213
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM**

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:16-20
 Hymns: 2, 235, 441
 Psalter: Psalm 119 (113-120)
 Mr. Josh Sparkman preaching

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Christmas Letters from our Pastors

On behalf of our whole family, Sharon and I wish a Merry Christmas to all our dear friends at Second Presbyterian Church. This year marks our fifth Christmas with you, and I don't think we have ever been more aware of what a gift it has been to us to be part of this wonderful church. Thank you all so much for the gift of your love and prayers. We thank God for the way he blesses His Work and for the joy of worship in this sanctuary. We thank Him as well for the privilege of sharing the joy and sorrows of our lives and your lives together as a Christian family. Thank you for so many who partner with us in the gospel work of Second Presbyterian Church, whether you are on the pastoral staff or a church officer, whether you are one of so many members who joyfully serve with your time and gifts, whether you are one of the cheerful saints who fill our pews and hallways with love and good cheer, or whether you are a new member who has recently entered into our fellowship. Together, you all have made this church a rich blessing to us and a wonderful spiritual home. May God bless each of you with a joyful Christmas and with happy times together with family and friends. And may the Lord go with us into the New Year, that we might know Him better and enjoy His blessing.

In Christ's love,
 Rick Phillips

As the world around us is busy giving and receiving gifts, we are reminded of the priceless gifts we have received from our Heavenly Father: the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; the gift of the Holy Spirit; the gift of the inerrant, infallible, life-giving Scripture; the gift of life - eternal and abundance; the gift of our church family; the gift of our immediate and extended family; the gift of true friends; the gift of our country, our state and our region; and many, many other gifts of true value!! This past year has, as is normal, been one of both intense joys and deep sorrows. Yet through it all, our Lord has remained faithful and we have seen His mighty hand at work among His people and in His World. We look forward to the coming year of grace and His sovereign work among us. Jenny and I join you in treasuring these true and lasting gifts given to us by our gracious and kind Father. May your joy and peace abound in this season of remembering and thanksgiving.

Serving Him,
 Robert Spears