

not specified how these funds will be used, but will prayerfully consider the matter after the sale is complete and will provide full information to the congregation.

This leads to an update on the 225 Academy Street purchase (the ARC property). The congregation approved the purchase of this property in the fall and the sale contract called for our church to provide \$175,000 by Jan. 31, 2011 (\$5000 of which has been paid as a deposit). To date, \$95,000 has been given by the congregation towards this purchase. These gifts are above the \$960,391 given in support of the budget. Most recently, our Long-Range Planning Committee has negotiated a one month extension on the contract, mainly to give more time to negotiate a suitable lease with the current occupants (ARC). This means that we now must provide \$175,000 to purchase the property by Feb. 28, 2012. We encourage the congregation to continue giving towards this purchase, which the elders and deacons have both strongly recommended as being of great value to the future of our church. The question will be raised, however, as to whether the proceeds of the McDavid property sale may be used to purchase 225 Academy Street. The answer is Yes, and the Session will consider using a portion of that sale to conclude the purchase of 225 Academy Street as needed. We are greatly encouraged by God's hand of providence, both through the giving of our church and the provision of other funds.

Lastly, let me update you on other matters under consideration by the Long-Range Planning Committee. In recent months, this committee's attention has been largely absorbed by the details of purchasing 225 Academy Street and selling the McDavid property. As these matters are concluded, attention will again be focused on the expansion and renovation of our sanctuary. I expect that a detailed recommendation, including funding plans, will be given to the congregation some time during 2012 (probably in the Fall). With recent growth, our church membership is rapidly moving towards twice the seating capacity of our sanctuary, a fact that urges expansion. Moreover, I know that I was greatly blessed on Christmas morning when we all worshiped together in the sanctuary, and the thought of being able to return to a single morning service is exciting to think about. More information on these matters will be given to the congregation when they are ready, which hopefully will happen this year.

Psalm 90 not only asks the Lord to show His power by providing for our work as a church. It also prays for us to rejoice in the love that God has shown to us: "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Ps. 90:14). We rejoice in God's chief provision to us in the gift of His Son to be our Lord and Savior. We further rejoice at God's blessing on our church, including the financial resources to continue spreading the gospel in our generation. Thank you for your generous giving and may the Lord be praised for His faithfulness to our church.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

### Evangelism Explosion Workshop

**SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP**  
from Evangelism Explosion International  
**JANUARY 28TH**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Jim Stewart, Regional EE Coordinator will be the speaker.**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person (covers materials and lunch)**

**To Register go to: [www.syfworkshops.com](http://www.syfworkshops.com)  
or see Ken Safford (419-8267) or Hugh Player (963-8633)**

### Upcoming Events

Jan. 20	Men's Ministry Bowl-A-Rama
Jan. 22	Called Congregational and Corporation Meeting
Jan. 25	CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 26	Jessamines
Jan. 27	Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
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
Feb. 1	WIC Council
Feb. 2	WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
Feb. 4	WIC Day of Prayer
Feb. 5	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Feb. 6	Diaconate Meeting
Feb. 8	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Feb. 12	College & Career Class Lunch
Feb. 12	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Feb. 13	Session Meeting
Feb. 14-15	WIC Circles
Feb. 17	Valentine's Banquet
Feb. 19	The Lord's Supper at the evening worship service
Feb. 20	Young At Heart
Feb. 22	CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 23	Jessamines Group
Feb. 24	Senior High Supper and Games in Gym
Feb. 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting

### Jessamines Group

The next Jessamine Group (5th - 8th grade girls and their moms) will be Thursday, January 26th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be "A Servant's Heart to New Moms" led by Mrs. Shannon Mobley. Dinner is Americana Pot Luck. Please bring a dish to share.

### Senior High Game Nights

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

### Summer Missions Meeting

If you are interested in participating in a summer missions trip, there will be a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29th, at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary. Please be in prayer for our Missions program and how the Lord may be leading you to be involved.

### WIC Day of Prayer

Saturday, February 4, 2012 \* 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Church Fellowship Hall

Drop in anytime and join other ladies in the church for a season of prayer.

### Called Congregation & Corporation Meeting

Per BCO 25-7, the Session has called a Congregation and Corporation Meeting for Sunday, Jan. 22, at 9:45 am in the Church Sanctuary. John Gray will present negotiations for purchase of the church's interest in the McDavid family estate.

**Acts SS Class is moving to the Conference Room this Sunday.**

### Men's Ministry Bowl-A-Rama

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Friday, January 20 \* 8:00 - 10:00 pm

AMF Star Lanes on South Pleasantburg (next to Greenville Tech)

2 hours of unlimited bowling for only \$13.00 per person  
(price includes shoe rental)

Contact Bill Hedgpeth ([billhedge@bellsouth.net](mailto:billhedge@bellsouth.net)) to reserve your place.

Make plans to join us for fun and fellowship!

### Men's Lunch Fellowship

There will **NOT** be a Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study this week (January 17th). It will resume on **Friday, January 27 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.** Cost of the meal is \$5.00 per person. Look forward to seeing you there.

### Save the Date

Second Presbyterian Church

Valentine's Banquet

"Love Is All Around"

February 17, 2012

### Children's Church

Would you be willing to help teach our children? Please support the vital ministry of instruction and preparation of 4 and 5 year olds by volunteering to lead a couple of Sundays a year in Children's Church which meets in the Chapel during the second half of the 11:00 morning worship service. Please contact Helen Kee ([hgkee@aol.com](mailto:hgkee@aol.com)) or (354-0826) and participate in this resource for families.

### Homeschooling Helps and Hints

**Who:** Moms of toddlers through elementary age are invited.

**What:** Organization, time management, keeping little hands busy, meal planning, encouragement, Q & A time.

**When:** Monday, February 6, 2012

**Where:** At the home of Sarah Grubbs~ 100 Merritt View Terrace, Greenville, SC (go to the end of the long drive to the left of the red barn mailbox)

**Why:** Titus 2 tells us to! Cindy Howard and Sarah Grubbs will share ideas and encouragement from their years of homeschooling.

**Questions:** Call Sarah Grubbs at 915-5105 or Cindy Howard at 644-8486.

### Christian Conservation vs. Pagan Environmentalism

What should be our attitude, as Christians who take dominion over God's creation, in the face of today's humanistic, green environmentalism, based in evolution? The Creation Study Group invites you to hear Dr. James Wanliss present "The Green Dragon and the Evolutionary Paradigm" in the sanctuary on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Book table opens at 6:30 pm and Dr. Wanliss speaks at 7:15 pm. See yellow CSG announcement card or log on to [www.creationstudygroup.org](http://www.creationstudygroup.org) for further details.

### Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and thirteenth stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Saturday, January 28, at Westminster PCA, Clinton, SC, beginning at 9:00 AM. Commissioners going from Second are TE Phillips, TE Spears, TE Starkey, RE Duncan, RE Safford, and RE Bragdon. Visitors are welcome.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM **Called Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

### Tuesday, January 24

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

### Wednesday, January 25

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir  
 6:45 PM CAT Kids & Covenant Kids  
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**

### Thursday, January 26

6:30 PM Jessamines Group

### Friday, January 27

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch & Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Senior High Supper and Games in the gym

### Saturday, January 28

9:00 AM **EE Share Your Faith Workshop at the church**  
 9:00 AM **Calvary Presbytery at Westminster PCA, Clinton, SC**  
 9:30 AM Jr. High Girls' Basketball game at 4th Pres.  
 9:30 AM Midget Boys' Basketball game at All Saints

## Thank You

*My Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for your perseverance in prayer for me during my lengthy illness. God is faithful in giving me strength day by day. Truly we have a great and powerful God. I hope to be strong enough soon to return to worship with you when I can thank you in person for your prayers, cards, visits, and many other kindnesses. I love you all and hope to see you before long.*  
*In Christ's great love, Bobbie Houser*

## Precepts Bible Study

Ladies: Precepts Bible Study, an in-depth study of 1 Peter begins February 2 at 9:30 am in the Conference Room and will continue each Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 am for 12 weeks. This study requires approximately 5 hours per week of homework. Please let Mary Russell (329-1670) know as soon as possible if you plan to attend as books need to be ordered.

## Hymn Sing

Sunday, January 29th  
 Immediately following the evening worship service.  
 Join us as we sing your favorite hymns from the Trinity Hymnal.

## Remembering One Another

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

**Sara Cater**  
 11 Colgate Avenue  
 Greenville, SC 29617  
 246-3292

**The Second Presbyterian Church**

105 River Street  
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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
 THE LORD'S DAY  
 JANUARY 22, 2011**

**MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

Anthem:

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Hymns: 38, 691, 319

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 PM

**MERCY ENTHRONED**

2 Samuel 19:9-43

Hymns: 16, 486, 166

Psalter: Psalm 119 (145 - 152)

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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## **Letter from the Senior Minister Finance, Property, and Long-Range Planning Update**

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!" (Ps. 90:17).

At the end of every year, we appealed to the congregation for generous giving to the work of the Lord at Second Presbyterian Church, so I think it is important to provide information on how we did in the previous year. As in years before, we have so much for which to give thanks to the Lord, just as we have so much work to do in the cause of the gospel. Psalm 90 asks the Lord to show His work to His servants, and in that way to reveal "your glorious power to their children" (v. 16). This is our desire: to receive our calling from the Lord and through our service to Christ to witness the power of God's grace. 2011 was just such a year, and we give thanks and praise to God for showing His favor to us and providing for "the work of our hands" (Ps. 90:17).

First, let me update you on our giving towards the 2011 church budget, with information provided by our treasurer, Elder David Rainey. Our budget for last year called for \$948,350 in outlays. At the end of the year, offerings toward this budget amounted to \$960,391 (a 7% increase over 2010's amount of \$897,592). This success occurred in large part due to the generous year-end offerings of the church (December giving was \$109,159). Actual outlays (paid expenses) in 2011 were \$961,595 (this represents overruns in the renovation of the gym and conference room, offset by budget items that came in under budget). This outlay number also includes the \$7200 in support to local relief agencies that had been made contingent upon our giving. We rejoice that all of the money listed in the budget for Miracle Hill Ministries, Bethany Women's Services, Piedmont Women's Center, Greenville Rescue Mission, Calvary Home for Children, and Meals on Wheels was paid at the end of the year. Here is a brief summary of our year-end budget performance as a church for 2011:

Budget: \$948,350 Offerings: \$960,391 Total Outlays: \$961,595 Net: (\$1,204)

At a time when many churches and non-profit organizations are suffering financially, we give praise and thanks to God for His faithfulness to Second Presbyterian Church, through your generosity and commitment to Jesus Christ.

A second matter for information concerns the McDavid property, a portion of land willed to our church some years ago. A provision in the will did not permit the land to be available to our church until last year, and since this happened our Long-Range Planning Committee has been pursuing the sale of the property, led by its chairman, Deacon John Gray. At its most recent meeting, the Session approved the sale of this land for \$150,000. We have called a congregational meeting for this coming Lord's Day (Jan. 22, 2012) at 9:45 to present this sale to the congregation for its approval. The Session has