

found a haven for the worship of the God of the Bible. Perhaps they were reflecting on their own voyages, made for the same purpose, over the tumultuous seas of controversy...which had torn apart their beloved mother church (PCUS)...

The men who met at Briarwood...could not have known that the Church they were founding would quickly become one of the most fruitful ministries in Christendom."

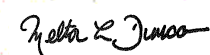
From a humble and small beginning in 1973 the PCA has grown from 260 churches to almost 1800 churches, 40,000 members to over 350,000 members. New agencies and committees for publishing (CE&P), women's ministry (WIC), college (RUF), and church planting (MNA) were established. A camp and conference center (Ridgehaven) was built just up the road in Rosman, NC. In 1983 after "joining and receiving" with a similar reformed denomination (RPCES) with its own illustrious heritage the PCA gained Covenant College and Seminary. In just a decade the new denomination had explosive growth throughout the world. Outstanding national leaders like James Boice, Jim Kennedy, Francis Schaefer, and RC Sproul called the PCA home. Despite our relatively small size people spoke and still speak today of the PCA as a leader-church within evangelicalism and reformed folks hold us up as the church that is largely zealous and orthodox.

Incredibly In 2011 I am told that almost **a billion dollars** was given by PCA people to ministry, mission and operations of PCA churches. Last year across the PCA over **10,000 people** made a profession of faith. Remarkably through MTW (our mission agency) the PCA has gathered and sent out more long term evangelical missionaries on the field than anyone but the Southern Baptists. There is much to celebrate. God has used the PCA in remarkable ways.

In some ways the PCA is more reformed than it has ever been, in other ways age old heresies have morphed into new adversaries of the Gospel. There is of course always trouble and controversy within the church, the PCA is no exception and many of the issues that brought us together (rejection of the social gospel, complementarianism, Inerrancy, Biblical-historical Adam, opposition to theistic evolution) and that caused our church fathers to leave the PCUS are surprisingly and surreptitiously still found in certain quarters of the church. We must always remember the reformation slogan "semper reformanda" and not think that our work is done. The elders of Second Church and most of our sister-churches of (Calvary) Presbytery participate helpfully in these discussions. Our church has watchmen on the walls.

As your commissioners go to Louisville this coming week for "GA" pray God will be pleased to use the PCA for 40 more years. We are still a very young church. Pray that the church will maintain a clear proclamation of the Gospel. Pray that our family of churches will seek not worldly riches and fame but give to God alone all praise and glory.

Your friend,



Church Administrator

You can follow the 40th General Assembly live at byfaithonline.com during June 19-22.

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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

Upcoming Events

June 16	WIC Shower for Laura Lizak
June 17	The Lord's Supper at the Evening Service
June 19	RUF Summer Meeting
June 19-22	General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky
June 20	WIC Circle 6
June 23	VBS Workday
June 24	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
June 26	RUF Summer Meeting
June 27	CE Committee Meeting
July 3	RUF Summer Meeting
July 4	Church Office Closed
July 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
July 4	WIC Council
July 4	Church Picnic
July 6	Fun Friday at Herdklotz Park
July 6	Men's Ministry-Drive Game
July 7	WIC Shower for Laura Lee Starkey
July 9	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
July 10-11	WIC Circles
July 10	RUF Summer Meeting
July 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
July 17-20	Richmond Hill, GA Mission Trip
July 20	Fun Friday at Greenville Zoo
July 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
July 23-27	Jr. High Ridge Haven Retreat
July 25	CE Committee Meeting
July 27	WIC Game Night & Pool Party
July 28	Calvary Presbytery
July 29	Hymn Sing

If you have an activity for the July calendar please contact the church office this week.
judy@secondpca.org or 232-7621, ext. 10

Reformed University Fellowship

Summer 2012 (May 29 - July 10)

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church

REMINDER: Fourth meeting Tuesday, June 19—7:00 pm



IT'S A GIRL

WIC Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a WIC Baby Shower for

Laura Slayton Lizak

Saturday, June 16, 2012

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Church Fellowship Hall

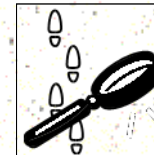
Laura is registered at Buy Buy Baby



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General Assembly

The 40th PCA General Assembly will be June 19-22 in Louisville, Kentucky. Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, Pastor Starkey, RE Melton L. Duncan, and RE Ken Safford will be attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly by going to www.byfaithonline.com.



THE SCOTTISH SLEUTHS

AND
THE CASE OF THE PUZZLING PARABLES

Vacation Bible School

Dates: June 25-29, 2012; 8:30 am-12 noon

Ages: 4 year olds through 5th grade (completed)

⇒ Register online at www.secondpca.org, or pick up a registration form from the church library.

⇒ Please register no later than June 19th. If you have any questions, please contact:
Jill Mann (895-3351; bjmhmman@att.net) or
Fran Turek (299-6034; franturek@bellsouth.net).

Second Presbyterian Marriage Retreat

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC

August 17-18, 2012

Conference Speaker: Dr. Derek Thomas

Minister of Preaching and Teaching, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC

\$189.00 per couple

(includes lodging, Friday evening dinner and Saturday morning breakfast)

\$50.00 reservation deposit due June 24th (balance due July 22)

Please contact Bill Hedgpeth for details and to reserve your room.

Lost and Found

Articles located in the Lost and Found will soon be sorted for distribution. Bibles will be kept or given to prison ministry, children's clothing will be available for moms, and everything else will be taken to Goodwill, Miracle Hill, or thrown away. If you have left a possession at the church, please check the Lost and Found, located in the hallway behind the gym. The deadline for articles to be picked up is June 15th.

Fun Friday for Second Pres. Kids

SPC Nursery Kids and their moms please come out to play....

1st Play date - Friday, June 15 at Herdklotz Park @ 10:00 am

Meet at the center playground just beyond restroom area.

...Casual...No RSVP...Just show up

Older siblings are welcome too.

Questions? Call Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)

Address: Herdklotz Park, 126 Beverly Road, Greenville, 29609



Men's Ministry

Greenville Drive vs. Rome Braves (ATL)

Friday, July 6, 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$7.00 per person (advanced purchase)

Make check payable to Bill Hedgpeth no later than Wednesday, June 27th.

This men's event is open to families.

Church Picnic - July 4, 2012 - 6:00 pm until



Eating Good Food * Enjoying great fellowship
Singing * Old Fashioned Games for all
(Stick around for fireworks from County Square.)

Meal will be provided at regular Wednesday night costs.

Following a time of fellowship, singing, and games there will be an Ice Cream Social provided by the Deacons.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fireworks from

County Square at 9:00 PM.

Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 4th, rain or shine!

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 17

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 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

Tuesday, June 19

- General Assembly, Louisville, Kentucky (19th-22nd)
- 7:00 PM Summer RUF Meeting

Wednesday, June 20

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
- 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6
- 6:45 PM PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

Friday, June 21

- 12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, June 22

- 9:00 AM VBS Workday

Remembering Our Fathers

We thank our Heavenly Father for godly, faithful,
loving, honest earthly fathers.

*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.
Let your father and your mother be glad,
And let her who bore you rejoice.
Proverbs 23:24, 25*

New Baby

Congratulations to Kevin and Shannon Mobley in the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Providence on June 6, 2012. Charlotte weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 22 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

All Adult Summer Sunday School Class
Sunday, June 17, 10:00 am, sanctuary
Rev. Robert Spears - "Guidelines for Guidance"

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.
Also, send her a note of encouragement.
Mildred Holcomb
National Health Care Center
850 E. Butler Road, Room 312-A
Greenville, SC 29607

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
JUNE 17, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS

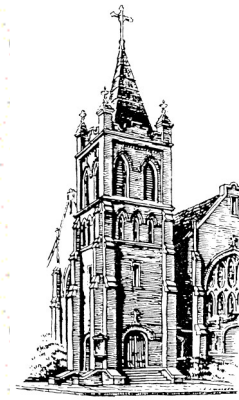
2 Thessalonians 2:3-8
Anthem:
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Hymns: 100, 92, 324
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

GOD REVEALED

Hebrews 1:1-2
Hymns: 305, 181, 420.
Psalter: Psalm 136 (verses 1-16)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Church Administrator The PCA Turns 40: To God All Praise and Glory

This past week the world watched Queen Elizabeth II of England (and 1st of Scotland) celebrate the 60th anniversary of her coronation within the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth of nations. It was a truly resplendent occasion with belted earls and grand military parades, a royal procession on the Thames, a balcony appearance at Buckingham Palace and a million people in the streets of London. My friend, the journalist John Macleod, organized a bonfire (like many across Britain) on the Island of Lewis that lit the Hebridean evening sky in honor of the diamond jubilee with a small band of loyal Gaelic-speaking Scots giving homage to their English queen. While the world may not notice, many presbyterian and reformed folk will celebrate in decency and good order the 40th anniversary of the PCA this coming week at the church's annual national meeting in Louisville.

After years of careful and prayerful study of the need for SPC to leave the old PCUS the Session (40 years ago this month) called on the congregation to pray and set a formal meeting to consider leaving the old PCUS -which the congregation did on July 8, 1973. A copy of that resolution is on my office door if you ever wish to see it. Our Session immediately affiliated with a network of confessional churches and after a "convocation of Sessions" which called for a General Assembly helped form a new denomination.

SPC would commission Elders Ligon Duncan, Stuart Patterson, Doug Patton (who later would help found Woodruff Road PCA) and Rev. Gordon Reed to actively participate in these organizing meetings. These men joined with hundreds of other bible believing "continuing Presbyterians" in Birmingham, Alabama to form a new denomination out of the "old Southern Church" later called the **Presbyterian Church in America**. A statement entitled *The Address to All Nations* which outlined the positive theological commitments of the new church was written and signed. It said simply this new family of churches would affirm the Bible, the reformed faith and the great commission as best expressed by the Westminster Standards. *The Address* with signers' signatures was then printed on a large parchment style handbill by Ligon Duncan and later sent to churches and ministers around the world. It was in some ways a Declaration of Independence for a new church. By the way you can see and read an original copy in the Gresham Conference Room.

Rev. Paul Settle, a PCA "founding father" in his own right and later our 10th Senior Minister was an important leader and future Moderator in the young, new church. He captures the moment in his excellent book, "To God All Praise and Glory," saying:

"The air in the sanctuary of the Briarwood Presbyterian Church...crackled with the electricity of expectancy on the afternoon of December 4, 1973 as 382 elders filed between the cushioned pews..."

Many of the Commissioners sat quietly. Perhaps they felt something like their Puritan pilgrim fore-fathers who had endured long, lonely voyages on stormy seas in order to