Josh Martin: Josh is a former member of Second and the son of long time member Judy (now living in the Chicago area). After finishing USC Upstate (where he was a Soccer star) Josh attended Greenville Seminary and pursued ministry within the PCA. While at Seminary Josh married Sara Parks Stewart (a Second member) and the Lord led them to the Delta State University RUF and Cleveland, MS. After a number of year at Delta (whose college mascot is "the fighting okra") Josh took a call in Baton Rouge at LSU. Our church supports Josh in our missions budget. Josh and Sara Parks have two children (Ben and Meg). You can find out more at lsu.ruf.org

David Osborne: Dave married Jenny Bragdon - daughter of David and Linda and was an associate member at Second while he attended Greenville Seminary. He later pastored Emmanuel PCA in Franklin, NC. While in Western Carolina Presbytery he chaired its RUF Committee and saw first-hand the need for reformed campus ministry at NC's fastest growing university. In 2008 the PCA asked Dave to start the work at WCU and it has grown exponentially ever since. Our church has supported WCU from its very beginning in our missions budget. In the last year a local church has been planted by a Greenville Seminary graduate. Dave and Jenny have three children (Owen, Dabney & Bergan). You can find out more about their ministry at wcu.ruf.org.

RUF is throughout South Carolina

Rick Brawner - Our church supports Clemson RUF International ministry in our missions budget.

International Ministry is a special outreach within RUF. (ruf.org/ruf-international) Stephen Speaks - Our church supports Clemson RUF (clemson.ruf.org) in our mis-

Tim Udouj - Our church supports Furman RUF (furman. ruf.org) in our missions budget.

Jeff Ferguson - Winthrop RUF (winthrop,ruf,org) married to (former SPC'er) Tracey Caison.

John Boyte - Anderson RUF (auruf.org) John is a former missionary & youth leader in Greenville.

Danny Clark - College of Charleston RUF (ruf.clubs.cofc.edu/whatisruf.html) in the Holy City.

David Fisk - Wofford RUF (wofford ruf.org). Mitchell Worley was part of the first meeting.

Sammy Rhodes - USC RUF (usc.ruf.org). Sammy previously served RUF at Georgia Southern.

SPC is connected to the South Carolina RUF Committee

RUF is "governed" statewide by our 3 cooperating presbyteries (Calvary, Palmetto and Fellowship). Your Administrator is currently the chairman of "the South Carolina Committee." It costs about a million dollars a year to fund our 8 campus ministries. Former SPC staff members Sam Joyner and Wallace Tinsley represent their presbyteries with me and others on the committee. Clemson graduate and Greenvillian JR Foster is the "Area Coordinator for South Carolina" and Rod Mays (formerly at Woodruff Road PCA) is the National Coordinator for RUF. Our state committee is prayerfully studying the goal of starting a new ministry at SC State in Orangeburg.

Nationwide RUF is on 140 campuses and there are roughly 15,000 students involved in RUF ministry each semester. As an example of the impact RUF is having let me point to nearby Clemson RUF -at last count there have been over 80 students who have become ordained ministers/missionaries and many more have become involved in the general work of the PCA. One estimate is that 5,000-6,000 students have been involved in the ministry of Clemson RUF since 1984.

Through almost three decades of missionary support and the labor of "sons," Second Presbyterian is arguably the largest supporter of RUF within the state. SPC also faithfully supports the National Office in Atlanta. I want to thank past and present Mission Chairmen and the Session who have included RUF in the church budget and also the parents who help connect their children to good ministry as well as the students who participate.

Your Friend,



Church Administrator

Reformed University Fellowship

Summer 2012 (May 29 - July 10) Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church REMINDER: Fifth meeting Tuesday, June 26-7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

| June 23 | VBS Workday |
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| 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 | 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 |

Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Ken Epps who went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 14, 2012; to the family of Waddy M. Anderson, Jr. who went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 15, 2012; and to the family of Bill Detmer who went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 15, 2012. We are thankful for the life and service of these fine men and pray for the families during this time of grief. Our prayers are also with other church members who are grieving the death of a loved one: Evelyn Watkins in the death of her sister and aunt; Dennis Zimmerman in the death of his father; Rich McCall and family in the death of his father; and Ray McKinney in the death of his father.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your many cards, phone calls, hospital visits, and most importantly your prayers. My ribs seem to be improving each day, praise God! I look forward to seeing all of you at Second Pres. soon. Yours in Christ, Steve Plating

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your concern and prayers for my son, Dick Ryer as he recuperates from open heart surgery. Caroline Ryer

Dear Church Family,

Waddy and I wish to humbly thank you for your thoughts, visits, and enduring prayers throughout his last illness. He said that I was the second best thing that ever happened to him; the first, always, his salvation by the mercy of our Lord's atoning work in his life. As believers we rest in that hope, the hope which never fails. To His praise, and in love, Allene Anderson

THE SCOTTISH SLEUTHS

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. (last date to register online is June 22nd.)

If you have any questions, please contact: Jill Mann (895-3351; bjmhmann@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.

Fun Friday for Second Pres. Kids

SPC Nursery Kids and their moms please come out to play... 2nd Play date-Friday, July 6

at Riverplace Fountains @ 10:00 am

Meet at the water area, which is just outside the lower portion of the Hampton Inn. We may picnic at Falls Park afterwards and/or get ice cream at Spill the Beans....Casual...No RSVP...Just show up...Older siblings are welcome too....Questions? Call Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)

Address: (Just down from the Wyche Pavillion)

Future dates are posted throughout the church/Direction sheets at nursery desk.

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!



WIC Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a WIC Baby Shower for

Laura Lee Starkey

Saturday, July 7, 2012 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Church Fellowship Hall

Laura Lee is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Babies "R Us



Church Calendar

Sunday, June 24

MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 AM

9:45 AM Children's Chapel **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:00 AM

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting 7:15 PM

Monday, June 25

Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM

Tuesday, June 26

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Summer RUF Meeting

Wednesday, June 27

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM 5:00 PM **CE Committee Meeting**

FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER 5:45 PM

6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY 6:45 PM

Thursday, June 28

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 29

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School

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

Follow SPC Missionaries Online

Elizabeth Johnson: Casilla #1898, Arequipa, Peru, South America

Blog: elizabethjohnsoninperu.blogspot.com

MTW Bulgaria found at mtwbg.com Ali Morgan: Blog: alexandria4sofia.wordpress.com

Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel (ages 4 through 6th grade) is meeting in the Chapel at 9:45 am on Sundays while the adults are having Sunday School in the sanctuary. Parents and teachers help us by having your children present and ready to participate each Sunday morning.

Discovering God's Will Book Order

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Sinclair Ferguson's "Discovering God's Will" please pre-pay \$5.00 (leave the money with Josh Sparkman on Wednesday or Mel Duncan next Sunday). Orders for books will be placed next

All Adult Summer Sunday School Class Sunday, June 24, 10:00 am, sanctuary Josh Sparkman - "Guarding the Heart"

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member. Also, send her a note of encouragement. Bobbie Houser 3 Hoke Smith Blvd., A-106 Greenville, SC 29615

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Greenville,

Richard D. Phillips preaching How Firm A Foundation

THE FAITHFUL SERVANT 261 (verses 17 Psalter:

EVENING WORSHIP

Starkey preaching



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Letter from the Church Administrator Reformed University Fellowship: Reaching and Equipping College Students for Christ

"M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-C-A

I'm not sure who first said it but in my years in the PCA I have found it true that "All Roads in the PCA lead to Mississippi." There is always some connection within any given PCA ministry and the Magnolia State. So is the case with one of the PCA's good ministries, RUF.

It was the fall of 1972 and three student ministry leaders had gathered in the home of Jimmy Turner in Columbus, Mississippi to talk about inviting the renowned and reformed Baptist minister Al Martin and well known Presbyterian educator Jack Scott to come speak to college students in Mississippi. One of the men present -Ford Williamsfamously said "all they can say is yes or no." Both invited men would say "yes" and this conference would grow into an organization called Reformed University Ministries (known later and on college campuses as RUF) that would predate the founding of (and greatly complement the future mission of) the PCA.

Mark Lowrey, a Vietnam veteran (and descendent of a Blue Mountain, Mississippi War Between the States era general) brought the men together. Mark was famously good at bringing people together, a gift he had learned as a campus minister at Southern Miss. Careful participation in the theological discussion in his home state led to the start of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson. There was much talk that a new denomination would soon be formed. Mark and RUF would go on to be a big part of the new church-the PCA.

RUF becomes the Ministry of the PCA

"RUF" was originally organized as a ministry of (Mississippi Valley) Presbytery that would start a number of campus works primarily in the Deep South. (David Sinclair's Clemson RUF and Rick Brawner's RUF International Ministry would also be started during this time). For many years all the training, development and organization would be based in Jackson, MS. Soon PCA presbyteries and churches, recognizing the good theological commitments of RUF began asking about starting a campus work in "new" regions. RUF opens up a national office in Atlanta, the ministry officially affiliates with the PCA's "Mission to North America" as a subcommittee and Rev. Mark Lowrey moves to Georgia to become RUF's first National Coordinator. The well known Ruling Elder "Bebo" Elkin would remain in Mississippi to coordinate RUF in the "Mid-South" region and later yet RUF would become its own "permanent committee" within the PCA under Lowrey and his successor Marvin Padgett.

The Stories of Second Church Men in RUF

Second Presbyterian has been a big part of RUF from its early days in South Carolina. One of those ways is through "her sons" who went into campus ministry.

Rob Hamby: Rob, Welthy Senn's grandson, grew up in Second and after attending The Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel) experienced a call to the ministry and went to Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. Rob came home to Greenville and founded the RUF campus ministry at Furman. Later he moved to Ft. Worth where he led the RUF chapter at Texas Christian University. In recent years Rob has served as an Assistant Minister at Providence Presbyterian in North Dallas (a fine PCA church plant pastored by David Rea). Rob is married to Kendall and they have two children (Wells and Simeon).