

Upcoming Events

Jan. 1	Church Office Closed
Jan. 2	WIC Council
Jan. 8-9	WIC Circles
Jan. 9	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Jan. 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 14	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 15	WIC Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes
Jan. 19	WIC Shower for Lee Wills Early
Jan. 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 21	Young At Heart
Jan. 23	CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 25	Sr. and Jr. High Fellowship with parents at the church
Jan. 26	Calvary Presbytery
Jan. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting

Mark Your 2013 Calendars

February 3:	New Members' Class begins
February 21:	Jessamines
February 27:	Annual Sports' Banquet
March 24:	New Members' Reception and Luncheon
May 8:	Graduation Banquet
May 15:	CAT Kids Program
June 9-13:	Hartsville, SC Mission Trip
June 10-14:	Flute Camp
Week of June 17:	General Assembly in Greenville, SC
June 21-29:	Peru Mission Trip
June 24-28:	Vacation Bible School
June 28-July 8:	Scotland Mission Trip
July 16-19:	Richmond Hill, GA Mission Trip
July 22-26:	Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
July 29-Aug. 3:	Sr. Trip to Edisto Island, SC

2013 Mission Trips

REMINDER OF COSTS AND DEADLINES:

- Trip 1: Hartsville, SC, June 9-13, \$50 per person by February 1
- Trip 2: Richmond Hill, GA, July 16-19, \$50 per person by February 1
- Trip 3: Trujillo & Cajamaraca, Peru, June 21-29, \$1,250 deposit due by January 6
- Trip 4: Dundee, Scotland, tentatively June 28-July 8, \$1,200 deposit due by Jan. 6

To All Women In the Church: Phone or Email?

The prayer chain is an effective way to communicate our urgent prayer requests with one another in real time. For the prayers of a righteous man availeth much! If you are not already on the prayer chain, please let us know your preference of either joining the telephone chain or the email chain. Come and join with the host of praying saints at Second as we continually pray for one another in times of need. To be added to the prayer chain contact Lynda Duncan at lrduncan@charter.net or leave me your phone # for the phone chain at 864-350-2693.

A Psalm for the New Year—Psalm 90 A Prayer of Moses the man of God

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

From the Church Historian

The history room is normally open during the Sunday School hour until just before the worship service at 10:55. The display for our third pastor, George Mayes, continues to be available in the hall display case. The material about organizing member Jessie Garlington, the Parker School District, and Brandon Mill School remains on display in the over-mantle case of the history room.

Christian Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Marti Stevens who went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 21, 2012. We are thankful for the life and service of Marti and pray for Joe, Amy, Ben and Brian during this time of grief and sadness.

Men's Ministry News

Second Church would like to thank Bill Hedgpeth for his teaching and leadership in coordinating our Men's Ministry programs this past year in the congregation and his involvement within the church staff. Bill has stepped down effective December 31st to continue his Doctor of Ministry degree at RTS Charlotte and pursue other business opportunities. There will be no Men's Luncheons on Friday during the month of January. The weekly breakfast will continue as led by Dr. Ben Shaw. Future Men's Ministry activities will be announced later this month. Thank you Bill!

2013 Offering Envelopes

The 2013 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.

9. Resolved, to think much on all occasions of my own dying, and of the common circumstances which attend death...
14. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge...
21. Resolved, never to do anything that, if I should see it in another, I should count a just occasion to despise him, for, or think any way the more meanly of him.
22. Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the other world as I possibly can, with all the power, mighty, vigor, and vehemence, yea, violence, I am capable of...
28. Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of them.
34. Resolved, in narrations never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity...
53. Resolved, to improve every opportunity... to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in him, and consecrate myself wholly to him; that from this I may have the assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.

In so daunting a list of resolutions, from such an earnest young Christian, I was glad to see the last one I cited – the resolution to hold fast to Christ for salvation. Edwards shows us at his early age how to avoid two key mistakes in living as believers. One key mistake is to fail to strive to glorify the Lord more and more in the whole of our lives. The other key mistake is to believe that by living for God's glory we earn our place in God's love. Edwards knew that his salvation, and the experience of its blessing, was God's free gift in Christ, received by faith alone. His resolutions had nothing to do with earning God's favor or his own salvation. Let us likewise resolve, above all else, to rely completely on what Jesus has done for us – his finished work of a complete salvation. Then, let us each reflect in the new year on how the Lord would challenge us to lead more godly, joyful, and spiritually useful lives so as to glorify God and enjoy him in the year to come.

Happy New Year and may the Lord bless you all.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips

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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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 6
 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, January 7
 6:00 PM Sr. High Girls' Team 1 Basketball game at home
 7:00 PM Sr. High Girls' Team 2 Basketball game at home
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball game at home

Tuesday, January 8
 10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 at the church
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 at the home of Tammy Looper
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 at the church

Wednesday, January 9
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:15 PM Youth Choir
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, January 10
 9:00 PM Men's Basketball game at OLR

Saturday, January 12
 8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball game at W. Pres. I
 9:30 AM Jr. High Boys' Basketball game at St. George
 10:30 AM Jr. High Girls' Basketball game at 4th Pres.

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in members.
 Also, send them a note of encouragement.

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

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

John and Laurie Griffin
Matt and Olivia Griffin
Amelia Ruth
Vera Lane Griffin

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JANUARY 6, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE FOUR HORSEMEN
 OF THE APOCALYPSE

Revelation 6:1-8

Anthem:

At the Name of Jesus

Hymns: 30, 316, 569

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

THE LIVING WORD

Hebrews 4:12-13

Hymns: 139, 140, 460

Psalter: Psalm 9 (verses 11-20)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister Jonathan Edwards' Resolutions

In 1734, God used the preaching of Jonathan Edwards to launch the Great Awakening in Northampton, MA. Edwards would go on to be one of the most influential Christians in American history. We rightly think of this Awakening, like all true revivals, as a sovereign work and unexpected blessing from God. At the same time, there was a long preparation in Edwards' life that played its part in the way that God used him. He had long devoted himself to being the kind of person who would honor God in his life and serve Christ's kingdom well. In this, Edwards set an example that all Christians should follow. He reminds us that every Christian should seek to live daily for God's glory and to serve zealously Christ's kingdom of eternal life.

One famous example of how Edwards challenged himself to godliness was the *Resolutions* he penned during the years 1722 and 1723, when he was around twenty years old. Stephen Nichols said: "When he wrote these seventy resolutions, Edwards was completing his schooling and ministerial training and was anticipating setting out on his life's work. He took advantage of the opportunity to pause and reflect on the type of person he wanted to be and the way in which he wanted to live his life." As we turn the corner on a new year, many of us will find it profitable to reflect on our own lives. New Year's Resolutions are often made flip-pantly and have little value. But they can also reflect a sincere desire to grow spiritually. To this end, let me present some of Jonathan Edwards' resolutions as a stimulant to those of us who are interested in reflecting on our lives at the start of our new year, 2013:

Some *Resolutions*, by Jonathan Edwards

1. Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory and to my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time...
2. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general...
5. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can...
7. Resolved, never to do anything that I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life...