

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 21

- 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**

Monday, July 22

**Jr. High Ridge Haven Trip
(returns July 26th)**

Tuesday, July 23

- 11:30 AM Playdate: Field day at the Johnsons

Wednesday, July 24

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

Friday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 27

- 9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery
at Mt. Calvary PCA, Roebuck, SC

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 89-91

"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances, for all are Your servants."

Upcoming Events

- July 18 Play-date at Falls Park Fountains
- July 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- July 22-26 Jr. High Ridge Haven Trip
- July 23 Play-date: Field Day at the Johnsons'
- July 24 CE Committee Meeting
- July 27 Calvary Presbytery at Mt. Calvary PCA
- July 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- July 29-Aug. 3 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
- Aug. 1 Playdate: Otter Creek Water Park
- Aug. 4 Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 5 Diaconate Meeting
- Aug. 6 Playdate: Legacy Park
- Aug. 7 WIC Council
- Aug. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Aug. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Aug. 12 Session Meeting
- Aug. 13 WIC Circles
- Aug. 13-15 Girls' Basketball Camp
- Aug. 14 Missions' Committee Meeting
- Aug. 14 Musical CAT Kids Program
- Aug. 15 Playdate: Greenville Zoo
- Aug. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Aug. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
- Aug. 21 Musical CAT Kids Fun Night
- Aug. 22 WIC Annual Meeting
- Aug. 25 WIC Installation of Officers
- Aug. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting
- Aug. 28 CE Committee Meeting
- Aug. 28 Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes

**If you have a date for the August calendar
please contact the church office this week.
232-7621, ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org**

Remembering One Another

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

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

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Steve and Sheryl Plating
Hugh and Cyndi Player
Spencer and Maria Player

Missionary of the Week

**ROGER AND LAURA DYE
CHILE**

Please pray especially for Roger and Laura these next few weeks as they make important ministry decisions. As you may recall, they have become acutely aware of a significant weakness in church planting, not only in Chile, but throughout Latin America, and worldwide, for that matter - that is, the unstable, hurting, struggling marriages of pastors and church leaders, which results in a trickle-down effect. Because this puts church growth and church planting in jeopardy, Roger and Laura have been traveling a lot giving marriage seminars for the pastors and leaders, who then are responsible to impart to their own congregations what they have learned.

In July they will travel to Bogota, Colombia, to give a marriage seminar.

In August they will put their two oldest children in college, Deanna in Rhode Island, and Isaac in Chattanooga.

In September they will return to Chile with their two younger children, Hudson and Suzy.

Playdate-Falls Park Water Fountains

On Thursday, July 18, we will meet at 10:30 am at the Falls Park water fountains for splash time in the water. If anyone wants to pack a lunch we could picnic afterwards and perhaps stop at Spill the Beans for an ice cream.



Contact Rebekah Johnson if you have any questions.
(864-430-3408 or rebekah@natejohnson.biz)

All Adult Summer SS Class
Sunday, July 21, 10:00 am, sanctuary
Jim McGoldrick
“The Dangerous Symptoms of Sin”

Calvary Presbytery

The 119th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Mt. Calvary PCA in Roebuck, SC, beginning at 9:00 am. Visitors are welcome. Please be in prayer for the Commissioners that will be attending from Second Church: Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, Pastor Starkey, RE Duncan, RE Bragdon, and RE Player.

Memorial Flowers

The following dates are available for placing flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone special. Please call the church office or see Judy Bishop if you would like to sign up.

July 28; Aug. 29; Oct. 13; Nov. 3 and 17

Jr. High Ridge Haven Conference

“Basic Training”

July 22-26, 2013

Guest Speaker: Carl Robbins

Senior Pastor of Woodruff Road PCA

Special Appearance by: The Red Bandana

Decorated War Hero, Elite Combat Veteran, Drill Instructor

Sr. High Conference @ Edisto Island

“The Golden Chain of Our Faith”

**Explorations in Justification, Sanctification,
Adoption, and Glorification**

July 29-August 3, 2013

Teachers:

Pastor Seth Starkey

Mr. John Duncan

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 4

Immediately following the evening worship service.

Mark Your Calendars



Next Playdate:

Tuesday, July 23

Field Day at the Johnsons @ 11:30 am

Everyone bring food to share.

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Report of the WIC Nominating Committee

The following slate of WIC Group One Officers has been nominated for two years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council. The election will take place at the August Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015.

President Elect:	Rebekah Johnson
Vice President:	Beth Gustafson
Secretary:	Allison Detmer
Historian:	Sandy Waugh
Chairman, MNA:	Susan Harmon
Chairman, Circle 4:	Jean Pennington
Chairman, Circle 5:	Pat Shuford
Chairman, Circle 6:	Lorri Ecarma

Election will be held at
WIC Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2013, 7:00 pm
Church Fellowship Hall



*MR. AND MRS. DANIEL STODDARD
INVITE YOU TO INCREASE THEIR JOY
WITH YOUR PRESENCE AT
THE WEDDING OF THEIR DAUGHTER*

HANNAH MAE

TO

GREGORY LAWTON SUITS

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH, 2013

6:30 IN THE EVENING

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Editor is off this week.

The following article by Dr. Richard D. Phillips appeared July 12, 2013 at Ligoner.org/blog.

The doctrine of limited atonement impacts us powerfully with regard to the psychology of our devotion to the Lord. There are some who die for principles, and we admire them for it. Socrates accepted the cup of hemlock for the principle of tacit consent to civic rule. For this, his influence has spread far and wide across the ages. There are others who die for causes. If we share the cause, we may honor the martyr's name. Nathan Hale has gone down in American history as the revolutionary who declared, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." School children are taught those words even today, and we remember him with respect. Logically, the doctrine of universal atonement places Jesus in this category, though as the most noble of people who died for the greatest possible cause. But there is another category of devotion that rises far above the rest. Some die for principles and others for causes. But what about someone who dies for me? This calls for a different kind of devotion altogether.

The movie *Saving Private Ryan* tells of a rescue operation immediately after the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. The War Department learns that three out of four sons in a family named Ryan have died in battle on the same day. The Army's top general orders that the fourth son be rescued from behind German lines, where he parachuted on D-Day. An elite squad of Army Rangers is assigned to find Private Ryan. The search leads to a bridge where German tanks are trying to break through Allied lines, and there the squad is destroyed as the quest finally

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prerequisite to fruitful spirituality. According to Psalm 1, the first thing a believer needs to do in order to flourish spiritually is to take a *negative* stance towards worldly thinking: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Ps. 1:1-2).

Let's be clear on what this is *not* saying. Psalm 1 does not say that we as Christians should absent ourselves from the world. We are not to follow Jonah's example in setting up little booths outside the Nineveh of this world, maniacally awaiting God's wrath to zap our culture-war enemies. God sent Jonah to Nineveh with a gospel call to repent and believe for salvation. Likewise, Jesus has sent us (and *into*) the culture of the unbelieving world today: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (Jn. 20:21).

Psalm 1 also does not assert that Christians should treat non-believers as those who have nothing to offer us. It is not by accident that Jesus began His witness to the woman by the well by asking her to perform a service for Him, thereby communicating to her an affirmation of her value and human dignity: "Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'" (Jn. 4:7). We likewise should act in a way that will often grant to unbelievers more value and dignity than they accept for themselves.

While all this is true, Christians still can and must uphold the Bible's *No* towards the world. We say *Yes* to the unbelievers' personal worth and *Yes* to God's gospel mission to the world. But we must yet say *No* to the counsel of the ungodly. The spiritual reality of Psalm 1 says that a wholesome, fruitful spiritual life and ministry never results from walking "in the counsel of the wicked" (Ps. 1:1). Worldly psychology will posit values to which we must say *No*. Worldly science will advance

theories against which we must insist *No*. Worldly marketing and entertainment will advise church-growth schemes to which we must reply *No*. On what basis do we say *No* to the counsel of the world? On the basis of the clear teaching of the Bible, which offers truth and life from God. How do we know when to say *No*? When the counsel of the world collides with the precepts, commands, and promises of Holy Scripture (as it often will).

In fact, the only true *Yes* religion is that which knows when firmly to say *No* to the world. The only way for us to say *Yes* to God, *Yes* to life and godliness, and even *Yes* to God's call to love and serve the world, is to also resolve to say *No* to the message, standards, and values of the world in its unbelief, sin, and scoffing of God's revealed truth. Let us never be surprised by the need to say *No*, and let's make sure that our *No* involves a genuine *Yes* to the lordship of Jesus and the gracious truth of our loving God.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips



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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

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succeeds. As the captain who saved Ryan lies dying on the bridge, surrounded by the bodies of the men from his squad, he draws Ryan close and gasps: "Earn this. Earn it." The movie concludes with Ryan, as an old man, returning to the cemetery where the men who died for him were buried. Falling to his knees at Captain Miller's grave, he says to the white plaster cross: "Everyday I think about what you said to me that day on the bridge. I've tried to live my life the best I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that at least in your eyes, I earned what all of you have done for me." Turning to his wife, who comes up beside him, he stammers: "Tell me I have led a good life. Tell me I'm a good man."

We praise God that we are not required to earn what Christ has done for us, for we never could do so. We receive His death by simple faith alone. Jesus never demands that we earn what He did for us. But the Bible does tell us to live "in a manner worthy of the Lord" (Col. 1:10). So we can turn to His wooden cross everyday and pray, "If, with all Your glory, You, the Son of God, died for me, then I can live for You." We live not merely for a principle and not even for a great cause. We live for a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. He died not merely for a principle or even for the greatest of causes. He died for us. So every Christian can say, "I live for Him, because He died for me." He died for me.

This brief excerpt is from Richard Phillips' book, *What's So Great About the Doctrines of Grace?* Until July 31, 2013, you can get the digital edition for free @Ligonier.org.

-The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**

JULY 21, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE FURY OF HIS WRATH

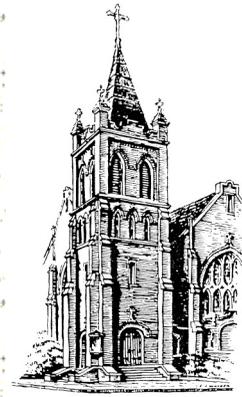
Rev. 16:17-21
Hymns: 8, 259, 378
Anthem: All Glory, Laud and Honor
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Hebrews 9:15-22
Hymns: 499, 156, 253
Psalter: Psalm 27 (verses 1-6)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Pastoral Letter
A No and Yes Religion

The longer I live as a Christian, the more impressed I am with the wisdom, beauty, and usefulness of the book of Psalms. Of all the psalms, perhaps the most important is the very first: Psalm 1. The reason for this is that Psalm 1 serves as a gateway to the spirituality of the book that follows. The first psalm invites us to begin a life of blessing through the life that flows from God's Word. The one who devotes himself or herself to God's living Word, constantly meditating on the Scriptures, will be established in rich blessing: "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers" (Ps. 1:3). That is the farthest thing from a worldly "prosperity" gospel that promises earthly riches. Instead, Psalm 1 promises spiritual life in every earthly circumstance, through the life that comes from God's Word.

Most Christians know and agree with what I have said so far, at least in principle. Yet it seems to me that increasing numbers of Christians are tempted to lose sight of the full picture given in Psalm 1. The blessed one not only embraces the *Yes* of God's Word but also wisely recognizes the need to say *No* to the counsel of the world. Psalm 1 sets an antithesis before the believer and as a