

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 20

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training Class
 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, October 21

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, October 22

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 4:00 PM Midget Girls' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Wednesday, October 23

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 4:30 PM I-Mites Basketball practice
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:20 PM Youth Choir
 6:30 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 7:00 PM Diaconate Training Class
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, October 24

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery, Bailey Manor, Clinton, SC
 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 7:00 PM Jessamines
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Friday, October 25

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
 6:00 PM Jr. High Fellowship
 6:15 PM Sr. High Fellowship

Saturday, October 26

10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

Oct. 20	THE LORD'S SUPPER-evening service
Oct. 21	Young At Heart
Oct. 23	CE Committee Meeting
Oct. 23	Administration Committee Meeting
Oct. 23	Missionary Speaker
Oct. 24	Calvary Presbytery at Bailey Manor
Oct. 24	Jessamines
Oct. 25	Jr. High Fellowship
Oct. 25	Sr. High Fellowship
Oct. 27	REFORMATION SUNDAY
Oct. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Oct. 30	Administration Committee Meeting
Oct. 30	REFORMATION PARTY
Nov. 3	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 3	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 3	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
Nov. 4	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 6	WIC Council
Nov. 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 9	Basketball games begin
Nov. 10	New Members' Reception and Luncheon
Nov. 10	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 10	Missionary Speaker-Evening Service
Nov. 11	Session Meeting
Nov. 12-13	WIC Circles
Nov. 13	Missions' Committee Meeting
Nov. 16	WIC Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Guest
Nov. 17	The Lord's supper at the morning services
Nov. 18	Young At Heart
Nov. 20	Administration Committee Meeting
Nov. 22	Jr. High Fellowship
Nov. 22	Sr. High Fellowship
Nov. 24	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Supper and Service
Nov. 28-29	Church Office Closed

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 128:1-2
*Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
 who walks in his ways!
 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
 you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. (ESV)*

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.

Rubye Benchoff
 304 Dupont Drive
 Greenville, SC 29607
 235-9958

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Tony and Barnetta Stephens

**Joe Stevens
 Amy, Ben, Brian**

**Jane Stillman
 Farrell**

Missionary of the Week

**Lian and Clara Tombing
 Manipur, India**

Please Pray:

- **Church Planting:** They work with the Presbyterian Church in India (PCI) doing evangelism, building new church buildings for the new believers, care for and train them to grow in their faith. They also train their pastors, elders, deacons and lay church leaders on church government and on reformed doctrine.
- **Mercy Ministry:** Covenant Children's Home began in 2002 with 14 orphans and has grown to 530 orphans to date. They provide a home, food, clothing, medicare, and schooling for these children. Start up capital is needed each year for school supplies and fees. This year they need \$31,800 by December 2013. (\$5,000 has been raised). Please pray that the Lord will provide this one-time need by December, 2013.

Bethany Banquet

The annual Bethany Banquet will be Friday, November 1 at the Hilton Greenville (45 West Orchard Park Drive) at 7:15 pm. This year's theme is "Rooted and Established in Love" and the guest speaker is George Dennehy. George is capturing attention around the world for his unique talents. Because he was born without arms, he sings and plays music using his feet. George has overcome so many challenges in his own life and believes that every individual has a purpose and absolutely anything is possible. Event is free but you must register at www.bethany.org/greenville/events.

Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child "The Power of A Simple Gift"

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located on the shelf outside the church library. Bring to church office by Nov. 17.

New Baby

Madison Leia was born to Devin and Claesa Smith on Saturday, October 12, 2013. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Congratulations new parents!

Young At Heart

The October Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, October 21st at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. Our program will be one of your all time favorites: Cathy Schwartz will bless us with her musical talents, especially her remarkable bell ringing. Mark your calendars and don't miss this very special time of fellowship.

Guillermo and Jennie Salinas, support missionaries in Mexico will be our guest speakers Wednesday night, October 23rd.

Nursery Ministry Opportunities

Something new is happening in the SPC Nursery! **We are now taking Volunteers to work the Nursery Desk as a Greeter.** If you have 10-15 minutes before any service or Sunday School, we would love to have you come help parents and visitors check in their children. You would only work once every 6 weeks (or less depending on how many volunteers we have). This schedule would begin November 3, 2013. Please contact Myra Russell at 294-7540 or mytirussell@att.net if you are interested in serving the Covenant Children at SPC in this way. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Nursery Desk. We are also looking for several people who could work in the Nursery during WIC Bible Studies, WIC Circles and Special Events when needed. This is great for a stay-at-home mom, college student or even a mature homeschooled high school junior/senior who has a flexible schedule. If you are interested, please contact Myra Russell for more information.

Raleigh Reformation Conference

October 25-26, 2013

Shiloh OPC, 219 Georgetown Road, Raleigh, NC 27608

"Can We Trust the Bible?"

Speakers: Derek Thomas, James Anderson, Rosaria Butterfield

For more information:

www.facebook.com/events/429899470452312/

2013 PCA Global Missions Conference

November 8-10, 2013

TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC

"The Spirit Moves"

Speakers: Ravi Zacharias, Giotis Kantartzis, Paul Kooistra,

Rod Mays; Music by Kevin Twit of Indelible Grace

Registration and more information at: mtw.org

For schedules, fees and other information see the posters

on the bulletin boards and the brochures

on the shelf outside the library.

Senior High Fellowship

The Sr. High Fellowship Night will be held at the McCarthy's on Friday, Oct. 25th from 6:15-9:15pm. Come join in on the fun! 6 Propst Ct. Greenville SC 29609. Call or email Jim with any questions: (904) 651-9923 or jimmccarthy85@gmail.com



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2013

REFORMATION PARTY

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 30, 2013

We need booths, prizes, and candy.

If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call Seth (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes, please mark and leave in the gym.



Jessamines

Attention:

All 5th through 8th grade girls and their moms!

Our first Jessamines meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24th from 7:00-8:00 pm at the home of Sharon Phillips. Please bring your favorite "Fall" dessert to share. Marcia Russell will be teaching on "Hiding God's Word in Your Heart." Please email Cindy Crunk with any questions: cgcrunk08@gmail.com.

Gingerbread House Contest

This year's Gingerbread House Contest will be Wednesday, December 11th. There will be a tutorial available again this year on December 4th immediately following the Wednesday night service. The tutorial will help anyone making a house for the first time, or perhaps just wanting new creative tips. If you would like to enter or just have questions please see Jessica LaBombard.

Volunteers needed: decorating the gym, painting projects, signing in contestants, and judges with some baking experience. Please Let Jessica know if you can help.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundred and twentieth Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Thursday, October 24th at Bailey Manor, Clinton SC, beginning at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for this meeting and for the Commissioners that will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

Section 1: Introductory Vision and Seven Letters (chapters 1-3). Here, we have vision cycle #1, where the exalted Jesus reveals himself as the victorious high priest of his church and commissions John to write the letters to the churches. These seven letters are written to address situations in actual churches which John served, but pertain in principle to the church of all ages.

Section 2: Christ Conquering Evil throughout Church History (chapters 4-16). This is the main section of Revelation, consisting of four related visionary cycles. Each of them emphasizes Christ's sovereign judgment over evil so that his church will successfully pass through the tribulation of earth. All four of the vision cycles in this section depict the entirety of history during the church age, as follows:

Cycle #2: The Seven Seals (4-7). These visions depict Christ restraining evil so that his sealed servants may pass through into heaven.

Cycle #3: The Seven Trumpets (8-11): Christ gives partial judgments that warn of a final destruction of evil in the end.

Cycle #4: The Symbolic Histories (12-14): These visions introduce the spiritual powers working behind the scenes in the world. They are Satan the Dragon, the beast from the Sea (the Antichrist), the beast from the land (the False Prophet), and the great harlot Babylon (the corrupt world system). Each of these are shown in conflict with the church throughout history, including the afflictions they bring and the final defeat they suffer in Christ's return.

Cycle #5: The Seven Bowls (15-16): In these visions, the focus on history begins shifting toward the end, as the wrath of God now brings actual destruction to evil.

Section 3: Christ Destroying His Enemies in Final Judgment (chapters 17-20). A new section begins in 17:1, as John is invited to come witness the destruction of Christ's enemies. The visions of this 6th cycle review the activity of Christ's enemies throughout history, but focus on Christ's return to bring them destruction and eternal punishment. In reverse order, his enemies are destroyed and judged: the harlot Babylon (17-18), the beast and false prophet (19), and Satan along with all his followers (20).

Section 4: God Dwelling with His People Forever through their Covenant Marriage to Christ (chapters 21-22). Here, the 7th and final cycle of visions presents the themes of the ultimate blessings yet to come, when Christ has returned and his people have passed through the tribulation into the eternal age of glory.

Here is a chart that presents the same organization:

Section & Purpose	Vision Cycle	Vision Themes
Section 1: Appearing of Christ and Commissioning of John	1: Seven Letters to the Churches (ch. 1-3)	Necessity to persevere in faith, holiness, and gospel zeal
Section 2: Christ Reigning over History of the Church Age	2: The Seven Seals (ch. 4-7)	Christ sovereignly restraining evil so that his church may pass through to heaven
	3. The Seven Trumpets (ch. 8-11)	Christ sovereignly warning of future judgment through partial destruction
	4. The Symbolic Histories (ch. 12-14)	History viewed as conflict between the Church and the Dragon (Satan), the two Beasts (Antichrist & false prophet), & the great harlot Babylon
	5. The Seven Bowls (ch. 15-16)	Christ sovereignly bringing evil into judgment and destruction
Section 3: Final Judgment of Christ's Enemies	6. Final Judgment with the Return of Christ (ch. 17-20)	Each of Christ's enemies – Babylon, the beasts, & the Dragon – are defeated and condemned to hell in his return
Section 4: God Dwelling with His People in Perfect Blessing	7. The Eternal Glory (ch. 21-22)	Our glorious future in the blessing of God through union with Christ forever.

I hope this summary helps you to benefit from our studies in Revelation. May we all conquer through faith in Jesus, knowing that he promised, "I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7).

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Phillips

"The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments."—2 Timothy 4:13.

We do not know what the books were about, and we can only form some guess as to what the parchments were. Paul had a few books which were left, perhaps wrapped up in the cloak, and Timothy was to be careful to bring them. Even an apostle must read. . . .

He is inspired, and yet he wants books!

He has been preaching at least for thirty years, and yet he wants books!

He had seen the Lord, and yet he wants books!

He had had a wider experience than most men, and yet he wants books!

He had been caught up into the third heaven, and had heard things which it was unlawful for a men to utter, yet he wants books!

He had written the major part of the New Testament, and yet he wants books!

The apostle says to Timothy and so he says to every preacher, "Give thyself unto reading." . . .

Brethren, what is true of ministers is true of all our people. You need to read. Renounce as much as you will all light literature, but study as much as possible sound theological works, especially the Puritanic writers, and expositions of the Bible. We are quite persuaded that the very best way for you to be spending your leisure, is to be either reading or praying. You may get much instruction from books which afterwards you may use as a true weapon in your Lord and Master's service. Paul cries, "Bring the books"—join in the cry.

By Charles Spurgeon



-The Editor

Church History

Lebanon Presbyterian Church Near Abbeville, SC, Calvary Presbytery The Tenth Oldest PCA Church in South Carolina

The minutes of the South Carolina Presbytery, as quoted in George Howe's *History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina*, comment that "The people of Lebanon Congregation, on the 5th of October, 1822, petitioned the Presbytery of South Carolina to be taken under their care.... Their request was granted." On the church's sign, 1821 is given as the date of its founding, which may be the first time a group assembled for worship with the desire to form a church. The first services were held in a log building, but within a few years a larger frame church was built.

The church cemetery includes graves dating to the earliest years of the church. Many buried in the cemetery have French names indicating a link to the Huguenots who moved into the area around Abbeville. As the years passed, the Huguenots often became members of Presbyterian congregations due to their desire to assimilate and worship with other Calvinists. More can be learned about South Carolina's Huguenots by reading A. H. Hirsch's book, *The Huguenots of Colonial South Carolina*. The Huguenot Church in Charleston continues today as the only active Huguenot congregation in America.

The fourth pastor of Lebanon, James F. Gibert, was born in Abbeville County. He began his ministry to the church when he was ordained and installed, Nov. 24, 1838. The presbytery commission conducting the special service included the Rev. Dr. Barr, Hugh Dixon, A. W. Ross, and Dr. J. H. Reid. The young pastor's education included the University of Georgia, class of 1834, followed by his divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1837. As so often happens with a single minister in his first church, Gibert married Elizabeth Baskin in 1839. Rev. Gibert died on June 24, 1883, having enjoyed a ministry of nearly forty-four years in his first and only pastorate.

Two of the Lebanon Church pastors were founding elders of the Presbyterian Church in America in 1973. R. Grady Love, the fifteenth minister of Lebanon, and E. Crowell "Midge" Cooley served, 1994-1995. Pastors Love and Cooley both have their signatures on the P.C.A. document, "A Message to All the Churches of Jesus Christ."

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

October 20, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE THOUSAND YEARS

Revelation 20:1-6

Hymns: 460, 520, 544

Anthem: Holy Is the Lord

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

IN THE CARE OF THE ALMIGHTY

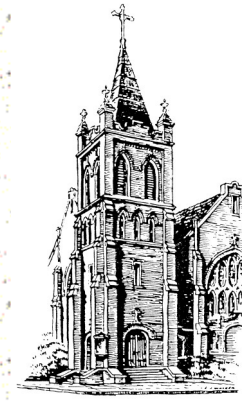
Psalms 138

Hymns: 76, 642, 420

Psalter: Psalm 35 (verses 9-18)

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Understanding the Structure of Revelation

As we move closer to the end of our studies in the book of Revelation, I thought it might be good to review the basic structure of the book. My current schedule has me preaching Revelation through the end of the year (and maybe a bit into 2014), and I am excited about the glorious material before us.

I have frequently commented in my sermons that Revelation presents seven visionary cycles that pictorially describe the church age from the perspective of heaven and Christ's sovereign reign. One of the mistakes in studying Revelation, which results in great confusion, is to view it as presenting a normal forward-moving history of events to come. Instead, the different vision cycles each present their own angle on Christ's victorious reign over history. Revelation is a bit like the Interpreter's House in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, where different rooms had different but complementary visions that provided lessons for the Christian life.

It is further possible to discern organization among these seven vision cycles. The key to seeing this macro-structure to Revelation is to note when John is summoned by the word, "Come." These occur three times in the book:

Rev. 4:1 – "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

Rev. 17:1 – "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters."

Rev. 21:9 – "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."

When we add in the opening three chapters, we can discern by this four major sections to the book of Revelation. Let me describe them, including their main contents: