

2013 Missions and Benevolences Financial Report

For 2013, Missions and Benevolences funded through the budget were \$200,615, the first time SPC has exceeded \$200,000 in a single year. This funding was due in part to contributions exceeding the budget by \$71,900. Missions and Benevolences ended up being 17.7% of the 2013 expenditures paid through the budget. Additional contributions to support the Summer Mission's Program were \$36,860. The Summer Mission's Program is funded entirely outside the budget.

2013 ended with excess contributions to the budget over expenses of \$71,200. Of this amount, \$65,800 was used to fund additional missions and benevolences. The \$65,800 was distributed as follows: \$20,000 was sent to Peru to finish building the church started by our summer mission's team; \$6,000 to Ramona White for her work in Taiwan; \$5,000 to Alonzo Ramirez, missionary in Peru; \$27,600 to the Care Fund; and \$7,200 to fund the contingency benevolences—Calvary Home, Bethany Christian Services, Piedmont Women's Center, Miracle Hill, and Greenville Rescue Mission.

In 2013, the Care Fund used \$8,960 to assist members in our church with financial needs. This is in addition to the Deacon's Sympathy and Service Fund which is also used to assist both those in need. The \$27,600 will be available to assist church members in 2014.

Through your generous support of the programs at Second Presbyterian Church, missionaries around the world were able to spread the gospel to the unsaved, and SPC was able to assist individuals and agencies in our local community. If you would like additional information or you have questions regarding the Missions programs contact Hugh Player -- chairman, David Bragdon, Tim Crunk, or Doug McDaniel. For information regarding the Benevolences programs contact Bobby Mann—chairman, Bill Cross or Pat Holbrook.

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

COME TO THE WATERS

Revelation 22:17

Hymns: 44, 304, MIR7

Anthem: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

FAITH CHOOSING GOD

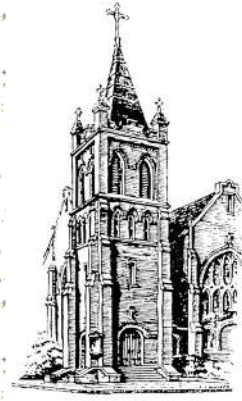
Hebrews 11:23-26

Hymns: 45, 499, 528

Psalter: Psalm 40 (vs. 10-17)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Associate Minister Sanctity of Human Life

Imagine driving through every city, town, and borough of South Carolina. Imagine coursing your way through every one of the thousands of miles of highways, streets, and roads. Now, visualize that in all the days and weeks it takes you to do this, that you see not one other person. No cars are moving. No shops are open. No lights in any of the homes. No human life, anywhere. Now travel throughout North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. In all those months of traveling – you see not a single person. Where are all the people? They are not “here” – they were never born because they were aborted in their mother's womb. Fifty-five million people killed – missing from this world. More than the entire population of the states listed above. And that's not all – many of those aborted in the early years would have had children by now – so you must add to your travels of uninhabited states – Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. And the number grows by over 3,000 per day. Seven days a week. 365 days a year. Year after year. Forty years and counting since the Supreme Court made abortion legal in 1973.

What has happened to our country that was founded with the words – “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?” Even, worse, what has happened to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ that has “local branches” just down the street from every abortion mill in America? We rightly wonder how the German people could have allowed their country to incarcerate and kill millions of Jews (and Christians!). Yet, how is it that the hue and cry against abortion by the Church is barely above a murmur? Why is this a “political issue” and not a moral issue to many?

Let us remind ourselves of God's perspective on human life:

God has "known" us (intimate, loving "knowledge") from before there was time and space.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world. Eph 1:3-4

God created mankind (man and woman) as his image-bearers – to be over the rest of creation."

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:26-27

God counts us as persons from the moment of conception.

"You knit me in my mother's womb . . . nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret." (Psalm 139:13,15) God also helps and calls the preborn child. "You have been my guide since I was first formed . . . from my mother's womb you are my God." (Psalm 22:10-11) "God... from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace." (St. Paul to the Galatians 1:15)

God gives special protection to the weak and helpless, especially the unborn.

"If men fight, and hurt a woman with child; so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Exodus 21:22-25

God holds those in power responsible to protect the lives of the weak and helpless (widows, orphans, the unborn.) "Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' (Deut. 27:19) "The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down." (Psalm 146:9) "The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the boundary of the widow." (Prov 15:25)

God considers an attack upon his image-bearers an attack upon himself.

"Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God he made man." Gen 9:5-6

In light of these truths, what should individual Christians do? January is Sanctity of Life Month!

Pray to our Father who hears, and sees, and acts!! Ask him to show great grace and mercy to our land: to convert the lost, to correct his own people, to protect the weak and innocent, to empower his Church to preach and teach the whole truth of the gospel of Christ.

Teach and preach these truths as we have opportunity. Do not be silent in the face of opposition and/or ignorance. If each evangelical Christian would speak to 5 friends, all of America could hear the truth.

Make other options to pregnant mothers known and available – adoption, help to single parents, etc. Personally get involved in helping and encouraging.

Work through our political system to outlaw abortion in our state and in our nation.

In His Service,
Pastor Spears



CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

At the Corner of River and Rhett

WHY WE DON'T INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

-By Michael Harvey

1. We have no non-church going friends.
2. It's the pastor's job!
3. My friend said no to me last year.
4. What if it damages my friendship?
5. Our services and people are unpredictable.
6. I fear what the congregation will think of my friend; they are not our type of people.
7. I don't want to be seen as strange.
8. I wouldn't know what to say and they might ask something about my faith.
9. Below the surface of these answers lies the fear of rejection.

"If you invite your friends to Second Presbyterian Church I guarantee you I will tell them about Jesus and the Gospel" - Dr. Richard D. Phillips

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

"The Property Committee"

- Jimmy Looper (Chairman)
- Ed Butler
- George Cumbus
- Jon Guest
- Ron McNeely
- Tony Stephens
- Jerry Traynham

We are so appreciative of the Diaconate's Property Committee which are responsible for the care of the SPC Buildings, Campus and Associate Material property. Jimmy Looper is the new chairman for 2014.



-The Editor

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 26

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
 7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Monday, January 27

6:00 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball game at home
 7:00 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball game at 1st Pres.

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 4:30 PM I-Mites B'ball practice
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:20 PM Youth Choir
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING**
 7:30 PM Missionary Speaker—June Gallman
 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball practice

Thursday, January 30

9:30 AM WIC Precepts
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' B'ball practice

Friday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 1

9:30 AM Midget Girls' B'ball game at St. Matthews
 9:30 AM Jr. High Boys' B'ball game at ARBC
 2:30 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball practice

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:3-4

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. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Jan. 25	Calvary Presbytery @ Westminster PCA
Jan. 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Feb. 1	WIC Annual Meeting at Fairview PCA
Feb. 2	Membership Class begins
Feb. 2	Elder Nominations End
Feb. 3	Diaconate Meeting
Feb. 5	WIC Council
Feb. 5	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Feb. 6	Jessamines
Feb. 9	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Feb. 10	Session Meeting
Feb. 11-12	WIC Circles
Feb. 12	Missions' Committee Meeting
Feb. 14	VALENTINE BANQUET
Feb. 16	The Lord's Supper at the Evening Service
Feb. 17	Young At Heart
Feb. 19	Administration Committee Meeting
Feb. 22	WIC Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 23	Communicants' Class begins
Feb. 23	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Feb. 26	CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 26	SPORTS' BANQUET
Feb. 28	Jr. High Fellowship
Feb. 28	Sr. High Fellowship

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

Mark Your Calendars

May 7	Graduation Banquet
May 14	CAT Kids Program
June 6-13	Mission Trip to Peru
June 7-14	Mission Trip-MTW Cherokee
June 17-20	General Assembly—Houston, TX
June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
July 4	Church Picnic
July 7-12	Sr. High trip to Edisto Island
July 14-18	Mission Trip-Calvary Home
July 21-25	Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven

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.

Marian Wood
 5 Creekbend Road
 Simpsonville, SC 29681
 297-0783

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Sam and Alexandria Andrews
Beth Atwood
Jessie
John and Margaret Atwood
Nathan, Carly, Audra

Missionary of the Week



Bethany.org

Adoption:

Adoption is a beautiful way to grow your family. You can provide a loving, nurturing home for a vulnerable child. Let Bethany help you welcome an infant, an older child, or a child from another country into your family.

Pregnancy counseling:

If you are pregnant and need someone to talk to, you are not alone. Bethany is here to provide you with support and guidance as you seek to make the best choice for yourself and your unborn child. There is no cost to you for this service. Please contact us if you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help.

Temporary care:

Through Bethany's Foster Care program and our Safe Families ministry, we seek to provide temporary care for children. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that they have a safe, loving family through either reuniting them with their biological family or finding an adoptive family for those who cannot return to their biological parents. Thousands of children need a loving family who will walk with them during a time of crisis and welcome them unconditionally into a caring home. Could you be that family?

**FORTIETH ANNUAL CALVARY PRESBYTERY
WIC MEETING**

Honoring our Pastors' Wives
Saturday, February 1, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(9:30 a.m. registration)

FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fountain Inn, South Carolina
Brunch is \$9.00.

PresWIC will be treating our Pastors Wives.
Seating is limited!
Please RSVP by **Jan. 20 to Lynda Duncan**
lruncan@charter.net or 864-350-2693

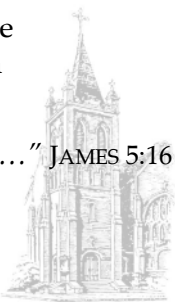
You are warmly invited to the
Second Presbyterian Church

WIC Prayer Breakfast

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful..." JAMES 5:16

Saturday, February 22, 2014
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Church Fellowship Hall



New Baby

We rejoice with Serge and Christa Pomerlyan in the birth of their daughter, Margaret Brockman on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Margaret weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

takethemameal.com

If you would like to prepare and take a meal to Christa and Serge Pomerlyan go to takethemameal.com and enter **Pomerlyn, password 1892.** (Note the spelling of Pomerlyn on the website.)

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS BEGINS
Sunday, February 23, 2014
10:00 am

Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER 2013 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		
	Dec. 2013	YTD 2013	YTD Budget
Offerings	186,353	1,135,627	1,063,725
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	143,159	935,087	929,245
Mission Disbursements	<u>58,552</u>	<u>200,615</u>	<u>134,480</u>
Total Outlays	201,711	1,135,702	1,063,725
Net Offerings	(15,358)	(75)	

- Contributions in December 2013 were \$186,353.
- Contributions in 2013 were \$1,135,627 versus \$1,064,517 for 2012.
- See the 2013 Missions and Benevolences Financial Report in this week's Herald for additional information.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Mann or Jeremy Weaver.

ELDER NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, AFTER THE EVENING SERVICE.

Men Eligible for the Nomination to the Office of Elder

Altman, Kip	Cumbus, George	Huber, Ray	Maycock, Dan	Senn, Byron
Atwood, John	Dickerson, Larry	Icard, Randy	McCall, Rich	Shreve, Tom
Barnett, Joel	Dillard, Marion	Kee, Kirby	McKenney, Ray	Spears, Daniel
Bassett, Brian	Dillard, Mike	King, Fitz	McNeely, Ron	Shipp, Lewis
Baxa, Mark	Duncan, John	King, Harry	Mobley, Kevin	Shuford, Jack
Bianchi, Joe	Early, Gordon	King, John	Moore, Robert	Spell, Jeffrey
Bishop, Jim	Ecarma, Reggie	Korol, Jason	Moore, Steve	Stephens, Tony
Braeckelaere, Bill	Evans, Spencer	LaBombard, Louie	Morgan, Mike	Stevens, Joe
Briggs, Larry	Farley, Alan	Laughter, Marcus	Myers, Barry	Strickland, Mark
Bulla, Don	Fields, Chuck	Leathers, Jim	Newsome, John	Therrell, Billy
Butler, Ed	Gray, John	Leigh, Hunter	Outz, Ernest Ray	Traynham, Jerry
Caldwell, David	Griffin, John	Looper, Jimmy	Owens, Tim	Upton, Nathan
Campbell, Woody	Griffin, Matt	Ludwig, Hank	Pitts, Larry	Watkins, Bill
Carey, Mike	Grubbs, Scott	Lusk, Roger	Plating, Steve	Waugh, Barry
Carmichael, Stu	Guest, Jon	Lynch, Chris	Pomerlyan, Serge	Weaver, Jeremy
Carter, Jordan	Hammitt, Lewey	Mahon, Frank	Rogers, Reed	Whigham, Martin
Carter, Randy	Harmon, Leon	Mahon, Ron	Russell, Tindell	Windt, Jeff
Chivers, Mike	Holbrook, Mark	Maralit, Joseph	Safford, Kenneth	Worley, Kevin
Chivers, Richard	Holman, Bob	Martin, Henry	Schvaneveldt, Stephen	Wright, Lloyd
Compton, Jimmy	Hopple, Jim	Martin, Joe	Scoggins, Chad	Zimmerman, Dennis

The above adult men are eligible because they have been a resident member in good standing of Second for 2 or more years and are over the age of 30 at the time of the election and are not obviously hindered by health or failing attendance. Members may chose up to 2 qualified men from this list for nomination.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and twenty-first stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 25, 2014, at 9:00 am at Westminster PCA in Clinton, SC. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second: TE Phillips, TE Spears, RE Duncan, RE Player, RE Wheeler, RE Bragdon. Visitors are welcome.

Membership Class

Begins Sunday, February 2, 2014, 9:45am
Room C-209
(3rd floor down the hall from the church office.)
Taught by Pastor Phillips
The class will meet each Sunday for 8 weeks.
Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church, however, you are requested to take the class before joining the church.

Jessamines

The Jessamines will begin the New Year with their first meeting of 2014 on February 6th, 6:30am. Mark your calendars and watch the Herald for further details.



**ANNUAL VALENTINE'S
BANQUET**

Friday, February 14, 2014



WIC Precepts

Attention Ladies: A new Precept Bible study begins Thursday, Feb. 20 for 7 weeks, ending April 3. We will be studying the book of Judges each Thursday from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact Mary Russell, 329-1670 by Feb. 5 if you want to participate as books need to be ordered.

Annual Sports' Banquet

Wednesday, February 26th, 5:45pm
Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2013-14 sports participation.