

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM Membership Class  
 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, February 3

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, February 4

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

### Wednesday, February 5

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 4:30 PM I-Mites B'ball practice  
 5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 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 & BIBLE STUDY**  
 8:30 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball practice

### Thursday, February 6

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

### Friday, February 7

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

### Saturday, February 8

2:30 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball practice

## Upcoming Events

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. 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

## 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.

**Ruby Benchoff**  
 304 Dupont Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29607  
 235-99958

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Lee Axley**  
**Larry and Jenel Babb**  
**Lee Bailey**

## Missionary of the Week

**JUNE GALLMAN**  
**PRESBYTERIAN EVANGELISTIC FELLOWSHIP**  
**COSTA RICA**

(Will speak to our church family on  
 Wednesday night, January 29th at 7:30pm)

- Pray for safety while she is traveling.
- Pray for continued health.
- Pray for fruitfulness and faithfulness.
- Pray the Lord will provide full support.
- Pray for her ministry in Costa Rica.

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 8:1-2

*O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
 You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies  
 and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,  
 to still the enemy and the avenger. (ESV)*

**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.

**Ladies of Second Presbyterian Church**

You are cordially invited to attend the annual

**WIC Prayer Breakfast**

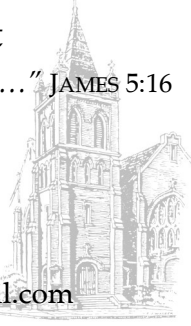
*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful..."* JAMES 5:16

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

Church Fellowship Hall

R.S.V.P.

marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com



**COMMUNICANTS' CLASS BEGINS**

A Communicants' Class will be held beginning Sunday, February 23. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class.

**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.

**ELDER NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, AFTER THE EVENING SERVICE.**  
 Ballots and a list of eligible men for nomination are available from an usher or the church office. Copies of the nomination/election procedure are located on the shelf outside the library.

**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	Outzs, 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	Hammett, 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.



**ANNUAL VALENTINE'S  
BANQUET**

**"The Memory of Love"**

**Friday, February 14, 2014**

**Church Gymnasium**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

**(12 years old and up)**

Nursery provided for children under 12

Please make reservations by Wednesday, February 12,  
with Ken Safford or Robert Spears.

You may also bring a check to the church office.

Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.



**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.

**Nursery Schedules**

A new nursery schedule begins Sunday, February 2. All nursery workers and monitors need to pick up their schedules at the nursery desk ASAP.

**Jessamines**

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

**Young At Heart**

The Valentine's Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, February 17, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal is \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Our guest speaker this month is Dr. Barry Waugh, back by popular demand.

**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.

**ACTS SS CLASS**

ACTS Sunday School Class will be moving for the next two months to the Conference Room and will be taught by Pastor Spears.

Whereas the four Gospels teach us about Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection, and whereas the New Testament epistles work out the doctrines of salvation, Revelation especially directs us to the present reign of Jesus from heaven for the sake of His church. In my judgment, many Christians do not think often of Jesus in terms of His present reign and sovereign rule. Revelation sets Jesus constantly before us as our presently reigning and victorious Lord.

Second, *Revelation's concern with the life of the Christian and the Church.* Ours is a generation in the church where almost all attention is focused on getting people to believe on Jesus and to join the church. Our attention then shifts to other people who need to be saved. But Revelation shows that Jesus is extremely concerned with the affairs of His people and that He responds to our lives in both judgment and blessing. The vision of chapter 1, in which Jesus stands sovereignly among the candlesticks of the church, holding the stars of the churches in His hand, should stick in our minds. The seven letters of chapters 2-3 should weigh heavy upon our consciences as especially opening up the mind of Christ for us. There are three main concerns in these letters. First is the doctrinal purity of His church. "I hold a few things against you," Jesus told the church in Pergamum, and then chastised them for tolerating "the teaching of Balaam," and "the teaching of the Nicolaitans" (Rev. 2:14-15). Second, Jesus cared deeply about the moral purity of His church, threatening severe judgment on those who were given over to sexual immorality and idolatry (Rev. 2:14, 2:20, 3:4). Third, Jesus spoke fervently about the need of his people to maintain their zeal for ministry in His name. He wrote to Laodicea: "because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16). Revelation should cause us to take seriously our obligation to lead faithful, godly, and zealous lives for Jesus' sake.

Third, *Revelation's call for the Church to persevere under tribulation.* In my view, one of the most alarming errors in the teaching of Revelation is that Christians will not have to endure the tribulation of this present age. This teaching is usually made in concert with an unbiblical doctrine of the rapture. But Revelation could not be clearer in telling Christians that we will conquer only by remaining faithful under great trials in this world. Over and again, Jesus speaks of the reward for "the one who conquers" by remaining faithful despite all persecution. This theme is of special important to us today, when Christians face such bloody persecution around the world and increasing intolerance and injustice here in America. Jesus demands that we stand up to both evil government authorities and the enticing seductions of a depraved culture. In Revelation, He promises to judge evil so as to protect His church (Rev. 7:2-3) and to give faithful believers the strength we need to persevere. One of the great verses of Revelation concerns how Christians conquer over Satan and evil:

"they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death" (Rev. 12:11). These are words that should be engraved on our conscience and which we should resolve to fulfill.

Fourth, *Revelation's promise of blessing in the Second Coming of Jesus.* Another sad effect of bad teaching on the end times is that perhaps most Christians dread the thought of Jesus returning. But Revelation, together with the whole New Testament, teaches that this is the great hope in which the fullness of our salvation will come. Christians should not be afraid that having trusted Jesus in life, they will somehow be rejected when Christ returns. Instead, it is only the wicked and unbelieving world that should dread the return of Jesus. John writes: "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him" (Rev. 1:7). Another of the great refrains of Revelation celebrates the great victory when Jesus comes: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). What could be more exciting! Thus the suffering church longs for His coming and the adoring Bride calls to her Lord, "Come Lord Jesus!" He promises, "Surely I am coming soon" (Rev. 22:20). This thought should burn in our hearts with excitement, with hope, and with a desire to worship and serve Him now.

I hope that our study of Revelation has been a memorable event in your Christian experience. More than that, I hope you have understood this book so that you can return to it over and again, and that your commitment to Jesus will have been strengthened. May the Lord bless these sermons in our church, and may "the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all" (Rev. 22:21).

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

## At the Corner of River and Rhett

ELDER EMERTUS  
DR. ALBERT S. ANDERSON

Sunday we recognized and honored the service of a faithful Ruling Elder within Second Church:  
**Dr. Albert S. Anderson**

Al was ordained at SPC while Dr. Paul Settle was the pastor in 1991. His profession is medicine- noteworthy as a nutritionist he was a product of DL Moody's Mount Hermon School. The family joined the church in 1986 along with (son) Paul who is an OPC Minister in New England. Al & Anne have been faithfully married for over 60 years. He has been involved with the music program for many years and is currently serving on the Worship & Music Committee. Al is a frequent Commissioner to Presbytery and General Assemblies and a Founding Father (Board Member) of the Creation Study Group and has a passion for personal evangelism. He is "a sturdy New Englander." At the January 13th stated meeting of the Session, the Elders received and acted upon a request from Dr. Anderson to become an **Elder Emeritus** within the congregation.

On Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> this was announced to the congregation before both morning services.

### NEW ORGANIST:

We welcome Alison Lewis to the organ during the months of February and March. Alison recently moved to the Greenville area.

### 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

-The Editor



## Spotlight on Ministry

### "The Christian Education Committee" (of the Session)

We are so appreciative of the Christian Education Committee which is responsible for the planning, coordination and review of many vital ministries within the church. Bill Wheeler is the new chairman of the committee for 2014. Listed below is the full membership and meetings times.

J. W. Wheeler (Elder)  
Timothy J. Crunk (Elder)  
Keith Pratt (Elder)  
Richard D. Phillips (Moderator of Session)  
Melton L. Duncan (Sunday School Superintendent) &  
*Ex Officio*  
James E. McCarthy (Director of Student Ministries)  
Scott C. Cook III (Ministerial Intern with an emphasis on Youth & Families)  
Rob Gustafson (Ministerial Intern with an emphasis on Christian Education)  
C. Kipling Altman (Deacon, Chairman of Sports & Fellowship)  
Margaret Holman (WIC Representative: President of WIC)  
Cindy Crunk (WIC Representative: Christian Growth Chair & Jessamines Ministry)  
Pat Shuford (Ministry Representative: Hostess)  
Jill Mann (Ministry Representative: Children & VBS)  
Barry Waugh (Ministry Representative: History Room)  
Cindy Mann (Ministry Representative: Holbrook Library)  
Myra Russell (Ministry Representative: Nursery)  
Judy Brigman (Ministry Representatives: Young at Heart)

**Stated meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 5:00pm**  
**Gresham Conference Room**

## The Second Presbyterian Church

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Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### COMING SOON!

Revelation 22:18-21

Hymns: 100, 324, 320

Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

### FAITH PASSING THROUGH

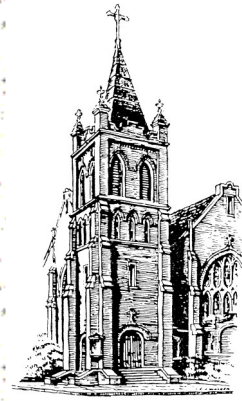
Hebrews 11:27-29

Hymns: 266, 600, 668

Psalter: Psalm 41 (vs. 1-6)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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## Letter from the Senior Minister The Blessing of Preaching Revelation

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"  
(Rev. 1:5-6).

I have been preaching long enough that I have now completed a number of different expository series. Few have been so challenging and have impacted me so greatly as the preaching of Revelation, which I complete this week. Revelation is a book that requires quite a bit of work to preach – many weeks I began my preparation scratching my head trying to figure out what the text was saying! But the effort has been very rewarding to me and I hope to you also. One reason I preached Revelation is that many Christians barely even try to read it due to its strange imagery (and also because of the bizarre and confusing interpretations they have previously heard). But if Revelation is Christ's particular message to the churches of this age and to his people facing tribulation in this world, it is essential that we study its message. Not only should Revelation be understood by Christians today, it should be considered a vitally important guide to the church and to Christians in the world.

With this in mind, let me comment on some of the ways Revelation has impacted me personally:

First, *Revelation's* focus on the centrality of the exalted Christ. Revelation is above all else a book about the sovereignty of the glorified Jesus Christ. From the opening vision of chapter 1, where Jesus is revealed as the glorified High Priest, to the powerful vision of Christ opening the seals of God's will for history (chapters 5-6), its vision of the triumphant Lamb standing atop Mount Zion with His victorious church (14:1), until His final testimony in chapter 22, Revelation sets before us a Sovereign Lord who is wholly able to save His people.