

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 6

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 10:00 AM Elder Training
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:15 PM Called Session Meeting
 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

Tuesday, April 8

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM Missions 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
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
 7:00 PM Elder Training

Thursday, April 10

9:30 AM WIC Precepts (last class)

Friday, April 11

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 27:4

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

April 2 WIC Council
 April 2 Administration Committee Meeting
 April 6 Called Session Meeting
 April 8-9 WIC Circles
 April 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 April 9 Missions' Committee Meeting
 April 13 Covenant College Choir singing-am Services
 April 13 New Members' Reception & Luncheon
 April 13 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 April 14 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 April 16 No Wednesday night activities
 April 17 Maundy Thursday Service
 April 18 Church Office Closed
 April 18 Good Friday Lunch and Service
 April 20 Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Service-7am
 Breakfast at the church-8am
 Sunday School-9am
 One Easter Worship Service-10am
 Evening Service-6pm
 April 21 Young At Heart
 April 23 CE Committee Meeting
 April 24 Calvary Presbytery
 Christ Community, Simpsonville, SC
 April 25 Jr. High Fellowship
 April 25 Sr. High Fellowship
 April 26 Magnolia Morning Southern Brunch
 April 27 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Mark Your Calendars

May 7 Graduation Banquet
 May 14 CAT Kids Program
 May 15 Jessamines
 June 6-13 Mission Trip to Peru
 June 7-14 Mission Trip-MTW Cherokee, NC
 June 17-20 General Assembly—Houston, TX
 June 23-27 Vacation Bible School

Remembering One Another

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

Lila Riggins
 Presbyterian Home
 801 Musgrove Street
 Clinton, SC 29325

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Sara Cater
Dennis and Joyce Caulder
Emily and Jenny
Mike Chivers

Missionary of the Week

MISSION NORTHEAST INDIA
Rev. and Mrs. Lian Tombing
Manipur, India

Mission to Northeast India is comprised of:

Covenant Children's Home
 Covenant School
 Presbytery of Local Churches
 Community Mercy Ministries

Recently Lian received the Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award for service towards the welfare of children on November 19, 2013 at New Delhi. He was accompanied by his wife, Clara, and the Award was presented by Shrimati Krishna Tirath, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development.

**Covenant College Chamber Singers at SPC
Hospitality Needed**

On Palm Sunday weekend, April 12 and 13, our membership has the opportunity to host the Covenant College Chamber Singers. They will sing in our two morning worship services on April 13. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO HOST STUDENTS OVERNIGHT? Lodging for the men has been completed, but we still need housing for twelve college girls and one woman chaperone. Please assist with this if possible. The girls will go in a group of at least two. The chaperone will go alone.

The schedule will be as follows:

- 1) Pick your guests up at the church on Saturday, April 12, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Feed them supper.
- 3) Host them overnight.
- 4) Feed them breakfast.
- 5) Return them to the church by 7:45 am on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday morning). Note that time: 7:45 am!!!!

Following the two morning worship services, the group will eat lunch at our New Members' Luncheon where they will provide special music.

Please contact Shirley Duncan if you will be able to host this outstanding group. Email: shirleyduncan@charter.net or cell 230-5633. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter of hospitality.

—Worship and Music Committee

Directory Pictures

Pictures of our new members will be taken at the luncheon on April 13 for the church directory. If any other members need to have their picture taken for the directory please plan to do so at this time.

Upcoming Graduates

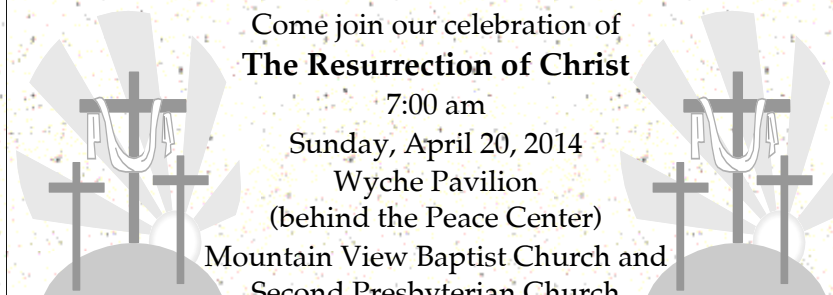
Please contact the church office if you will be graduating high school/college/seminary in May or December. We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet, May 7, 2014.

Easter Services at Second

April 17	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 18	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch in the Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
April 20	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service <i>(only one service)</i>
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on April 16th.

Community Easter Sunrise Service



Come join our celebration of
The Resurrection of Christ

7:00 am

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Wyche Pavilion
(behind the Peace Center)

Mountain View Baptist Church and
Second Presbyterian Church

Dr. Phillips will be preaching/Mountain View Choir will sing.

Easter Lilies: Deadline-April 13th

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to place in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone special, please fill out the form below and place in the church office in Judy Grant's mail box along with \$8.00 for each lily.

I would like to place _____ (how many) Easter Lily(ies) in the church on Easter Sunday:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

New Members' Luncheon



All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, April 13, 2014** immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service on April 13, 2014

Magnolia Morning Southern Brunch



Ladies of all ages are warmly invited to the WIC Magnolia Morning Southern Brunch



to be held on Saturday, April 26th, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon in the church gym. Kitty Swillen will serve her delicious Southern cuisine, and Shirley Duncan will give a talk entitled "The Flavor of Gracious Speech" based on Colossians 4:6: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer each person." Make your reservations now or no later than April 10th.

Please call or email Beth Gustafson at (438-1050) or marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com Nursery care will be provided for children under 12.

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart Luncheon will be Monday, April 21, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered meal is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. Mr. Jim McCarthy will be our guest speaker this month. Plan to come join us!

Do many Old Calvinists feel pressure to get with the New Calvinist program? I think that they do, mainly because of the enthusiasm and excitement the New Calvinists generate. New Calvinism boasts mega-conferences like T4G and Passion, New York Times Best-Selling authors, and page views in the millions. In typically pragmatic American thinking, if "they" are bringing in ten thousand and "we" are bringing in a thousand to conferences, then "they" must be right and "we" must be outmoded or wrong. Especially ministries with boards of directors, whose sworn duty involves financial oversight, the magnetic pull of New Calvinist style, form, and function can be very strong simply because of its outward success.

Let me offer, then, four reasons why Christians and churches in the Old Calvinism should not be threatened or pressured to conform to the New:

1. **The numerical success of the New Calvinism is at least in large part a function of the sheer size of the ponds in which they are fishing.** In other words, the world of Baptist, Charismatic, and broadly evangelical churches is exponentially larger than that of traditional Reformed and Presbyterian churches. Their numerical success should not be seen as an indictment of now "smaller" Reformed ministries, but a measure of the broader world to which the New Calvinism has access. Moreover, the positive energy infused into these ministries is a reflection of the impact that Reformed soteriology is making in these broader circles. Many of us remember the impact to our own lives when we grasped that our salvation is by grace alone, giving us a refreshing assurance based on God's sovereign love. "It was like being born again, again!" many of us have said. Now this is happening on a broad scale outside of traditional Reformed circles through the ministry of New Calvinism preachers and writers. We should praise the Lord for this and not feel threatened if this significant work of the Lord is being done by others rather than by us.

2. **Like all other "movements," the New Calvinism is likely to diffuse and fragment,** so that "jumping on the bandwagon" may not be the wisest choice even for pragmatists. Old Calvinists point out weaknesses and dangers in the New, and these weaknesses are likely to play out in negative ways. Jim Cassidy has written what I think is a cogent statement of forces likely to undermine the New Calvinism. He identifies continuing revelation, non-confessionalism, church polity, sacraments, and eschatology. Some of these problems were present in Old Calvinist circles and have led to diffusion and fragmenting among us. The same is likely to happen in New Calvinism both for good and for ill. In fact, the fragmenting has already started, representing both diffusion and a positive clarification of doctrine.

3. **The distinctive beliefs and practices of Old Calvinism are so biblical and precious that they deserve to be held fast.** The main

reason why Old Calvinists should not be threatened or pressured by the momentum and enthusiasm attached to New Calvinism is that our distinctives involve such precious truths and practices. Five-Point Calvinism is both true and vitally significant (yes, including Limited Atonement!). Biblically regulated worship should continue to be honored so as to "offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe" (Heb. 12:28). Biblical polity should be adhered to for the safety and health of the precious sheep in Christ's church. The sufficiency of the Word, along with prayer and the sacraments, must be practiced because it really is the Word that alone conveys spiritual life, and it really is the Word, prayer, and the sacraments that God has empowered to strengthen faith (WCF 14:1). Old Calvinists can look to the generally positive fruit of the New Calvinism with kindness and joy, and yet still refuse to move from the ministerial vision inherited from our Old Calvinist fathers, grounded in the prophetic and apostolic witness of God's Word.

4. **Old Calvinists can best serve the New Calvinists by remaining who we are,** proclaiming the mature message and exhibiting the spiritual vigor of the full-orbed Reformed faith. With a loving critique, but even more with a compelling proclamation of the whole counsel of God for faith and life, Old Calvinists can help our brothers in the New Calvinism to steer clear of harmful errors. By remaining who we are by God's grace, may the best expressions of Old Calvinism provide an example of spiritual vigor that flows directly from living springs of God's Word.

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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

At the Corner of River and Rhett

"EVERYONE COUNTS"

-Rev. Robert E. Spears III explaining the meaning of Numbers 26:28-51.

WELCOME CLARESA

The Media Committee welcomes Claresa Smith to her new role as Social Media Content Creator.

#Like#Share@SPCGreenville.

PARKING NEWS

Lanier Parking Systems will begin new *evening* enforcement measures of the SPC parking lot beginning this week. A few reminders, "SPC Parking Stickers" are available for members at a suggested donation of \$4. SPC members are asked when they come to the church during business hours or come downtown in the evening hours to park in *unnumbered spaces*. If you should receive a citation from Lanier please notify the Church Administrator. If you need a new decal contact mduncan@spcgreenville.org.

BIG THANKS

Nate, Tim, Ben & Micah Johnson along with William Compton worked most of Saturday installing a new (and improved) wireless network system throughout the church. Church members are asked to use SPCMember@River. There are additional networks designed for use by staff, media and guests. Each network is secure and should provide a stronger signal and not interfere with livestreaming of services or prayer meeting.

MEMBER NETWORK & PASSWORD

Network Name - SPCMember@River

Network Password - SPC@1892



-The Editor

Spotlight on Church History

Sixth Oldest PCA Church in SC Aimwell Presbyterian Church Ridgeway, Fairfield County, South Carolina

Aimwell Presbyterian Church was organized in 1790. It is the seventeenth oldest congregation in the whole P.C.A. and the sixth oldest in South Carolina. The first minister to supply the church for an extended time was the minister of Zion Church, Winnsboro, Rev. George Reid. Following Reid's ministry, the session issued a call to Rev. Anthony Ross, which he accepted in 1808 and continued in for fourteen years. Soon after Rev. Ross started his ministry, the original building at Cedar Creek was destroyed by a forest fire leaving the congregation without a house of worship for several years. Eventually a log building was erected on the property, but then in 1833, it was succeeded by a new and more comfortable building.

The next minister, William Brearly, would be associated with the Aimwell Church for several years. When Aimwell and two other area churches were in great need of a pastoral supply for their rural congregations, they turned to the seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, which proposed young Brearly as a suitable candidate. William had been born in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, in 1801. Lawrenceville is just a few miles from Princeton, so it was natural that he chose to study at Princeton's college and seminary. Presbytery examined and ordained him in 1826 for the three-church ministry that continued until 1842. When Rev. Brearly left Aimwell, he went to the Presbyterian Church in Darlington where he served as their shepherd for thirty-six years. Rev. Brearly died in 1882.

In the years after Rev. Brearly's ministry beginning in 1842 and continuing to 1921, Aimwell was served by sixteen different ministers whose calls extended in length anywhere from one to seven years. Some of the ministers that served in this eighty-year period included Mitchell Peden, J. R. McAlpin, James Adams Wilson, J. W. McClure, George Washington Boggs, Robert Newton Marion, J. J. Dubose, and Wade Hampton Eubank.

The current brick church building appears to have been constructed about 1940 plus or minus a decade. Just to the right of the sanctuary is a white building addition that looks like an office and meeting facility. Behind the church in a wooded area is an attractively landscaped garden. There is also a fenced-in playground for outdoor church activities.

~ by Dr. Barry Waugh, Church Historian

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

April 6, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

PREDESTINED AS SONS
Ephesians 1:5

Hymns: 166, 131, 525

Anthem: Go Not Far From Me, O God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

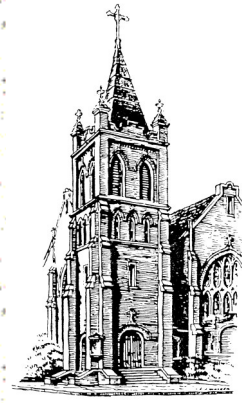
EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

A CALL TO HOLINESS
Hebrews 12:14-17

Hymns: 103, 537, 585

Psalter: Psalm 45 (verses 8-17)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Serving but Staying Off the New Calvinist Bandwagon

Last week I began a four-part series of observations pertaining to the New Calvinism - Old Calvinism discussion. My first post argued that Old Calvinists should be grateful for and generally happy about the New Calvinism. This second post will make the argument that Old Calvinists should not be threatened by or feel pressure to conform to the New. I would offer four observations to this effect:

1. The numerical success of the New Calvinism is at least in large part a function of the sheer size of the ponds in which they are fishing.
2. Like all other "movements," the New Calvinism is likely to diffuse and fragment.
3. The distinctive beliefs and practices of Old Calvinism are biblical and precious.
4. Old Calvinists can best serve the New Calvinists by remaining who we are.

In speaking of Old Calvinism, I admit that I am using the expression loosely for the community of Calvinists generally connected with Old School Presbyterianism and their conservative Reformed Baptist counterparts. One thinks of Martyn Lloyd-Jones and the Banner of Truth, and James Montgomery Boice and the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. They are united by a commitment to Five-Point Calvinism, ordinary means of grace ministry, the regulative principle of worship, and a traditional elder-rule approach to church polity. By New Calvinism, I mean the recent spread of a sovereign grace gospel into broader evangelicalism, led by figures such as John Piper, C. J. Mahaney and Mark Driscoll and exemplified by The Gospel Coalition, Sovereign Grace Ministries, and the Acts 29 church planting network.