

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 10

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 4:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, August 11

6:30 PM Session Meeting

### Tuesday, August 12

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church  
 10:30 AM Playdate: Greenville Zoo  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

### Wednesday, August 13

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:30 PM Missions' Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:45 PM Musical CAT Kids Program  
 7:30 PM **PRAYER MEETING**

### Friday, August 15

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

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 37:1-4

*Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

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## Upcoming Events

August 6 WIC Council  
 August 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 August 7 Playdate: Legacy Park Picnic  
 August 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 August 11 Session Meeting  
 August 12 WIC Circles  
 August 12 Playdate: Greenville Zoo  
 August 13 Missions' Committee Meeting  
 August 13 Musical CAT Kids Program  
 August 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service  
 August 20 Administration Committee Meeting  
 August 20 Musical CAT Kids Fun Night  
 August 21 WIC Annual Meeting  
 August 22 Jr. High Fellowship  
 August 22 Sr. High Fellowship  
 August 24 Installation of WIC Officers  
 August 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee  
 August 27 CE Committee Meeting  
 August 27 Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes  
 August 31 Rally Day  
 August 31 Ice Cream Social

## Mark Your Calendars

September 12-14 Missions' Conference  
 September 17 Evangelism Explosion Banquet  
 September 27 Fall Picnic at Herdclotz Park  
 October 17-18 Ladies' Retreat at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Social Media

[facebook.com/spcgreenville](https://facebook.com/spcgreenville)  [twitter.com/spcgreenville](https://twitter.com/spcgreenville) 

## Remembering One Another

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

**Dale and Ginny Zeigler**  
 125 Rounded Wing Drive  
 Easley, SC 29642  
 850-7757

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**John and Margaret Hook**

**Jim and Lynn Hopple**

**Carl and Jan Hu**

## Missionary for the Week



David Ely is the newest RUF minister in South Carolina and a native of Tuscaloosa but graduated from Auburn University where he met his wife, Mary Beth. They were married in 2006 and worked together at the Navigator Headquarters in Colorado Springs. After serving in college ministry at the University of South Carolina for two years, David attended Covenant Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity. Now an ordained minister in the PCA David is thrilled to be the RUF Campus Minister at Furman University. David and Mary Beth have three wonderful little girls that keep their days full and fun.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**2014 Missions Conference**  
**September 12-14, 2014**

## The Great Escape



ATTENTION: LADIES  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
THE GREAT ESCAPE 2014  
IS COMING...

October 17-18, 2014  
Blue Ridge Assembly  
Black Mountain, North Carolina  
SAVE THE DATE  
More details @ WIC Annual Meeting  
and in upcoming Heralds.

## Playdate: Legacy Park

Thursday, August 7th  
Meet at the park at 10:30 am  
and bring a picnic lunch  
for extended fellowship time.



This park has a small amount of play equipment but lots of grassy space for free play so bring balls, bubbles, jump ropes, etc. for some fun in the sun!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**RALLY DAY**  
**Sunday, August 31**  
**10:00 am**  
**Church Sanctuary**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 31  
Immediately following the evening worship service.  
"Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share."  
Don't miss our last Ice Cream Social of the summer.

The Rare Jewel  
of Christian  
Contentment

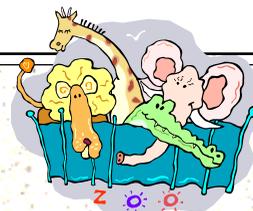


## Second Presbyterian Church All Adult Summer Sunday School, 2014

Sanctuary: 10am  
August 10, 2014

Chapter 11 "The Excuses of a Discontented Heart"  
Robert Spears teaching

## Playdate: Greenville Zoo



Tuesday, August 12  
Greenville Zoo  
Meet at the front entrance  
@ 10:30 AM

We will tour the zoo and maybe take a playtime breather at the small play area inside the zoo. When we are done we will gather in the park outside the zoo for a picnic lunch and playground time.

## Service Opportunity



Have you ever thought about serving in the SPC Nursery but didn't know how to get involved? NOW IS THE TIME TO FIND OUT! Do you want to serve but feel you don't have the experience? Can you smile, hold a baby or get down on the floor and play? You HAVE the experience! We have available slots for Nursery Volunteers for ALL services. Want more of a challenge? Ask about being a Nursery Monitor on the rotation. Volunteers and Monitors work once every 6 weeks. The new schedule will begin in September. Please sign up at the Nursery Desk or contact Myra Russell or Lori Schvaneveldt. Current workers will be contacted in the near future for availability on the next schedule.

## 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.

Aug. 31st; Oct. 12th; Nov. 2nd, 16th & 30th

## WIC Annual Meeting



All college-age and above ladies in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Thursday, August 21, 2014  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM

Agenda:  
Election of Officers  
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities  
Recognition of New Members  
Refreshments will be served.

Contact Margaret Holman (963-9059)  
if you have any questions.

Installation of the new WIC officers will be  
Sunday, August 24th at the evening worship service.

## Music Notes



Musical CAT Kids Program: Wed., August 13  
Musical CAT Kids Fun Night: Wed., August 20  
Reg. CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes: Wed., August 27



## New WIC Bible Study

ATTENTION LADIES: A new Bible Study: The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books, will begin Thursday, September 18th for 10 weeks. This study by Nancy Guthrie replaces the regular Precepts classes. We will meet every Thursday from 9:30-11:30 am in the church conference room. Since the format will be primarily discussion, participants will need to have a book for preparation. Please let Mary Russell (erussell1670@charter.net) know if you plan to attend as books need to be ordered.

## "Takethemameal.com"

If you would like to fix a meal for the Dunlop family after the birth of Titus, please sign up on the web site "takethemameal.com". Sign-in "Dunlop; password 1892." At the moment, Titus is still in the hospital.

service of self instead of the love of God and neighbor, and the glory of self instead of the magnification of the glory of God. In the first family counseling session, Adam gave the first self-centered defense of a transgression, pushing the blame for breaking God's covenant onto his wife and onto God (Gen. 3:12). To make matters worse, from a human perspective at least, God's curse on sin injected even more self-centeredness into the human family. The woman was cursed with a self-centered obsession that ensured conflict in the marital relationship: "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you" (v. 16). The man was cursed with a self-centered obsession about work and play: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground" (v. 19).

All we really have to do to see the condemnation of our own self-centeredness is reflect upon the earthly sojourn of Jesus Christ. In the life of Jesus, we see self-sacrificing servanthood as the living definition of divine love. Jesus summed up His whole lifestyle when He said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

Sometimes the question is asked, "I wonder what love looks like in the divine family of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?" The answer may be found by examining the person and work of God the Son, who came as "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15) and bore "the exact imprint of [the divine] nature" (Heb. 1:3). The life of Jesus was a living exposition of 1 John 4:8: "God is love." In Jesus we see the very opposite of a self-centered life, especially as He voluntarily submitted to death on the cross. Jesus sacrificed Himself out of love for God the Father ("that the Son may glorify you") and the whole family of God ("to give eternal life to all whom you have given [me]") (John 17:1-2).

### A Christ-Centered Family

Practical experience will soon teach Christians that the transformation of our lives is a gradual, progressive work of God. Justification takes place immediately when we first believe. Every believer is instantaneously forgiven and justified through Christ. But sanctification involves a lifetime of faithful diligence and application. For this reason, even Christian families in which every member has professed faith in Christ will not automatically exhibit the ethics of Christ's love. We must deliberately turn from being a self-centered family to a Christ-centered family.

What, then, are some of the characteristics of a family that has renounced the love of self for the sacrificial love of Christ? I would assert that a Christ-centered family is one driven by three commitments, each of which begins with d: doxology, discipleship, and delight.

Doxology means worship, and a Christ-centered life is one that is motivated above all else for the glory and praise of God. If I am a

Christian family member, why should I happily concede the best seat to my sibling, hand over the toy with a smile, tolerate some mess in the family room, or turn off the computer so as to read a book to my children? Answers abound: to benefit individually, avoid conflict, feel better about myself, and escape punishment — all of which are good reasons in their proper place. But the true motive for loving servanthood, and the one that will abide in transforming us, is gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the desire for Him to be praised in my life. This is the motive that should be pressed upon Christian hearts — young and old — in a Christ-centered family. Oh, how wonderful it is to praise and please the Lord, and how worthy He is that we should follow His loving example.

Discipleship means the deliberate following of Jesus Christ through the study of His Word, prayer, and church membership. In a Christ-centered family, the Bible is opened before the computer is turned on, the Word and prayer are taken in for strength in grace together with the food that gives vigor to our bodies, and the family is committed to the body of Christ, in which He dwells through His Spirit. Discipleship flows from doxology, which highlights the importance of family worship and diligently attending to the means of grace in the home and church.

Delight means rejoicing to look upon others in the way that Christ has looked upon us. Doxology and discipleship promote this delight, as we imbibe the Spirit of our Lord. Paul said, "From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:16-17). Paul's emphasis was not only on how we see ourselves as born again but on how we now see fellow believers. What delight there is in realizing that we live in a Christian family where Christ is working for His glory. In a Christ-centered family, there is a sense of wonder at what God is doing in our lives that is more captivating than Barbie or *Star Wars*. John wrote, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). Is this a chore? No, it is a delight when we realize how God has loved us through the sacrificial service of His Son. The more clearly we see Christ and God's amazing grace at work in us through Him, the greater is our delight in sacrificing ourselves for the glory of God in the life of our families, and then from the home into the church and the world.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

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## At the Corner of River and Rhett

### ESTATE SALE FOR MEMBER IN NEED

Saturday, August 16th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Kitty Swillen's, 311 Edwards Road, Greenville, SC 29615. Items to be sold include furniture, dishes, kitchen ware, vintage linens, lamps, jewelry, china, silverware, miscellaneous household goods. Questions can be addressed to Barnetta Stephens (414-7313) or Sheryl Plating (919-368-2158). This sale is to benefit Mamie Riggins and everyone is encouraged to come and purchase.

### GREENVILLE DRIVE CHURCH NIGHT

Join the church family on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, Fluor Field for church-wide baseball game. Tickets can only be purchased online at [www.spcgreenville.org](http://www.spcgreenville.org). **Deadline for purchase is August 13<sup>th</sup>.** Register today online.



### "HOMEMADE" ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Deacons are asking everyone to mark the night of **August 31<sup>st</sup>** down on your calendars. It's the last Ice Cream Social of the summer (held following the evening service) and everyone is asked to contribute their best homemade ice cream flavor offering to the event.

### HELP A CHURCH FAMILY MOVE

Don & Tam Welker are a new family at SPC and are downsizing in anticipation of Don going into seminary (RTS Charlotte) in the fall and they need help moving out of their current apartment home. If you are able to help would you contact Chairman of the Diaconate Kevin Mobley.

(864-270-2989) or [drmobley@communitychiropracticsc.com](mailto:drmobley@communitychiropracticsc.com)

The Editor



## New Members

The Session received the following into Communicant Membership of Second Presbyterian Church.

July 23, 2014

### Art and Joanne Batzig

331 Mellow Way

Greer, SC 29651

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Cell: (Art) 593-0420 (Joanne) 678-0420

Email: aandjo@hotmail.com

Art is retired from The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; Joanne is a homemaker.

They have 2 married children.

They were received by Affirmation of Faith pending transfer of their letter from Mitchell Road PCA.

July 27, 2014

### Verlyn and Kelli Smoker

#### John, Emma, Mark

200 Governors Square

Greer, SC 29650

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Cell: (Verlyn) 979-9378 (Kelli) 214-532-3048

Email: (Verlyn) vsmoker@spcgreenville.org

(Kelli) verlyns@aol.com

Verlyn is our Director of Music; Kelli is a homemaker and homeschool mom.

Verlyn, Kelli and John were received by Affirmation of Faith pending transfer of their letter from First Presbyterian Church, Mesquite, Texas.

Emma and Mark were received by Profession of Faith.

## New Baby

We rejoice with Ryan and Emily Dunlop in the birth of their son, Titus Isaac Dunlop on Thursday, July 31, 2014. Titus initially had some respiratory issues but is now on the mends. We are thankful for the Dunlop family and pray for Titus' full and quick recovery.

## The Second Presbyterian Church

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

August 10, 2014

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

#### DEAD IN SIN

Ephesians 2:1-3

Hymns: 40, 461, 499

Anthem: Psalm 86

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### THY WILL BE DONE

Matthew 6:9-13

Hymns: 38, 36, 108

Psalter: Psalm 56

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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## Letter from the Senior Minister Self-Centeredness in the Family

How can we be so self-centered if we are a Christian family? This lament has been uttered in virtually every Christian home, and with good reason. Every family, non-Christian and believing, is afflicted with the corruption of sin. Just as every marriage involves two sinners saying, "I do," everyone born to that union is afflicted with the family disease. Therefore, it is without fail that a Christian mother will tear her hair out while kids bicker over who gets to sit where, who gets to use the remote control, who gets to play with the toy, and every other form of the sin category that amounts to "me, me, me."

### All in the Family

It is not just the kids who play the self-centered game in the Christian home. Self-centeredness can be seen in a father who demands that his career dreams take priority over the well being of the family. Self-centeredness takes place when the mother's need for control acts like a whip, keeping Pharaoh's little slaves dancing in the mud pits of Egypt. When it comes to self-centeredness, there is a place for everyone: it is a true "family-friendly" activity. Self-centered grandparents demand attention and emotionally manipulate; self-centered parents impose unhealthy expectations on kids; and self-centered boys and girls turn the family room into a social Afghanistan, at least until they individually check out for a self-centered retreat into their books, cell phones, and self-absorbed peer groups.

This description may seem overly cynical. To be sure, it is far from the only dynamic working in Christian families. But if my experience as a pastor is correct, most parents reading this paragraph will respond not with a condemning "how dare he say that about us" but with a relieved "thank God we're not the only one."

Self-centeredness is so pervasive because it is the very essence of sin. Sin demands the autonomy of self instead of submission to God, the