

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 2

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship

Monday, November 3

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, November 5

4:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Children's Choir (1st-4th grade)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (5th-8th grade)
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (Sr. High & College)
 6:45 PM Diaconate Training (S-309)
 6:55 PM CAT Kids
 6:55 PM Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Sr. High Bible Study
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
 7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:20 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, November 6

9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
 4:00 PM Mites Basketball practice
 5:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Friday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 8

2:00 PM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 67:4-5

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1	WIC Shower for Amy Stevens
Nov. 1	Basketball games begin
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 3	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 5	WIC Council
Nov. 5	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 9	High School Lunch and Fellowship
Nov. 9	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 9	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 10	Session Meeting
Nov. 11-12	WIC Circles
Nov. 12	Missions Committee Meeting
Nov. 14	Sr. High Fellowship
Nov. 15	Jr. High Fellowship
Nov. 16	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Nov. 16	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 17	Young At Heart
Nov. 19	Administration Committee Meeting
Nov. 20	College Friends Giving
Nov. 23	New Members' Reception and Luncheon
Nov. 23	Evangelism & Church Growth Committee
Nov. 26	CE Committee Meeting
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Supper and Service
Nov. 27-28	Church Office Closed
Nov. 29	WIC Decorating for Christmas
Nov. 30	Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music	Dec. 7
⇒ Churchwide Choir Reception	Dec. 7
⇒ Gingerbread House Contest	Dec. 10
⇒ Youth Christmas Caroling	Dec. 10
⇒ Good Grief Dinner	Dec. 11
⇒ Congregation Meeting-Deacon election	Dec. 14
⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program	Dec. 17
⇒ Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24
⇒ Christmas Hymn Sing	Dec. 28

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 10) or email: jgrant@spcgreenville.org.

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.

Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery
 564 S. Buckhorn Road
 Greenville, SC 29609
 244-4542

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Henry and Deborah Martin

Sam and Elizabeth Martin

Joe and Leslie Martin
Sarah and Ross

Missionary for the Week

The Persecuted Church
International Day of Prayer—Nov. 2, 2014

- Pray for both the repentance and redemption of those engaged in evil against the Church and for God's intervention against their evil schemes.
- Pray for disruption to the terror cycle and the God would change the hearts of all those who persecute Christians.
- Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters who live in fear daily under threat and for those who are imprisoned and sentenced to death because they have turned to Jesus.
- For God's protection to be upon the persecuted Christian in every way, guarding their bodies, minds and spirits.

**International Day of Prayer
for the Persecuted Church**

30 Days of Prayer for November is designed to encourage prayer for the work of the gospel and the growth of the Church, especially in restricted-access countries and among unreached people groups. Brochures have been placed on the shelf outside the library as a guide for your prayer time. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is November 2, 2014. Join us at 5:15 pm in the Chapel as we join millions of people around the world who will be "Hearing their Cry" and praying for the Persecuted Church.



Showering with Love
WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Wedding Shower
for
Amy Stevens
Saturday, November 1, 2014
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Amy is registered at Target, Belk, Sears, and
Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

 **Evangelism Explosion Training**

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? Evangelism Explosion is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester began Thursday, October 16, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions. It's not too late to join.

Young At Heart

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 17th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.00 per person payable at the door. The Handbell Choir from Shepherd's Care will join us to share God's love through the ringing of the bells. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

New Members' Luncheon



All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,
Sunday, November 23, 2014
 immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.
Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.
Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday, November 26
Dinner :
5:45 PM - Gym
Service:
7:00 PM - Sanctuary



The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 27th and Friday, Nov. 28th
for Thanksgiving.

The will be a Congregation Informational
Budget meeting on Nov. 30, 2014.

The Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday,
October 31st has been cancelled.



Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 2nd
Don't forget to turn your clocks
back 1 hour Saturday Night.

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. Shoe boxes with instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located throughout the church. If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner (244-5688). Boxes need to be in the church office by Nov. 16th.

Second Pres Basketball

Basketball games will begin on Saturday, November 1st. Below is a list of our teams and coaches:

Mites	Nate Johnson
I-Mites	Ashley Maralit
Junior High Girls	Ruth Bechtel and Sharon Phillips
Junior High Boys	Joe Martin and John Gray
Senior High Girls	Vicky Rogers
Senior High Boys	Tim Johnson

Be sure and come out and support these teams. Dates and times will appear in the Herald each week.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Dr. C. Stuart Patterson who went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 27, 2014. We are thankful for the life and service of Stuart at Second, especially for his years on the Session and as a Sunday School teacher, and also as a true founding father of the PCA. Our prayers are with the family during this time of loss and grief.

The Saluda Lake camping trip for this
Thursday and Friday has been cancelled.



that which I purpose" (Isa. 55:11). God desires for us to grow in grace, with increasing faith and spiritual life. His Word will not fail to bestow these if we will devote ourselves to His Word.

We also refer to the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper) as a means of grace. No one is ever converted simply by participating in the sacraments, but "by the administration of the sacraments... [faith] is increased and strengthened" (WCF XIV.1). Baptism and the Lord's Supper are *signs* of the covenant of grace. That means that they display the grace of God through the blood of Jesus. But the sacraments are also *seals* of the covenant of grace. This means that when we receive the sacraments through faith in Christ, God certifies to us our personal possession of saving grace. If we partake of Christ's sacramental meal through a living faith, we can know that we will be admitted to the wedding feast of the Lamb in the glory of the age to come. Realizing this transforms our participation in the Lord's Supper from a dry ritual into a living encounter with our promise-making, covenant God.

Prayer is the third of the divinely granted means of grace. Prayer is not merely a way of getting things that we want from God. It is an approach to the throne of grace for fellowship with God. In this way, prayer strengthens our faith and stimulates eternal life in our souls. Each of us should make a personal commitment to regular, sincere prayer to our loving Father in the name of His Son. And we should be especially zealous to participate in meetings for gathered prayer as a church. This is why I want to encourage each of you to make every effort to attend our weekly prayer meeting after the congregational dinner each Wednesday night. Attendance at our prayer meeting is a good gauge of the spiritual strength of the church, and our fervor in prayer together will make a real difference in our lives and in the life of



the church. I pray that the apostle James' warning will never be true of us: "You have not, because you ask not" (Ja. 4:2).

Second Presbyterian Church is committed to the ordinary administration of the means of grace and is confident of the extraordinary results that will happen through God's Word, the sacraments, and prayer. I hope that you will be equally committed to receiving them in sincere faith. The result will be a stronger faith, a more vibrant spiritual life, and blessings from God who offers us the bounty of His grace.

May God bless you all this Lord's Day.

Yours in Christ,

Richard D. Phillips
Senior Minister



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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 - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

Some Reformation History

John Calvin (1509–1564) is easily the most important Protestant theologian of all time and remains one of the truly great men who have lived. A world-class theologian, a renowned teacher, an ecclesiastical statesman, and a valiant Reformer, Calvin is seen by many as the greatest influence on the church since the first century. Apart from the biblical authors themselves, Calvin stands as the most influential minister of the Word the world has ever seen. Philip Melancthon revered him as the most able interpreter of Scripture in the church, and therefore labeled him simply "the theologian." And Charles Spurgeon said that Calvin "propounded truth more clearly than any other man that ever breathed, knew more of Scripture, and explained it more clearly."

He established the Geneva Academy in 1559 and Calvin dispatched French-speaking pastors, whom he had trained for the gospel ministry, from Geneva to other French-speaking provinces in Europe. Most went to France, where the Reformed movement grew to encompass about one-tenth of the population. Eventually, thirteen hundred Geneva-trained missionaries went to France. By 1560, more than a hundred underground churches had been planted in France by men sent out from Geneva. By 1562, the number of churches had multiplied to as many as 2,150, with more than 3 million members. The membership of some of the churches numbered in the thousands. This growth produced a Huguenot church that almost overcame the Catholic Counter-Reformation in France. Further, Geneva-trained missionaries planted churches in Italy, Hungary, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, England, Scotland, and the Rhineland—even Brazil.

By Steve Lawson

Tabletalk Magazine
November 2014

*"MY HEART I GIVE THEE, LORD,
EAGERLY AND EARNESTLY."*

A saying of John Calvin

At the Corner of River and Rhett

PRESBYTERY NEWS

At the fall meeting of Calvary Presbytery, **Jeff Windt** became a "Candidate" and began his official ministerial internship within the Presbytery after giving his testimony and sense of "call to ministry." He joins **Scott Cook** and **Rob Gustafson** as official "candidates" from Second Church pursuing ordained ministry within the PCA. Pray for them and their families as they preach, teach, minister and serve the Lord and seek His will in their lives.

ON GREETING VISITORS

1. Approach people, welcome them, don't wait for them to come to you.
2. Show new people to their seats. If you're worried about it ask them, 'Would you like me to show you to your seat?'
3. If you can, sit them next to someone who will talk to them and turn to them after the service.
4. There are people in every church who are great at giving up their seats and making room for others. Get in the habit of being inconvenienced for others. They will be a great help particularly with latecomers who are often visitors.
5. Pay attention to older visitors and people with special needs.
6. Ask folk if they need a lift somewhere after the service.
7. Some people want to practice hospitality each Sunday, let your elders know if you would be open to sharing a meal with visitors.
8. Realize that greeting doesn't end with the call to worship. Look out for outsiders after the service and aim to speak with them.
9. Try and speak with new families and get the minister or an elder to welcome and explain what happens in our church service to families.

Some good words on church hospitality towards visitors adapted from Reformation21.org

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 2, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

BROUGHT NEAR TO GOD

Ephesians 2:13

Hymns: 296, 472, 542

Anthem: Sing Praise to God

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

IF ISRAEL WOULD LISTEN

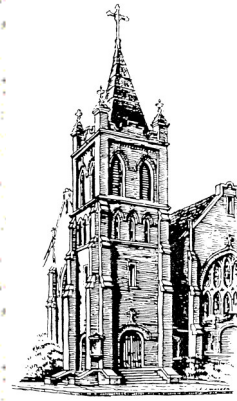
Psalms 81

Hymns: 460, 140, 473

Psalter: Psalm 65 (verses 1-5)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Means of Grace

One of the virtues that attracted me to this church is its historic commitment to what we call "the ordinary means of grace." What this means is that God has ordained means through which He promises blessing. While there are many activities that are beneficial to Christians, God's blessing is especially given to the Word, the sacraments, and prayer. We speak of the "ordinary" means of grace to mean that we don't have to do anything special to make these "work". It is God who blesses the faithful exercise of His means of grace. It is the Christian's duty (and privilege) to faithfully attend to these means of grace, with the result that his or her faith is certain to be strengthened and grow.

The Word of God is a means of grace because God has ordained to use it as the principal means of bestowing the gift of faith. As Paul wrote, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). This is true not just of first-time converts but of all believers. It is by hearing God's Word that faith comes. Because of this, Christians should be zealous in attending the faithful preaching of God's Word and should devote themselves to personal study of Holy Scripture. God promises: "My Word... shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish