

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 25

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP
 7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Tuesday, January 27

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, January 28

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 yrs. old - Kindergarten)
 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)
 6:55 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
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, January 29

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

Friday, January 30

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study
 6:00 PM WIC Game Night
 6:00 PM Jr. High Fellowship

Saturday, January 24

10:00 AM WIC Shower for Haley Maycock
 2:00 PM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

Jan. 22 WIC Bible Study begins
 Jan. 24 Calvary Presbytery
 Jan. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Jan. 28 CE Committee Meeting
 Jan. 28 Called Session Meeting
 Jan. 30 WIC Game Night in Fellowship Hall
 Jan. 30 Jr. High Fellowship
 Jan. 31 WIC Shower for Haley Maycock
 Feb. 2 Diaconate Meeting
 Feb. 4 WIC Council
 Feb. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Feb. 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Feb. 9 Session Meeting
 Feb. 10-11 WIC Circles
 Feb. 11 Missions Committee Meeting
 Feb. 13 Valentine Banquet
 Feb. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Feb. 15 Membership Class begins
 Feb. 16 Young At Heart
 Feb. 18 Administration Committee Meeting
 Feb. 22 Communicants Class begins
 Feb. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Feb. 25 CE Committee Meeting
 Feb. 25 Sports Banquet

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

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)

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.

NEW ADDRESS

Marion and Iris Dillard
 320 LaBoone Road
 Easley, SC 29642
 295-2220

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Serge and Christa Pomerlyan
Eleanor and Margaret
Keith and Millie Pratt
Brice and James
Holt and Katie Preston
Gibson, Darby Anne, William, Harper



PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER

Missionary for the Week

JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH

- 1). Pray that PWC will influence abortion-minded women and men to see the baby they have been given as a gift from God.
- 2). Pray the staff and volunteers will glorify God in all ways.
- 3). Pray that God will encourage women who are quietly suffering from the repercussions of an abortion to seek help from our abortion recovery Bible study, *Forgiven and Set Free*.
- 4). Pray that God will work in the hearts of our leaders to put an end to abortion in our nation.
- 5). Pray about how you can be more actively involved with your time, talents, and finances with the ministry of Piedmont Women's Center.
- 6). Pray for the success of this year's annual banquet. Pray the Lord will bless the event and more people will support the ministry of PWC.

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 22	6:00 pm	Women	Christ Church
Jan. 22	7:00 pm	Men	ARP
Jan. 24	8:30 am	Jr. High Boys	Christ Church
Jan. 24	9:30 am	Jr. High Girls	Home

WIC Game Night

GAMES

Friday, January 30th
6:00 pm
Church Fellowship Hall
For females of all ages
Supper will be provided
Bring your favorite game!

Fun

Questions? Call Alice Barnett (906-0166)
Join us for this time of great fellowship, fun and good eating...come relax and have a "girls night out!"

Fun

Showering with Love

WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Wedding Shower for

Hailey Maycock
Saturday, January 31, 2015
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite recipe.

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our morning worship service on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951). She will be compiling the 2015 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

Join the Men's Chorus

Calling all musical men. On Sunday evening, February 8, a men's ensemble will be singing the offertory for the evening service. Any man who would like to join his voice with this group is welcome to do so—High School and College age young men are also welcome. We will be rehearsing on Sunday evenings January 18, February 1 and 8 from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Please call, text or email Verlyn Smoker if you would like to be a part of this vocal ensemble. He can be reached at 864-979-9378 or vsmoker@spcgreenville.org.

Join the Choir!

The beginning of a new year is a terrific time to join the choir! If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please contact Verlyn Smoker at the church office or call him at 864-979-9378. Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praises! Rehearsals take place in the choir room—directly beneath the Sanctuary—each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with ours!

New Musical Opportunity for Children

A new musical opportunity for our children called the Hope Choir, is to provide an avenue for children, ages 4 to Kindergarten, to be encouraged and trained to sing and make music for the glory of God. Mrs. Sue O'Brien, who has extensive experience teaching music to children, is leading this endeavor which meets from 6:15 to 6:50 p.m. each Wednesday evening. To be eligible for involvement your child must have had their 4th birthday before January 1, 2015. We look forward to the participation of these young ones as they learn to use their voices and musical abilities to praise our glorious Lord. Due to this new group beginning the Wee Worship program on Sunday evenings is being discontinued.

2015 Offering Envelopes

There are still 2015 offering envelopes on a table outside the church library. **Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week.**

ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET
Friday, February 13, 2015

Membership Class

Begins Sunday, February 15, 2015 @ 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.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Sports Banquet
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 @ 5:45 pm
Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2014-15 sports participation.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and twenty fifth stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 9:00 am at Woodruff Road PCA. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

New Baby

We rejoice with Tyler and Alexandra Upton in the birth of their daughter, Afton Erica Upton on January 15, 2014. Afton weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

takethemameal.com
If you would like to prepare and take a meal to the Uptons go to takethemameal.com and enter Upton, password 1892.



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

January 2015 SPC Missionary Updates

From Sharon Phillips
WIC Missions Chair

Roger and Laura Dye: Marriage Ministry in Latin America

Laura writes:

"We still lack 10% of our support. Pray for 7 churches we are waiting to hear from. Praise God we are so close!" "Keep praying for Horacio and Ariela, a couple to whom we are ministering."

Ray and Michelle Call: Paraguay

The Calls are involved in a new missionary work in Paraguay where they are partnering with the OPC church and a Brazilian church in a church planting effort.

Ray writes: "We give thanks and praise to the Lord for providing us a home in Uruguay. We moved into a rental house about 3 weeks ago. God really provided as there was a difficulty in giving a "guarantee" (something required here), but the details were finally worked out! For the first few days we had no hot water (like real missionaries, right?) and no oven/stove. That meant we had to take cold showers and go out to eat for several days. We now have a new appreciation for being able to cook in our own place and also for taking moderately comfortable showers! We moved into part of the house. The other section is still under renovation by the owners, so we hope to expand in about a month. Thanks for your prayers in response to our last update. "We believe the Lord is leading us to establish a church plant in an area of the city of Montevideo called "La Blanqueada." This is a centrally located *barrio* that is in need of a gospel witness and a Reformed church. To that end, we have moved into the area and are beginning to pray and plan. This is the moment we have been working toward – beginning a new church that will be a beacon of light and a herald of truth among those who don't know Christ! The neighborhood is a densely populated urban area consisting of largely middle class folks. IPUY, the other Presbyterian Church in Montevideo, is thrilled to have a second church plant on the horizon and we plan to maintain fraternal relations, hoping someday to form into a presbytery/denomination. IPUY and the church plant in Mercedes (on the Argentinian border) are both close to electing church officers and becoming self-governing. It is imperative that this new church plant is bathed in prayer. We can do nothing apart from Christ."

(see missionary updates continued on next panel)

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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

2015 Missionary Updates continued

(Ray and Michelle Call continued)

Pray that we can get all requirements to begin the residency process. It is important that we get it going ASAP so we can import some of our belongings without taxes.

Pray for wisdom and for God to go before us in this new church plant.

Pray for us all to “mejorar” (improve) our Spanish.

Pray that we will draw near to God.

Octavius Delfils: Port Au Prince, Haiti

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in the city of Port Au Prince in Haiti celebrated their 4th anniversary in November. They praise God for 8 new members in the fall and 5 baptisms.

The Church writes needs for Prayer:

- “The Lord would provide leadership for the church in Haiti so that a Presbytery might be established.”
- “250 children attend the VBS in August. Pray more children would come to church and hear the gospel”
- “God provides the means for publishing good reformed books to help us train the next generation for his glory.” Morton Smith’s Systematics is 80% complete.
- “For Pastors and teachers to come and teach the men in Haiti in 2015.”

Dale and Susan Ellison: Peru Mission

Dale writes: “One of our most exciting changes is our new clinic administrator Ernesto Murillo. I hope to put a photo up soon of him and talk about his background. He is a true administrator with many years of experience having worked previously with World Vision. So far in the few weeks he’s been on the job he has made great strides in our organization and productivity. I believe he is an answer to prayer and will be a great help for us.

I am at the clinic right now, and about to go over and meet with our new staff. We plan to offer some “summer classes” next week and get started with meeting the parents and children. Officially the school year starts in March, but this will allow us to start working together as a team and get into a rhythm. (They are opening up a kindergarten) We still need to get our playground purchased or fabricated, and have other furniture to buy to complete the classrooms. We are still waiting for our official permission from the board of education, but that could take a while as a new political party is transitioning and they are putting new people in place. Pray for our enrollment, funding, and staff training, as we build our team to teach from a biblical perspective. Blessings to all in Greenville.

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD’S DAY

January 25, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

STRENGTHENED WITH POWER

Ephesians 3:14-16

Hymns: 127, 337, 628

Anthem: Canticle of Jean Racine

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

RIGHTEOUSNESS KISSING PEACE

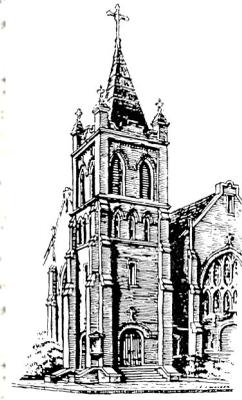
Psalms 85

Hymns: 460, 524, 341

Psalter: Psalm 69 (verses 10-19)

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?