

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 17

- 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**

Monday, May 18

- 11:45 AM Young At Heart

Wednesday, May 20

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6
- 6:45 PM CAT KIDS SPRING FLING
- 6:55 PM Youth 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

Thursday, May 21

- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Friday, May 22

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 31:7-8

I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- May 13 Missions Committee Meeting
- May 13 CAT KIDS PROGRAM
- May 14-15 MARRIAGE SEMINAR
- May 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- May 18 Young At Heart
- May 20 CAT Kids Spring Fling
- May 20 Administration Committee Meeting
- May 20 WIC Circle 6
- May 22 Jr. High Fellowship
- May 24 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- May 25 Church Office Closed
- May 27 CE Committee Meeting
- May 27 MUSICAL CAT KIDS BEGINS
- May 28 WIC Shower for Laura Compton Hayes

Upcoming Dates

- June 7 All Adult Sunday School begins
- June 8-12 General Assembly-Chattanooga, TN
- June 13-20 Mission Trip to MTW-Cherokee
- June 22-26 Vacation Bible School
- July 4 Annual Church Picnic
- July 6-11 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
- July 13-17 Mission Trip to Calvary Home
- July 17-25 Mission Trip-Cajamarca Peru
- July 20-24 Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
- August 9 Missions Emphasis Sunday
- August 30 Rally Day
- September 25-27 World Missions Conference

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.

Gina Thomas
Jerry and Cheryl Traynham
Pat Tyner

Missionary for the Week

JUNE GALLMAN
COSTA RICA

Please pray for:

- June's mother's good health.
- An additional \$850/month in financial support and for other churches interested in supporting June.
- That God would continue to use June to do Acts 1:8 as boldly as possible; His guidance in all areas of her life.
- Pastor Moises Campos (June's pastor) and his work with his ordination process.
- Rodney Davila as he leads the MTW church planting team in Costa Rica.
- Money for special educational supplies in the prison: pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, art supplies, Bibles.
- \$599 for a portable projector that June needs to use in classes at the prison and in travels.

Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy go to the family of Mr. Tom Finley who went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 9, 2015. We are thankful for the life and service of Tom and pray for his family during this time of grief. There will be a Memorial Service at the church on June 6, 2015 at 11:00 am.



CAT Kids Program



Wednesday, May 13
Supper: 5:45 PM
Program: 7:00 PM

Come and see what our covenant children have learned this year in CAT Kids.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Marriage Seminar "Created, Fallen, Redeemed"

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

May 14-15, 2015 * 6:00 pm

Includes a delicious meal both nights

\$40 per couple

Nursery Provided

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Congratulations Graduates

Second Presbyterian Church extends its best wishes to our 2015 graduates. We thank Mr. Scott Cook, Director of Student Ministries who spoke at our annual Graduation Banquet last Wednesday night. We pray for our graduates as they seek further education and/or employment.

Greenville Seminary Bookstore

GPTS will be holding their annual book sale all day on May 15 and 16 at the Taylors Main Street Campus. Come out and support GPTS and find a good book!

Join us for a Watkins' Fold Luncheon hosted by

Bill and Evelyn Watkins

Saturday, May 23, 2015

12:00 pm

215 Windstone Court
Greenville, SC 29615

RSVP to Bill at 304-4737 or wm.watkinsjr@gmail.com
by May 19, 2015.

From the Deacons

As the weather warms up and daylight lasts longer into the evening the safety and security of our congregation remains a top priority. Because of this some new lock-up and building security protocols are going into effect and other systems already in place will be points of heightened emphasis.

- The Kitchen will now be locked on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. If you need ice for an emergency please find the deacon on duty. If he cannot be found please avail yourself of any other person who can open and re-lock the kitchen doors.
- Do not prop open exterior doors for any extended period of time. It is understood this may be needed when loading/unloading items but make sure the doors are secured as soon as you have finished. This is important at all times but especially on Wednesday nights as the choir is practicing and children of choir members are in the nursery. Open doors can be invitations we do not want to send.
- The deacon on duty will secure the building at 8:30 p.m. but will not be turning on the alarm as the choir typically rehearses until between 9 and 9:30 p.m. If you must enter a section of the building that has already been secured by the deacons make sure you turn off the lights and lock any doors that you open. Please exit the church building through doors that have crash bars.

These points of emphasis are not meant to be onerous or to discourage fellowship but are intended to help keep our congregation and campus as safe as possible.

Walk through Security Lock-Up Training: Wed. May 13, 8pm

Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, May 18 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. This month we will enjoy a Spring Fling Picnic with good food and fellowship. Our scheduled speaker, Carol Gibson, cannot be with us due to illness.



Showering with Love

WIC

cordially invites all ladies to a

Wedding Shower

for

Laura Compton Hayes

Thursday, May 28, 2015

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Fellowship Hall



Thank You

My family joins me in thanking the Second Pres. Church family for the many prayers for Rick during his illness and for each kind expression of sympathy to us since his home going. We have been comforted and blessed and are grateful for your love and concern.

~Blessings, Lucille Lindsay



CAT Kids Spring Fling



Wednesday, May 20, 2015

6:45 PM

At the church

Musical CAT Kids will begin Wednesday, May 27th



testimony to the power of our Savior. Armed with this confidence, the Bible urges believers to rejoice in the prospect of suffering for Christ, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Rom. 5:3-4).

A second incentive has to do with the eternal glory that is gained by those who suffer for Jesus in this life: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). This promise connects to the athletic games held in Smyrna, which rivaled those of Mount Olympus in Greece. Jesus thus promises an ornament of glory, life, and power to crown believers who conquer through faith. He began the letter by declaring himself the Savior "who died and came to life" (Rev. 2:8), and who thus has the power to give us grace under trial and glory in heaven.

Third, Christ reminds us of the greatest blessing awaiting us in his soon return: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death" (Rev. 2:11). Instead of fearing and reviling the cultural enemies of Christ today, Christians should look on them with pity for the eternal judgment awaiting those who perish with sins unforgiven because of unbelief in Jesus, and we should make it our prayerful priority to offer a living witness that may lead to the conversion of many unbelievers. Even if we should be threatened with death (which is not a current prospect in America) we should not fear, for he will raise us to eternal life. Jesus promises those who endure in faith, "I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Jesus placed a single requirement on the persecuted church of Smyrna: "Be faithful," even "unto death" (Rev. 2:10). They were not to look at the suffering to come with fear but with anticipation of purification and deliverance by our Sovereign Redeemer. With Jesus in view, we are to make faithfulness for his sake our single goal and most urgent prayer.

When the book of Revelation arrived in Smyrna, one believer who was almost certainly present was Polycarp of Smyrna, who was martyred in 154 A.D. as the bishop of that city. Church tradition tells us that Polycarp was a disciple of John's who was consecrated to his church office by the apostle himself. This makes it possible, even likely, that Polycarp was actually the church leader who read this letter when it arrived in Smyrna.



We know that he survived the persecution about which Jesus warned. But years later the day came when he was required to renounce Jesus or face the penalty of death. His immortal answer is recorded in church history: "Eighty and six years have I served him, and he has done me no wrong; how then can I blaspheme my king who saved me?" With that refusal Polycarp was executed by public burning, having been faithful to the end and being certain of the crown of everlasting life from the hand of his beloved Lord. May his godly spirit - a spirit of humility, meekness, gospel love, and courageous resolve - be evident among American Christians should a time of persecution fall upon us for our loyalty to God's Word. Jesus told his followers in Smyrna words that surely apply to American believers today: "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. . . . Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

May the Lord bless you this week

Pastor Phillips

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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



SPC Remembers "Victory in Europe" 70 Years Ago

Winston Churchill

"We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask, What is our policy? I will say; "It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us: to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy." You ask, What is our aim? I can answer with one word: Victory - victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival."

—A Speech Given to the House of Commons on May 13, 1940 in his first address as the newly appointed Prime Minister.

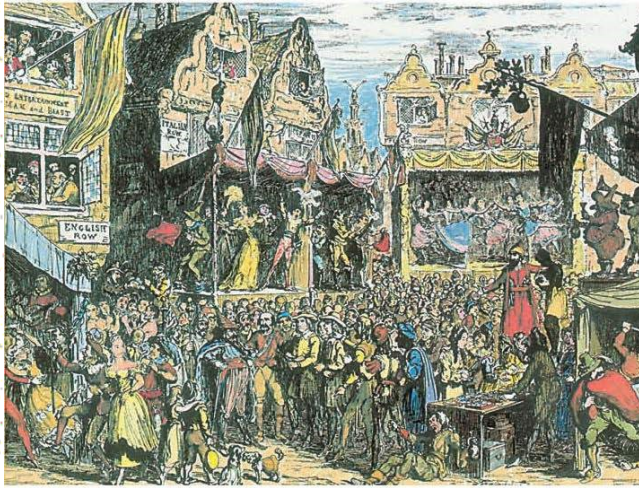
"What General Weygand called the Battle of France is over. I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization. Upon it depends our own British life and the long continuity of our institutions and our Empire. The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us now. Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will say, "This was their finest hour."

—A Speech Given To the House of Commons, June 18, 1940.

Summer Sunday School

Beginning June 7, 2015
10 am on Sundays
All Adults meet in the Sanctuary

Precious remedies against Satan's devices



PURITAN PAPERBACKS ■ THOMAS BROOKS

Thomas Brooks, the well beloved Puritan pastor and author treated the seductive influence and terrible power of Satan in a way greatly more full and suggestive than in the literature of the present day. Brooks lists seven reasons for writing this book. The first reason is enough... "Satan hath a greater influence upon men, and higher advantages over them than they think he hath, and the knowledge of his high advantage is the highway to disappoint him, and to render the soul strong in resisting, and happy in conquering."

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

May 17, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

GROWING UP TOGETHER

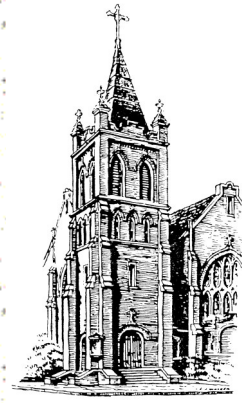
Ephesians 4:15-16
Hymns: 159, 649, 378
Anthem: Come, Ye Faithful
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

DENYING THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:12-15
Hymns: 692, 283, 277
Psalter: Psalm 78 (verses 21-34)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Will the American Church Be a New Smyrna? Part Two

Jesus had a simple message for the believers in Smyrna that is needed by American Christians today: "Do not fear what you are about to suffer" (Rev. 2:10). Do we doubt our Lord's ability to preserve us under trial? Do we question his willingness to support us under unjust oppression? Then of what are we afraid? Jesus' message to Smyrna reminds us that we have every reason for confidence and joy if we are given the privilege of suffering for his name.

Jesus' letter to Smyrna included three incentives that American Christians should hold in view. First, he tells us that even if we are utterly impoverished in a material sense, yet "you are rich" (Rev. 2:9). If biblically faithful churches should be subjected to punitive taxes and if individual believers are fined or oppressed, we will be abundantly compensated with spiritual riches. In fact, the very affluence we are threatened with losing is often the greatest barrier to the simplicity, vibrant joy and sheer spiritual wealth we ought to be enjoying. With this in mind, it is possible that his reference to a trial for "ten days" is an allusion to the testing of Daniel and his friends in Babylon, when they refused to transgress God's law by eating forbidden foods from Nebuchadnezzar's table. In this case, Jesus was reminding the believers of Smyrna that like Daniel they would emerge "better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food" (Dan. 1:15). Trusting in the same Lord, the believers of Smyrna and America would emerge from tribulation strengthened in faith and with a greater public