

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 16

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 (All Adult Sunday School in sanctuary)
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Wednesday, August 19

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 7:00 PM Musical CAT Kids Festival of Hymns
 7:30 PM **PRAYER MEETING**

Thursday, August 20

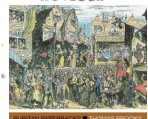
- 6:00 PM Parenting Seminar

Friday, August 21

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

All Adult Summer Sunday School

Precious remedies
against
Satan's
devices



10 am on Sundays
 All Adults (9th grade and up)
 meet in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th
Satan as Destroyer and Ensnarer (Chap. 5)
Rev. Robert E. Spears teaching

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 37:39-40

*The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
 He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
 The LORD helps them and delivers them;
 He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
 because they take refuge in Him. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- August 16 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 August 19 Administration Committee Meeting
 August 19 Musical CAT Kids Festival of Hymns
 August 20 Parenting Seminar
 August 23 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 August 26 CE Committee Meeting
 August 26 Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes
 August 27 Parenting Seminar
 August 29 WIC Annual Meeting
 August 30 Rally Day
 August 30 Installation of WIC Officers
 August 30 Homemade Ice Cream Social and
 Farewell Reception for Jeff & Mariah Windt
 August 30 WIC Council
 Sept. 2 Membership Class begins
 Sept. 6 Deacon Nominations begin
 Sept. 6 Regular Adult SS resumes
 Sept. 7 Church Office closed for Labor Day
 Sept. 8-9 WIC Circles
 Sept. 9 Pastoral Care Committee
 Sept. 9 Missions Committee Meeting
 Sept. 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Sept. 14 Diaconate Meeting
 Sept. 14 Session Meeting
 Sept. 15 WIC Bible Study resumes
 Sept. 16 Administration Committee Meeting
 Sept. 16 **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET**
 Sept. 17 WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
 Sept. 17 "New" WIC Bible Study begins
 Sept. 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Sept. 21 **YOUNG AT HEART**
 Sept. 23 CE Committee Meeting
 Sept. 23 Called Session Meeting
 Sept. 25-27 **WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**
 Sept. 27 Ice Cream Social
 Sept. 30 Deacon Training begins

Remembering One Another

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

Jerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609
 244-4473

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Art Batzig
Larry and Jenel Babb
Lee Bailey

Missionary for the Week

Rev. and Mrs. Octavius Delfils
Haiti

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the completion of the translation project of Morton Smith's Systematic Theology.
- For the new members class, that they will take the Gospel seriously.
- That the Lord provides men for leadership in the church.
- That the church may continue to grow.
- For a great work of evangelism in the community.
- For the visitors in the church: that they may understand the Gospel more and more and stay in the church.
- For the many children who come to the children's club on Saturdays and those who will come to the VBS in August, that they may come to know the Lord.
- For rain in Haiti. We are going through a dry season and sometimes we do not receive any rain for several months.
- For peace and security in Haiti this year. Three rounds of elections are scheduled for August, October and December, and election time is rarely peaceful in Haiti.

Musical CAT Kids Festival of Hymns



Wednesday, August 19th
Supper: 5:45 pm; Program: 7:00 pm
Come see what our covenant kids
have learned this summer.



Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resumes 8/26/15.

PARENTING SEMINAR

August 20 and 27
Dr. Richard D. Phillips

Begins at 6:00 pm with a catered dinner.
Cost- \$10.00 per person/per session.
A nursery will be provided.
Registration can be made online
www.spcgreenville.org



RALLY DAY
Sunday, August 30
10:00 am
Church Sanctuary

A special program is planned and new Sunday School teachers will be introduced.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 30
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.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

This will also be a Farewell Reception for
Jeff, Mariah, Jonah and Elijah Windt.

WIC Annual Meeting



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

Saturday, August 29
Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

Agenda:
Election of Officers
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities
Recognition of New Members

Contact Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)
if you have any questions.

The following slate of WIC Officers has been nominated for 2 years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council. The election will take place at the August Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

President Elect :	Cindy Duncan
Vice President:	Laurie Farley
Secretary:	Liz Myers
Historian:	Margaret Butler (1 yr.)
MNA Coordinator:	Elizabeth Madrid
Circle 4 Coordinator:	Jean Pennington
Circle 5 Coordinator:	Pat Shuford
Circle 6 Coordinator:	Monica Bianchi

*The new WIC officers will be installed Sunday, August 30
at the evening worship service.*

2015 World Missions Conference

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 25-27, 2015

Theme: Peru Missions

Speakers: Wes Baker and Alonzo Ramirez

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Young At Heart resumes September 21st

Watch for exciting details in upcoming Heralds.



Basketball Sign-ups



Church League Basketball sign-ups for the
2015-2016 season are now open through the
month of August.

Sign-ups will be done through our church website at spcgreenville.org. On the Home page is a link for Basketball information that will take you to an online form to register for basketball and pay the fees. **Please sign up early to help us with planning!** Games will begin in November and run through February. Contact Tim Johnson for more information.

Men's Chorus

On Sunday evening, August 30, a men's ensemble will be singing 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 Sundays **August 16th and 23rd** 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.

WIC Bible Studies

Attention Ladies: Two new Bible Studies will begin Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 am. Precepts Bible Study in Philipians will meet in the Conference Room of the church each Thursday for 9 weeks from 9:30-11:30 am. This is an inductive Bible Study and requires approximately 5 hours of preparation each week. If you would like to join this group please let Mary Russell (329-1670 or erussell1670@charter.net) know by September 2 as books need to be ordered.

The Lamb of God, seeing Jesus in the Old Testament, by Nancy Guthrie, will be taught each Thursday for 10 weeks from 9:30-11:30 am and will meet in the choir room. If you would like to join this group, please contact Gail Whigham (242-1583 or gwhighams@charter.net) as books need to be ordered.

**The 10:00 am Tuesday morning
WIC Bible Study resumes Sept. 15th.**



Our family begins with a short prayer, after which we sing a psalm together (we use the Trinity Psalter). Next is a time of family Bible study in which I teach, allowing questions and discussion. I have often been thrilled by the insightful questions asked by my children, which shows they really think about biblical things (and really are learning in Cat Kids and Sunday School!). After the Bible lesson, we pray together, with every member of the family participating. At the very end, we stand together, hold hands, and sing the Doxology.

I know that many families are intimidated about family worship because it just seems undoable. However, a quick look at our use of time will show that we do have the time if we make this a priority. To help you get started, let me address some specific concerns:

Frequency: Does family worship have to happen every night? No. It would be impossible for our family to gather for worship every night. Along with Sundays and Wednesdays, there are many other nights when I am out or some activity makes family worship impossible. I would suggest that consistency is more important than frequency. If our families held family worship one night per week, that would make a massive difference. Two nights a week would be a good goal.

Timing: Any time that consistently works. And it may shift during different seasons of our children's lives. Since our family has been home schooling, we no longer have so much pressure to get our children out the door in the morning, so breakfast has worked well for daily Bible study and prayer. What will work for you will depend on your family's schedule (although what we schedule always reflects our priorities in life).

Length: Don't worry too much about this and don't think you have to make it a huge production. However long it takes to study the Bible together, pray, and sing. When we do family worship in the evening, complete with singing, it takes about 40 minutes. Daily devotions at the table take about 20 minutes for us.

Discipline: The flesh wars against the spirit, and our children sometimes find family worship to be difficult. As they have gotten older and more used to family worship, it is increasingly rare for a spanking to be delivered during family worship, but it has happened many times in the past. This is why family worship is a team endeavor of Mommy and Daddy together. Generally, the father will lead the worship, and the mother will help but in sharing her insights to the children and in helping keep the children attentive.



The bottom-line is that our families need to make a commitment to worship in the home. If we don't do this, when will we read the Bible and pray with our children? When will our children see an open window to look upon our faith? When will we bond as a family at the altar of prayer? What will happen to our children if we don't? Family worship may get de-railed from time to time, and we will need to jumpstart it again. But it is a commitment that will pay eternal dividends. I would urge all the families of our church to seriously consider making a commitment to family worship.

Dr. Beeke recounts that for his parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary, each of their five children wrote a note of thanks for one particular thing. Interestingly, every one of them thanked their mother for her prayers and every one of them thanked their father for leading family worship. In Beeke's booklet, *Family Worship*, he reminds us that great revivals have often begun through a recommitment to family worship. Our own nation desperately needs revival: perhaps it will begin in our living rooms, at our kitchen tables, and in the hearts of our own precious boys and girls.

May the Lord bless you this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick 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



Friendship Dinners



Sign-up NOW to participate in SPC's exciting
FRIENDSHIP DINNERS

Sign-up deadline is August 23rd.

Objective:

To initiate and deepen relationships within the
Second Presbyterian Church Family.

Groups of 6-8 people (singles and couples) will share
a meal together once a month for consecutive months.

Information sheets and sign-up cards are
available throughout the church.

Questions? Contact Alice Barnett, 864-906-0166.

Thank You

Dear Ones,

It's difficult to find the words to express what is in our hearts. Thank you for all your ministry to us in Paul's going home to Jesus: the Connecticut funeral, sweet cards, FOOD, the encouraging archived Memorial Service, and the balm of all your prayers. (WE ALWAYS ASK GOD TO BLESS THOSE WHO PRAY FOR US.) For those who attend loved ones with Alzheimers, we share this story. An elderly nun in a nursing home listened to Paul's "Providence" program and became a member of Grace Church, with Paul driving her to services. When she developed Alzheimers, Paul felt helpless during his visits. He would sing hymns to her. One day, as he sang "Blessed Assurance", Marguerite, out of her Alzheimers, started to sing with him! With this comfort, God showed Paul (and all of us) to just keep on doing what he was doing. God is faithful. Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!

With Love in our LORD Jesus Christ,

Al and Anne Anderson

**Report from James Pratt:
Christian Surfers Summer Internship**

I'm so thankful for this summer. The idea of traveling to other cultures and places where the Gospel is real, alive, and still growing sparked an interest in me. The world began to open up and seem much bigger after this internship. I realize that God can spread His Gospel anywhere in the world. My mind is very small and fixed on one place at one time. God's omniscience is amazing. We prayed for God to work through our lives. We prayed for God's glory to be known and we praised Him for that. We prayed for missions worldwide and for God's work to be accomplished in every place on the globe.

During our last "Walking as Jesus Walked" study, we looked at the idea of bearing fruit as described in John 15: 1-10 by living connected to the true vine - Jesus - and desperately seeking Him out. We learned four separate categories described in this passage about fruit-bearing: no fruit, some fruit, more fruit, and much fruit.

We also learned through Scripture that Jesus desires all of His followers to arrive at the "much fruit" category. We spent time understanding which category describes our own lives and what needs to happen in order for us to break the barrier(s) to arrive at the next fruit-bearing stage. Largely, the "fruit" being spoken of refers to the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. But mainly, it refers to people in our lives that we are sharing our faith with. There's a passage in one of His letters where Paul is speaking to a church and expressing his desire to share in some more "fruit" with the congregation of that church and he's talking about how he wants to make more disciples in that congregation.

I'm looking forward to still staying involved with Christian Surfers and even helping out by volunteering or applying for some long-term position with the organization. Either way, it's good-bye for now at least this season of life and I look forward to return sometime in the future.

Thank you to dear friends and family for helping me enjoy this summer and for giving me the opportunity to do so.

Thank you,
James Pratt

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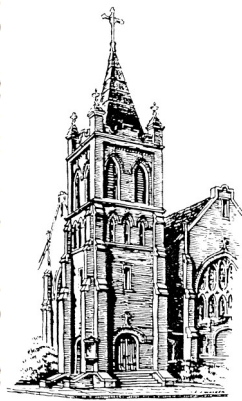
**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**
August 16, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00

IN DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION
Ephesians 6:1-4
Hymns: 6, 719, 93
Anthem: Sing Praise to God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER
Colossians 3:12-17
Hymns: 138, 255, 420
Psalter: Psalm 86 (verses 12-17)
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching



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**Pastoral Letter from the Senior Minister
Family Worship**

Several years ago during the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology, which met in Grand Rapids, Michigan, I had the occasion to speak on the subject of family worship. One of the other speakers there, my friend Joel Beeke, has written eloquently on this subject:

Every church desires growth. Surprisingly few churches, however, seek to promote internal church growth by stressing the need to raise children in covenantal truth. Few seriously grapple with why many adolescents become nominal members with mere notional faith or abandon evangelical truth for unbiblical doctrine and modes of worship. I believe one major reason for this failure is the lack of stress upon family worship.

I agree with Dr. Beeke. Over the years, I have observed the mistake many parents make in their hands-off approach to the Christian nurture of their children. They assume that if they bring their children to Sunday School and church, and if they home school them or send them to a Christian school, and if their children participate in a Christian youth group, that will be sufficient to ensure their children's commitment and growth in Christ. But this is wrong, since it just is not enough to provide a Christian environment to our Christian. We must personally disciple their minds and hearts unto Jesus Christ. And if we do not practice regular family worship, I cannot imagine when parents would be able to disciple their children in the faith.

What is family worship? Family worship is the gathering of the father, mother, and children to worship God in the home. It involves two essential elements: the reading and teaching of God's Word and prayer. It is also good for the family to sing together.