

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 13

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM **NEW MEMBERS' LUNCHEON**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14

11:45 AM Young At Heart
 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:30 PM I-Mites Basketball practice

Wednesday, November 16

5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (1st-6th grades)
 6:15 PM Youth Choir (7th-12th grades)
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:15 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, November 17

4:00 PM Minors Basketball practice
 5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice

Friday, November 18

WIC FALL RETREAT (18th-19th)
Bonclarken Conference Center

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
 6:00 PM Sr. High Movie Night at the church

Saturday, November 19

2:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

Nov. 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Nov. 9 Missions Committee Meeting
 Nov. 13 New Members' Luncheon
 Nov. 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Nov. 14 Young At Heart
 Nov. 14 Session Meeting
 Nov. 16 Administration Committee Meeting
 Nov. 18-19 WIC Fall Retreat
 Nov. 18 Sr. High Movie Night @ the church
 Nov. 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Nov. 20 College & 20's Friends Giving
 Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Supper and Service
 Nov. 24-25 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 26 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Nov. 27 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

⇒	Kirby Kee Fold & Fellowship SS	
	Class Christmas Party	Dec. 2
⇒	Sr. High Christmas Party	Dec. 2
⇒	Good Grief Christmas Dinner	Dec. 8
⇒	Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal	Dec. 8
⇒	College & 20's Christmas party	Dec. 9
⇒	WIC Baby Shower (Haley Maycock)	Dec. 10
⇒	Christmas Party @ Mobleys' for ACTS SS	
	Class, Mobley Fold, Southeast Home Group	Dec. 10
⇒	Diaconate Election	Dec. 11
⇒	Chancel Choir Christmas Music	Dec. 11
⇒	WIC Circle 5 Christmas Lunch	Dec. 13
⇒	Christmas Dinner/Program	Dec. 14
⇒	Churchwide Christmas Caroling	Dec. 21
⇒	Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112:1-3

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. (ESV)

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.

Sara Cater
 11 Colgate Ave.
 Greenville, SC 29617
 246-3292

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Kitty Swillen
Fred and Kate Taylor
Billy and Cassie Therrell
Robert, Callie, Caroline, Charlotte, Duncan

Missionary of the Week

Bethany Christian Services November is National Adoption Month

Thousands of children in the U. S. foster care system are waiting to be adopted. Through adoption, these children can have a permanent family that provides the love, stability, and guidance they desperately need. Please join Bethany Christian Services this November in raising awareness and praying for children in foster care who are waiting for a family to call their own. Bethany's N.O.W. (No One Without) campaign is an initiative to ensure no child goes without a loving family. You can learn more about this program and how you can help at www.bethany.org. This month Bethany Christian Services will also be celebrating and supporting those touched by adoption. If you or someone you know is a birthparent, adoptee, or adoptive parent, Bethany Christian Services' Post-Adoption Contact Center is available to support ALL who have been touched by adoption. Visit bethany.org/pacc to learn more.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Nov. 12	11:00 am	Mites	AYMC/FBC 1
Nov. 12	1:30 pm	Jr. High Boys	St. George
Nov. 12	1:30 pm	Minor Boys	St. James
Nov. 14	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Nov. 14	7:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	1st. Pres
Nov. 17	9:00 pm	Men	W. Pres. 1

Young At Heart

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 14th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.50 per person payable at the door. Rita Stanley will give us a testimony of God's Grace on Bailey Manor. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

 **Sr. High Movie Night**
6:00 pm @ the church
No Cost * Food Provided

College & 20's Class
Friends Giving
Sunday, November 20th
Immediately following 11 am worship
Scott and Christina Cook's home
113 Muscadine Dr., Mauldin SC 29662

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday Nov. 23
Dinner :
5:30 PM - Gym
Service:
7:00 PM - Sanctuary

The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th.

Church Directory

John Smoker will be taking pictures of our new members at the New Members Luncheon on Nov. 13th. If you need to update your picture please stop by and see John at the luncheon. Also, if you need to update new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please contact the church office with your new information.
 232-7621, ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org

The Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday, November 25th has been cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

OCTOBER 2016 & YTD			
	Actual		
	Oct. 2016	YTD 2016	YTD Budget
Offerings	160,240	1,045,014	1,144,167
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	102,216	946,589	995,646
Mission	-0-	<u>120,959</u>	<u>148,520</u>
Total Outlays	102,216	1,067,548	1,144,166
Net Offerings	58,024	(22,534)	

- Contributions in Oct. 2016 were \$160,240 versus budget of \$114,417.
- Contributions for October 2015 were \$97,063.
- YTD contributions are behind 2016 budget by \$99,153 but are ahead 9 months 2015 by \$37,004.
- Operating expenses for October 2016 were \$102,216 versus the budget of \$99,564.
- Missions and Benevolences for the fourth quarter are scheduled to be paid in November.
- YTD 2016 expenses exceed contributions by \$22,534
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Mann or David Rainey.

Baptism

Seth Farr Johnson, covenant son of Nathaniel and Rebekah Johnson received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 6, 2016. We are thankful for the Johnson family and pray that Nate, Andrew, Jeremiah, Silas, and Seth will love and serve the Lord Jesus all the days of their lives.

New Baby



We rejoice with Todd and Wanda Walton in the birth of their son, Matthew William Walton on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Matthew weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces. Both mother and son are doing well.
 If you would like to schedule to take the Waltons a meal go to:
takethenameal.com
 User Name: Walton * Password: 1892

Missionary Speaker

Scott Hill, one of our support missionaries serving in Cherokee, North Carolina with MTW will be with us on Wednesday, November 30th to give us an update on his work with the Cherokee Indians. Mark your calendars and don't miss this very informative time with Scott.

Pack a Shoe Box - Last Week

Operation Christmas Child
 If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner.
Return filled boxes to church office by November 13th.
 Remember to include \$7.00 for postage.

 **WIC will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sat., Nov. 26th. Come join them as the ladies beautify the church for this Christmas season.** 

There will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on Nov. 27, 2016.



Church membership also involves supporting the church in its work. Under normal circumstances, each member should be actively involved in some form of service, whether it is teaching children's Sunday School or helping in the nursery, ushering, visiting the sick, and inviting friends and neighbors to church. We all have spiritual gifts, and they belong not to us but to one another, and our gifts are to be employed in the church for the work of the gospel. We are "individually members one of another." (Rom. 12:5) Moreover, we should all be faithful in evangelism and fervent in personal and corporate prayer.

Church membership involves financial support of the church. God's Word teaches us to support the Lord's work by giving regularly, proportionately and joyfully: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." (1 Cor. 16:2) Our regular pattern should be to tithe, which means giving a tenth of our gross income to support the church. But many of us will be able to give more, "for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

Submit. God has ordained elders and shepherds to oversee the church, and this requires that church members submit to this spiritual authority. "Obey your leaders and submit to them," says the Bible, "for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account." (Heb. 13:17) This surely implies that you should be praying for your pastors, elders, and deacons, who have a heavy obligation and are subject to spiritual attack. I especially want to echo Paul's request that you pray "also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph. 6:19-20)

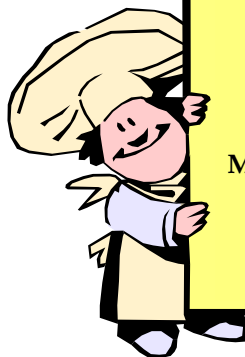
Study: Our church membership vows include the promise to "study the purity and peace" of the church. This means that members are called to lead lives that will honor our Lord Jesus Christ, and that will encourage our brothers and sisters to mature in their faith. It is important how you live! Moreover, we are to study – that is, to actively cultivate – the peace of the church. Paul writes that we must bear with one another, "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3) We should loathe few things more than that



any of us should disturb the purity and peace of the church, and we should gladly suffer all manner of personal loss for the sake of the spiritual well-being of the church and its members.

None of these vows involve a special or onerous obligation. These are the normal commitments every Christian should happily make. And we will not find any of this burdensome. Rather, as we live together in Christ, thinking more highly of others than ourselves and being zealous for the gospel, God will bless us all together with righteousness, peace, and joy, and he will use our church for things that will last forever.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Phillips



New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, November 13, 2016** 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.**

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Church Directory 5 * Weekly Activities 6 * Monthly Activities 7
Church Services: **Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM



SPC Bible Reading Plan

Below is the upcoming week's schedule for the SPC Bible Reading Plan. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year.

Nov. 14	Matthew 28; Mark 16
Nov. 15	Luke 24; John 20-21
Nov. 16	Acts 1-3
Nov. 17	Acts 4-6
Nov. 18	Acts 7-8
Nov. 19	Acts 9-10
Nov. 20	Acts 11-12



Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a **RED** Poinsettia for \$10.25. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 7th. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Please do not put in the offering plate.)**

I would like to purchase __Poinsettia (s) at \$10.25 ea. Total: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____
Given by: _____
(Name) _____ Telephone # _____

The Impact of Discernment by Sinclair Ferguson

Discernment is learning to think God’s thoughts after Him, practically and spiritually; it means having a sense of how things look in God’s eyes and seeing them in some measure “uncovered and laid bare” (Heb. 4:13). How does this discernment affect the way we live? In four ways:

1. It acts as a means of protection, guarding us from being deceived spiritually. It protects us from being blown away by the winds of teaching that make central an element of the gospel that is peripheral or treat a particular application of Scripture as though it were Scripture’s central message.
2. Discernment also acts as an instrument of healing, when exercised in grace. I have known a small number of people whose ability to diagnose the spiritual needs of others has been remarkable. Such people seem able to penetrate into the heart issues someone else faces better than the person can do. Of course, this is in some ways a dangerous gift with which God has entrusted them. But when exercised in love, discernment can be the surgical scalpel in spiritual surgery that makes healing possible.
3. Again, discernment functions as a key to Christian freedom. The zealous but undiscerning Christian becomes enslaved—to others, to his own uneducated conscience, to an unbiblical pattern of life. Growth in discernment sets us free from such bondage, enabling us to distinguish practices that may be helpful in some circumstances from those that are mandated in all circumstances. But in another way, true discernment enables the free Christian to recognize that the exercise of freedom is not essential to the enjoyment of it.
4. Finally, discernment serves as a catalyst to spiritual development: “The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning” (Prov. 14:6, NIV). Why? Because the discerning Christian goes to the heart of the matter. He knows something about everything, namely that all things have their common fountain in God. Increase in knowledge, therefore, does not lead to increased frustration, but to a deeper recognition of the harmony of all God’s works and words.

How is such discernment to be obtained? We receive it as did Christ Himself—by the anointing of the Spirit, through our understanding of God’s Word, by our experience of God’s grace, and by the progressive unfolding to us of the true condition of our own hearts.

That is why we also should pray, “I am your servant; give me discernment” (Ps. 119:125, NIV).

The Editor



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD’S DAY

November 13, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00

THE TABLE OF NATIONS

Genesis 10:1-32

Hymns: 438, 453, 452

Anthem: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

SON OF GOD AND SAVIOR

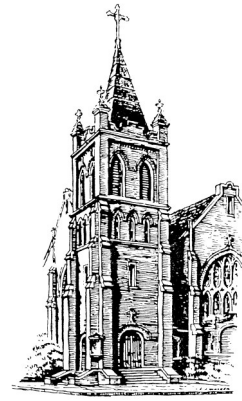
John 3:16

Hymns: 302, 170, 163

Psalms 119 (verses 105-112)

Rev. Scott Cook preaching

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November 7, 2016

Letter from the Senior Minister Membership Vows

This Lord’s Day, November 13, 2016 at the 11:00 am worship service we are delighted to introduce new members into our congregation. It is my prayer that all those who have joined will be greatly blessed through this church and that they will be a blessing to us and a help to the work of the gospel here.

Married couples find that it is helpful to attend weddings, since they are reminded of the vows they gave one another. In a similar way, I hope all church members will pay attention to the vows taken by the new members this Sunday. We sometimes are tempted to think that it is the new members who will take our church forward in ministry, but the reality is that it is the faithfulness of all members – old and new – that enables us to be effective in serving God. Let me therefore remind us all of our membership vows, solemn promises that are most fitting for Christians to make.

Support: The first promise is to support the church in its worship and work. Members support the church in its worship by attending regularly and participating in a spiritual and whole-hearted manner. The Bible tells us not “to give up meeting together.” (Heb. 10:25) I can tell you that it encourages the preacher to have the members present and actively participating! But it encourages everyone to see their brothers and sisters faithfully gathering as a church. Allowing for illness or works of necessity and mercy, Christians ought to support the morning and evening worship services on the Lord’s Day, as well as activities that occur throughout the week whenever possible. Our attitude should be, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” (Ps. 122:10)