

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 21

- 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**

Tuesday, May 23

- 10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

Wednesday, May 24

- 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
- 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
- 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25

- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Friday, May 26

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 32:1-2

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against
whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- May 17 Administration Committee Meeting
- May 17 CAT Kids Spring Fling
- May 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- May 24 CE Committee Meeting
- May 24 Musical CAT Kids begins
- May 28 Safety Sunday
- May 28 Youth Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall
- May 29 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 31 Missionary Speaker: Guillermo Salinas
- June 2 ACTS SS Class Fellowship
- June 4 All Adult Summer Sunday School begins
- June 5 Diaconate Meeting
- June 7 WIC Council
- June 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- June 11 Finance Committee Meeting
- June 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- June 11 Ice Cream Social
- June 12 No Session Meeting
- June 12-16 General Assembly in Greensboro, NC
- June 13-14 WIC Circles
- June 14 Missions Committee Meeting
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- June 21 Administration Committee Meeting
- June 26-July 1 Sr. High Beach Trip to Edisto Island
- June 28 CE Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

- July 4 Annual Church Picnic
- July 10-14 Vacation Bible School
- July 21-29 Peru Mission Trip
- July 22-29 Cherokee Reservation Mission Trip
- July 30 Ice Cream Social
- August 9 Musical CAT Kids Program
- August 20 Homemade Ice Cream Social
- August 23 CAT Kids Resumes
- August 27 Rally Day

Mark your calendars and plan early!! www.spcgreenville.org

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Jerry Rice
12 Galphin Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Elizabeth Cureton
Diane Detmer
Florence Dickson

Missionary for the Week



Rev. Josh Reiger
MTW United Kingdom

There has long been a need for a solid Reformed church in the Tyne Valley area, and the Lord has now provided a church plant there. The Rev Josh Rieger (BSc, University of Arizona; MDiv, RTS), a former US Navy officer, was approved by the EPCEW to work as the church planter. He (and wife Gina and children Jackson, Riley Cates & Rutherford) completed the support raising process through Mission to the World (MTW) and, praise the Lord, arrived in the UK at the beginning of February 2014.

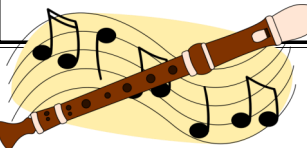
Regular services of Hexham Presbyterian Church began in early February 2015 and now take place twice each Lord's Day at the Torch Centre at 10am & 5pm.

To learn more email hexhampresminister@gmail.com or view the church's webpage at www.hexhampres.uk

CAT Kids Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 17
6:45 PM
At the church
Musical CAT Kids will begin Wednesday, May 24th

Musical CAT Kids



Summer Musical CAT Kids will begin on Wednesday, May 24. They will meet weekly from 6:30 until 7:25 pm in the choir room. Each week they will sing, play instruments, and study music theory. If you have children or grandchildren ages 1st through 6th grade, please allow them to join us. See Verlyn Smoker if you have any questions.

Safety Sunday

Sunday May 28 is Safety Sunday. The primary purpose this year is to simulate an emergency evacuation during the Sunday School hour. Everyone should go to their regular classes that Sunday. Classes will meet at their normal times (somewhat briefer in meeting time) and will conclude with the fire alarm sounding at 10:30am at which time everyone should evacuate to the parking lot (except for the nursery, which will evacuate to the playground). Please pick up your children at the evacuation point at the end of the fire drill. Evacuation routes will be posted in each classroom by 5/21. Please review the routes and be familiar with the evacuation process. Please contact Nate Johnson with any questions.

 **Church Office will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.**

Missionary Speaker

Rev. and Mrs. Guillermo Salinas
MTW - Mexico
Wednesday, May 31st

Baptism

Daisy Claire Maycock, covenant child of Daniel and Haley Maycock received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 14, 2017. We are thankful for the Maycock family and pray that Daisy Claire will love and serve the Lord Jesus all the days of her life.

New Babies

We rejoice with Stephen and Sarah Spinnenweber in the birth of their son, Reid Paul Spinnenweber on May 10, 2017. Reid weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. Both mother and son are doing well.

We rejoice with Serge and Christa Pomerlyan in the birth of their daughter, Abigail on May 11, 2017. Abigail weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

If you would like to take the Spinnenwebers and/or the Pomerlyans a meal please go to takethemameal.com.

User Name: Spinnenweber Password: 1892
User Name: Pomerlyan Password: 1892

ACTS Sunday School Class Fellowship

Friday, June 2 from 6-9 pm
At the home of Rob and Christian Trautner
102 N. Staghorn Lane
Greer, SC 29650

New Address

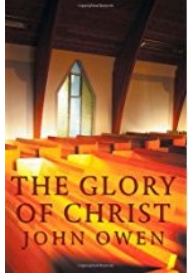
Tim Johnson
103 Asteria Street
Greenville, SC 29607
Please make this change in your church directory.

Lost and Found

The next two Wednesdays (5/17 & 5/24) we will be cleaning out the lost and found. All items in the lost & found will be put out on tables in the gym to be claimed. All unclaimed items will be donated to Miracle Hill.

Graduating Senior High Girls of SPC
**Ashley Crunk, Amelia Gray,
Grace Schvaneveldt, Caroline Therrell**
cordially invite the church family to a
GRADUATION RECEPTION DROP-IN
Thursday, May 18th, 7:00-9:00 pm
Second Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



Beginning June 4, 2017
10 am on Sundays
All Adults (7th grade and up)
meet in the Sanctuary
"The Glory of Christ"
by John Owen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Sunday, June 11th
Immediately following the evening
worship service.
Deacons will provide ice cream
and toppings.

Summer Ice Cream Socials: July 30, August 20

Needed

Charlie Mitchell, the son of MTW missionaries to France, Pete and Ruth Mitchell, has just graduated from North Greenville University and taken a job with Michelin. He needs housing for three months (May, June, July) until he moves in and signs a lease with two housemates beginning in August. He would love to find this temporary housing near the Michelin location at 1 Parkway South, Greenville 29615 as his college car is not great for commuting. If you would like to help Charlie please call the Church Administrator, Melton Duncan at 232-7621, ext. 102.



THE GLORY OF CHRIST

Owen defines the glory of God as “both the holy properties of his natures and the things he has purposed to do,” noting that the only way we can know the glory of God is by faith in and through the person of Christ, who is the image of God and the radiance of His glory (2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15). We cannot behold the glory of Christ apart from faith in Christ. Owen works through the various and endless aspects of Christ’s glory which the Christian is privileged to behold:

- Christ’s Glory as God’s Representative and Revelation (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15; John 1:1;1:18;14:10; 1 John 4:10).
- The Glory of Christ in His Person as Fully God and Fully Man (Gen. 3:15; Ps. 2:7-9; John 1:1-3; Col. 2:9; Phil. 2:6-8)
- The Glory of Christ’s Humbling Himself (Phil. 2:6-8; John 8:58; Heb. 2:14-17)
- The Glory of Christ’s Work as Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6; Romans 5:19-21)
- The Glory of Christ’s Exaltation (Luke 24:26; Heb. 1:3-4; Rev. 5:8-14)
- The Glory of Christ in the Old Testament (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 50:5-9; John 5:39; 1 Peter 1:11-12; Hebrews 3:3-6)
- The Glory of Christ’s Union with the Church (1 Peter 2:24; Isa. 53:4-6; Eph. 5:25-32)
- The Glory of Christ in Restoring All Things (Eph. 1:18-20; Col. 1:18-20; Phil. 3:21; Rev. 21:1-5)

In this layout of his text, Owen gives us a great diverse list for meditating on the glory of Jesus.

THE BENEFITS OF BEHOLDING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

Why make the effort to behold the glory of Christ by faith? If you desire stronger faith, rest, peace, and joy in Christ, then beholding the glory of Christ is your answer. Concerning the great benefits of beholding Christ, Owen declares:

It is by beholding the glory of Christ by faith that we are spiritually edified and built up in this world, for as we behold his glory, the life and power of faith grow stronger and stronger. It is by faith that we grow to love Christ. So if we desire strong faith and powerful love, which give us rest, peace and satisfaction, we must seek them by diligently beholding the glory of Christ by faith. Beholding the glory of Christ in this life is preparation—small



“dawnings of eternal glory”—for the joys of heaven, where we will see Christ in His glory fully.

HOW WE BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST

How do we actually do the work of beholding Christ’s glory? Owen sheds much light on the “how-to” of this glorious duty and below are some of his most central insights.

1. MAKE UP YOUR MIND THAT TO BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD BY BEHOLDING THE GLORY OF CHRIST IS THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE FOR BELIEVERS IN THIS LIFE.

Savoring the glory of Christ here and now is a taste of eternal blessedness! Owen notes that this is a glorious but hard work in which we as believers are often “lazy and ignorant” and as a result “we do not experience more and more in our souls the visits of grace and the dawnings of eternal glory.” This is precisely why we need point number two, prayer.

2. PRAY TO GOD ASKING FOR THE SPIRIT’S HELP TO BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST.

Because we are weak and frail, we need God’s help by His Spirit to behold the glory of His Son (John 16:13-14). The entire Godhead is at work in this and Jesus prays this for us (John 17:24). Amazing! Christ’s glory cannot be seen or understood apart from faith fixed on divine revelation, the Word of God. Memorize and mediate on passages of Christ’s glory (see the chapter references on previous panel for some ideas).

3. FILL YOUR MIND WITH SCRIPTURAL THOUGHTS OF CHRIST.

Owen encourages believers to “learn how to behold the glory of Christ by remembering how you once set your mind on worldly things.” This means take the concentrated effort in which you once anticipated and imagined partaking of your past favorite sins and use an even greater focus to behold and meditate on the glory of Christ in God’s Word.

A PRAYER TO BEHOLD CHRIST’S GLORY.

Blessed Jesus! We can add nothing to you, nothing to your glory. But it is a joy to us that you are what you are—that you are so gloriously exalted at the right hand of God. We long to behold that glory more and more according to your prayer and promise. Amen.

Your Friend,

Melton L. Duncan
Sunday School Superintendent



Reading Through the Bible in 2017

Below is the new schedule for reading through the Bible in 2017. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. The amount of reading is balanced each day, rotating from OT to NT and using Sundays as “catch-up” days.

May 22	1 Samuel 1-3; Psalm 49
May 23	1 Samuel 4-7; Psalm 50
May 24	1 Samuel 8-10; Psalm 51
May 25	1 Samuel 11-13; Psalm 52
May 26	1 Samuel 14-16; Psalm 53
May 27	1 Samuel 17-19; Psalm 54

SPC Mission Trips

Mission Trip to Trujillo, Peru

July 21-29, 2017

Team Leader: Chad Bailey
cbailey@spcgreenville.org

Team:

Chad Bailey, Rick Phillips, Jonathan Phillips
Leslie Martin, Sarah Martin, Mark Baxa, Josh Baxa
John Gray, Charlie Gray, Lindsay Vanderwey,
Wayne Kirk, Kelly Rae Kephart, Caitlynn Ann Morris,
Harrison Peed

Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation

July 22-29, 2017

Team Leader: Ken Pujdak
AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com

Team:

Ken Pujdak, Jo-Ellen Pujdak, Emil Henning
Helen Key, Ashley Maralit, Addy Maralit, Eli Maralit
Isaac Maralit, Opal Maralit, Aaron Vanderwey,
Caroline Therrell, Amelia Gray

Please begin praying now for our SPC Mission trips. Pray for the provisions, safety, fruitfulness and for the plans and preparations that take place before the trips.

Corner of River and Rhett

2017 SUMMER WITH A PURITAN
“The Glory of Christ” by John Owen
10am, Sundays at Second

MELTON DUNCAN - JUNE 4 **Pages 1-27**
Seeing God’s Glory & Christ’s Glory as God’s Representative and Revelation

RICHARD PHILLIPS - JUNE 11 **Pages 28-37**
The Glory of Christ in His Person as Fully God and Fully Man

CHAD BAILEY - JUNE 18 **Pages 38-49**
The Glory of Christ’s Humbling Himself

NATHAN SASSER - JUNE 25 **Pages 50-56, 57-62**
The Glory of Christ’s Love & Work as Mediator

RICHARD PHILLIPS - JULY 2 **Pages 63-68**
The Glory of Christ’s Exaltation

Special Speaker, Missionary Wageeh Mikhail – JULY 9

STEPHEN SPINNENWEBER - JULY 16 **Pages 74-81, 82-90**
The Glory of Christ in the Old Testament and
The Glory of Christ’s Union with the Church

SCOTT COOK - JULY 23 **Pages 91-99**
The Glory of Christ in Restoring All Things

KIRBY KEE - JULY 30 **Pages 100-126**
Differences between our Beholding the Glory of Christ by Faith in
this World and by Sight in Heaven

WILLIAM WATKINS - AUG 6 **Pages 127-140**
Exhortations to Unbelievers

JASON KOROL - AUG 13 **Pages 141-159**
How to Recognize Spiritual Decay from the Soul

KEVIN MOBLEY - AUG 20 **160-168**
How the Soul may be Recovered from Spiritual Decay

RALLY DAY - AUG 27

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD’S DAY**

May 21, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

THE SIN OF SODOM

Genesis 19:1-11

Hymns: 53, 486, 378

Anthem: I Will Arise

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

STEADFAST LOVE FOREVER

Psalms 106

Hymns: 99, 98, 455

Psalms 140

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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**Letter from the Sunday School Superintendent
Summer with a Puritan**

This summer, adults will meet together in the Sanctuary and study John Owen’s Classic work “The Glory of Christ” beginning June 4th. This book may be purchased online at spcgreenville.org for \$8.50.

Let us live in the constant contemplation of the glory of Christ, and virtue will proceed from him to repair all our decays, to renew a right spirit within us, and to cause us to abound in all duties of obedience. . . It will fix the soul unto that object which is suited to give it delight, complacency, and satisfaction. . . when the mind is filled with thoughts of Christ and his glory, when the soul thereon cleaves unto him with intense affections, they will cast out, or not give admittance unto, those causes of spiritual weakness and indisposition. . . And nothing will so much excite and encourage our souls hereunto as a constant view of Christ and his glory.

I hope you will make every effort to purchase and read his book along with the church family this summer. Here is an introduction courtesy of our friends at Redeemer PCA in Bellingham, Washington.

John Owen’s *The Glory of Christ* is centered on one glorious foundational truth: “one of the greatest privileges the believer has, both in this world and for eternity, is to behold the glory of Christ.”

The Glory of Christ is, in essence, a devotional exposition of 2 Corinthians 3:18:

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

This text shows that by beholding (or reflecting on) the glory of Christ believers are gradually transformed into the image of Christ through the process of sanctification. Practically, this means the key to growth in the Christian life is not about focusing on us as much as it’s about focusing on Jesus and his life, death on the cross, resurrection, and coming return.