

**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**  
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RICHARD PHILLIPS - JULY 2 **Pages 63-68**  
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**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**  
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KIRBY KEE - JULY 30 **Pages 100-126**  
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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**

*This book may be purchased online at [spcgreenville.org](http://spcgreenville.org) for \$8.50.*

**The Second Presbyterian Church**

105 River Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

**Return Service Requested**

**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD’S DAY**

**May 28, 2017**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 am & 11:00 am

**GOD IS A SPIRIT**

John 4:23-24

Hymns: 21, 646, 317

Anthem: Grant Us Your Peace

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm

**I AM THE DOOR**

John 10:1-10

Hymns: 80, 159, 292

Psalm 141

Rev. Mark A. Horne preaching



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**Letter from R. Albert Mohler on Preaching  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation**

Evangelical Christians have been especially attentive to worship in recent years, sparking a renaissance of thought and conversation on what worship really is and how it should be done. Even if this renewed interest has unfortunately resulted in what some have called the “worship wars” in some churches, it seems that what A. W. Tozer once called the “missing jewel” of evangelical worship is being recovered.

Nevertheless, if most evangelicals would quickly agree that worship is central to the life of the church, there would be no consensus to an unavoidable question: What is central to Christian worship? Historically, the more liturgical churches have argued that the sacraments form the heart of Christian worship. These churches argue that the elements of the Lord’s Supper and the water of baptism most powerfully present the gospel. Among evangelicals, some call for evangelism as the heart of worship, planning every facet of the service—songs, prayers, the sermon—with the evangelistic invitation in mind.

Though most evangelicals mention the preaching of the word as a necessary or customary part of worship, the prevailing model of worship in evangelical churches is increasingly defined by music, along with innovations such as drama and video presentations. When preaching the word retreats, a host of entertaining innovations will take its place.

Traditional norms of worship are now subordinated to a demand for relevance and creativity. A media-driven culture of images has replaced the word-centered culture that gave birth to the Reformation churches. In some sense, the image-driven culture of modern evangelicalism is an embrace of the very practices rejected by the Reformers in their quest for true biblical worship.

Music fills the space of most evangelical worship, and much of this music comes in the form of contemporary choruses marked by



precious little theological content. Beyond the popularity of the chorus as a musical form, many evangelical churches seem intensely concerned to replicate studio-quality musical presentations.

In terms of musical style, the more traditional churches feature large choirs—often with orchestras—and may even sing the established hymns of the faith. Choral contributions are often massive in scale and professional in quality. In any event, music fills the space and drives the energy of the worship service. Intense planning, financial investment, and priority of preparation are focused on the musical dimensions of worship. Professional staff and an army of volunteers spend much of the week in rehearsals and practice sessions.

All this is not lost on the congregation. Some Christians shop for churches that offer the worship style and experience that fits their expectation. In most communities, churches are known for their worship styles and musical programs. Those dissatisfied with what they find at one church can quickly move to another, sometimes using the language of self-expression to explain that the new church “meets our needs” or “allows us to worship.”

A concern for true biblical worship was at the very heart of the Reformation. But even Martin Luther, who wrote hymns and required his preachers to be trained in song, would not recognize this modern preoccupation with music as legitimate or healthy. Why? Because the Reformers were convinced that the heart of true biblical worship was the preaching of the word of God.

Thanks be to God, evangelism does take place in Christian worship. Confronted by the presentation of the gospel and the preaching of the word, sinners are drawn to faith in Jesus Christ and the offer of salvation is presented to all. Likewise, the Lord’s Supper and baptism are honored as ordinances by the Lord’s own command, and each finds its place in true worship.

Furthermore, music is one of God’s most precious gifts to his people, and it is a language by which we may worship God in spirit and in truth. The hymns of the faith convey rich confessional and theological content, and many modern choruses recover a sense of doxology formerly lost in many evangelical churches. But music is not the central act of Christian worship, and neither is evangelism nor even the ordinances. The heart of Christian worship is the authentic preaching of the word of God.

Expository preaching is central, irreducible, and nonnegotiable to the Bible’s mission of authentic worship that pleases God. John Stott’s simple declaration states the issue boldly: “Preaching is indispensable to Christianity.” More specifically, preaching is indispensable to Christian worship—and not only indispensable, but central.



The centrality of preaching is the theme of both testaments of Scripture. In Nehemiah 8 we find the people demanding that Ezra the scribe bring the book of the law to the assembly. Ezra and his colleagues stand on a raised platform and read from the book. When he opens the book to read, the assembly rises to its feet in honor of the word of God and respond, “Amen, Amen!”

Interestingly, the text explains that Ezra and those assisting him “read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading” (Neh 8:8). This remarkable text presents a portrait of expository preaching. Once the text was read, it was carefully explained to the congregation. Ezra did not stage an event or orchestrate a spectacle—he simply and carefully proclaimed the word of God.

This text is a sobering indictment of much contemporary Christianity. According to the text, a demand for biblical preaching erupted within the hearts of the people. They gathered as a congregation and summoned the preacher. This reflects an intense hunger and thirst for the preaching of the word of God. Where is this desire evident among today’s evangelicals?

In far too many churches, the Bible is nearly silent. The public reading of Scripture has been dropped from many services, and the sermon has been sidelined, reduced to a brief devotional appended to the music. Many preachers accept this as a necessary concession to the age of entertainment. Some hope to put in a brief message of encouragement or exhortation before the conclusion of the service.

As Michael Green so pointedly put it: “This is the age of the sermonette, and sermonettes make Christianettes.”

The anemia of evangelical worship—all the music and energy aside—is directly attributable to the absence of genuine expository preaching. Such preaching would confront the congregation with nothing less than the living and active word of God. That confrontation will shape the congregation as the Holy Spirit accompanies the word, opens eyes, and applies that word to human hearts.

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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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## 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 29	1 Samuel 20-22; Psalm 55
May 30	1 Samuel 23-25; Psalm 56
May 31	1 Samuel 26-28; Psalm 57
June 1	1 Samuel 29-31; Psalm 58
June 2	2 Samuel 1-3; Psalm 59
June 3	2 Samuel 4-6; Psalm 60

### SPC Mission Trips

#### Mission Trip to Trujillo, Peru

July 21-29, 2017

Team Leader: Chad Bailey  
[cbailey@spcgreenville.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, May 28

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10:30 AM Safety Sunday-Fire Drill  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 7:30 PM Youth Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 29

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### Tuesday, May 30

10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

### Wednesday, May 31

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 **Missionary Speaker: Guillermo Salinas**  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 1

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

### Friday, June 2

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study  
 6:00 PM ACTS SS Class Fellowship

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 32:10-11

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.  
 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

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 10	WIC Shower for Sarah Altman
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](http://www.spcgreenville.org)*

## Remembering One Another

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

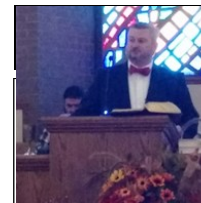
**Lila Riggins**  
 801 Musgrove Street  
 Clinton, SC 29325

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Dot Dillard**  
**Iris Dillard**  
**Mike Dillard**

## Missionary for the Week

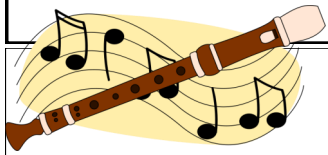


**Carolina Forest Presbyterian Church**  
 Myrtle Beach, SC Church Plant  
 Rev. Mark A. Horne, MNA Church Planter

### Prayer Items:

- That God will continue to go before us working out His providence and revealing His will.
- That God will give direction to the Provisional Session on key issues affecting the church. One key item is how we can make use of the land God graciously provided for the church so long ago.
- For solidifying year 1 finances and reaching our goal for year 2 finances.
- That God's blessing will be upon the meeting places that He has provided for us: Lakeside Crossing Dr. Sunday Night Bible Study, Carolina Forest Middle School Sunday Morning worship this Fall.
- For the outreach and evangelism efforts to bear fruit: Police Dept. outreach, VBS, Teacher outreach, start of school.
- For Tanner and Jonathan and their ministries.
- As always, that we will remain patient and faithful when things aren't "happening" as quickly as we would like.

### 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.

### Lost and Found

This Wednesday (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.

### 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.**

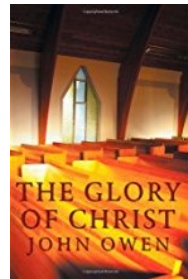
### Missionary Speaker

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

### 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

### 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



### Showering with Love

*WIC*  
cordially invites all ladies to a  
Bridal Shower for  
**Sarah Altman**  
Saturday, June 10, 2017  
10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

### 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

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**June 12-16, 2017**  
**Greensboro, NC**

### Welcome to the Pulpit

We welcome Rev. Mark A. Horne to the pulpit at the evening worship service while Pastor Phillips is on vacation. Mark Horne is a Mission to North America church planter in Myrtle Beach, SC planting in the Carolina Forest Community. He was ordained by Calvary Presbytery at Norris Hill, PCA on November 3, 2002. He has fifteen plus years of pastoral ministry experience serving two Presbyterian Church in America congregations of Calvary Presbytery in Anderson and Newberry, South Carolina. Before becoming a pastor, Mark served his home church of Lebanon, PCA in Abbeville, SC in several capacities including Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and Ruling Elder. Mark loves all things outdoors and coffee. Mark is married to Lisa. They knew each other through childhood as they were raised in the same church of Lebanon, PCA. Mark is a graduate of Erskine College and Seminary and is now a member of Pee Dee Presbytery. Mark and Lisa have three beautiful children: Tanner (18), Jonathan (16) and Katherine (11).

### New Address

**Todd and Wanda Walton**  
209 Willow Wind Court  
Easley, SC 29642  
Wanda's email: [wiwalton@icloud.com](mailto:wiwalton@icloud.com)  
Please make this change in your church directory.

### 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.