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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  
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June 18, 2017

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm

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**The West End Herald**

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June 12, 2017

**Letter for the Senior Minister  
Male Leadership in the Church**

You do not have to be around our church for long before you realize that all of our church officers – elders and deacons – are men. The practice of male-only rule stands out in our culture, which insists that men and women have equal opportunity and equal status in everything. Critics of our practice may assume that we demean women or are dominated by male egos. Whatever faults we may have, however, the reality is that our church values very highly the gifts and contributions of our women. Why, then, do we restrict the offices of the church to men only? The answer is that our church is ruled by the Lord Jesus Christ and that He establishes the rules and structures of His church.

In this letter, I intend to highlight both the practice and the teaching of Christ and His apostles in their call for male leadership in His church. Next week, I intend to follow up with biblical guidelines for the varied and valuable contributions of our women as partners with the men in the gospel ministry.

First, we should notice Jesus' practice in appointing twelve men to be apostles. Some will counter that Jesus was living in a world that expected and demanded male leadership because of its chauvinistic views of women. This is an alarming idea, however. In appointing His apostles, Jesus was laying the very foundation for His church. If Jesus corrupted His practice because of sinful cultural pressures, then He did not build very soundly. Moreover, if Jesus "caved in" to worldly pressure in this matter, in what other matters must we judge Jesus to be in error? In fact, however, there are no instances of Jesus accommodating wrong or oppressive demands from the religious or cultural authorities. Jesus was crucified precisely because He would not give in to pressure from the cultural elites to conform! Moreover, while it is true that the culture of Jesus' time was oppressive to women, Jesus flouted these standards so as to bless and lift up the value and status of women and to show compassion to women in need (see



Luke 7:36-50; 8:1-3; John 4:1-45; 7:53-8:11). So if Jesus appointed only men to found and rule His church, it was *not* because of cultural accommodation or a wrongfully low view of women. We must assume, instead, that Christ intentionally intended for His church to be led by men only. This view is strengthened when it comes to the appointing of seven men to form the first diaconate (Acts 6:1-7). This election is particularly interesting in that the problem at hand dealt with meeting the needs of widows. Today, we would assume that in order to minister to women's needs you must at least have some women in authority. The apostles thought differently, and appointed seven men to distribute the alms to the women of the church.

When we consider the relevant apostolic teaching in the New Testament, we find a similarly uniform emphasis on male-only leadership. For brevity's sake, let me summarize the apostle Paul's teaching as it pertains to gender and office:

- In setting forth the biblical qualifications for church office, Paul explicitly calls for males. Among other things, an elder must be "the husband of one wife" (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6). The same is true for deacons (1 Tim. 3:12).
- In 1 Tim. 2:11-12, Paul commands: "Let a women learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet." Recently, some scholars have asserted that Paul was only forbidding women to *abuse* them rather than to *exercise* authority, since the word for "exercise authority" can also mean to "usurp authority." However, the context shows that Paul is restricting women from authority over men in general. After all, how can a woman serve as a pastor or elder when she may not teach and is to remain quiet? Others charge that Paul was dealing only with a local problem pertaining to the women of Ephesus (where Timothy was pastor). But in verses 13-15, Paul grounds his doctrine not in local problems but in God's creation design and intent.
- Throughout the New Testament, there is a correlation between male headship in the home and family and male headship in the church, which is the "household of God." The New Testament teaching on male headship of the marriage and home can hardly be disputed (see Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1-7). The New Testament also makes clear the correlation between the family and the home in this respect (see 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:32; 1 Tim. 3:2, 12). Moreover, a man can hardly be head of his home if his wife is the pastor or elder in his church in spiritual authority over him.

There are a number of questions that arise in response to this teaching, which I will briefly seek to address:



- Doesn't Gal. 3:28 undermine the teaching of male-only rule in the home and church, since Paul says that in the church "there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"? The answer is that the same Paul who wrote this also wrote the passages referred to previously, so he did not see a contradiction. The point of Gal. 3:28 is not to deny all gender order and distinction, but to make the radically wonderful statement that women are equal partners and participants in the church together with men. This teaching is not undermined by male-only leadership.
- The Greek text of Romans 16:1 may be read to say that Phoebe was a deacon. Doesn't this open the possibility that women held this office? It is true that the word for "servant" is the same word as for "deacon," so that some say that Phoebe was an office-holder rather than a non-ordained servant. The problem is that the office of deacon is restricted to males (1 Tim. 3:12). Moreover, in Romans 13:4, the Roman emperor (probably Nero) is also described as a "servant" of God, using the same word. Unless we are willing to accept Nero into the diaconate and to set aside the biblical qualifications for deacons, we must interpret Romans 16:1 as describing Phoebe as a lay servant of the church (and a highly valued one at that!).
- Even though women cannot serve as elders and deacons, shouldn't they nonetheless read the Scriptures, lead in prayer, or collect offerings in the church service? The answer is No. When Christ restricted the church offices to men, he also restricted the associated functions to men. We should not seek to "get around" the Bible's teaching by having women perform the functions associated with the offices that Christ has restricted to men.
- Aren't women just as competent as men in these areas? Aren't we wasting their gifts? In some respects, women are just as able as men, although we should note that God did not create women for an authoritative role over men (see 1 Tim. 2:13-15). The point, however, is Christ's sovereign rule over His church. Our Lord is wiser than we, and it is His wisdom that we desire to exalt in the church. We do this by whole-heartedly, joyfully, and deliberately implementing the teaching of His Word.

I hope this is a helpful summary of the New Testament teaching that governs our practice as a church. Please pray for the officers of our church and for all the men of our church.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips



## 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.

June 19	1 Kings 7-8; Psalm 70
June 20	1 Kings 9-10; Psalm 71
June 21	1 Kings 11-12; Psalm 72
June 22	1 Kings 13-14; Psalm 73
June 23	1 Kings 15-16; Psalm 74
June 24	1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 75

## Remembering Our Fathers

We thank our Heavenly Father for godly, faithful, loving, honest earthly fathers.

*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,  
And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.*

*Let your father and your mother be glad,  
And let her who bore you rejoice.*

Proverbs 23:24, 25

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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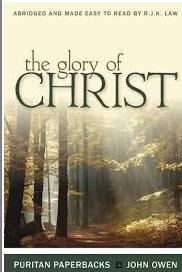
**Church Services: Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM \* Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

**Wednesday:** Supper - 5:30 PM \* Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

## All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



June 18, 2017  
10 am in the sanctuary  
"The Glory of Christ"  
by John Owen  
CHAD BAILEY - Pages 38-49  
The Glory of Christ's  
Humbling Himself

## General Assembly

The 45th PCA General Assembly is this week, June 12-16, in Greensboro, NC. Pastor Phillips, Pastor Cook, RE Duncan, RE Wills and RE Mobley are attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly on Facebook.

## The Lord's Supper Evening Service, June 18, 2017



**Sr. High Beach Trip  
Edisto Island, SC  
June 26-July 1  
Remaining Balance  
due by June 19th.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIALS

July 30 and August 20  
Immediately following  
the evening worship service.  
Deacons will provide ice cream  
and toppings on July 30th. On August 20th everyone is  
asked to bring their favorite homemade ice cream.

## Church Picnic - July 4, 2017



Church Grounds and Gym  
Good Food \* Great Fellowship \* Inflatables  
6:00 PM until  
Deacons will provide beverages,  
hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings.  
Families are asked to bring generous  
portions of side dishes and/or desserts.  
Look forward to seeing you on July 4th, rain or shine!

## Church Office Closed: Tuesday, July 4th

## Wednesday Activities Cancelled: July 5th and 12th

## Memorial Flowers

The following dates are open to have flowers put in the sanctuary at the morning worship services in honor or memory of someone special.

JULY 2, 16, 23, 30  
SEPTEMBER 17  
OCTOBER 8, 29  
NOVEMBER 26

## Baptism

David Leland Walton, Daniel Todd Walton, and Matthew William Walton, covenant children of Todd and Wanda Walton received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 11, 2017. We are thankful for the Walton family and pray that David, Daniel, and Matthew will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

## New Address

**John and Cindy Duncan and family**  
36 Brasstown Way  
Beaufort, SC 29906  
*Please make this change in your church directory.*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### THE BIGGEST BIRTHDAY!

July 10-14, 2017  
K4 (completed) - 5th Grade  
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Register online today:  
[spcgreenville.org](http://spcgreenville.org)  
**NEED WORKERS  
AND SNACKS!**  
Contact Jill Mann



*Christianity*  
**EXPLORED**

Plans are shaping up for our planned Christianity Explored course. Mr. Jason Korol, teacher of the SPC Westminster Sunday School Class, will be the primary leader, assisted by Mr. Dave Weiland. We believe both these men have strong gifts for befriending and presenting the gospel to unchurched people. The first weekly session will be Friday, July 14, and the program will run on six following Fridays through August 25. The meetings will be held in our church Fellowship Hall, with guests invited to arrive around 5:30 p.m. for a light meal and the gospel presentation, with the meetings wrapping up no later than 7:30 p.m. People who wish to remain for more conversation will be encouraged to do so, but we felt this early evening format would still allow people to pursue other Friday night activities. More information about the C.E. program will be announced shortly, but please be praying about attending these meetings with unchurched guests you invite from among your friends, neighbors, coworkers, club members, etc. If you have questions, call or email Emil Henning (864-593-3945, [emilhenningarchitect@yahoo.com](mailto:emilhenningarchitect@yahoo.com)).

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, June 18

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 (Adults 7th grade & up meet in sanctuary)  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 (Children 1st-6th grade meet in regular classrooms)  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

### Tuesday, June 20

- 10:00 AM Narnia Book Club

### Wednesday, June 21

- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting  
 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, June 22

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

### Friday, June 23

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

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 34:3-5

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

- June 12-16 General Assembly in Greensboro, NC  
 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  
 July 4 Church Office Closed  
 July 4 Church Picnic  
 July 5 No Wednesday Night Activities  
 July 8 VBS Workday  
 July 9 Finance Committee Meeting  
 July 9 Missions Committee Lunch  
 July 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
 July 10-14 Vacation Bible School  
 July 10 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting  
 July 11 WIC Circles  
 July 12 No Wednesday Night Activities  
 July 14 Christianity Explored  
 July 16 The Lord's Supper at the Morning Services  
 July 18 WIC Ladies Night Out  
 July 19 Administration Committee Meeting  
 July 21-29 Peru Mission Trip  
 July 22 Calvary Presbytery at Second  
 July 22-29 Cherokee Mission Trip  
 July 26 CE Committee Meeting  
 July 30 Ice Cream Social

## Mark Your Calendars

- August 9 Musical CAT Kids Program  
 August 20 Homemade Ice Cream Social  
 August 23 CAT Kids Resumes  
 August 27 Rally Day  
 August 27 WIC Annual Meeting  
*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 and/or give her a call.

**Marian Wood**  
 5 Creekbend Road  
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 864-297-0783

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**David and Susan Eller**  
**Edward and Ruth Enggasser**  
**Adam and Rachel**  
**Bill and Faye Evans**  
**Andrew and Becca**

## Missionary for the Week



**Seth and Laura Lee Starkey**  
**RUF-Belhaven University**

Seth was born and raised in Greenville, SC. He graduated from Newberry College in 2007 and 10 weeks later began his studies at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. During seminary he became the ministerial intern at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC and continued in that role until his graduation from RTS in 2010. Following graduation, he was ordained as the Assistant Minister at Second Presbyterian. Seth is married to the former Laura Lee Patterson from Knoxville, TN. She graduated from UT Knoxville in 2005. They have two sons, Sam and Charlie. The Starkeys are thankful for the great privilege of impacting the lives of college students through the ministry of RUF.