

Letter from Greenville Seminary

Dear Friends,

We have great news to share with you (before we unveil it to the broader public): *we are anticipating at least 16 new resident students (and 10 or so distance students) for the upcoming academic year.* Of those 16 resident students, 13 are preparing to move to Greenville within the next four weeks. Of those 13, *six are still looking for housing.* We have been working diligently to identify, suggest, and arrange for housing for all of our students and their families, but we (and they) could use any help or recommendations that you can provide. Please feel free to circulate this information to relevant groups/individuals in your church (i.e. deacons, mens/womens email lists, etc.).

Here are some details about the six men who are currently seeking housing in the vicinity of the Seminary:

John Camp: MA student; single; from Wisconsin; in his thirties; converted under John Piper's ministry, and most recently involved in RCUS congregations; excited to be a member of a Presbyterian church.

Charlie Haynes: MDiv student; married, no children; from Arizona; two dogs (including an aged pit bull); wife is a certified dog groomer; under care of the OPC; enthusiastically and generously supported by his home church in Phoenix-area.

Adam Poling: MDiv student; married, no children; from West Virginia; has cerebral palsy, but is able to get around Greenville by bus; prefers handicap-accessible housing nearby to a bus line that goes into Taylors.

Eduardo Barbi: MDiv student; single; from Brazil; looking for a room for \$300/month.

Nicholas Feyma: MDiv student; married with children; from Washington State; looking for both employment and housing in order to matriculate this Fall.

Matteus (Matthew) Pereira: MDiv student; married with one child; from Brazil.

Thank you for any help you can render as we prepare to welcome these men (and many others) to Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary this fall.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY July 30 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 am & 11:00 am

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

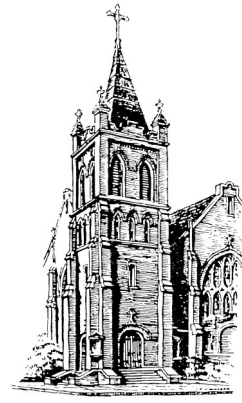
Genesis 21:22-34
Hymns: 660, 702, 699
Anthem: Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

MAN'S TRUE REST

Matthew 11:28-30
Hymns: 181, 188, 304
Psalm 147

Mr. Stephen Spinnenweber preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister

How To Listen To a Sermon

"Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

I recently read a chapter in Dr. Derek Thomas' commentary on the book of *Acts*, titled, "How to Listen to a Sermon." The chapter was an exposition of Acts 17:10-15, Luke's description of Paul's preaching in the city of Berea. This passage is famous for the above quoted statement, which sets an example for us all. Dr. Thomas writes: "These words provide for us a paradigm as to how preaching ought to be heard at any time. They provide an answer to the question, "How should we listen to a sermon?" Thomas breaks down the Bereans' example in three points: they *received*, *researched*, and *responded* to the Word that was preached. Here is what he had to say:

"First, *they received the Word.*" Specifically, they received the Word "with eagerness." There was a sense of expectancy about their listening. This was no mere academic enterprise, to be engaged in with emotional detachment. Neither did they engage in it with routine familiarity, listening only half-heartedly and out of a sense of obligation rather than desire. To listen with eagerness to a sermon is not something that comes naturally; it is something that needs careful cultivation.

"In order to cultivate a sense of expectancy when it comes to preaching, we need to prepare ourselves for it. Our souls need to be prepared *beforehand*. It begins by faithful and earnest prayer for the preacher during the course of the week, and especially in the hours leading up to the worship service. We



should ensure that time is set apart on Saturday evening and early Sunday morning to ask for the Lord's blessing on the reading and exposition of Scripture. The cure for sleepy heads on Sunday morning is to get to bed earlier on Saturday night. Preparation of the heart for worship is like putting on armor: we are powerless to resist idle thoughts in worship if we make no preparation to resist them beforehand."

"Second, the Bereans *researched the Word.*" Luke tells us that they were "examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11). For several days after the Sabbath, these Jews evidently came back to the synagogue and searched the scrolls (they being too expensive for private ownership), to check whether the things Paul said were true or not. "Notice *the priesthood of all believers* revealed in the Bereans' response: they searched the Scriptures for themselves. They did not need the intermediary of some priest or academic to teach them what they needed to know about God and His Word. True, they undoubtedly asked for the help of the local rabbi and those who had a measure of maturity in their understanding. But the Scriptures were open to everyone to examine. At the very least, this should encourage us to bring our Bibles with us to the worship service and to open them and follow along as it is read and preached. The holiest sounds of a worship service are the frequent rustling of the leaves of Scripture being turned in the pews! Notice also *the perspicuity (clarity) of Scripture.* The essential truths of the Bible can be understood by all believers using the ordinary means of learning. Note as well that the Bereans were preoccupied with what was being said rather than who was saying it. Their enthusiasm was not for the preacher himself; it was what he said and more especially, the gospel that he proclaimed that captivated their attention. The Bereans searched the Scriptures in order to better understand the gospel rather than to sign up for a preacher fan-club."

"Third, the Bereans *responded to the Word.*" Many of them therefore believed" (Acts 17:12). Listening to sermons should result in a desire to put what we learn into practice. Good preaching always applies the Bible to daily life. Good sermons tell us what promises we are to lay hold of in our troubles, what sins we are to avoid when we are tempted, what attributes of God should elicit praise from our hearts, what virtues we ought to cultivate,



what goals we should pursue, and what good works we should engage in. Paul was careful to tell Timothy that "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:15-17).

I hope that Dr. Thomas' teaching will be helpful to you as you engage in one of the most important activities in life: listening to the preaching of God's Word. As a hearer of preaching, I was helped as well. Here are concluding words from Dr. Thomas:

"In the end, the question is this: will you submit to what is true if God teaches it? And how will you know that? The answer: by turning to the Bible and examining it. You have no excuse, my friend. You have a copy in your own hands, or at least in your own home. Will you be a hearer only? Or will you be both a hearer and a doer of the word? This is the only honest way to listen to a sermon!"

May the Lord bless you all 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 - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM



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.

July 31	2 Chronicles 20-23; Psalm 108
Aug. 1	2 Chronicles 24-26; Psalm 109
Aug. 2	2 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 110
Aug. 3	2 Chronicles 30-31; Psalm 111
Aug. 4	2 Chronicles 32-34; Psalm 112
Aug. 5	2 Chronicles 35-36; Psalm 113




HERE WE STAND

GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY

 ALLIANCE
OF CONFESSING EVANGELICALS

Justification by Faith Alone

October 13-15, 2017
Second Presbyterian Church

Speakers:

J. Ligon Duncan III

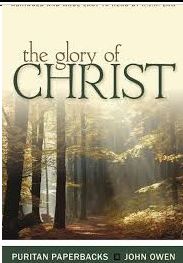
Harry Reeder

Richard D. Phillips

Learn more at HereWeStandGreenville.org



All Adult SS: Summer With A Puritan



July 30, 2017
10 am in the sanctuary
"The Glory of Christ"
by John Owen

KIRBY KEE - Pgs. 100-126
Differences between our Beholding
the Glory of Christ by Faith in this
World and by Sight in Heaven

**The Friday Men's Lunch/Bible Study
has been cancelled for July 28.**

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 churn of homemade ice cream.

**Narnia Book Club will not meet
August 1st.**

WIC Circles' Summer Schedule

Circle 1 (formerly Circle 6) and Circle 2
will not meet during the summer.

Circle 3
will meet August 8; 10 am in the Conference Room
Circle 4
August 8; 7:00 pm at Panera Bread on August St.

Circle 5
will meet August 8; **1:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall
(PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED TIME)

**Church Financial Report
August 6, 2017
before the morning worship services.**



Musical CAT Kids Program

Wednesday, August 9th
Supper: 5:30 pm; Program: 7:00 pm
Come see what our covenant kids have learned this summer.



RALLY DAY
Sunday, August 27th
10:00 am
Church Sanctuary



WIC Annual Meeting



Sunday, August 27
Church Sanctuary @ 10:00 am

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

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

Questions contact Alice Barnett (864-906-0166)

The following slate of WIC Officers have been nominated
for 2 years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC
Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council
and the Session. The election will take place at the August
Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2017
through August 31, 2019.

President Elect:	Susan McDaniel
Vice President:	Judy Bishop
Secretary:	Linda Kirk
MNA Coordinator:	Linda Bragdon
WIC Circle 1 Chairman:	Monica Bianchi
WIC Circle 4 Chairman:	Jean Pennington
WIC Circle 5 Chairman:	Pat Shuford

NEW Men's Bible Study

Begins August 7, 2017
Mondays @ 6:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Led by Wayne Kirk
Come join us!

Young Adult Bible Study for August

Tuesdays
August 1, 8, and 15, 2017
Come enjoy a time of food, fellowship,
and study with other young adults at Second.
If you have any questions
please see Stephen Spinnenweber.

Ushering Needs

We are in need of several men to step forward and volun-
teer for ushering on Sundays. This is an excellent oppor-
tunity to provide a valuable service in the ministry of the
church. If you are willing to help please contact Kip Alt-
man: (ckaltman@yahoo.com or 828-773-7841)

Wednesday Night Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the Wednesday Night
Fellowship Supper. There are two positions: Prep/Serve
and Clean-up. If you are willing to help please contact
Chad Scoggins:
864-884-3987 or chadscoggins@charter.net

Memorial Flowers

The following dates are open to have flowers put in the
sanctuary on Sundays at the worship services in honor or
memory of someone special.
SEPTEMBER 17; NOVEMBER 26



**Watch for Basketball Sign-ups
coming soon online.**



Church Calendar

Sunday, July 30

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

Tuesday, August 1

- 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, August 2

- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
- 6:55 PM Jr. & 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, August 3

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, August 4

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

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

- July 21-29 Peru Mission Trip
- July 22-29 Cherokee Mission Trip
- July 30 Ice Cream Social
- August 1 Young Adult Bible Study
- August 2 WIC Council
- August 7 Diaconate Meeting
- August 8 WIC Circles 3, 4, & 5
- August 8 Young Adult Bible Study
- August 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- August 9 Missions Committee Meeting
- August 9 Musical CAT Kids Program
- August 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- August 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- August 14 Session Meeting
- August 15 Young Adult Bible Study
- August 16 Administration Committee Meeting
- August 16 Musical CAT Kids Wrap-up
- August 20 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- August 20 Evangelism/Discipleship Committee
- August 20 Homemade Ice Cream Social
- August 23 CE Committee Meeting
- August 23 Regular CAT/Covenant Kids resume
- August 27 Rally Day
- August 27 WIC Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

- Sept. 3 Membership Class begins
- Sept. 3 Regular SS resumes
- Sept. 18 Young At Heart resumes
- Oct. 13-15 Greenville Conference on Reformed Theology
- Oct. 21 Church Picnic
- Oct. 25 Reformation Party
- Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday

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.

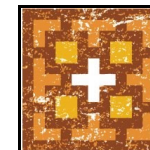
Iris Dillard
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Greenville, SC 29605
864-207-8331

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Doug and Anna Maria Hanson
Leon and Susan Harmon
Edna Heath

Missions for the Week



PERU MISSION

PERU MISSION TRIP

July 21-29, 2017

CHEROKEE MISSION TRIP

July 22-29, 2017

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Commit to pray daily (begin NOW)

Peru Mission Team

Chad Bailey, Team Leader
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

Cherokee Mission Team

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

