

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 10:10 AM Finance Committee Meeting
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
Ordination & Installation of Deacons
 7:30 PM Reception for New Deacons
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, January 8

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 9

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 6:00 PM Supper
 7:00 PM Meeting
 6:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 6:00 PM-Supper; 7:00 PM-Meeting
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (grades 1-6)
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (grades 7-12)
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 1
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant 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, January 11

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, January 12

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

Saturday, January 13

10:00 AM WIC Shower for Daniel & Madison Grubbs

Upcoming Events

Jan. 3 WIC Council
 Jan. 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Jan. 7 Finance Committee Meeting
 Jan. 7 Deacon Ordination and Installation
 Jan. 7 Reception for New Deacons
 Jan. 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Jan. 9 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 Jan. 9-10 WIC Circles
 Jan. 10 Missions Committee Meeting
 Jan. 13 WIC Shower for Daniel & Madison Grubbs
 Jan. 17 Administration Committee Meeting
 Jan. 19 Middle School Fellowship
 Jan. 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Jan. 24 CE Committee Meeting
 Jan. 26-29 **SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE**
 ~Men's Luncheon Friday @ Noon
 ~Friday Night Banquet @ 6pm
 ~WIC Luncheon Saturday @ Noon
 ~Adult Sunday School @ 10am-sanctuary
 ~8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Services
 ~6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
 ~Young At Heart Monday @ 11:45am
 Jan. 27 Calvary Presbytery at Woodruff Road PCA
 Jan. 29 Young At Heart

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is
 steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (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.

Louise McAlister
 14 Millbrooke Circle
 Greenville, SC 29609
 864-244-2084

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Tim and Kristen Owens
 Cole**
Alma Palmer
Jean Pennington
Elizabeth, Jennifer, Dean



PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER

Missionary for the Week

JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH

- Pray that PWC will influence abortion-minded women and men to see the baby they have been given as a gift from God.
- Pray the staff and volunteers will glorify God in all ways.
- Pray that God will encourage women who are quietly suffering from the repercussions of an abortion to seek help from our abortion recovery Bible study.
- Pray that God will work in the hearts of our leaders to put an end to abortion in our nation.
- Pray about how you can be more actively involved with your time, talents, and finances with the ministry of Piedmont Women's Center.
- Pray for the success of this year's annual banquet. Pray the Lord will bless the event and more people will support the ministry of PWC.

2018 Offering Envelopes

There are still 2018 offering envelopes on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2018 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2018 envelope number may be different from the 2017 number.

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 7, 2018 * Evening Worship Service

There will be a reception for the new deacons in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the evening worship service.

Everyone is asked to bring a dessert/cookies.

Pictures will be made of the Elders and Deacons in the sanctuary immediately following the service.

JOINT SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
6pm-supper; 7pm-meeting
Please note the date change.





Showering with Love

WIC
cordially invites all ladies to a
Wedding Shower for
Daniel and Madison Grubbs
Saturday, January 13, 2018
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Take Them A Meal

The Farley's are ready to start receiving meals a few nights a week. If you would like to provide them with a meal go to www.takethemameal.com (user name is Farley; password is 1892) which will schedule meals through March. Laurie loves having visitors, however please contact Alan (text/call) before popping in for a visit.

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our worship services on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951). She will be compiling the 2018 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to John Griffin and family upon the death of his mother, Vera Lane Griffin on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. We are thankful for the life and service of Vera Lane and pray for the family during this time of loss and grief.

Join the Choir!

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 10. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at [864-979-9378](tel:864-979-9378). Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!



For Christ in South Carolina and the World

2018 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 26-29, 2018

Speakers:

Rev. Reid Jones, Clemson RUF
Rev. Jegar Chinnavan, First Asian/Indian PCA

Schedule:

Men's Luncheon - Friday @ noon
Friday Night Banquet - 6:00 PM
WIC Luncheon - Saturday @ noon
Sunday: Sunday School and Worship Services
Young At Heart - Monday @ 11:45 AM

Register today at spcgreenville.org

January Middle School Fellowship

Friday, January 19th
4:30 - 8:00 pm
Home of Nathaniel and Rebekah Johnson
Outdoor and indoor games
Dinner will be provided.

January Young At Heart

The January Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, January 29th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. **Please note the change of date for January only.** This meeting will be included in our 2018 Missions Conference. Reid Jones will speak on "How a church family should pray and love college students".

friend. A few remembrances might illuminate the personal charm that accompanied the pulpit brilliance. In late 1997, council members of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals gathered at a hotel in Orlando to draft a response to the Evangelicals and Catholics Together statement (ECT II). I was present as aide-de-camp to Dr. Boice, being still in seminary and new to the organization. Our first night, Boice thought it appropriate to introduce me and so he started in on a lengthy bio of Rick Phillips. About 10 seconds into it, R. C. interrupted and said, "Jim, is this your guy?" Boice testily replied, "If you don't mind, R. C., I'd like to continue." Twenty seconds later, R. C. interjected, "Jim, we don't really care about any of this. Is Rick your guy?" Boice again brushed aside R. C.'s interruption and continued. Finally, R. C. exclaimed, "Jim, we really don't want to listen to this. All we want to know is if this is your guy." Boice replied, "Yes, R. C., he is my guy." At this, R. C. gave me that impish grin of his and said, "Hi, Ricky. If you're Jim Boice's guy then we're pals!" And so we were, much to my blessing.

For that meeting, Boice and Sproul each brought proposed replies to ECT II and all we did was put them together into a unified document ("An Appeal to Fellow Evangelicals"). Then we held a conference call with the evangelical leaders who had participated in and were promoting the joint accord with Rome. To describe this conversation as alarming and distressing is an understatement, and we went to bed dejected that evangelical scholars could, in our view, so terribly compromise the gospel. The next morning we slumped together in the hotel breakfast area. But R. C. perked up and said, "Boys, we have found a hill to die on! We sing Luther's hymn, 'let goods and kindred go,' and now's the time to do it!" For a young minister in training, it was an electrifying experience. R. C.'s stalwart leadership in defense of justification through faith alone was one of his great accomplishments, and his clarity of insight and courage of spirit were essential in rallying the gospel cause. Only a few short years after that experience, I had the task of giving R. C. daily reports on the rapid decline of Jim Boice's health, and we wept together on the phone after I had told him of his best friend's passage into glory.

and witness of R. C. Sproul. I might add numerous personal acts of kindness that he and Vesta performed for my wife and me, together with his warmth of heart and humor that made his great ministry so wonderfully human. Because he took hard stands for gospel truth, there have been those who disliked R. C., just as Spurgeon had enemies and critics. But he was a lion in our midst and the call of his voice will resound in our hearts until we are rejoined to this captain and leader in the glories about which we have so joyfully sung here below.

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Allelujah! Allelujah!

-- Richard 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 - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

A is for Adoption

A man adopts one for his son and heir that does not at all resemble him; but whosoever God adopts for His child is like Him; he not only bears His heavenly Father's name, but His image. Col 3:10

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT



Dr. Ian Hamilton serves as minister of Cambridge UK Presbyterian Church. He is a trustee of Banner of Truth and a board member of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (GPTS) and London Theological Seminary. He is an Adjunct Professor at GPTS and the author of *The Erosion of Calvinist Orthodoxy: Drifting from the Truth in Confessional Scottish Churches*, *The Letters of John*, *John Calvin's Doctrine of Holy Scripture*, and *The Faith Shaped Life*.



2018 Greenville Seminary Theology Conference

*"The Person and Work of Jesus Christ:
the Lord of Glory"*

March 13-15, 2018

Registration is now open

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Ian Hamilton, Joel Beeker, Johnny Gibson,
Greg Beale, Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
Richard D. Phillips, Ryan Speck
Michael Barrett, Ryan McGraw

Corner of River and Rhett

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The ACTS Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) welcomes you as we begin the New Year studying the book of James; taught by Dr. Kevin Mobley. We will be learning how to put into action a life of faith. Join us for food, fellowship, discussion, and most importantly a time to learn from the Word of God! New study begins January 7th, in the Fellowship Hall.

The Fellowship Sunday School Class (Gresham Conference Room) will complete our study of the Minor Prophets in January. In February we will begin to survey Themes of Redemption in the Old Testament. Topics will include "The Heart," "The Face of God," "The Fear of God," "The Angel of the LORD," and others. These themes will edify and bless us as we see the dawn of God's redemptive work in the Old Testament and its fulfillment in the New. We will love God more as we trace these evidences of his grace in revealing himself in his Word. Teacher is RE Kirby Kee.

The Chapel Sunday School Class (Winn Chapel)
The somewhat mysterious book of Hebrew is primarily an exposition of the OT to show how the NT presents a better way of access to God in the Gospel. The person and work of Christ are central, and Christianity is portrayed as God's final revelation. Teacher is Dr. Jim McGoldrick.

The Westminster Sunday School Class
Our culture today is increasingly hostile to the Christian faith. The attacks are unrelenting. Our schools, universities, media and entertainment all join hands in characterizing Christianity not only as untrue, but as irrational and intolerant. So, we must be prepared to give an answer for our hope in Christ and have a defense ready (1 Peter 3:15) when asked and/or challenged. Our study in apologetics, therefore, will help us understand and defeat the lies of the false gods of our age. Teacher is Jason Korol.

The Senior High Sunday School Class (Scout Hut) will be taught this winter by Dr. Phillips. In the winter-spring of 2018, our Senior High School Sunday School class will study The Life of David, from 1 and 2 Samuel. David presents a model of faith and, even more important, a picture of Jesus Christ as Savior. Some of the best loved and most inspiring passages in the Bible come from David's life, they study of which challenges us with gospel truth. Teacher: Dr. Phillips

The 7th & 8th Grade Sunday Class will study Philippians and be taught this semester by Andy Barringer.

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

January 7, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

FOR THE SAKE OF LOVE

Genesis 29:1-30

Hymns: 655, 78, 703

Anthem: Saints of God, Wake the Earth

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

JESUS, OUR SERVANT

Luke 22:14-27

Hymns: 337, 593, 580

Psalms 18

Dr. Ian Hamilton preaching



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January 2, 2018

In Memory of R. C. Sproul

We grieve today at the news of R. C. Sproul's departure from this life, while so blessed at the knowledge that he basks in the glory of the Savior he served and loved.

In mourning our loss of this great preacher and church leader, my mind searches back to the early 1990's, when what is now called the Reformed Resurgence was only an envisioned hope. I was converted to faith in Christ in 1990 under the preaching of R.C.'s close friend, James Montgomery Boice. This meant that I soon was exposed to the live phenomenon of R. C. Sproul in the pulpit in the prime of his vigor. I had never and never will see again such a combination of passion, intellect, and theological courage. Those of us who were swept up into the Reformed faith during those years were blessed with a band of true pulpit heroes: Boice, Eric Alexander, J. I. Packer, John Gerstner, and others. But even in that band of astounding men of vision and gospel power, R. C. Sproul stood out. He was a lion in our midst, and when he roared we lifted up our hearts to God in faith. For so many of us in the generation that followed these prophets, experiencing R. C. first hand at the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology and then the Ligonier Conference, inserting the much-anticipated tape-of-the-month cassette into our car stereos, and hearing the life-changing audio recording of R.C.'s The Holiness of God impacted us so deeply that we raced forward to lay our own swords at the feet of Christ. God dramatically changed our lives through the voice of R. C. Sproul and we have loved him for it.

I have been one of many who are privileged to have known R. C. personally, though I would not claim to be an intimate