

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 28

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM Missions Committee Luncheon
 5:15 PM Men's Chorus Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, January 29

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, January 30

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Wednesday, January 31

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)
 6:55 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, February 1

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, February 2

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 8:1-2

*O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of
 babies and infants, you have established strength because of your
 foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

Jan. 24 CE Committee Meeting
 Jan. 26-29 **SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE**
 ~Men's Luncheon Friday @ Noon
 ~Friday Night Banquet @ 6pm
 ~WIC Brunch @ 10:00 am
 ~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
 Feb. 5 Diaconate Meeting
 Feb. 7 WIC Council
 Feb. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Feb. 10 WIC Day of Prayer
 Feb. 11 Finance Committee Meeting
 Feb. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Feb. 12 Session Meeting
 Feb. 13-14 WIC Circles
 Feb. 14 Missions Committee Meeting
 Feb. 15 Light Bringers
 Feb. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Feb. 19 Young At Heart
 Feb. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
 Feb. 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
 Feb. 28 CE Committee Meeting

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Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
 July 23-27, 2018

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.

Garison and Amy Plourde
Christine and Renee

Serge and Christa Pomerlyan
Eleanor, Margaret, Abigail

Keith and Millie Pratt
Brice and James

Missionary for the Week



Greenville Rescue Mission

Since its beginning as a soup kitchen in 1937, Miracle Hill Greenville Rescue Mission has undergone many changes. Its facilities have expanded to house 160 men and provide emergency shelter for an additional 200 men during extreme weather conditions. It also operates five apartments, which house families in emergency situations. The face of homelessness is constantly changing. It is no longer the face of a 55+ year old drifter. In the last 20 years, the average age of a homeless man has dropped to 35 – meaning there are more 18-25 year olds seeking shelter than ever before.

www.miraclehill.org

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and thirty seventh stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 27th at 9:00 am at Woodruff Road PCA. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners who will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

Ushering Meeting

There will be a brief but required meeting for all active ushers and for any male member in good standing that desires to serve your church as an usher. The meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 10:30 am to 10:45 am in the sanctuary under the balcony. We need to fill a minimum of nine usher positions. Ushering is a great way to serve our congregation, to meet new people and be a warm welcome to our guests. Contact Ken Pujdak at kenpujdak@gmail.com or 864-399-8333 for more info or to express interest.

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.

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.



LightBringers
Thursday, February 15th
6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall



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MEMBERSHIP CLASS
begins March 4, 2018
taught by Dr. Richard D. Phillips.

It's Going to Be Spectacular!



Join us on Saturday, February 17th at the TD Convention Center in Greenville for the 3rd annual Good News Spectacular. The Good News Spectacular is a free one-day event with big inflatables, many new for the first time! Yes, there will be popcorn, snow cones, face painting, balloon animals, games, and prizes, and everything is completely free! Would you volunteer and/or bring Good News Club children on Feb. 17th from 10am to 3pm?

Christian Youth in Action

CEF is looking for students to serve in our CYIA program, leading Summer Good News Clubs. CYIA is a summer missions program for students ages 15-22 sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Summer Missionaries commit to extensive training before leading Summer Good News Clubs and must complete an application. For further information or questions please feel free to call our office at (864) 292-5842.



WIC Day of Prayer
Saturday, February 10th
@ 10:00 am

Church Fellowship Hall
Watch Herald for further details.



**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 Brunch - Saturday @ 10:00 AM
Sunday: Sunday School and Worship Services
Young At Heart - Monday @ 11:45 AM

Register today at spcgreenville.org

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".

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Great Escape 2018
WIC SPRING RETREAT
Bonclarken Conference Center,
Flat Rock, NC
March 9-10, 2018

Registration is due by February 7th
Space is limited, so register early.
Information and registration forms are located throughout the church or you may contact Alice Barnett (864-906-0166) with questions.



1. ABORTION IS BOTH SIN AND TRAUMA

Abortion is sin. Like all other sin, it's a grievous offense against a holy God. Our only hope is to repent and believe the gospel. And when we've done so, we must stand firm under the assurance of pardon, even in the face of our doubts and Satan's accusations (1 John 1:9; Rom. 8:1).

But abortion is also trauma, devastating body and soul. It takes a knife to our image-bearing nature as life-givers—and no one walks away from a knife fight without being at least a little mangled. It requires not only repentance, but also healing.

I've been afraid to admit the shame that so often haunts me still. Afraid to consider the far-reaching implications of this sin. So when something triggers the pain, I've pressed down the doubt, sealing it with platitudes. I've applied the truth of justification shallowly, like a band-aid. I've hoped it would stop the bleeding, but really it's just covered the infection festering beneath.

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Forgiveness for my abortion came quickly, but healing didn't, and the hidden shame manifested in ways I couldn't understand. Unacknowledged pain bears bad fruit in so many forms: anger, depression, anxiety, endless striving.

These issues aren't solely the fruit of my abortion. The reality of my story and many others is that abortion is only one small piece in a large, broken puzzle. Sin's destruction—and the mess in its wake—is vast.

But we don't need to be ashamed of our need for healing. The Lord Jesus welcomes us, gently asking, "Do you want to be healed?" (John 5:6). Maybe we just have to respond, "I believe! Help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

2. HEALING IS A PROCESS

Returning to a Christian counselor years after my abortion was difficult and humbling. But with her help, I learned to acknowledge my past alongside the truth. Now, instead of running from my pain, I bring it to Jesus in prayer, trusting his truth will comfort my heart (2 Cor. 1:3-4) and renew my mind (Rom. 12:2). Through his Word and his Spirit, Jesus gives me grace and courage to face what I fear. And with his help, I find room to grieve my abortion and the effects of sin honestly.

I grieve the ways my brokenness has crept into my marriage, my parenting, my relationships with others. When I'm not afraid to deal with the past by God's grace, I'm able to confess and repent of the sin that surfaces. It's not about confessing my abortion over and over



again to pay some kind of penance, but rather unpacking the layers that led me to there and from there: my misplaced hope, my arrogance, my fear of man.

The truth that Jesus has made me blameless before God isn't a platitude but my deepest source of hope.

As he's promised, God sends out his Word to heal (Ps. 107:20). It shines light on these places I've kept hidden in darkness (Heb. 4:12; 1 John 1). It convicts and assures, beckons and comforts. When carefully applied to my past and present thoughts, feelings, and actions, the truth that Jesus has made me blameless before God isn't a platitude but my deepest source of hope.

This process hasn't taken away the pain my memories hold, but I've noticed they feel less haunting. I'm growing in patience for the process—slower to condemn myself, quicker to bring my memories to Jesus. I've noticed that when I let them drive me to his mercy, they can be an occasion to marvel at grace, not to slink down in my chair or yell at my kids.

3. GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

The blood of Christ is sufficient to pay for sin in full—even the sin of abortion. His grace is sufficient to bring healing (Isa. 53:5), even if it takes a lifetime (Phil. 1:6).

Acknowledging the trauma of abortion and embracing the process of healing doesn't mean we have to spend our lives as wounded women. But we also don't have to pretend the scars don't exist.

But God's all-sufficient grace is also tangible. As I share my struggles with my husband and trusted members of my church community, their compassion, kindness, and reminders of truth further Christ's healing work in my heart. When I hear the gospel preached and receive the Lord's Supper, I'm further assured of his forgiveness, and through these weekly means of grace he continues to heal me.

Acknowledging the trauma of abortion and embracing the process of healing doesn't mean we have to spend our lives as wounded women. But we also don't have to pretend the scars don't exist. Instead, we can live in more honest awareness of our brokenness and, as we do, live more dependent on grace. The more God reveals our sinfulness, the more glorious the cross of Christ becomes. There, we're reminded that God is a compassionate Father (Ps. 103:13), that he's near to the brokenhearted (Ps. 34:18), and that, by Christ's wounds, we are healed (Isa. 53:5).

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PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

D is for Discipline

Prudence must be exercised in the proceeding, lest we do more hurt than good....we should deal humbly even when we deal sharply.

~Richard Baxter

Widow's Fund

The Church established a Widows' fund for the substantial (and often on-going) needs that come upon some of those who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members.) The reserve balance in this fund has been slowly but steadily declining over the past months. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a monthly gift to the widows' fund. We praise our God for His provision for those that look to Him.

SPC SURVEY

Be on the lookout for a church wide email being sent to each SPC member. The purpose of this survey is to provide information to our Christian Education Committee and the Session regarding various ministries in our church. Please provide information about your involvement and constructive feedback that will help us to serve you better. The deadline for response is January 31st. There will be hard copies of the survey placed near the Holbrook Library. One can take and leave surveys in the library. The survey covers the following ministries in our church: Sunday School, Wednesday Night Activities, Children's Ministry, Middle School Ministry, Senior High Ministry, College Age Ministry, Young Adults, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Home Groups, Senior's Ministry, Evangelism Ministry, Music Ministry, Media Ministry, Worship Services. There is also an opportunity to give any opinion that you would like to convey about SPC ministry. The survey will be anonymous. Please participate and give your feedback.

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**The Purpose of the SPC Missions Committee
(SPC Policy Manual)**

TO INFORM, INSTRUCT, AND MOTIVATE THE CONGREGATION TO FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD EVANGELIZATION.

To inform the congregation of all aspects of home and world missions, especially of the ministries and needs of SPC supported missionaries.

To call members of the congregation to pray regularly for home and world missions.

To present the call to and opportunity for missionary service to the members of the congregation, and to recruit, counsel, and send members who are so led and gifted.

To challenge the congregation to greater financial support of PCA missionaries (and others, as God so leads) and to oversee the financial ministry in conjunction with other Sessional committees.

To conduct annually a missions conference featuring missionaries and evangelists of the PCA and other Session-approved agencies.

2018 Mission Dates

**Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation
June 2-9, 2018
Team Leader: Ken Pujdak**

**Mission Trip to Cajamarca, Peru
July 20-29, 2018
Team Leader: Chad Bailey**

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

January 28, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

BEGINNING IN JERUSALEM

Luke 24:45-48
Hymns: 4, 138, 263
Anthem: Ye Servants of God
Rev. Jegar Chinnavan preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

TWO PARABLES ON LOSTNESS

Luke 15:1-10
Hymns: 438, 337, 442
Psalm 67
Rev. Reid Jones preaching



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Healing from the Trauma of Abortion

by Kendra Dahl

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It's been 16 years since my abortion. I'm married now with three children, and I've been walking with Jesus for nearly eight years. But, some days, I feel like I'm playing house. Some days, I'm 16 and lying in a sterile room, staring at an ultrasound screen, wishing I'd looked away—that oval forever etched into my memory. I'm staying home from high-school hangouts pretending to be sick. I'm hiding, hoping no one will find out.

Some days, I wonder if I'm still hiding.

Today, on the 45th anniversary for *Roe v. Wade* decision, it feels like I'm trying to slink down in my seat. The scorn and judgment are palpable, even if they're imagined.

I didn't immediately understand why this anniversary makes me fearful. My abortion isn't a secret anymore. I've shared my story, hoping to be an example of God's abundant mercy to the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15-17). Yet even as I've experienced increasing measures of healing, there are days, like today, when the pain is as fresh as ever. It's feels like an open wound, and the headlines like an unrelenting salt shaker.

One in four women will have an abortion by age 45. Women like me are hidden in our churches—your church—grappling with haunting cycles of shame and regret despite what we know to be true about sin, forgiveness, and grace.

Here are three things I've learned in the midst of my struggle toward healing. I hope they offer a helpful perspective for those trying to minister to post-abortive women. And I hope they encourage those silently suffering. You're not alone.