

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 11

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

Monday, February 12

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion
 WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 Dinner-6:00 pm; Meeting-7:00 PM
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

Wednesday, February 14

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, February 15

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, February 16

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Feb. 7 WIC Council
 Feb. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Feb. 9-10 Elders' Retreat at Ridgecrest
 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. 16 Cello Recital in the sanctuary
 Feb. 18 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Feb. 19 Young At Heart
 Feb. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
 Feb. 22 Light Bringers
 Feb. 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
 Feb. 28 CE Committee Meeting
 Feb. 28 Sports Appreciation Night

Mark Your Calendars

Membership Class begins	March 4
WIC Retreat @ Bonclarken	March 9-10
Communicants Class begins	March 25
WIC Spring Luncheon	April 21
Graduation Banquet	May 2
CAT Kids Program	May 9
Musical CAT Kids begin	May 23
Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation	June 2-9
General Assembly in Atlanta, GA	June 11-15
Church Picnic	July 4
Vacation Bible School	July 9-13
Mission Trip to Cajamarca, Peru	July 20-29
Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven	July 23-27

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 9:1-2 (ESV)
*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
 I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
 I will be glad and exult in you;
 I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

Remembering One Another

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

Caroline Ryer
 The Willows, Room 301
 105 Willow Place
 Easley, SC 29640

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

David and Jane Rainey

Fran Redick

William and Ashley Reese
Owen, Andrew, Emily

Missionary for the Week



Wes and Jami Baker
Peru Mission

WHAT WES DOES

- Church Planting
- Seminary Instruction
- Vision and Strategic Planning

ABOUT THE BAKERS

Wes is a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He and his wife Jami have seven children ranging in age from thirteen to twenty-six. Wes serves as a pastor in the Cristo Rey Presbyterian Church in Trujillo, trains pastors and church planters in the seminary, and helps with the mission's strategic planning. The Bakers have been with Peru Mission in Cajamarca and Trujillo for almost seventeen years.



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



Church Fellowship Hall
Food, fellowship and prayer time
Contact Judy Bishop if you have questions.



Light Bringers



For Mothers & Daughters
 (5th-8th grade)
February 22nd (DATE CHANGE)
 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 Dinner included
 Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.

Young At Heart

The February Young At Heart luncheon will be on Monday, February 19 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Dr. David Woodard, Professor of Political Science at Clemson University.

Welcome to the Pulpit



We welcome Rev. Matt Patrick, RUF Campus Minister at Wofford College to the pulpit Sunday evening. After earning an M.Div from Covenant Theological Seminary, Matt began serving as the Campus Minister with RUF at Wofford in June, 2017. Matt is originally from Huntsville, Alabama and studied English at The University of Alabama-Huntsville. Matt's wife, Ivy, is a graduate of Berry College and works as a Physician Assistant. They love being outside, having people in their home, discovering new TV shows and reading.

Mark Your Calendars

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

COMMUNICANTS CLASS
 begins March 25, 2018
 taught by Dr. Kevin Mobley



SPORTS APPRECIATION NIGHT
Wednesday, February 28th
6:30-7:00 pm



Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 2018 & YTD

	Actual		YTD Budget
	Jan. 2018	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
Offerings	104,451	104,451	110,917
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	86,782	86,782	96,414
Mission	3,163	3,163	14,503
Total Outlays	89,945	89,945	110,917
Net Offerings	14,506	14,506	

- Contributions in Jan. 2018 were \$104,451 versus budget of \$110,917.
- Contributions for Jan. 2017 were \$87,830.
- Operating expenses for Jan. 2018 were \$86,782 versus the budget of \$96,414.
- Missions and benevolence commitments were not paid in January. We plan to pay 3 months of Missionary commitments this month.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Doug McDaniel or David Rainey.

**THE VALENTINE BANQUET
 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Mark Your Calendars



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.

Cello Recital

Friday evening, February 16, at 7:00 p.m., professional cellist, Dr. Yuriy Leonovich will present a recital of solo cello works in the sanctuary. Dr. Leonovich is the cello professor at Bob Jones University and also plays in the Greenville and Charleston symphony orchestras. This free recital will feature the works of J.S. Bach, Domenico Gabrielli, Sergi Prokofiev and others. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow. Please contact Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker (864) 979-9378, with any questions.

The Lord's Supper
February 18, 2018
Evening Worship Service

New Address

Chris Roberts
 1175 Haywood Road, Apt. 15-0
 Greenville, SC 29615
Please make this change in your church directory.



and misbehaviors. In other words, our conscience communicates our sinfulness.

Add to this the fact that the process of parenting and child rearing tends to inculcate moralism from our earliest years. Very quickly we learn that our parents are concerned with our behavior. Well behaved children are rewarded with parental approval, while misbehavior brings parental sanction. This message is reinforced by other authorities in young lives and pervades the culture at large.

Writing about his own childhood in rural Georgia, the novelist Ferrol Sams described the deeply-ingrained tradition of being “raised right.” As he explained, the child who is “raised right” pleases his parents and other adults by adhering to moral conventions and social etiquette. A young person who is “raised right” emerges as an adult who obeys the laws, respects his neighbors, gives at least lip service to religious expectations, and stays away from scandal. The point is clear — this is what parents expect, the culture affirms, and many churches celebrate. But our communities are filled with people who have been “raised right” but are headed for hell.

The seduction of moralism is the essence of its power. We are so easily seduced into believing that we actually can gain all the approval we need by our behavior. Of course, in order to participate in this seduction, we must negotiate a moral code that defines acceptable behavior with innumerable loopholes. Most moralists would not claim to be without sin, but merely beyond scandal. That is considered sufficient.

Moralists can be categorized as both liberal and conservative. In each case, a specific set of moral concerns frames the moral expectation. As a generalization, it is often true that liberals focus on a set of moral expectations related to social ethics while conservatives tend to focus on personal ethics. The essence of moralism is apparent in both — the belief that we can achieve righteousness by means of proper behavior.

The theological temptation of moralism is one many Christians and churches find it difficult to resist. The danger is that the church will communicate by both direct and indirect means that what God expects of fallen humanity is moral improvement. In so doing, the church subverts the Gospel and communicates a false gospel to a fallen world.

Christ’s Church has no option but to teach the Word of God, and the Bible faithfully reveals the law of God and a comprehensive moral code. Christians understand that God has revealed Himself throughout creation in such a way that He has gifted all humanity with the restraining power of the law. Furthermore, He has spoken to us in His word with the gift of specific commands and comprehensive moral instruction. The faithful Church of the Lord Jesus Christ must contend for the righteousness of these commands and the grace given to us in the knowledge of what is good and what is evil. We also have a responsibility to bear witness of this knowledge of good and evil to our neighbors. The restraining power of the law is essential to human community and to civilization.



Just as parents rightly teach their children to obey moral instruction, the church also bears responsibility to teach its own the moral commands of God and to bear witness to the larger society of what God has declared to be right and good for His human creatures.

But these impulses, right and necessary as they are, are not the Gospel. Indeed, one of the most insidious false gospels is a moralism that promises the favor of God and the satisfaction of God’s righteousness to sinners if they will only behave and commit themselves to moral improvement.

The moralist impulse in the church reduces the Bible to a codebook for human behavior and substitutes moral instruction for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Far too many evangelical pulpits are given over to moralistic messages rather than the preaching of the Gospel.

The corrective to moralism comes directly from the Apostle Paul when he insists that “a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus.” Salvation comes to those who are “justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.” [Gal. 2:16]

We sin against Christ and we misrepresent the Gospel when we suggest to sinners that what God demands of them is moral improvement in accordance with the Law. Moralism makes sense to sinners, for it is but an expansion of what we have been taught from our earliest days. But moralism is not the Gospel, and it will not save. The only gospel that saves is the Gospel of Christ. As Paul reminded the Galatians, “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” [Gal. 4:4-5]

We are justified by faith alone, saved by grace alone, and redeemed from our sin by Christ alone. Moralism produces sinners who are (potentially) better behaved. The Gospel of Christ transforms sinners into the adopted sons and daughters of God.

The Church must never evade, accommodate, revise, or hide the law of God. Indeed, it is the Law that shows us our sin and makes clear our inadequacy and our total lack of righteousness. The Law cannot impart life but, as Paul insists, it “has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.” [Gal. 3:24]

The deadly danger of moralism has been a constant temptation to the church and an ever-convenient substitute for the Gospel. Clearly, millions of our neighbors believe that moralism is our message. Nothing less than the boldest preaching of the Gospel will suffice to correct this impression and to lead sinners to salvation in Christ.

Hell will be highly populated with those who were “raised right.” The citizens of heaven will be those who, by the sheer grace and mercy of God, are there solely because of the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Moralism is not the gospel.



PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

F is for Fear

We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man’s terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God

~William Gurnall

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?

GPTS Conference Housing Needs

We are asking local churches to ask their members if any would like to sign up to host conference attendees. Our Spring Theology Conference is March 13th – 15th and we have many attendees that come from out of town. We would like to place those who need housing with members of the reformed community here in Greenville. If you are interested and willing to host, please let me know. It would involve Monday night (12th) through Wednesday night (14th). The attendees are responsible for their own meals and transportation; hosting simply involves offering them a place to sleep. We do offer one free conference registration to any family that is willing to host. You may contact me at registrar@gpts.edu or 864 322 2717 ext 302 if you are interested. Thank you for considering this request.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diaconate of Second Presbyterian Church invites those interested in applying for the position of Cook / Special Events Caterer to submit a resume and references to the Sports and Fellowship Committee by March 31, 2018. This position will be responsible for weekly meals for the church family and occasional conferences, banquets and special events. Send to Administration@SPCGreenville.org.



“There simply is no substitute for our children hearing the Word of God read from our lips, with its doctrines explained clearly so they can understand, and the message applied to their hearts. It is not sufficient for fathers just to send their children to church, Sunday school, Christian camp, or private Christian school. You must read the Bible to your children yourself. Obviously, our children must see some correspondence between the Bible and our lives. But even as we work out our own Christian growth, we must read God’s Word to and with our children.”

~Richard Phillips



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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD’S DAY

February 11, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

COVENANT WITNESS

Genesis 31:43-55

Hymns: 65, 108, 418

Anthem: Sing, Ye Righteous

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11-18; 27-30

Hymns: 14, 26, 305

Psalms 16:7-11

Rev. Matt Patrick preaching



The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

February 5, 2018

**Moralism is Not the Gospel
(But Many Christians Think It Is)**

by Dr. Albert Mohler *(used by permission)*

One of the most amazing statements by the Apostle Paul is his indictment of the Galatian Christians for abandoning the Gospel. “I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel,” Paul declared. As he stated so emphatically, the Galatians had failed in the crucial test of discerning the authentic Gospel from its counterfeits.

His words could not be more clear: “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you have received, he is to be accursed!” [Gal. 1:6-7]

This warning from the Apostle Paul, expressed in the language of the Apostle’s shock and grief, is addressed not only to the church in Galatia, but to every congregation in every age. In our own day — and in our own churches — we desperately need to hear and to heed this warning. In our own time, we face false gospels no less subversive and seductive than those encountered and embraced by the Galatians.

In our own context, one of the most seductive false gospels is moralism. This false gospel can take many forms and can emerge from any number of political and cultural impulses. Nevertheless, the basic structure of moralism comes down to this — the belief that the Gospel can be reduced to improvements in behavior.

Sadly, this false gospel is particularly attractive to those who believe themselves to be evangelicals motivated by a biblical impulse. Far too many believers and their churches succumb to the logic of moralism and reduce the Gospel to a message of moral improvement. In other words, we communicate to lost persons the message that what God desires for them and demands of them is to get their lives straight.

In one sense, we are born to be moralists. Created in God’s image, we have been given the moral capacity of conscience. From our earliest days our conscience cries out to us the knowledge of our guilt, shortcomings,