

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 25

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 1:00 PM High School Social at the Phillips
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 7:30 PM Evangelism Committee

Monday, February 26

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

- 5:00 PM CE 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)
- 6:30 PM **Sports Appreciation Event**
- 7:00 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
- 7:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
- 7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 1

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, March 2

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 20:6-8

*Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the saving might of his right hand.
Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 22 LightBringers
- Feb. 25 High School Social at the Phillips
- Feb. 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Feb. 28 CE Committee Meeting
- Feb. 28 Sports Appreciation Night
- March 4 Membership Class begins
- March 5 Diaconate Meeting
- March 7 WIC Council
- March 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- March 9-10 WIC Ladies' Retreat at Bonclarken
- March 11 Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 11 Finance Committee Meeting
- March 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- March 12 Session Meeting
- March 13-14 WIC Circles
- March 14 Missions Committee Meeting
- March 15 LightBringers
- March 16 Sr. High Dinner at the Smokers
- March 18 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- March 19 Young At Heart
- March 21 Administration Committee Meeting
- March 25 Communicants' Class begins
- March 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- March 28 No Wednesday Night Activities
- March 29 Maundy Thursday Service
- March 30 Good Friday Lunch and Service
- March 30 Church Office Closed

Mark Your Calendars

- Easter Sunrise Service April 1
- Middle/High School Camping Trip April 6 & 7
- 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

Remembering One Another

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

Marian Wood
5 Creekbend Court
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Chris Roberts
Mark and Kimberly Robertson
Sam and Jingle Robinson

Missionary for the Week



Dr. Kevin Bidwell
Sheffield Presbyterian Church
Sheffield, England

The work of Sheffield Presbyterian Church began with a church planting Bible study in 2010 which developed into the formation of an enthusiastic church planting nucleus. These weekly church planting studies covered a whole range of subjects but the emphasis was to consider the biblical basis of a particular church related truth. As the nucleus became firm, the elders who oversee this Presbyterian church plant decided to commence public worship services in The Source at Meadowhall. In 2011, the church was formally constituted by Rev. Brian Norton and the work has continued to grow. We have a number of different nationalities, a growing student work, as well as a keen interest in evangelism. However, our main emphasis is upon feeding and caring for God's sheep. Our worship is simple, joyful and reverent. Preaching is deemed to be the high point of our worship.

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.

High School Social

High Schoolers! Immediately following the 11am worship service on Feb 25th please join the Martin and Phillips' families at the Phillips' home for a spaghetti social from 1pm-4pm. Food and Fun will be provided! Please bring a change of clothing and let us know if you need a ride from church to the Phillips' house, 11 Bridgeton Drive Greenville, SC. Please RSVP to Mrs. Martin or Mrs. Phillips (864-569-8765) to let us know you are coming!! - Thanks, Sharon Phillips



SPORTS APPRECIATION NIGHT



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

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.

Heads up!



Daylight Saving Time
begins March 11th.
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Membership Class

Begins March 4, 2018
taught by Dr. Richard D. Phillips.
9:45 am in Classroom C-209

March 4	The "Solas" of the Reformation
March 11	The Doctrines of Grace
March 18	Law and the Gospel
March 25	Covenant Theology
April 8	Reformed Worship
April 15	Membership Vows
April 22	Presbyterian Church History
April 29	Finding Your Place at SPC
April 22/29	Session interviews for membership
May 6	New Members' Reception & Luncheon

Class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 1st

Visitors and/or members interested in learning about the beliefs of our church and those of the PCA should attend. We request that any who are interested in becoming members of SPC attend this class; however, attending this class does not obligate you to become a member of this Church. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bailey at 864-232-7621, ext. 108.

Communicants Class

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, March 25th, taught by RE Kevin Mobley. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in classroom S-307. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class.

Class Schedule

March 5:	What does it mean to be a Christian?
March 12:	What are the ordinary means of grace?
March 19:	What is a healthy Church member?
March 26:	What do our membership vows mean?

You may contact RE Kevin Mobley or TE Chad Bailey if you have any questions.

WIC Spring Retreat



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

Space is limited, so register NOW.
Information and registration forms are located throughout the church or you may contact Alice Barnett (864-906-0166) with questions.

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

If you are having a meeting or event in March or April, please contact the church office so that this event will be reflected on the church calendar.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Second

Mar. 29	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 30	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
Apr. 1	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Easter Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on March 28th.



Let's look at each of these briefly:

1. Because socialism is a system based on stealing. The whole point of socialism is for the government to seize control of private property, mainly involving the proceeds of peoples' work, in order to give it to others. (Note the compulsory aspect of socialism, which so differs from voluntary forms of communalism.) This activity is the very thing pronounced as evil by the 8th Commandment: "You shall not steal" (Ex. 20:15). Throughout the Bible it is assumed that individuals have responsibility and authority over the property in their possession. For instance, even when Peter was accusing Ananias of being greedy and dishonest, the apostle admitted the man's right to dispose of his personal property (Acts 5:4). While there is a legitimate basis for government taxation, the simple taking of one's possessions in order to give them to others is not one of them. Socialism is evil because it inherently involves stealing.

2. Because socialism is an anti-work system. Socialism promises to give a blessed life for free. Politicians promise to give free education, free health care, and free vacation time, etc. (Of course, since government does not create wealth, these things are only free as the money to give them is taken from others.) As I listen to these politicians, I wonder what incentive there would be to work hard. Why would I put myself through the ordeal of discipline, sacrifice, and sweat, much less risk-taking business endeavors, if I can have a wonderful life without working for it? In contrast to the ethos of socialism, the Bible is explicitly pro-work. Paul writes: "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need" (Eph. 4:28). Here, the apostle not only urges selflessness with one's possession, but explicitly denounces the socialist ethos. "Work!" the Bible says (2 Thess. 3:10). And on the basis of your own work you should provide for your needs and you should voluntary support the church and others in need.

3. Because socialism concentrates the power to do evil. The Bible's concern about human sinfulness (and its general approach of de-centralizing power) argues strongly against socialism. Under capitalism, the individual has discretion to dispose of his or her wealth, which in some cases involves vast



resources. This may be done virtuously or sinfully depending on the character of the individual owner. Under socialism, however, a small number of government masters has control over almost all of the resources of the entire society. Unless one believes that politicians are inherently more virtuous than private citizens (and where one would get such an idea is a mystery to me), then this concentration of power is certain to work extraordinary amounts of evil. Under capitalism, access to scarce resources is determined by how much money one has, and one's money usually reflects the market's value on his or her work contributions. This will sometimes seem unfair, depending on one's perspective. But under socialism, access to scarce resources is based on government favor. This structure virtually reduces the society to slavery, eventually impoverishes everyone, and unfailingly promotes a culture of corruption.

For these biblically-based reasons, I would urge Christians to refrain from giving praise (and political support) to socialism and candidates who promote it. Alongside the Bible are the lessons of history. To students of such arcane history as the 20th Century, the prospect of socialism is chilling. There is a reason why some Americans want to erect a wall to keep illegal immigrants out, whereas socialist countries have built their walls to keep people in. Socialism is a nightmare to those who actually experience it, whereas capitalism is deemed a paradise - without Christ, a false, materialistic paradise, to be sure - to those trying to get in.

Capitalism does not offer salvation: only Jesus can deliver us from our sins. Socialism, on the other hand, is a manifestly evil system from which we should pray to be delivered.

May the Lord bless you this week.

Pastor Rick Phillips



CHURCH INFORMATION

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PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

H is for Hope

Hope is a virgin of a fair and clear countenance; her proper seat is upon earth, her proper object is in heaven. . . .Faith is her attorney-general, prayer her solicitor, patience her physician, charity her almoner, thankfulness her treasurer, confidence her vice-admiral, the promise of God her anchor, peace her chair of state, and eternal glory her crown.

~Thomas Adams



Easter Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018

Wyche Pavilion @ 7:00 am

Mountain View Baptist Church

Second Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Dr. Richard D. Phillips

Assisted by Rev. Stacey Mills

Breakfast at 8:00 am at Second Presbyterian Church

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.

Corner of River and Rhett



Working on the chain saw gang!

Great opportunity with some of our SPC middle school youth and deacons clearing yard debris for one of our church widows. Well done!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sr. High Sunday Social at the Phillips
February 25th at 1:00 pm

Sr. High Dinner at the Smokers
March 16th at 6:00 pm

Middle & High School Camping Trip
with the Maralits
April 6th & 7th

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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY
February 25, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

WRESTLING WITH GOD
Genesis 32:22-32

Hymns: 301, 105, 518

Anthem: Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

THE GOD WHO GOVERNS

Daniel 11:2-45

Hymns: 26, 411, 75

Psalms 17:8-12

Rev. Chad T. Bailey preaching



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Letter from the Senior Minister
Why Is Socialism Evil?

In a recent blog I wrote for *Reformation21* I urged the biblical basis for the spirituality of the church. One of the points I made is that while the church does not meddle in civil government, it most certainly may speak against social evils. Christians and pastors can and should speak out on evils such as racism, government sponsored torture, or, in this case, socialism.

I bring up socialism because I have noticed that it is becoming fashionable for Christians to denounce capitalism and laud socialism as a more biblical alternative. I get how this happens. Under capitalism, sin wreaks its usual havoc and the system is blamed for the injustice common to fallen human society. There are biblical principles that seem to push back against capitalism - such as concern for the well-being of others - which really should be addressed to how people use the system rather than the system itself. To be sure, capitalism itself provides no tonic for the disease of sin. Moreover, Christians should be discerning enough to scorn the adolescent egotism of Ayn Rand-style capitalism and realize the need for government intervention against capitalistic abuses. But in reacting against these, Christians should also have enough discernment not to endorse a system so inherently evil as socialism.

So, biblically speaking, why is socialism evil? Let me suggest three reasons:

1. Because socialism is a system based on stealing;
2. Because socialism is an anti-work system; and
3. Because socialism concentrates the power to do evil.