

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 20

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, May 21

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 11:30 AM Young At Heart lunch at Red Lobster

Tuesday, May 22

6:00 PM WIC Picnic in the Park

Wednesday, May 23

5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. and 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, May 24

6:00 PM Mission to Main
 6:00 PM Light Bringers

Friday, May 25

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

May 16	Administration Committee Meeting
May 16	CAT Kids Spring Fling
May 16	WIC Circle 1
May 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
May 21	Young At Heart Lunch at Red Lobster
May 22	WIC Picnic in Cleveland Park
May 23	CE Committee Meeting
May 23	Musical CAT Kids begins
May 24	Light Bringers
May 27	All Adult Summer Sunday School begins
May 27	One Worship Service begins
May 27	Evangelism Committee Meeting
May 28	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 30	Blood Drive
June 2-9	Mission Trip to Cherokee
June 4	Diaconate Meeting
June 6	WIC Council
June 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
June 11-15	General Assembly in Atlanta, GA
June 12-13	WIC Circles
June 13	Missions Committee Meeting
June 17	Father's Day
June 17	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
June 19	WIC Social at Barnett's home
June 20	Administration Committee Meeting
June 24	Evangelism Committee Meeting
June 24	Ice Cream Social
June 25-30	Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island
June 27	CE Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

Church Picnic	July 4
Vacation Bible School	July 9-13
WIC Social at local restaurant	July 16
Mission Trip to Cajamarca, Peru	July 20-29
Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven	July 23-27
Ice Cream Social	July 29
Homemade Ice Cream Social	August 26
Rally Day	September 2

Mark your calendars and plan early!!

Remembering One Another

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

Jerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Pat Tyner

Nathan and Heidi Upton
Sarah, Katie

Ron and Tammy Vanderwey
Lindsay, Aaron

Missionary for the Week



JUNE GALLMAN
Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship
Costa Rica

June has been an educator at a women's prison in San Jose for 20 years teaching English. She also teaches 7th-9th grade English. She also owns a half-way house that will house several of the women inmates and their children once they are released. She is working to increase that number and eventually own another home.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Salvation of Inmates
- Her health and ability to work
- The half-way house "Casa Eleos"
- Finances to purchase the necessary items for the classes being taught in the prison



CAT Kids Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 16
6:45 PM
At the church

Young At Heart



Young At Heart will be having lunch at The Red Lobster on May 21st @ 11:30 am. Please make reservations with Verlyn Smoker ASAP (232-7621, ext. 105). We will meet at the restaurant and order from the menu.



**WIC Picnic
Tuesday, May 22nd
6:00-8:00 pm
Cleveland Park**

We will meet at the church and walk to a picnic shelter in Cleveland Park (about 1 mile from church). Bring a picnic dinner and...a Frisbee.



Musical CAT Kids

Musical Cat Kids will be getting underway next Wednesday evening, May 23 at 6:30 pm. Musical activities for ages 4 through 6th grade will be offered the children of Second Church throughout the summer months, with a break for Independence Day and VBS, and all children are welcomed to attend. This will be the only activity for the children of our church offered on Wednesday evenings this summer so if your child is not involved they will need to accompany you to the prayer meeting. If you have any questions, please see Verlyn Smoker.



Light Bringers

For Mothers & Daughters (5th-8th grade)
May 24
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner Included
Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.

BLOOD DRIVE
~Sharing Life. Saving Lives~
Wednesday, May 30th
5:30-8:00 pm
Sign-up sheets are located in SS classrooms, in the gym, and on the library counter.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Laurie Farley, who went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 10, 2018. We are thankful for the life and service of Laurie and pray for Alan and the family during this time of grief and loss.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

New Baby

We rejoice with Robert and Kailyn Pennington in the birth of their son, Robert James, "RJ" Pennington on May 9, 2018. Both mother and son are doing well.

Mark Your Calendars

ACTS Sunday School Class Barbeque
Friday, June 1
6:00 pm
Home of Rob and Christian Trautner
102 Staghorn Lane, Greer, SC 29650
Contact Christian at 856-371-6183 for more information.

Summer Missions Information

Cherokee Mission Trip: June 2-9, 2018
LEADERS: Ken Pudjak/Pastor Jeff Windt

Cajamarca Peru Mission Trip: July 20-29, 2018
LEADER: Pastor Chad Bailey

Please support SPC Missions with your prayers and donations.

Information On Youth Trips

Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island: June 25-30, 2018
LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven: July 23-27, 2018
LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

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.

Help Still Needed

The Deacons are requesting that interested members sign up to help serve the Wednesday night suppers. If interested, please see Bill McDaniel or call the church office. We need volunteers to prayerfully consider serving the church in this fellowship.



Church Office will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

courts, have insisted that the child must be “allowed to die.”

One of the most important rights throughout human history is the right of parents to make decisions concerning their children’s welfare. Almost every culture and civilization has honored this principle—formally or informally—as a basic human right and a necessary foundation for family flourishing. Western countries often recognized parental rights as natural rights—rights that cannot be compromised by government interference. But in the case of Alfie, the state is redefining parental rights so that they extend only as far as the government or other elites, such as the medical elites, determine.

Furthermore, unlike the Charlie Gard case, Alfie Evans has only been examined by one medical team or acute care team. As Charles Camosy has pointed out, those acute care teams of medical experts often make the wrong decisions regarding the inevitability of death. To put the matter bluntly, there are numerous cases in which medical authorities said an individual would surely die, but those people are still alive.

Sohrab Amari, writing for Commentary Magazine, is on point: “The medical complexities of the case, played up by the court and its defenders, serve to obscure a basic moral principle. No one is asking the UK National Health Service to expend extraordinary measures to keep Alfie alive. All Alfie’s parents ask is to be allowed to seek treatment elsewhere, again at Italian expense, even if such treatment proves to be futile in the end.” The same principle, says Amari, was at stake in last year’s Charlie Gard case. Once more, British courts have distorted the relevant legal standard, the best interest of the child, to usurp natural rights. This disturbing point is a political issue, to be sure. But natural rights are pre-political. Governments do not invent or grant natural rights. The rightful role of government is to respect and protect the rights that exist prior to the state and its laws.

If the state does not recognize parental rights as natural rights and government authorities and elites can subvert the will of parents, then we’re going to witness a long succession of cases just like Charlie Gard and Alfie Evans—and not just in Great Britain.

Successful civilizations have always understood that parents bear the primary, non-delegable responsibility to raise their children. These civilizations have also recognized the fundamental right of parents to do so. Parents are those most likely to know how to act in the best interest of the child. Of course, modern civilizations have also had to deal with the question of what happens when parents are clearly not acting in the best interest of their child. In these instances, courts have and should intervene, but only when overwhelming evidence demonstrates that the parents do not pursue the good of their children.

When the government subverts parental rights, perverse incentives are often at play. Some of the government officials in the UK making the decisions about Alfie, and those like him, are the very persons trying to save money in the healthcare system. Many of these individuals making these decisions are driven by legal and moral assumptions that are wildly at variance with the sanctity of human life. Furthermore, many of the people making these decisions may be operating from worldviews directly at odds with those of both patients and parents.

The US and UK are markedly different with regard to when states can intervene in the lives of families. Historical, legal, cultural, and constitutional issues are ultimately behind these differences. But parents in the United States and elsewhere must be aware of the fact that many in our country want to make our own system more like the United Kingdom. Consider, for instance, the case of the teenager in Ohio who was removed from parental custody because they would not agree to move forward with the teenager’s desire for gender transition surgery.

Once we deny human dignity and the sanctity of every human life—once we deny parental rights as natural rights—disaster will ensue. The case of Alfie Evans demonstrates this is not a theoretical problem. A special 23-month-old child, a child loved by his parents, granted Italian citizenship, and sponsored by the Pope, is being denied medical treatment—treatment his parents desperately desire. This child wants to live, evidenced by the fact that, even after he was removed from life support, he is still breathing.

Those who promote a progressive redefinition of medical ethics and legal authority assure us that what happened to Charlie Gard and to Alfie Evans will not happen, but it does. It happened with Charlie Gard, and it is happening again.

Those who want government to take even greater responsibility and authority in health care decisions promise that government will be wiser than the rest of us. But any system that shifts authority for deciding what is in the “best interest of the child” from parents to the state and its agents puts every child in danger. Any system that eliminates the rights of patients, parents, and family members to make the most urgent decisions about medical care endangers every patient.

Right now, the most urgent thing most of us can do is to pray for Alfie Evans and his family and to tell his story as loudly and as clearly as we can. He is fighting for his life, breath by precious breath.

Editors Note:

Two days after this essay was written little Alfie Evans died. This article originally appeared on AlbertMohler.com and is used with their permission

PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

T is for Temptation

Satan’s time of tempting is usually after an ordinance; and the reason is, because then he thinks he shall find us most secure. When we have been at solemn duties, we are apt to think all is done, and we grow remiss, and leave off that zeal and strictness as before; just as a soldier, who after a battle leaves off his armour, not once dreaming of an enemy. Satan watches his time, and when we least suspect, then he throws in a temptation.
~Thomas Watson

Summer Sunday Schedule May 27 ~ September 2

8:45 am	Food & Fellowship in the Gym
9:00 am	Sunday School (6th grade and under-regular classrooms)
9:00 am	All Adult Sunday School (7th grade and up-gym)
9:50 am	Children’s Chapel (in the Chapel)
10:00 am	One Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service



ALL ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins May 27th
in the gymnasium

"All Things For Good"
by Thomas Watson

you may purchase the book by
ordering online for \$7

[http://spcgreenville.org/
my-second/sign-ups](http://spcgreenville.org/my-second/sign-ups)

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1. If you are on a computer, the best way to watch SPC services online is through the church website(spcgreenville.org) and click the Live Webcast link at the top right corner of the page.
2. If you are on a mobile device, you can watch through the church website (see option 1) or you can download the YouTube app through your device's app store and search for spcgreenville to find the SPC YouTube channel.
3. You can still watch through the SermonAudio.com website or through the SermonAudio smartphone/tablet app, but the quality will not be as good and you may experience more connection issues.

Troubleshooting webcast issues:

1. Check that you have a good internet connection - from your computer or mobile device, open your internet browser and go to fast.com. The website should immediately begin checking your download speed and display a number. This number needs to be above 3 to watch an SPC webcast.
2. If you are on a wireless device (laptop computer, smartphone, tablet), be sure you are not too far from your wireless router. If your wireless router is at the other end of the house or you have a lot of walls between you and your router, your connection may not be sufficient to watch an SPC webcast.
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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**

May 20, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN I

Genesis 38:1-30
Hymns: 499, 178, 378
Anthem: Thee Will I Love
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

THE BLESSED LIFE: POOR & MOURNFUL

Matthew 5:1-4
Hymns: 172, 370, 499
Psalm 22:12-21
Rev. Chad T. Bailey preaching



The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

May 14, 2018

**Albert Mohler on the Tragic Case
of Alfie Evans**

In Liverpool, a very little boy is still struggling for his precious little life. Alfie Evans was born on May 9, 2016. Under normal circumstances, he and his proud parents would be about to celebrate his second birthday. But Alfie suffered seizures beginning about seven months after he was born, and a team of doctors in Britain decided that he had suffered irreversible brain damage and should be allowed to die.

His parents have fought for his life and a continuation of life support, encouraged by a multitude of friends who identify as #AlfiesArmy. Alfie has been supported by powerful friends. Pope Francis offered to pay all expenses for Alfie to be moved to the Gesu Bambino Hospital associated with the Vatican. Italy rushed to offer Alfie citizenship, but the British government, acting with the doctors in what it claims is the best interest of the child, has blocked every intervention, overridden the rights of his parents, and insisted that life support must be removed.

And so it was, on Monday. The doctors had declared in court that Alfie, once removed from life support, would die within minutes. As of now, Friday afternoon, Alfie is still alive breathing on his own, refuting the insistence of his doctors that he die.

The Alfie Evans story is a horrifying example of what ensues when the state denies parental rights.

Alfie's case is just one more disturbing case of an ominous trend in the UK. As in case of Charlie Gard months ago, the state is denying parents the right to make medical decisions for their children. Instead, medical authorities, backed by the