

to be a student of the Bible. Jesus said that if we follow Him, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32).

So let me encourage you to be a motivated student of theology. People are often frightened by the word *theology*, but all it means is "teaching about God." Jesus said, "This is eternal life: that they might know you, the true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn. 17:3). To be sure, Jesus meant more than head knowledge, but he did not mean less than that. To know God we need to know the truth about God. You do not have to be a professional theologian, and I would not recommend most academic theological books to most believers. But we are blessed today with a great wealth of devotional theological books and articles, and it will make a real difference to your life if you will read some of them. Moreover, you should be a keen learner as the Word of God is preached in the church. I consider it my duty to make plain the doctrines of the Bible, and as we preach through books of God's Word, your understanding of theology should be growing. We are particularly blessed to have an excellent church library, so you can grow in your knowledge of God's Word without paying any money. All it will cost you is time and energy, but you will be richly repaid through the increasing knowledge of God.

Let me recommend a few books especially to any who may have scored poorly on the quiz above. J. I. Packer, one of the most gifted theologians of our times, has recently published *18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know*. I would also recommend *Cross Words*, by Paul Helm, and *Basic Christianity*, by John Stott.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

*To my dear Church Family:*

*Thank you for your prayers on my behalf during my recent illness. God has been good to me and I praise Him for His presence and strength day by day. Truly as my days, so has my strength been. Also I have appreciated all the many expressions of love and caring in the many phone calls, visits, food, shopping and running of errands. I do not have words sufficient to appreciate my feelings for your love, so a simple "thank you" is my expression of appreciation to you all. I trust that soon I shall be strong enough to return to worship with you. In the meantime I praise God for the internet as I am able to join in worship during the Sunday worship services and Wednesday night prayer meeting. That has been a real blessing to me.*

*With deep love, Bobbie Houser*

#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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 and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

Radio Broadcast: Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station WLFJ 660 AM

### Upcoming Events

Aug. 15	The Lord's Supper at the Evening Service
Aug. 19	WIC Book Club I
Aug. 20	Senior High Dinner
Aug. 21	WIC Shower for Rachel Stillman Berens
Aug. 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Aug. 25	CE Committee Meeting
Aug. 25	WIC Circle 6
Aug. 26	WIC Annual Meeting
Aug. 28	Good News Club Training
Aug. 29	Installation of WIC Officers at the Evening Service
Aug. 29	Hymn Sing

**Seth Starkey received his license to preach at the July stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery.**

**CONGRATULATIONS SETH!!**

### WIC Annual Meeting



All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the WIC Annual Meeting.

Thursday, August 26, 2010  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM

Agenda:  
Election of Officers  
Recognition of New Members  
Refreshments will be served.

### New Members

The Session received the following into Communicant Membership of Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 25, 2010:

**Randy and Regina Icard**

670 Pumpkintown Road

Marietta, SC 29661

836-4483

*The Icards were received on Reaffirmation of Faith.*

**Roger and Debra Lusk**

8 Beaufort Street

Greenville, SC 29615

268-6995

*The Lusks were received on Reaffirmation of Faith.*

**The Icards and Lusks will be introduced to the congregation this Lord's Day, August 15, at the 11:00 am worship service.**

Watch for an insert sheet for your church directory in an upcoming Herald.

**Nursery Re-locating  
Will meet in the Fellowship Hall during August**

### Men of Second Presbyterian Church— The Ushering Committee Needs You!

If you are a Second Presbyterian male church member, age sixteen or over, we need you to help with ushering duties at our Sunday services. Whether you are a new or established member prayerfully consider if this is one way you can serve in the church. If you are willing to usher and will be doing so for the first time please email Kip Altman at [ckaltman@yahoo.com](mailto:ckaltman@yahoo.com) and inform him of your willingness to help and whether you attend the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

### Music Notes

The children have truly worked hard this year in Musical CAT Kids. Thank you for your support. It has been my pleasure to work with them! This Wednesday, August 18, will be our end of summer celebration party for our last Musical CAT kids time. August 25 the regular CAT kids program will resume.

—Elizabeth Guest

### Attention: Ladies

Precepts Bible Study of Hebrews will begin Thursday, September 9, at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room and continue each Thursday through December, 2. Hebrews Part II will follow but one is not a prerequisite for the other. This study requires approximately 5 hours of homework per week. You will reap the reward for your diligence. Please let Mary Russell (phone: 329-1670 or email: [erussell1670@charter.net](mailto:erussell1670@charter.net)) know as soon as possible if you plan to join.

### WIC Directory

A new WIC Directory for Second Presbyterian Church will be published soon. Ladies, please take time to review your information in the 2009-2010 Directory. If you have corrections or revisions, please email them to the church office ([judy@secondpca.org](mailto:judy@secondpca.org)) or call (232-7621, ext. 10) by Tuesday, August 17th.

### Good News Clubs

Once again, volunteers are needed to continue our ministry to two local elementary schools. Good News Clubs will start the second week of September, and continue through March. If you are available on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 pm, please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you serve Him as we teach and encourage children at Augusta Circle and Hollis Academy. Volunteers can teach, be a grade shepherd (sit with the children during club and be a friend), provide snacks, and pray. You will be trained to do any job you are willing to try. Training will be Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am—12:00 noon at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. All workers need to attend this training. Contact Cyndi Player (963-8633) or Jill Mann (895-3351) to volunteer or for more information.



### WIC Shower

*All ladies of the church are cordially invited to a wedding shower for Rachel Stillman Berens Saturday, August 21, 2010 10:30 - 11:30 am Church Fellowship Hall*



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 15

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
- 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP
- 6:30 PM Wee Worship Choir

### Monday, August 16

### Tuesday, August 17

- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

### Wednesday, August 18

- 5:45 PM Family Night Fellowship Supper
- 6:30 PM Musical CAT Kids end of summer celebration party
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

### Thursday, August 19

- 10:00 AM WIC Book Club I

### Friday, August 20

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Senior High Dinner

### Saturday, August 21

- 10:30 AM WIC Shower for Rachel Stillman Berens



# The West End Herald

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## Letter From The Senior Minister Bible Words

Here's a chance for a little self-quiz. Can you tell the meaning of the following words?

Justification	Sanctification	Regeneration
Atonement	Propitiation	Redemption
Covenant	Mediator	Sin
Faith	Holiness	Election
Incarnation	Trinity	Inspiration

How did you do? Just as important, does it matter how you did? The answer is Yes! These are all either words taken straight from the Bible, or in a few cases, vital theological terms describing Bible truths. Some will object, "All that matters is that I love Jesus!" Okay, but loving Jesus means studying His book. And what does it mean to love Jesus, if we don't really know who He is and what He did?

As a preacher, I work hard to use simple and direct language. It is not my goal in the pulpit to expose the broad range of my vocabulary. But I am unashamed to insist on using Bible words like the ones above. Occasionally, someone will tell me that I should use such "technical" terminology. Many, if not most, preachers have abandoned the use of most of these and other biblical terms. I think this is a terrible mistake and one that is producing a weak faith among believers today.

I have two reasons for continuing to use words like these. The first reason is that they are *not* too hard for people to understand. Ours is a generation of people who know multiple passwords and a plethora of technical lingo pertaining to computers, televisions, and other appliances. If you know what a gigabyte is, you can know what the atonement is! It is simply not true that ours is a generation that cannot understand technical language – what matters is that we care enough about the subject to learn the terminology.

My second reason is the ideas behind these words are vital to the Christian faith and message. When words die, the ideas linked to them die – and we must not let the ideas expressed by the Bible's words die to us. So we must use these words. We must know what they mean. And we must build our faith upon the truths of these and other words, which express the doctrines taught to us in the Bible. To be a disciple of Jesus is

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 15, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

#### IN THE OPEN TOMB

John 20:1-10  
 Hymns: 267, 359, 286  
 Anthem: O What Their Joy and  
 Their Glory Must Be  
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
 6:00 PM

#### THE BLESSINGS OF INTEGRITY

Psalms 26  
 Hymns: 80, 660, 345  
 Psalter: Psalm 88  
 Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

### July Summer Sunday School Schedule Senior High, College, and All Adult Classes

AUGUST 15 BEN SHAW SPC Membership Vow #3

*The Sunday School Class meets in the sanctuary.*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

5th Sunday Hymn Sing	August 29
Rally Day	September 5
Ice Cream Social	September 5
Precepts Bible Study begins	September 9
Blood Drive	September 15
Evangelism Explosion Banquet	September 15
Young At Heart	September 20

### Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.  
 Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

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