

Do you know that every week God is bringing the nations of the world to Greenville? Young singles from small and big towns are moving here for jobs or to attend great universities. Families are moving here because of the healthy economic climate and a positive Christian (or at least Christian-friendly) cultural ethos. Many seniors like Greenville as a place to retire, for our arts, sports and civic events. Of course people love the geography of our region and how could you blame them, for we live within sight of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, enjoying four uniquely mild seasons of the year. Some of these folks are visiting Second Church looking for a church home. Are we seeking them out and making them feel welcomed? Are we personally inviting them to come become a part of our lives at Second Church?

Within the last few years our own beloved West End neighborhood has been transformed culturally. From Riverplace and the Peace Center to the restaurants of South Main Street to the new Whittenburg Elementary School and the Kroc Center (have you seen the 75 foot cross going up across Academy Street?), There has been a quarter of billion dollars in building and renovation in our small area of Greenville alone. (That's **b** as in billions). Second Presbyterian has grown as well, physically and more important spiritually and by God's grace will continue to grow in the coming years. Are we helping in the growth? Are we reaching out to our neighbors, friends and newcomers? Do they know that we are a bible-believing church with a heart for God's people and mission?

Our Senior Minister is fond of telling us that we should always have a person on our mind that needs to hear the gospel. We should always be praying for the right time and the right place to share our faith along with the grace to model it faithfully for them. 55 years ago someone from the Second Presbyterian Church did that for my father.

Your Friend,
Melton L. Duncan
Ruling Elder & Church Administrator

Greeters

If you are looking for a ministry to get involved with at church why not become a *greeter*! Friendly people needed to welcome and guide visitors and members alike into the church, nursery and Sunday School locales. No experience needed just a willingness to welcome. Please contact Mel Duncan (232-7621 ext.14).

College Class Fellowship

The college class will meet at the home of Ben and Lynn Shaw, Sunday, September 12, immediately following the evening worship service, for dinner. Come join us for this time of fellowship together.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: www.secondpca.org

Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621

Fax: (864) 232-7622 * Email: info@secondpca.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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

Sept. 9	WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
Sept. 9	Administrative Committee Meeting
Sept. 10	Jr. High Back to School Bash
Sept. 12	Deacon Nominations begin
Sept. 12	New Members' Class begins
Sept. 12	WIC Installation
Sept. 12	College Class Dinner (PM) at the Shaws
Sept. 13	Diaconate Meeting
Sept. 13	Session Meeting
Sept. 14	WIC Circles
Sept. 15	Evangelism Explosion Banquet
Sept. 19	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Sept. 20	Young At Heart
Sept. 21	WIC Bible Study begins
Sept. 22	CE Committee meeting
Sept. 22	WIC Circle 6
Sept. 23	WIC Book Club
Sept. 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Meeting

Basketball

- ◆ Basketball sign-ups will take place during the supper hour on Wednesday nights.
- ◆ Coaches are needed for all age groups.
- ◆ If you have any questions please contact Alan Farley: (alfarley@charter.net or 268-2674)

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, September 20, 2010, at 11:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered at \$5.00 per person and will be collected at the door. Following a devotion by our own Mrs. Shirley Duncan, there will be a special time of fellowship. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss the date.

New Members' Class

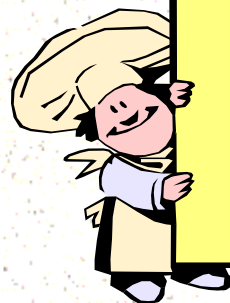
Begins Sunday, September 12, 2010

9:50 AM in Room C-209

Taught by Pastor Phillips

The class will meet each Sunday for seven weeks

Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church.



Evangelism Explosion Banquet
Wednesday, Sept. 15
Dinner: 5:45 PM
Program: 6:45 PM
Speaker: Rev. Corey Pelton
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Travelers Rest, SC

Diaconate Election

It is time for the congregation to prayerfully consider spiritually qualified men to serve as Deacons for the Class of 2014. The following schedule has been approved by the Session:

Nominations:	September 12-19
Called Session meeting:	September 22
Training:	October—December
Congregation Election:	December 5
Ordination/Installation:	December 12

Men Eligible for the Nomination Office of Deacon

Anderson, Waddy	Carter, Jordan	Frazier, Andy	Ludwig, Hank	Safford, Kenneth
Atwood, Nathan	Chiver, Mike	Frazier, Erwin	Martin, Joe	Schvaneveldt, Stephen
Bargar, Duane	Chivers, Richard	Furbush, George	Martin, Sam	Scoggins, Chad
Bassett, Brian	Conners, Matt	Griffin, John	Montgomery, Henry	Senn, Byron
Bechtel, Bill	Cook, Ken	Griffin, Matt	Moore, Robert	Senn, Andy
Bechtel, Brian	Crunk, Tim	Guest, Andrew	Moore, Steve	Sexton, Joshua
Bostian, Sidney	DeShields, Dick	Hiskell, Raymond	Morgan, Mike	Spears, Daniel
Braeckelaere, Bill	Detmer, Bill	Holbrook, Mark	Owens, Tim	Shuford, Jack
Briggs, Larry	Dickerson, Larry	Hook, John	Palmer, Walter	Stevens, Brian
Budd, Ed	Dillard, Marion	Johnson, Nathaniel	Patton, Jon	Stoddard, Daniel
Bulla, Don	Dillard, Mike	Keely, Tim	Pennington, Trey	Therrell, Billy
Butler, Ed	Eskridge, Frank	King, John	Playler, Spencer	Watkins, Bill
Caldwell, David	Farley, Thomas	Knox, Bill	Pomerlyan, Serge	Whigham, Martin
Campbell, Woody	Farris, George	Kozma, John	Rogers, Reed	White, Duane
Carey, Mike	Francis, James	Leathers, Jim	Russell, Earl	Windt, Jeff
				Woodard, Don

The above men are eligible because they have been a member of Second Presbyterian Church for 2 or more years and are 22 years old and above. Members will chose 5 qualified men from this list for nomination.

Wednesday Night Series

Beginning Wednesday, September 8, Pastor Phillips will begin his series on marriage. This is a very important series for all members of the church, not only to give you Biblical principles for your marriage but to help in counseling family members and others concerning their marriage.

Checking In @ SPC

If you are using the church facility in the evening or early morning hours would you please use our new In/Out notification Board. It is located right across from the nursery entrance on the wall by the stairwell. This will help with false alarms, general security and lock-up in the evening.

Junior High Back-to-School Party

The *ULTIMATE* Junior High Back-to-School Party

Who?	All 7 th and 8 th graders
Where?	The Compton's house 1213 Cely Rd. Easley, 29642
When?	Friday, September 10, 6:30-9:30 pm

Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. We'll have indoor and outdoor games, flag football, Ultimate Frisbee, and a bonfire. Wear comfortable clothes, bring \$5 for pizza, and be prepared to have a blast!

Any questions? Call Seth Starkey at 232-7621, ext. 25

The new WIC officers will be installed at the evening worship service on September 12th.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 12

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 9:50 AM **New Members' Class**
- 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
- 7:15 PM College Class Dinner at the Shaws

Monday, September 13

- 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting
- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

- 10:00 AM Circle 1 and 3 meet at the church
- 2:30 PM Circle 5 meets in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
- 7:00 PM Circle 4 meets at the home of Jenny Spears
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, September 15

- 5:45 PM **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET**

Thursday, September 16

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, September 17

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 18

CANCELLATION OF DATES

- ◆ **The Worship & Music Committee scheduled to meet Sunday, September 12, has been cancelled.**
- ◆ **The Blood Drive scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, has been cancelled. Watch for rescheduled date.**

Music Notes

- ◆ **Reminder:** Wee Worship Choir—ages 4 years old to 2nd grade.
Meets: 6:30 pm on Sundays
- ◆ **Covenant Choir:** 3rd grade—8th grade
Meets: 6:15-6:45 pm on Wednesdays
Beginning Wednesday, September 8th

Remembering One Another

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

Mrs. Sara Edwards
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Greenville, SC 29611

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

POWER AND AUTHORITY

John 20:22-23
Hymns: 499, 119, 473

Anthem:

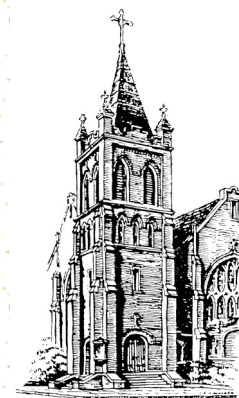
Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

A ROYAL LAMENT

2 Samuel 1:17-27
Hymns: 175, 308, 246
Psalter: Psalm 89

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Letter From Church Administrator In Praise of a Personal Invitation to Come to Church

Dear Congregation,

Let me tell you a story. About 55 years ago a young man from Union, SC was new to our town. He liked Greenville because it was a beautiful place to live and work, surrounded by friendly people in a dynamic community that was healthy and prospering in those post-War years of Eisenhower's America. His company needed him to start a regional office in the Upcountry and so he happily moved here. Having grown up in the Presbyterian Church he started visiting congregations in the area looking for the right church to call home.

One day a new friend invited him to come to a Sunday School sponsored event at the Second Presbyterian Church. He accepted the personal invitation because he liked the friend and he still had not found the right place to call his church home. He came on Palm Sunday and enjoyed a hearty breakfast meal, bible-teaching and worship. The young man was welcomed immediately by the people he met and felt included within the church family. People spoke to him and inquired where he was from and asked him what brought him to Greenville. He made friendships. He felt at home. He would often say later that his first impressions of the people of Second Church were that they "acted like a real church," with authentic sacred worship and a family oriented congregation full of godly people who were friendly and (yes) even fun. In those years the church was beginning to change theologically for the better, especially a few years later after the arrival of a new minister named Gordon Reed. The church was becoming more biblical and conservative in response to the drift in the old Southern Presbyterian Church. This helpful trend was especially appealing to our young man, who knew that biblical Christianity was the only anti-dote to the rising tide of modernity.

Well the rest of the story is my own history, The young man in question, if you haven't guessed already was my own late father, J. Ligon Duncan, Jr. and he soon joined Second Church. A few years later he met and married a Furman music professor named Shirley (who was Baptist at the time but that's a whole another story) and settled down to raise three sons within this congregation. I've often thought about how important to my Dad's whole life that a member of this church reached out to a stranger, befriended him and invited him to church. Its really no different today with us is it?