We are so happy to welcome back Dr. Mark E. Durrett to Second Presbyterian (Roanoke) as he leads this year’s adult program for Evening Bible School. A native of Clovis, NM, he moved with his family to Lake Elsinore, CA, in seventh grade. There he was active in high school sports, band, chorus, and loved his church youth group.

Mark graduated from Claremont McKenna College (B.A.), Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.; Th.M.), and Duke University (Ph.D.). He has served Second Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC; Nazareth Presbyterian Church in Moore, SC; Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC; and came to First Presbyterian Church, Sumter in the spring of 2006. He also enjoyed teaching at Wofford College, Converse College, Presbyterian College, and at Union/PS.C.E. in Charlotte, as well as being on the faculty of the joint ‘Lay School of Theology’ run by the five presbyteries of South Carolina.

Even more, Mark has enjoyed being married to wife Angie and overseeing the growth and maturation of their three sons – Sam, Burke, and Ned.

Ginger Poole Avis, friend of Second and proud member of Actor’s Equity, has studied, taught, choreographed, and performed throughout the U.S. She has been busy the past couple of years working in GA, FL, MS, and VA with Theatre in the Square, The Alliance City Series, Theatre Gael, Mill Mountain Theatre, SC Children’s Theatre, just to name a few. Originally from Atlanta, Ginger holds an M.F.A. in Acting Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi. With Ginger’s strong background in dance and rich background in theater arts and teaching, we warmly welcome her back as she prepares to share her many talents with us.

Susan Braden is a soprano concert artist, pianist, composer/arranger, and voice teacher. In Roanoke Valley, you may have seen her in productions at Mill Mountain Theatre, singing with the Roanoke Symphony, in theater productions, or in many area churches. As a professional singer and actress, she has appeared in theater productions from the East Coast to the West. While their credits are too numerous to list here, you may read much more about Susan and Ginger online at http://www.millmountain.org/meetteach.html.

REGISTER BY JUNE 15! Evening Vacation Bible School 2011: June 19-22 (6:00-8:00 pm) - Sunday through Wednesday

Family Attending (please list all names):

Adults

Youth

Elementary Children (beginning with rising kindergartners, note grade in fall ‘11)

For Child Care – infants, toddlers, preschoolers (include birth date)

SUPPER RESERVATIONS
Sunday: Covered Dish — Bring a dish to share; if your name ends in A-I, main dishes; J-Q, side dishes and salads; R-Z, desserts.
Monday-Wednesday nights: $8/adults and youth, $5 children under 12; with a $22 household maximum.

Sunday, June 19 Adult and Youth Children (Pothuck)
Monday, June 20 Adult and Youth Children (Lasagna)
Tuesday, June 21 Adult and Youth Children (BBQ)
Wednesday, June 22 Adult and Youth Children (Fried Chicken)

Submit form to church office, drop in offering plate, or mail to: Second Presbyterian Church; 214 Mountain Avenue, SW; Roanoke, VA 24016.

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youth programs
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Focus for Youth: Wizards, Wands, and Fun with Elizabeth Tolan

For Middle School and Youth – Here’s a program based at The Intersection where youth may enjoy games and outings, also devotionals and Bible study, all at the same time the lectures are taking place. SPC’s summer intern, Elizabeth Tolan, will host this program. She has just completed her second year at Columbia Theological Seminary after graduating from the University of Kansas with a major in Education and minors in English as a Second Language and Social Studies. In July, Elizabeth will be our group leader for the Bibles & Bricks Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. She also participated in last February’s medical mission trip where her skills in language served her well as an interpreter between medical staff and those needing/receiving medical treatment.

Evening Vacation Bible School
is a long-standing tradition at Second, dating back to the first years of George Anderson’s ministry with us. It is a pleasure to continue this tradition, and what an outstanding line-up: Dr. Mark E. Durrett, Ginger Poole Avis, Susan Braden, and Elizabeth Tolan!

Focus of the Lectures: Christian Imagery at Play in the Harry Potter Series by Author J.K. Rowling

This year’s lecturer, Dr. Mark Durrett of South Carolina explains a little about this year’s talks:

“I’d like for everyone who can to read as far into the series (Harry Potter) as they can. I will plan to cover all seven novels and want especially to try and draw connections through the whole series. I don’t mind if folks haven’t read them all, but what I want them to know is that I’m not going to avoid any spoiler alerts!” If you’ve been thinking of reading the Harry Potter novels, now’s the time, get started! If you don’t think you can read them all prior to the Evening VBS lectures, make a start and if you have to, watch the movies! As is usually the case, the books are all so much better than the movies that are made from them, but it will be a way to acquaint yourself with the distinctive elements of Harry’s world and with the basic movements of the story.”

“The basic theme of the class will be ‘What Your Kids Won’t Tell You About Harry Potter,’ and what I mean by this is that young folks enjoy them because they’re so richly detailed, they’re so filled with humor and are so dramatically charged that they pull the reader along from chapter to chapter. What the young folks won’t say, and quite likely because they may not realize it themselves, is that the books are saturated with Christian imagery from first to last, in ways that are both obvious and more subtle. The many figures, names, and dramatic actions of Harry, his friends, and enemies are, over the course of seven volumes, a veritable education in Christian symbolism. And what’s wonderful about the series is the way in which Ms. Rowling weaves the growth of Harry Potter in his year-to-year journey.”

Special Note: Any youth who would like to attend Dr. Durrett’s lectures is welcome.

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SPC volunteers on the 2011 medical mission trip to the D.R.

Students of the Jim Smith School in El Rosario, Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic Missions
For many years, Second Presbyterian (2PC) has been supporting and sending mission teams to the Dominican Republic to help better the lives of the people there and to spread the word of God as related in the Bible. This has been known as Bibles & Bricks. As the teams use bricks to build schools and shelter, providing refuge for the body, they also use Bibles to build refuge for the soul. The medical teams repair the bodies, and the witness they give repairs the hearts.

For a building to be sturdy and strong it needs good mortar to hold it together, or it is just a pile of bricks ready to tumble at the slightest prodding. In the same way, the Bibles and the kindness of the teams provide strong mortar – building trust, respect, and even love for and among the people: Christ’s love, freely given, freely received. The teams we send also need mortar. They need our encouragement along with emotional and monetary support. We have held fundraising events since the last Bibles & Bricks trip in 2008. Your kind and generous contributions will help secure the much-needed mortar to support and bind our teams together to accomplish the mission we have been called to provide. This year’s Bibles & Bricks mission trip will be July 9-16, 2011. “Whatever you do for the least of your brothers that you do unto me.”