Imagine driving through every city, town, and borough of South Carolina. Imagine coursing your way through every one of the thousands of miles of highways, streets, and roads. Now, visualize that in all the days and weeks it takes you to do this, that you see not one other person. No cars are moving. No shops are open. No lights in any of the homes. No human life, anywhere. Now travel throughout North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. In all those months of traveling – you see not a single person. Where are all the people? They are not “here” – they were never born because they were aborted in their mother’s womb. Fifty-five million people killed – missing from this world. More than the entire population of the states listed above. And that’s not all – many of those aborted in the early years would have had children by now – so you must add to your travels of uninhabited states – Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. And the number grows by over 3,000 per day. Seven days a week. 365 days a year. Since the Supreme Court made abortion legal in 1973. What has happened to our country that was founded with the words – “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?” Even, worse, what has happened to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ that has “local branches” just down the street from every abortion mill in America? We rightly wonder how the German people could have allowed their country to go the way of the extermination of Jews (and Christians!). Yet, how is it that the hue and cry against abortion by the Church is barely above a murmur? Why is this a “political issue” and not a moral issue to many?

For 2013, Missions and Benevolences funded through the budget were $200,615, the first time SPC has exceeded $200,000 in a single year. This funding was due in part to contributions exceeding the budget by $71,900. Missions and Benevolences ended up being 17.7% of the 2013 expenditures paid through the budget. Additional contributions to support the Summer Mission’s Program were $36,860. The Summer Mission’s Program is funded entirely outside the budget.

In 2013, the Care Fund used $8,960 to assist members in our church with financial needs. This is in addition to the Deacon’s Sympathy and Service Fund which is also used to assist both those in need. The $27,600 will be available to assist church members in 2014.

Through your generous support of the programs at Second Presbyterian Church, missionaries around the world were able to spread the gospel to the unsaved, and SPC was able to assist individuals and agencies in our local community. If you would like additional information or you have questions regarding the Missions programs contact Hugh Player – chairman, David Bragdon, Tim Crunk, or Doug McDaniel. For information regarding the Benevolences programs contact Bobby Mann—chairman, Bill Cross or Pat Holbrook.

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world. Eph 1:3-4

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God counts us as persons from the moment of conception.

“God gives special protection to the weak and helpless (widows, orphans, the unborn.)”

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In light of these truths, what should individual Christians do?

January is Sanctity of Life Month:

Pray to our Father who hears, and sees, and acts! Ask him to show great grace and mercy to our land: to convert the lost, to correct his own people, to protect the weak and innocent, to empower his Church to preach and teach the whole truth of the gospel of Christ.

Teach and preach these truths as we have opportunity. Do not be silent in the face of opposition and/or ignorance. If each evangelical Christian would speak to 5 friends, all of America could hear the truth.

Make other options to pregnant mothers known and available – adoption, help to single parents, etc. Personally get involved in helping and encouraging.

Work through our political system to outlaw abortion in our state and in our nation.

In His Service,
Pastor Spears

God considers an attack upon his image-bearers an attack upon himself.

“Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God he made man.” – Gen 9:5-6

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Remembering One Another

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

Marian Wood
5 Creekbend Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681
297-0783

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Sam and Alexandria Andrews
Beth Atwood
Jessie John and Margaret Atwood
Nathan, Carly, Audra

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 25  Calvary Presbytery @ Westminster PCA
Jan. 26  Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Feb. 1  WIC Annual Meeting at Fairview PCA
Feb. 2  Membership Class begins
Feb. 2  Elder Nominations End
Feb. 3  Diaconate Meeting
Feb. 5  WIC Council
Feb. 5  Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Feb. 6  Jessamines
Feb. 9  Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Feb. 10  Session Meeting
Feb. 11-12  WIC Circles
Feb. 12  Missions’ Committee Meeting
Feb. 14  VALENTINE BANQUET
Feb. 16  The Lord’s Supper at the Evening Service
Feb. 17  Young At Heart
Feb. 19  Administration Committee Meeting
Feb. 22  WIC Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 23  ‘Communicants’ Class begins
Feb. 23  Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Feb. 26  CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 26  SPORTS’ BANQUET
Feb. 28  Jr. High Fellowship
Feb. 28  Sr. High Fellowship

If you have a date for the February calendar please contact the church office this week.
jgrant@spcgreenville.org or 232-7621, ext. 10

Mark Your Calendars

May 7  Graduation Banquet
May 14  CAT Kids Program
June 6-13  Mission Trip to Peru
June 7-14  Mission Trip-MTW Cherokee
June 17-20  General Assembly—Houston, TX
June 23-27  Vacation Bible School
July 4  Church Picnic
July 7-12  Sr. High trip to Edisto Island
July 14-18  Mission Trip-Calvary Home
July 21-25  Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 1:3-4

Adoption:
Adoption is a beautiful way to grow your family. You can provide a loving, nurturing home for a vulnerable child. Let Bethany help you welcome an infant, an older child, or a child from another country into your family.

Pregnancy counseling:
If you are pregnant and need someone to talk to, you are not alone. Bethany is here to provide you with support and guidance as you seek to make the best choice for yourself and your unborn child. There is no cost to you for this service. Please contact us if you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help.

Temporary care:
Through Bethany’s Foster Care program and our Safe Families ministry, we seek to provide temporary care for children. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that they have a safe, loving family through either reuniting them with their biological family or finding an adoptive family for those who cannot return to their biological parents. Thousands of children need a loving family who will walk with them during a time of crisis and welcome them unconditionally into a caring home. Could you be that family?
You are warmly invited to the Second Presbyterian Church WIC Prayer Breakfast
“...The prayer of a righteous person is powerful...” JAMES 5:16 Saturday, February 22, 2014 10:00 – 11:30 AM Church Fellowship Hall

WIC Precepts
Attention Ladies: A new Precept Bible study begins Thursday, Feb. 20 for 7 weeks, ending April 3. We will be studying in the book of Acts. We will be meeting Thursday nights from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact Mary Russell, 329-1670 by Feb. 5 if you want to participate as books need to be ordered.

Annual Sports’ Banquet
Wednesday, February 26th, 5:45pm
Mark your calendars and watch the Herald for further details.

Calvary Presbytery
The one hundredth and twenty-first stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January-25, 2014, at 9:00 am at Westminster PCA in Clinton, SC. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second: TE Phillips, TE Spears, RE Duncan, RE Player, RE Wheeler, RE Bradgon. Visitors are welcome.

Membership Class
The Jessamines will begin the New Year with their first meeting of 2014 on February 6th, 6:30am. Mark your calendars and watch the Herald for further details.

New Baby
We rejoice with Serge and Christa Pomerlyan in the birth of their daughter, Margaret Brockman on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Margaret weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

If you would like to prepare and take a meal to Christa and Serge Pomerlyan go to takethemameal.com and enter Pomerlyn, password 1892. (Note the spelling of Pomerlyn on the website.)

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Sunday, February 23, 2014 10:00 am

Fortieth Annual Calvary Presbytery WIC Meeting
Honoring our Pastors’ Wives
Saturday, February 1, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(9:30 a.m. registration)
Fairview Presbyterian Church
Fountain Inn, South Carolina
Brunch is $9.00.
PresWIC will be treating our Pastors Wives. Seating is limited!
Please RSVP by Jan. 20 to Lynda Duncan
Iduncan@charter.net or 864-350-2693

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