
Welcome

Are you looking for a church home, a place where you will be known, nurtured, challenged – where you can make a difference for the God we serve? Consider becoming a part of our “2nd” family. Call Pastor Cress Darwin at 723-9237.

Nursery is provided in Room 105 of the Education Building
Children's Church is provided in Room 108 of the Education Building.
Please sign your children in and out of the nursery and Children's Church.

Head Ushers of the month: Gus Smythe & James Hackett

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given each Sunday in memory of in honor of someone. **We have open dates for flowers on Sept. 5, 12, & 19. Please call Nancy Bryant at 723-9237 if you would like to give flowers.**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ani Lee's parents, Alfred and Harriet Lees.

Have you read the newsletter lately? Check out a copy on our website www.secondpresbyterianchurch.org Our thanks to member, Lynn Mitchell Lind, our volunteer newsletter publisher. Please send your articles to lynn.squared@live.com.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Remembering in Prayer: Earl Singletary, Mary Lommen, Grayson Hanahan, Layton Mauze, Lucy Morton, Buddy Silliman, Mary Hicks, Tina & Bobby Jordan, Felix Nepveaux, Harper Drolet, Noah Sowder, Kai Dutton, Kathy & James Tindal, Ruth Palassis, Nancy Watts, Lucas Aimar, Harriet Likes, Rachel Howe, Dorothy & Carter Leslie, Mary Lou Cochran, Our soldiers: LCPL Jimmy Spaulding (George & Dorie Spaulding's grandson), Lt. Seth Sanders (Ben & Virginia Street's friend), Jason Browder in Iraq (Greta & Dingle Howe's nephew). Our expecting mother: Lorraine Jeter.

Our prayers go out to Mary Brown and her family on the death of Mary's daughter, Punpkin, and her two grandsons, Isaic & Isaiah in a house fire on Wednesday, August 24th. Mary has been a teacher here at Second Presbyterian Kindergarten for over 20 years. A fund has been set up to assist with funeral costs. Please make your checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church and mark them Brown family fund.

Do you have someone you would like added to the prayer list? Please contact Nancy Bryant at 723-9237.

THIS WEEK AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

<p><u>Today – August 29</u> 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Adults Sunday School Class Rm. 105</p>	<p><u>Monday, Aug. 30</u> James Island Women’s Bible study 6 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, Aug. 31</u> Kindergarten begins Staff Meeting, 10 a.m. Duplicate Bridge, 1-4 p.m. Committee Night, 5:30 p.m Halo Eclectic Bible Study, 6 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Wed. Sept. 1</u> PSA College ministry, 5:30 p.m. Bell choir, 6 p.m. Adult choir, 7 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Thursday, Sept. 2</u> Communications Committee, noon Duplicate Bridge, 1- 4 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Friday, Sept. 3</u></p>	<p><u>Saturday, Sept. 4</u></p>	<p><u>Sunday, Sept. 5</u> 10 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m. Adults Sunday School Class, RM 105</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6	Office & Kindergarten closed for holiday
September 7	Staff meeting, 10 a.m. Duplicate Bridge, 1-4 p.m. Agenda, 5:30 p.m.
September 8	PSA College Ministry, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6 p.m. Adult Choir, 7 p.m.
September 9	Sunday School Teachers meeting Call-a-thon, 6 p.m.
September 10	Shelter Night, 7 p.m.
September 11	Manna, 7 p.m.
September 12	HOMECOMING SUNDAY Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11:15 a.m. 2 nd Sunday Lunch
September 13	James Island Women’s Bible Study, 6 p.m.
September 14	EMHAM United Way Day of Caring Staff meeting, 10 a.m. Duplicate Bridge, 1- 4 p.m.

September 15	Charleston Bible Society, 5:30 p.m. PSA College Ministry, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6 p.m. Adult Choir, 7 p.m.
September 16 th	Alpha Begins, 6-8 p.m.
September 22	PSA College Ministry, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6 p.m. Adult Choir, 7 p.m.
September 23	Alpha, 6-8 p.m.
September 24	Young Adults Koinonia, 8 p.m.
September 28	Committee Night, 5:30 p.m.
September 29 th	PSA College Ministry, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6 p.m. Adult Choir, 7 p.m.
September 30	Alpha 6-8 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder Sunday school time for children has been combined with the worship time for the summer. After the Children's message, students up to 5th grade are encouraged to head to Room 108 in the Education Building for our summer series, "The 10 Commandments". Veteran Sunday school teacher, Ashley Renz, will be teaching the class and we'll be spending two weeks on each commandment, learning them through stories, crafts and games. Check it out!

Bible Studies: If you need information or wish to become involved in a Bible Study or small group experience, please contact Colin Kerr at 723-9237.

New Sermon Series starts September 5th: Grand Essentials for Happiness: Something to Do, Someone to Love, Something to Hope For. Come join us as we find out why Jesus and the Gospel is central to all three.

Day of Caring - Tuesday, September 14th - This is the first year that Second Church is participating in the "Day of Caring". Here are two Mission Projects that you might be interested in.....

- **Helping to paint a mural at the Boys and Girls Club.** At least two or three additional people are needed (teens/adults). You don't have to be an artist.....just show up! It will be fun and rewarding. Any amount of time is appreciated. For more information contact: diane@balister.com or 971-6317
- **Participate in a rehab project on Wadmaw Island** (off Bears Bluff Road)..... A few more volunteers are needed...All skill levels are welcome. Mrs. Mack needs our help. Can you spare some time? For information contact: chasmclean@hotmail.com

You're invited to the Citadel vs. Presbyterian College "Networking Night" Football Game, September 18th. Discounted rates for members of the *Presbyterian Church*. \$13

package includes mix & mingle event on West side terrace (beginning at 5 p.m.), food, drinks and ticket. If you want just a ticket to the game the cost is \$6. Tickets must be ordered by September 10th Contact Jeremy Helms (Citadel Sports) helmssj1@citadel.edu or 843-953-6812.

The Journey (Presbyterian College Students Association) Needs Your Old Couches: Couches and love seats! That's what we need to fill the Journey room (Room 212). We could use at least 4 more couches, if not more, in expectation of accommodating the growing number of college students in campus ministry. Please contact DCE Colin Kerr at ckerr@secondpresbyterianchurch.org if you have an old couch you can part with. Thanks!

LifeManagement Center seeks dynamic college graduates for tutors at their newest site at Palmetto Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. Responsibilities include working with students in academic subjects, time management, organization, and study skills. \$15-20/hour. Flexible scheduling and paid training. Contact position@lifemanagement.org.

Second Edition Book Club - next month, on Tuesday, September 14th, we will be discussing "Stones for Schools" by Greg Mortensen. You may remember his first book, "Three Cups of Tea", about his success in starting for the first time many schools for girls throughout Pakistan. The many hardships he overcame and his insights into life in Pakistan have made it an international best seller. This second book discusses his further attempts to build schools in both Pakistan and Afghanistan. All his efforts are made that more remarkable because it is being done while the war is going on. His first book, because it shows such insight into the lives of people in this region of the world, is required reading for the joint chiefs of staff at the Pentagon and officers serving in the area. We are fortunate that we do not have to join the armed forces to obtain the current book which is available from Barnes and Noble and Amazon in soft back or hardback. We are always looking for suggestions for new books and always welcoming new members. We hope to see you at Robena Medbery's on the September 14th at 6:30 PM. For more information call Fred Schuh at 795-7199. For directions, call Robena Medbery at 556-9069 .

The ALPHA COURSE is almost here!

But What Is It? Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course meets once per week for 10 weeks, and includes an amazing weekend getaway. Each session, people enjoy great good, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile...questions like – Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Who Is Alpha For? Alpha is for anyone...anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. People attend from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints. They come to investigate questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and more. Some people want to get beyond religion and find a relationship with God that really changes life. Others come for the close, long-lasting friendships that are built during the Alpha course. Many guests have never been

to church, others may have attended church occasionally but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome.

What Happens At Alpha? The Alpha course lasts 10 weeks, with a day or weekend getaway in the middle. Courses will meet in our fellowship hall and break into the classrooms around the building. There will be evening courses, typically lasting 2 hours. Each gathering begins with a meal and a chance to get to know others. Then there is a short talk which looks at a different aspect of the Christian faith each week. This is followed by a time of discussion in small groups, where everyone is welcome to contribute their opinion and ask questions. People usually stay in the same small groups for the duration of the course so they can get to know each other, continue discussions and deepen friendships. The emphasis is on exploration and discovery in a relaxed and information environment.