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Daylight Saving Time
begins March 10th



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Coffee Time - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study, in Session room: 4:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
Unless otherwise noted

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m.

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III / Reese Atkinson, Asst.
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Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Louise McCutchen, Asst.
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



2024

From the Pastor's Desk... What is your favorite DAY of the year? Is it your birthday? Your kid's birthday? Is it Christmas? Is it - perhaps - Flag Day (my own favorite federal holiday)? Is it June 31st?

Yes, I know, no such date as June 31 exists. But none of these, not even Flag Day, are my favorite day every year, for every year, even though it lands on different dates, my favorite day is always a Sunday, and it is that very special Sunday we call Easter.

John Mark, whose mother was Salome, wrote this:

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so they could go and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?" Looking up, they observed that the stone - which was very large - had been rolled away. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; they were amazed and alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he told them. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been resurrected! **He is not here! See the place where they put Him.**"

I get a chill, a thrill, a smile on my face and a glad tear in my eye every time I read those words, hear those words again: He is not here! See the place, and I'm sure the angel grins when he points, because it's empty!

Christianity is defined by Easter - that means we are an Easter people. Because of that empty place in the tomb, because Jesus is not there, that means Jesus is here, with us, alive & well, guiding, protecting, cleansing and leading us, His Church. Because that grave is empty, we have been given God the Holy Spirit by the risen Lord Jesus. We have gifts, spiritual fruit, love and connection, hope and peace, restoration with God and healing, all because of Easter. Without Easter, there is no Pentecost, no Nicaea, no Reformation, no Bishopville PC! Without Easter, as Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 15, we are the most miserable people on this planet! Without Easter, there is NO forgiveness of sins.

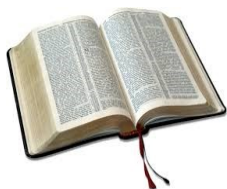
How can I say that? Because if Christ Jesus did not raise, if His place in the tomb was still occupied, if He was still there & then instead of here & now... then He failed. His mission would have died with Him, and been lost forever. If He died and stayed dead, then our sins would still be alive, for how could He pay for my sin, for your sin if He failed?

But Christ Jesus did not fail, and so our sins were nailed to His Cross. Christ Jesus did not fail, and so our death is just a stepping stone - from one phase of our walk with Him into another. Christ Jesus did not fail, and so He lives, and because of Him, we will live and live forever with Him and our friends, the saints in glory. We are an Easter people, hallelujah!

So maybe, just maybe, Easter ought to be all our favorite day. After all, it's the day our Savior won, and because of that, we, too, as the old, old song sings, have "Victory in Jesus!" Blessings!
Pastor Chris



March Sunday Sermons



3rd:	Betraying Jesus	Mark 14:1-11
10th:	Jesus Prays	Mark 14:32-44
17th:	Testify!	Mark 14:53-64
24th:	Bullseye!	Mark 11:1-11
28th:	At the Cross (Maundy Thursday)	Mark 15
31st:	Jesus Lives (Easter)	Mark 16:1-9

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met Feb. 11th @ 8:30 am.

Elder, Renee Bell gave our opening prayer & devotional.

We welcomed into Church membership, by letter of transfer, Lt. Col Timothy & Annie McIlhenry, from Westminster PC, Fort Walton, FL.

The Session approved a resolution for Elder, Dick McCutchen, which was signed by all Session members and will be placed in our minute book.

The Session thanks the Christian Ed committee & the Kids for Christ for the luncheon on February 11th.

Can you believe it is already Lenten season, which means that Easter is coming fast.

We are pleased to announce that new locks have been placed on the courthouse side of the education building.

If the Session or I can help you in anyway, please call the Church office or my cell 803.229.5307.

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,
Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: March 10th @ 8:30 am

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL
***Ryan McCutchen & Jimmy McCutchen**
 *denotes Session devotional responsibilities

February 2024 Statistics	
Attendance Average's	
Worship: 46	Sunday School: 20
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$11,972.00
YTD Income received:	\$25,980.55
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$34,226.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,790.35
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$27,314.09
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$28,046.00
<u>Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)</u>	
(Cemetery, Building, Parking Lot Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$1,105.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,650.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$61.16
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$73.82

PW Circle: Monday, March 18th @ 7 pm
Host: Diane McElveen

Men of Church: Wednesday, Mar. 20th @ 7 pm
Host: Chris & Patrick Parnell

Our HOMEBOUND Members
Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence
BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center
Boochie Swearingen @ Wellmore, Tega Cay
Hugh Tindal @ his home
William Watkins @ home of Geri Cutler

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

MARCH 2024

- 3rd: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 10th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 17th: Louise McCutchen
- 24th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 31st: Lian Latimer

APRIL 2024

- 7th: Carol Latimer Finethy
- 14th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
- 21st: Renee & Crues Bell
- 28th: Family of Sarah McCutchen

MAY 2024

- 5th: Kathryn Welch
- 12th: Lila Mae Welsh Family
- 19th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- 26th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen



JUNE 2024

- 2nd: William Welsh Family
- 9th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family
- 16th: Crues & Renee Bell
- 23rd: Gregg McCutchen III

JULY 2024

- 7th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- 14th: Henry & Harriett Watson Family
- 21st: William & Pat Monroe Fields
- 28th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

AUGUST 2024

- 4th: Bert Cousar
- 11th: Debbie & Bill Tindal
- 18th: Bill Welsh Family
- 25th: OPEN

Please contact the Church Business Office (preferably by email) to change a date or to be added/removed from the running Flower Calendar



We are currently accepting donations to have our parking lots paved. Please note "parking lot" on all gifts
Thanks in advance for your support!



Bible Study
Sunday's @ 4:30 p.m.
in the Session Room
All are invited to attend

FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE
Email & Postal mail, is checked and acted on, daily as applicable. Please mail donations to:
Bishopville PC @ POB 66
Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: Post Office returns all mail sent to street address

OFFICE HOURS Business Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

2024 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

March 27th
May 14th - 21st & May 27th
July 3rd

August 27th - September 2nd
October 8th - 14th
November 26th & 27th

December 24th, 25th & 31st - January 1st
Please contact office to update your records (pref. by email) or to be added or removed from any calendars

Thank You

The family of **Nathan Joshua Thomas** thanks everyone for all your thoughts, messages, and most of all your prayers, during this difficult time in their lives. Please continue to keep his parents, Darasa & Bobby Thomas, and Nathan's children, Lollah, James, & Carson in your prayers, as well

Dear Women of the Church, Thank you so much for the exam Care package. I thoroughly enjoyed everything inside especially during the very long study hours prepping for my exams. I am so thankful to have grown up surrounded by such strong and faithful women role models like yourselves. I would not be where I am today without all of you. I am so grateful for all the big and small things you all do for me. Thank you so much for the care package and for being such amazing role models, Sincerely, Brooke Welch

Happy Birthday

March | April

Bo Simon	2	Cyndi Eckley	1
Louise McCutchen	3	Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Carol Latimer Finethy	4	Melinda Atkinson	3
Emmett Kerr	5	Kerry W. Frazier	3
Katie Ellen	7	Kathryn Welch	4
Bill Gaskins	8	Reneé Bell	13
William Corbett	9	Doris Bell	14
Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10	Kathryn Hart	19
Lena McCutchen	10	Tyner B. Logan	20
Meredith Gaskins	12	Caroline McCutchen	20
Emmie McCutchen	19	Devin Atkinson	22
English Cooper	20	Susan Hilditch	23
Tyson Eckley	22	Ryan McCutchen	25
Jane Huggins	26	Gregg McCutchen III	27
Stella Lynch	27		
Peyton Welch	27		
Carl Frazier	29		
Cindy Welsh	29		
Bill Tindal, Jr.	30		
Lian Latimer	31		



Community Maundy Thursday
Communion Service
Thursday, March 28th
6:00 pm @ BPC
Communion Elders: Jimmy McCutchen & Cindy Welsh

Please join us as we host the last Lenten
Lunch on March 20th @ 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by the BPC Women
Everyone is invited to attend



Community Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, March 31st
7:00 am
Breakfast & Living Cross
Everyone is invited to attend



**Presbyterian Women
RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions**

You can order through our website, Facebook page, or the unique link below to help support them year round
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



Volunteers Needed in Nursery
Please help, on a rotation schedule, so everyone gets a chance to enjoy the worship service on Sunday mornings

Sunday School Teachers Needed!!!

Please contact Chris if you are willing to teach, on a rotating schedule



“Blessing Box” Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Quarterly Daily Breads, and Bibles. The boxes have been placed throughout our community and our children are stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church about the progress.

Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.

Items needed: Water & non-perishable (healthy, low sodium & low-fat) foods & drinks. All cash will help purchase needed items. Please note Blessing box on gifts



Jewish Voice Coin Collection

Thanks to your support, Jewish Voice was able to help meet people's basic need for dental services in war-torn Ukraine. Your generosity shares the hope of Yeshua (Jesus) while providing tangible help to meet real needs – sometimes in desperate situations, like Ukraine. Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and drop off any time of the year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates!**

Next Coin Collection Date: May 12, 2024 ... Small change creates BIG change!

All 5th Sunday loose offerings will be placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund. Please note “Kids4Christ” on all gifts outside this timeframe. Please make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence. Thanks for supporting our Children and helping them make wise life choices & caring for others, especially those in need or less fortunate. **2024 collection dates: March 31st, June 30th, September 29th, December 29th**



With Spring approaching, we will have a group cleaning selected stones in our cemetery. Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or by phone



We have Coffee Time on Sunday’s in-between Sunday School & Church @ 10:30 am
Anyone who wishes to host, please sign up on the calendar (s) in the kitchen. Everyone is invited to join our fellowship time

When your little girl gets married!

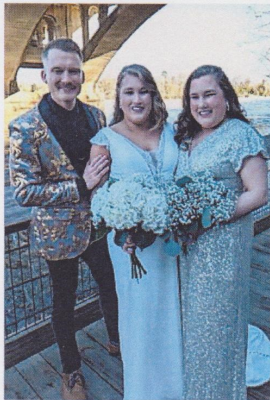
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What a way to end a year... Yes, our **Kathryn** got married! We started the final weekend with the rehearsal dinner, then the wedding on New Years Eve. Most of the wedding party stayed up late to shoot some fireworks and watch the ball drop! **Kathryn** was so beautiful! She is now **Mrs. Calvin Bryan Vacchio Jr.**

The 27 years for **Kathryn** and **Michaela** have flown by. How can it be? I guess that means that Pam and I are officially old!! (Anybody else feel that way?)

Bryan works with **Zero Gravity**, a local production company. He shoots and edits videos. He'll even be doing a local commercial that will air during the Super Bowl. Later this month, Kathryn will be taking a new job as the employee health nurse with the **Department of Mental Health**.

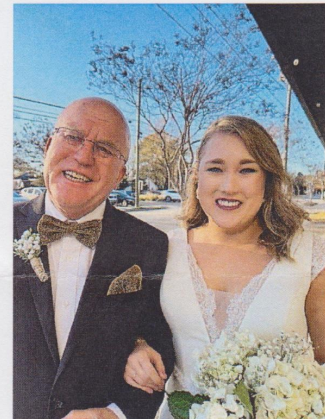
Carroll and Pam Baker
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063
803-206-2542 (mobile)
To give online:
[My.fca.org](https://my.fca.org) (search for Baker)



Zac, Kathryn and Michaela



The Bakers and Vacchios



Final moments with
Miss Kathryn Baker



<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>

Welcoming 2024 with Prayer

We have hit the ground running in 2024. Thanks for praying for us!!

First of all, I will be meeting with spiritual team leaders at **Lugoff Elgin** for the next few months covering our E-3 Discipleship Bible Study. The main emphasis is to Engage/Equip/ and Empower students and coaches. As I cover the material, I will be encouraging them to begin to consider who God might have them begin to pray for and meet with to share the gospel and eventually disciple.

Secondly, I will be meeting often with the **Irmo Baseball** team this year. I will begin by asking the players to fill out a survey where they will be able to share their interest in spiritual things. This will be a great place to start. Pray that I will be diligent to contact those who are interested, and for them to be open to the gospel. I am also trusting that many of these players will be able to attend our High School retreat March 22-24.

Finally, pray for Pam as she is still recovering from Mohs surgery to remove a small cancerous spot on the bridge of her nose. After it was removed and repaired in November, it has been a little slow to heal. Pray for good and quick healing.

Much thanks to our Home Team partners who gave extra as we closed out 2023. We have the greatest team! Your faithful and prayerful support is such an encouragement to us!



Carroll + Pam