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JANUARY
2024

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.
(resumes January 7th)

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.
Treasurer: Ray Drayton / Billy Clyburn, Asst.
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Louise McCutchen, Asst.
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor's Desk... For Christmas this year, my daughter gave me the coolest poster - an 80's music "ABC" poster, starting with "A for A-Ha" all the way down to "Z for ZZ Top". Awesome! I thought about doing an "ABC" for Bishopville in 2023 - I even started the year on January 1 with "A Hammer" (based on Romans 5)... but I got jammed up at "B", believe it or not. I guess I could have said, "Believing in the Gideons" on January 22. So instead, I thought I would hit a quick recap instead of our current series on Mark's Gospel.

It all started with an arrow - a metaphor for Jesus through the book of Mark, flying on the sure & straight flight to the bullseye of the cross. We looked at the Gospel, this particular arrowhead - that new teaching with God's power that not only lifts people up, but forgives their sin and gives them life anew with God. We looked at the Old Testament, that Law, those prophets as the body or shaft of the arrow. We saw the fletching (feathers) of God's covenant, and we grasped the bow from which God "fired" the arrow of Christ - the nation/church we called Israel.

From Mark 1, where Jesus arrived, healing & preaching, through Mark 10, where we left off understanding Christ Jesus is our King - and not the other way around (like James & John wanted). He has authority, but leads by serving, and expects us to do the say, by healing, helping, & preaching that same good news he started out preaching: Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and that hand is Jesus', reaching out to pull you home.

So that was 2023. Tools, Galatians, Habakkuk & Zephaniah, and Mark's Gospel. What a year! So where are we going in 2024?

Well, we're picking back up with our Sunday afternoon Bible study (4:30-5:30), talking through the Last Days. Our Ladies' Circle & Men's Fellowship are kicking off again. And we're starting a new Discipleship program that Laura will be leading an intense study of all 66 books of the Bible. And, just as we left off just before Advent, we're starting off again with Mark - and will follow the story of Jesus through Mark's gospel all the way up to Easter Sunday.

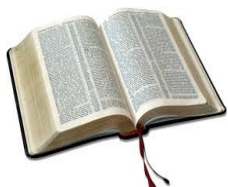
So I challenge you that, if you haven't yet, read Mark's Gospel. If you left off in Mark 10, pick up at 11. There's a lot of meat in there! So ask questions, pray, and study the Gospel story. It's a life-changer - just like learning our "ABC"s were when we were kids.

God bless you & Happy New Year!

Pastor Chris



January Sunday Sermons



7th:	Seeing Jesus	Mark 10:46-52
14th:	Knowing Jesus	Mark 11:12-21
21st:	Obeying Jesus	Mark 11:27-33
28th:	Testing Jesus	Mark 12:12-17

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met Dec. 10th @ 8:30 am. Reese Atkinson, Renee Bell and Jimmy McCutchen were examined by the Session and installed during the morning worship service. Reese was ordained, during worship.

The new officers for 2024 are:

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen; Asst. Reese Atkinson;

Treasurer: Ray Drayton;

Finance/Property Chair: Jimmy McCutchen;

Christian Ed. Chair: Cindy Welsh;

Witness Chair: Renee Bell;

Worship Chair: Ryan McCutchen

If you are asked to serve on one of these committees, please prayerfully consider. We look forward to 2024

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: January 14th @ 8:30 am

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL
 *Eddie Boykin, Wendy Welch, Bert Cousar
 *denotes Session devotional responsibilities

JANUARY 2024

- 7th: OPEN
- 14th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 21st: Renee & Crues Bell
- 28th: Carol Latimer Finethy

FEBRUARY 2024

- 4th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- 11th: Family of Iris Thomas
- 18th: Ann & English Cooper
- 25th: Renee & Crues Bell

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

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR



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

December 2023 Statistics	
EOY FINAL	
Attendance Average's	
Worship: 54	Sunday School: 11
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$40,907.02
YTD Income received:	\$200,572.53
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$210,493.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$26,475.64
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$207,608.18
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$210,493.00
<u>UnBudgeted Income & Expenses</u>	
(Cemetery Fund)	
MTD Income received:	\$450.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,650.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$63.30

PW Circle: Monday, Jan. 15th @ 7 pm
Host: Ann Cooper

Men of Church: Wednesday, Jan. 17th @ 7 pm
Host: Reese Atkinson

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence
 BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center
 Dick & Beth McCutchen @ their home
 Boochie Swearingen @ Wellmore, Tega Cay
 Hugh Tindal @ his home
 William Watkins @ home of Geri Cutler

Please contact the Church Business Office (preferably by email) to change a date or 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



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

2024 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

- January 1st & 15th
- March 27th
- May 14th - 21st & May 27th
- July 3rd
- August 27th - September 2nd
- October 8th - 14th
- November 26th & 27th
- December 24th, 25th & 31st

Please contact office to update your records (pref. by email) or to be added or removed from any calendars

Happy Birthday

January February

Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Ann West	2	Hampton Gaskins	15
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3	Martha Kay Hunt	15
Chip Smith	3	Benny Welch III	15
Bill Tindal	3	Patrick Finethy	17
Kody Mills McCutchen	4	Laura Parnell	19
Lila Dow Frazier	9	Bubba Muldrow	20
Will McElveen	9	Myers Varn Floyd	21
Keith Hyman	11	Shirley Wallace	28
John Crues Bell IV	12		
Bill Conway	13		
Steven Welsh	13		
T-Bo Ellen	16		
Ruby Nell Bailey	20		
Aidan Hilditch	25		
William Clyburn Ipock	26		
Mills Lloyd	28		
Brooke Harrington	30		
Amber Harrington	30		
Josh Kirven	30		
John Latimer	30		



1st Quarter Communion, will be celebrated January 7th, during worship.

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Worship services.

Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services.



January Communion Elders: Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen

Thank You
Thank you to everyone for remembering me this past Christmas.
I pray that everyone has a Very Good 2024! Gwen Steinmeyer



**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**

Mayesville Presbyterian Church invites everyone to their upcoming piano recital by Anna Bogolubova on Sunday, February 4th @ 4:00 p.m. The concert is part of the Church’s Rejoicings Series. Anna is one of Ukraine’s leading concert pianists. She has won 1st prize in multiple international piano competitions and has performed solo concerts worldwide. Mayesville PC is located at 109 W. Sumter Street in Mayesville, SC