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January At A Glance

- 3rd:** LCCM food collection
- 10th:** Session
- 17th:** PWCT, Theology Q&A Class begins
- 18th:** Office closed (MLK Day), Night Circle
- 19th:** Morning Circle
- 20th:** Men of Church
- 21st:** Catechism Class begins
- 29-30:** Stated Presbytery @ Trinity PC, Florence



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday Schedule

Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)

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Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session
Judith A. Watkins, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Matt Bramlett & Tyson Eckley*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 3rd:** Epiphany Sunday / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen's family
- Sunday, 10th:** Coffee Hour: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Dick & Beth McCutchen
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
- Sunday, 17th:** Coffee: William & Judith Watkins
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
9:00 a.m. PWCT
5:30 p.m. Theology Q&A Class begins
- Monday, 18th:** Church Office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Ann West)
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Stephen Frazier)
- Thursday, 21st:** 5:30 p.m. Catechism Class begins
- Sunday, 24th:** Coffee Hour: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
- Fri.&Sat. 29-30:** Stated Presbytery @ Trinity PC < Florence
- Sunday, 31st:** Coffee Hour: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

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LCCM January Collection ~ GRITS ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, January 3rd for our monthly Altar collection



And so it begins – A.D. 2016!

From the Pastor's Desk

Not only does this begin my first full calendar year at Bishopville, not only is this the beginning of a new season, not only does this mark a time of reflection, recommitment and resolution, but New Year's is a time of great celebration. For my family in particular, New Year's has always been a special celebration because my dad is one of those unique people with a New Year's day birthday.

And so, for many years on New Year's Eve my family would shoot fireworks as a family to mark both the passage from one year to the other and his birthday. After all, nothing says "Happy Birthday" to dad like a blazing display of pyrotechnics out in the front yard for all the world to see. Sometimes this went amazingly well, gathering the attention of our neighbors and friends as we would set off well-timed, almost artistic bursts of fireworks. All too often, this went in the direction of setting Momma & Daddy's front yard on fire – but every year my dad smiles at the fireworks and the fun we have as a family setting them – to him, that's always what's really important.

As a church, this New Year is a year of great potential. This New Year of our Lord is a year where we can look forward to what he'll be doing in our lives and our community. This will be a New Year where we can examine our priorities and our practices and look at what really, truly matters – what is of *first importance*. *God Himself helps us to understand through the Apostle Paul: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4).*

This year we'll face challenges. This year we'll have changes. We'll meet new people, we'll experience new things. Through it all, we'll constantly and consistently be working – both as a session and as a congregation – to have a church that, like that well-timed burst of fireworks, goes off in an artistic glory, wowing and wooing our friends and neighbors, pointing them not to our ability, but to the God for whom all our effort is, as they say, "worth it." We'll do our best to rise to the opportunities our God gives us in Christ Jesus, and we'll do our best to make our Father in Heaven smile.

God, our Heavenly Father, knows we won't always get it right. God knows we'll sometimes end up scorching the yard and have to run for cover when the plans we make go somewhat off-kilter. But God has told us what's really important to him – and what should always be most important for us: that God so loved us that he gave us Jesus, his Son, to be our Lord and to be our Savior. And as we work together to glorify Him in Bishopville, as we keep that message of what is first importance as a church, we can know that our Heavenly Father smiles.

Happy 2016 – What a year this will be! -Pastor Chris



January Sermons

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| 3 rd : | <i>"Remember & Repent"</i> | Revelation 2:1-8 |
| 10 th : | <i>"Strengthen & Commit"</i> | Revelation 3:7-13 |
| 17 th : | <i>"What Hope We Have"</i> | Romans 5:1-11 |
| 24 th : | <i>"A Portrait of Heaven"</i> | Revelation 4:9-5.10 |
| 31 st : | <i>"How Long, O Lord?"</i> | Revelation 6:1-11 |

NEWS from the Session...

Happy New Year! 2015 was one of the fastest years of my life. What will 2016 bring us?

We, who are Christians, have faith that God will take care of us no matter what this world may bring.

This time last year, the Pulpit Search Committee was busy trying to find a pastor. Every time we met, we opened and closed our meeting requesting God's guidance and direction. God has brought us a wonderful pastor and family.

During the next month, Rev. Parnell will begin a Bible Study. I ask that each member pray and support this study. I encourage you to get more involved in our Church. If you are not going to Sunday School, please start. We have some great teachers and classes.

As always if a member of the session can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to call the Church or me (803.229.5307)!

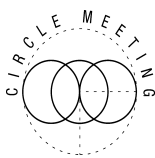
In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

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January Circle Hostesses

Night (18th) Marsha McCutchen

Morning (19th) Ann West



Men of Church

January 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host: Steven Frazier, our new MOC President

We would love to have you come join us for good food and good fellowship

Statistics

Month of December, 2015

Average Attendance: SS - 30, Worship - 83

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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| MTD Income received: | \$20,084.50 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$21,578.48 |
| YTD Income received: | \$157,112.13 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$159,435.78 |
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| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$192,343.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

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| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$68,226.20 |

Two new classes to start in 2016

A Catechism Class will begin Thursday, Jan. 21st @ 5:30 p.m. for youth interested in becoming a part of the fellowship of the church or interested in learning more about our church, denomination, and faith. Course materials will be provided, along with light refreshments. **Please RSVP by January 2, 2016**, if interested

A Theology Study, with a Q&A format, will begin Sunday, January 17th @ 5:30 p.m. This class is open to all church members, their friends, family, neighbors and anyone who wishes to participate. If you would like to submit questions for this class in advance, please email them to parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text them to [\(803\) 459-6800](tel:8034596800)

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ are asking anyone willing to help this ministry grow to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" bank in the Fellowship Hall to collect loose change. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries. Please return banks by January 17th. Thank you in advance for your support! To learn more visit: www.JewishVoiceToday.org

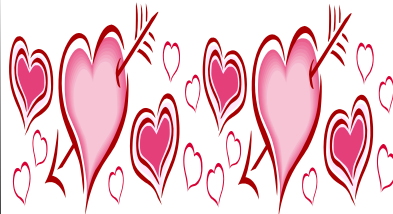
Happy Birthday



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| Robert McCutchen III | 2 |
| Ann West | 2 |
| Rhetta Simon Cloyd | 3 |
| Chip Smith | 3 |
| Bill Tindal | 3 |
| Kody Mills McCutchen | 4 |
| John Bell, Jr | 9 |
| Will McElveen | 9 |
| Kean Scott III | 9 |
| Marvis Baker | 11 |
| John Crues Bell IV | 12 |
| Bill Conway | 13 |
| Steven Welsh | 13 |
| Ken Cutler | 14 |
| T-Bo Ellen | 16 |
| Carole Scott | 18 |
| Aidan Hilditch | 25 |
| Jean Woodmansee | 26 |
| Gayle Kerr | 27 |
| Brooke Harrington | 30 |
| Amber Harrington | 30 |
| Josh Kirven | 30 |
| John Latimer | 30 |



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| Kayla McCutchen | 1 |
| Laura Latimer | 4 |
| Harry Woodmansee | 4 |
| Hampton Gaskins | 15 |
| Martha Kay Hunt | 15 |
| Benny Welch III | 15 |
| Patrick Finethy | 17 |
| Bubba Muldrow | 20 |
| Myers Varn Floyd | 21 |
| Shirley Wallace | 28 |





Thank You

Thank you to everyone for the gifts this Christmas season! It is always a pleasure seeing each of you! I pray that everyone has a safe & prosperous New 2016!

Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Louisa Frazier
Tuomey in Hospice

Laura Latimer
Morningside, Camden

Boochie Swearingen Sunrise, Charlotte



The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who recently lost family members & friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Gwen Newsome

Susan Patton

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. — Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added or changed from any of these calendars

| | | CALENDARS | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | HELPING HANDS | BELL RINGERS | GREETERS | NURSERY |
| January 3rd | Devin Atkinson | Kayla & Caroline McCutchen | Dawn Levers | Cindy Welsh |
| January 10th | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven | Brooke Welch | Bert Cousar | Meredith Gaskins |
| January 17th | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Jackie Drayton | Wendy Welch |
| January 24th | Conner Welch | Devin Atkinson | Gaskins Family | Jill McElveen |
| January 31st | Brooke Welch | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven | Betty Manning Heriot | Missy Kirven |

Yesterday's high: 90°
Last night's low: 72°

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December 18, 2015

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6

As I look back over the year, I realize how difficult it is to communicate well all the Lord is doing here. It has truly been a year full of blessings and there is much for which to be grateful.

My 75th birthday in November did not go by unobserved. To my amazement there were 9 celebrations with different people, most of them surprise! I thank the Lord for all the friends and students He has brought into my life in this “adopted” country for over 48 years. It is now my home, and I love it here. I praise Him every day for providing for us the way He has all these years.

A piano recital and a beautiful Christmas concert from the music school choir concluded the semester last week, and we have now begun our Christmas break. The church choir, which I accompany, will have four presentations during the holiday season. In between these activities I will also be making my regular weekend trips to visit village congregations in some of the most rural areas of the state of Yucatan.

Yalcoba's church has an impressive group of 60 children in their AWANA club, which meets for 4 hours every Saturday afternoon. Rodolfo, for whom I have often requested prayer, is very involved and has remained alcohol-free since March. His wife seems to also be drawing close to the Lord, which is a big answer to prayer.

The Chemax church building has most of its doors and windows in place, but they lack the funds for electricity to be installed. Please pray for Israel, the son of the elder who leads that church. He is a strong, dedicated Christian whose wife left him and took their two children to live with someone else. He is heart-broken over the situation and also because she seldom lets him see their children. I will be there on December 26th to play for his brother's wedding.

The Temax congregation recently went through a difficult experience with an interim pastor. They are currently without a pastor and struggling to regain the members they once had. The church now has about 20 children in attendance at Sunday School on Sunday mornings and about 20-25 adults regularly attend the evening service.

Tekom, another small group of believers, is also in need of a pastor. They recently expressed an interest in joining our Presbytery, and are awaiting the assignment of a pastor to provide some very needed guidance. Please continue to pray for the growth of this congregation.

I often visit the Followers of Christ church here in Merida. They are the last church where Dave served as pastor, and are very dear to me and our family. When I go, I usually take my keyboard in order to play during the worship service. After the services, I spend time counseling some of the women who are experiencing great family problems. They were one of the groups that surprised me on my birthday with a dinner, cake and a beautiful 24-rose floral arrangement.

On the home-front, we are grateful for God's goodness toward our family as we celebrate Mark and Altia's 25th and Daniel and Debbie's 15th wedding anniversaries, both in December. Each of their families is doing well as they serve the Lord in the places where He has called them. The grandkids are all growing so fast! Ellie will be returning home on Christmas Break from PA where she has been living and studying since August. John is now a freshman in high school and interested in mission work with immigrants from central and South America along the Mexico-Guatemala border. Alyssa is an 8th grader and hoping to join Daniel on their church's next summer mission trip to Yucatan. She and her brother Caleb, who is in 5th grade, are busy with piano lessons, school, and playing all kinds of sports; especially soccer. Owen, a 2nd grader, also enjoys sports, but baseball is his favorite. Little Diego will be 1 year old on January 1st. His 27 lbs. show that he is definitely part Legters! We are looking forward to next summer when the whole family will once again be together for a week. In the meantime, we praise God for Skype and internet for the times when we are not all close by! ☺

I want to thank you for your many prayers for my health. I have been feeling fair lately. The special glasses I received this summer do help for distance and study of music, but they are not so practical yet for reading music when I play the piano or for reading print. My neck and shoulder nerves are still being pressed by the cervical vertebrae, causing general discomfort and at times severe pain. My hope and prayer is that "when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold" Job 23:10. I am thankful for all the activities I can still enjoy. Some of my favorite times each day are helping Debbie care for Diego while she teaches in the mornings. I feed him breakfast and also rock him in his hammock when its time for his morning nap. The rest of my time is spent on the day-to-day work of being a housewife, planning and cooking meals, swimming for arthritis therapy, teaching every afternoon, going to choir practice twice a week, and ministering in the village churches on the weekends.

On January 5-8, I will be in the village of Libre Union attending Presbytery meetings and doing my usual selling of books and Bibles. January 18-29 the music school will be offering a 2 week very intensive program of studies for those who are unable to study the full course during the school year. The master's program will also be in progress then for theology graduates, and a 2 year Biblical counseling program of studies will begin. Just last week, 15 graduated in Biblical counseling. Another group focusing on youth ministry will graduate next year. Dave would have been very proud, and humbled, to see the growth the San Pablo Seminary has been experiencing.

Each of you means much to me and my family. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and gifts. With 2016 just around the corner, let us place our lives in the hands of our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace- the best place to be.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Jean (for the family)

If you would like to send a tax-deductible gift, you can mail it to:
Son Raise Missionary Services
P.O. Box 43
Byron Center, MI 49315

Please make your check out to Son Raise Missionary Services (or SRMS) and include a note on the memo section indicating the designation of your gift.



Diego always smiling



My students celebrate my birthday



The Seminary Choir



Windows and doors for Chemax church



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

For many years, the Seminary Choir has gone on choir tours to different states in Mexico. In the past few years, due to the economy, we have had to limit our travels to places nearby. One of the purposes of these tours is to promote the San Pablo Seminary and Music School, but in order to accomplish this we need to secure funding for the transportation of the entire choir.

Lord willing, in May of 2016 we will be traveling to the state of Quintana Roo. We are writing this letter to request your help in achieving this purpose. The trip will cost approximately \$40,000 pesos (approximately \$2,400 USD). We know that any love offering you are able to give will be of great value in promoting our seminary, a place where excellent leaders are prepared for the work of expanding God's Kingdom.

We do not doubt that the Lord will provide for His work. We appreciate your help, and trust that 2016 will be a year filled with every spiritual blessing.

A servant for Jesus' sake,

Ever Alfaro Garcia
Music School Director
Cell phone: 011-521-999-173-8876 (Spanish only)

If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please send your gift to:

The Renasant Bank
c/o Ms. Charlene Rohn
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Kosciusko, MS 39090

Please make your check out to Jean Legters, indicating on the memo line that it is for the San Pablo Music School. Also, please send Jean an e-mail at jeanlegters@gmail.com to inform her of your gift so that the funds can be given in Mexican pesos to the Music School director.

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- 2nd:** Adult Fellowship Annual Soup Luncheon / Groundhog Day
- 7th:** LCCM food collection / Souperbowl offering / Transfiguration of Lord
- 10th:** Ash Wednesday Community Service @ BUMC / Lent lunch @ BUMC
- 14th:** Session / PWCT / First Sunday in Lent / Kids Valentine banquet
- 15th:** Office closed (Presidents Day), Night Circle
- 16th:** Morning Circle
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- 24th:** Lent lunch @ BUMC

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Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, 2nd:** 12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship Soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, 7th:** Transfiguration of LORD / LCCM food collection / Souperbowl
Coffee Hour: Meredith, Missy, Melinda
Flowers: Louise McCutchen
- Wednesday, 10th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ BUMC
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Community Service @ BUMC
- Sunday, 14th:** First Sunday in Lent
Coffee Hour: Coffee & Doughnuts—Church
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. PWCT
6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Valentine banquet in Fellowship Hall
- Monday, 15th:** Church Office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Hostess: Ann Cooper)
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Hostess: Judith Watkins)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ BPC
7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Billy Clyburn & William McElveen)
- Sunday, 21st:** Second Sunday in Lent
Coffee Hour: Margery Jeffords & Doris Bell
Flowers: Family of Iris Thomas
- Wednesday, 24th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ BUMC
- Sunday, 28th:** Third Sunday in Lent
Coffee Hour: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Diane & William McElveen

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15

This was (and is) one of my dad’s favorite verses that he would often use to inspire me and my siblings to take seriously the task of learning and memorizing the Bible. Of course, Daddy would quote the King James, so he’d say, “Now Chris, you need to study to show thyself approved...” I guess he was trying to instill good habits in his children, and I can’t blame him; I’m trying to do the same with my own kids.

You probably know, or have heard, if you’ve been by my office at all, that I’ve got no shortage of books. I’ve filled one wall and started on another wall of books, and we’ve got 3 or 4 bookcases filled at home. Laura and I sometimes joke that we’d start a bookstore, but we wouldn’t make a dime on it, because we both love being surrounded by lots and lots of books. I don’t think either of us could part with any of them (maybe...). I guess that happens when a man with English and ministry degrees marries a woman with a passion for teaching.

The thing is, most of the books I own are tools. A teacher of mine used to say that the church was especially blessed by the printing press, because it enables the saints and father of the church to continue to speak to the church today, even though they’ve gone on to be with our Lord. Those books are ways in which I can connect with and be instructed by people much smarter than me who have studied and handled the Word of Truth, and whose labors help me and you to do the same – to rightly handle what God has said to us.

God, in his wisdom and through his Holy Spirit, has blessed the church with those called to be teachers, specifically teachers of his Holy Word. Those who were called to this have written, then, on the many topics to which the Bible speaks. What I’d like to do, then, is to share with you my suggestions for a reading list for the remainder of 2016. While some of these aren’t the newest books, they’re all books that have been meaningful to me as a believer and as a pastor – and most of all, they’ve been some very helpful resources for me as I too “study to show myself approved...”

- ***Radical* – David Platt, 2010** (A powerful book that challenges our assumptions about the Christian life)
- ***The Marrow of Modern Divinity* – Edward Fisher, 1645** (An incredible theology with a deeply moving emphasis on the Gospel)
- ***The Explicit Gospel* – Matt Chandler with Jared Wilson, 2012** (Another book on the Gospel, from a more modern perspective)
- ***Surprising Insights from the Unchurched* – Thom Rainer, 2001** (This book rocked my world as a church leader and student - and still does)
- ***Spiritual Birthline* – Stephen Smallman, 2006** (This presents an incredible and encouraging way to understand "being born again")
- ***The Screwtape Letters* – C.S. Lewis, 1942** (Humorous & poignant at times, this is a great encourager for all of us)
- ***Transforming Church in Rural America* – Shannon O’Dell, 2010** (A great resource for any church looking for renewal)
- ***The Christian Atheist* – Craig Groeschel, 2010** (A thought-provoking book on personal commitment & discipleship)
- ***The Parables* – Simon Kistemaker, 1980** (One of the best resources out there to understand & study Jesus’ most perplexing teachings)

Blessing! Pastor Chris

February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 7 th : | <i>“Renewing the Self”</i> | Romans 6:1-12 |
| 14 th : | <i>“Belonging to God”</i> | Revelation 7:1-10 |
| 21 st : | <i>“Praying for the End”</i> | Revelation 8:1-6 |
| 28 th : | <i>“Looking at the Beginning”</i> | Romans 8:1-11 |

NEWS from the Session...

January was a very busy month for the Session. We held our regular meeting on January 10th and Cindy Welsh & Steven Frazier were elected Chairperson's of our 2016 Elder Nominating Committee. Letters will be placed in Sunday School rooms soon asking for volunteers to be on their committee. The committee will be prayerfully selecting names to present to the congregation in May for the 2019 Elder seats. Please pray about those who will lead the Church for the next 3 years.

Some of you may be feeling lonely and sad today - cold weather has that effect on us, so please pickup a phone and call someone - you may be the only person that some people have to talk to all day.

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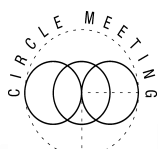
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| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$12.41 |

Theology Study (Q&A format)

Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Open to all church members, their friends, family, neighbors and anyone who wishes to participate. To submit advance questions for the class, please email: parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text them to (803) 459-6800

Adult Fellowship Annual Soup Luncheon

Tuesday, February 2nd @ 12:00



The Committee will provide the soup. Please bring a complimentary dish (sandwiches, salad, bread, etc...) and join us for an enjoyable lunch

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ are asking anyone willing to help to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" bank in the Fellowship Hall to collect loose change. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries.

We raise over \$850 in our last campaign. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Through our support, indigent people in many countries receive:

Free medical & dental care

Individual water filters, if needed

The opportunity to receive compassionate prayer & hear the gospel of Yeshua (Jesus)

Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people.

Happy Birthday



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| Kayla McCutchen | 1 |
| Laura Latimer | 4 |
| Harry Woodmansee | 4 |
| Hampton Gaskins | 15 |
| Martha Kay Hunt | 15 |
| Benny Welch III | 15 |
| Patrick Finethy | 17 |
| Laura Parnell | 19 |
| Bubba Muldrow | 20 |
| Myers Varn Floyd | 21 |
| Shirley Wallace | 28 |

Congratulations to **Jennifer & Thad Bailey** on the safe arrival of their daughter, **Ruby Nell Bailey**, born January 20, 2016 weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.



Proud grandparents are **Debbie & Bill Tindal**
We rejoice with them on this very happy occasion!

The Kids for Christ will serve a Valentine meal to our congregation Sunday, February 14th @ 6:00 pm
Please come out and support them

Decision America Tour Prayer Rally
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
12:00 pm
Capitol North Side
1100 Gervais St
Columbia, SC 29201



Dear Friend,
I'm going to be in Columbia on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, for a Decision America Tour prayer rally. I hope you and your congregation will join me to intercede for our troubled country. I challenge believers to pray for our nation, vote for candidates who support Biblical values and run for office at all levels—local, state, and federal. I will also be sharing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, which has the power to change hearts and lives. America has turned its back on God and unless we repent and put our faith in Him, the future of our nation is grim. Will you stand with me in prayer on Feb. 9th? I encourage you to bring a van or a bus and as many people as possible to this historic event. Let's join together in prayer for our country before it's too late.

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14, NKJV
I hope to see you there! Thank you, and may God bless you.
Franklin Graham, President Samaritan's Purse
The Decision America Tour is a ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association



Community Ash Wednesday Service
Bethlehem United Methodist Church
February 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

~ **Lenten Lunch Schedule: Wednesday's @ 12:00 noon** ~
Bethlehem UMC: February 10th, 24th & March 9th
Bishopville PC: February 17th, March 2nd & 16th
A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Love offering collected

Please remember our HOMEBOUND especially during the frigid weather

Louisa Frazier
Tuomey in Hospice

Laura Latimer
Morningside, Camden

Boochie Swearingen Sunrise, Charlotte

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CALENDARS

| | HELPING HANDS | BELL RINGERS | GREETERS | NURSERY |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| February 7th | Kayla & Caroline McCutchen | Conner Welch | Kirven Family | Melinda Atkinson |
| February 14th | Devin Atkinson | Kayla & Caroline McCutchen | Jennifer McCutchen | Cindy Welsh |
| February 21st | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven | Brooke Welch | Jimmy McCutchen | Meredith Gaskins |
| February 28th | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Kayla McCutchen | Wendy Welch |

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March At A Glance

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| 2nd: | Lent lunch @ BPC | 16th: | Men of Church / Lent lunch @ BPC |
| 6th: | LCCM food collection | 20th: | Palm Sunday |
| 9th: | Lent lunch @ BUMC | 24th: | Office closed / Maundy Thursday |
| 13th: | Session / PWCT / DST | 25th: | Good Friday service @ BUMC |
| 14th: | Night Circle | 27th: | Easter Sunrise service & breakfast @ BPC |
| 15th: | Morning Circle | | |



SPRING Begins
March 13th

Don't forget to spring forward an hour before bed on March 12th



2016



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday Schedule

Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)
Other hours by appointment/program needs

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Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session
Judith A. Watkins, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Judith Watkins & Tyson Eckley

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, 2nd:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall
(Speakers: Ross, Luke, David Bradley)
- Thursday, 3rd:** World Day of Prayer (program @ Courthouse)
- Sunday, 6th:** Fourth Sunday in Lent / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Jill & Will McElveen
- Wednesday, 9th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ BUMC
- Sunday, 13th:** Fifth Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings time begins
Coffee Hour: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Dawn & Craig Nesbit
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. PWCT
- Monday, 14th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Hostess: Debbie Tindal)
- Tuesday, 15th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Hostess: Margery & Jackie)
- Wednesday, 16th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ BPC (Speaker: Rev. Chris Parnell)
7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Perry & Dick)
- Sunday, 20th:** Palm Sunday
Coffee Hour: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Janice Reynolds
- Thursday, 24th:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Communion @ BPC / Church office closed
- Friday, 25th:** 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service @ BUMC
- Sunday, 27th:** Easter Sunday
Coffee Hour: Young Adult SS Class
Flowers: Matt & Betsy Bramlett / Betty Heriot
7:00 a.m. Easter sunrise service & breakfast @ BPC

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Unless otherwise noted

Closed: Thursday, March 24th (Easter holiday)

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LCCM March Collection ~ RICE ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, March 6th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

“In Luke 12:35-36, Jesus says, “*Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who wait for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.*”

My son Patrick really appreciates what Jesus says in this passage. Patrick has, among other things, an “adventure suit” he uses at home, complete with a backpack filled with the things he needs “just in case something happens.” He has his goggles, his rope, his wrench, and his flashlight – everything a little boy needs to face every situation life throws at him. Sometimes I watch him and wonder, why don’t I have an adventure suit, too?

Perhaps this isn’t, or shouldn’t be, one of those half-humorous, rhetorical type questions, particularly in light of Jesus’ admonition in Luke 12 – not to mention what Peter says in 1 Peter 3:15: “In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...” Perhaps, just maybe, we too, even as adults, should have our own “adventure suits” as believers, things which, like Patrick’s tools, help us to be ready for whatever situation life throws at us. What sorts of things should we include? What sorts of tools should we have ready? Let me suggest the following four items, things we need “just in case something happens”:

(1) **Goggles** – Nothing’s worse than getting something in your eye. Jesus himself warns us in Matthew 6:12, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light.” In other words, *what we allow ourselves to see* has a profound effect on our thoughts, our attitudes, and our character. How many times have we seen something we probably shouldn’t have and let that affect how we treated someone, or what we thought? Follow Job’s advice to protect your mind from unwanted influences – choose to exercise eye protection.

(2) **Rope** – Sometimes you need to hold something together; sometimes you need something to pull you out of a tight spot. In Ephesians 4, Paul writes about the church, and how the church has been bound together, held together for the purpose of mutual growth and support. Verse 16 says, “[The] whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” Jesus has tied us together to both hold us and to help us to pull each other out of the tight spots in life – and the church (*and our participation in it*) is our rope!

(3) **Wrench** – Broken things need to get fixed, and as we all know, things get broken. Some things can be fixed with a little know-how and elbow-grease, but some jobs need special tools to get it done. Paul reminds Timothy of this tool in his second letter: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” The Bible is our best resource, *our most trustworthy tool for every situation*, every time we need to fix what’s broken, or to keep what’s fixed from getting broken!

(4) **Light** – And then there’s the dark; the dark unnerves us, makes us vulnerable, and gets us lost. We’re creatures of the light; and God gives us his perfect light: “The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.” Jesus is our light, and he is – as he says – *the light of the world*. When we draw close to him in prayer or study or practice, we step into his light, and we reflect his light for others to be able to see. With his light, we use the tool he’s given us correctly. With his light, we see the rope which binds us clearly. And with his light, we protect our vision – and our minds.

So let’s put together our own “adventure suits”, with the right tools for every situation – and let’s go out and live the adventure the Lord brings us, the adventure of our walk in faith in Him!

God Bless! Pastor Chris

March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 6th: | “A New Beginning” | Romans 8:1-11 |
| 13th | “The World’s Need” | Revelation 9:20-21 |
| 20th | “This is the Day” | Revelation 10:1-7 |
| 27th: | “He’s not Here, but Has Risen” | Luke 24.1-12 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on February 14th. We received a report from Dick McCutchen on the Presbytery meeting he attended at Trinity PC in Florence. Perry also attended this meeting. Jimmy McCutchen & Billy Clyburn audited the 2015 financial records. They were complimentary of the well organized records that Gwen kept and also commended Gregg McCutchen for the job he did as treasurer.

It is hard to realize that Easter is just a few weeks away. We will hold the Maundy Thursday communion on the 24th. Our Easter sunrise service will on the 27th @ 7 am with biscuits and coffee after the service. All churches are invited.

We will have our bi-annual Homecoming in October. Please plan to attend.

As always if a member of the session can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to call the Church (803.484.5441) or me (803.229.5307)

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: March 13th @ 8:00 a.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MARCH

***Judith Watkins & Tyson Eckley**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

~ Holy Week Community Events ~

Maundy Communion: March 24th @ 7:00 pm
Bishopville PC

Good Friday Service: March 25th @ 6:00 pm
Bethlehem UMC

Easter Sunrise & breakfast: March 27th @ 7 am
Bishopville PC



Thank you to my entire CHURCH FAMILY for all your prayers and support. Our GOD hears us and HE will answer! I will see you soon.
Your Christian Brother,
Bobby Thomas

Statistics

Month of February, 2016

Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 73

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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| MTD Income received: | \$11,943.50 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$13,789.94 |
| YTD Income received: | \$21,664.50 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$27,404.85 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$34,474.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$29,419.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

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| MTD Income received: | \$150.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$92.66 |
| YTD Income received: | \$22,096.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$105.07 |

~ Lenten Lunch Schedule ~

Wednesday's @ 12:00 noon

Bethlehem UMC: March 9th

Bishopville PC: March 2nd & 16th

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Love offering collected

Speakers

March 2nd: Ross, Luke & David Bradley

March 16th: Rev. Chris Parnell



Men of Church

March 16th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host: Perry & Dick McCutchen

We would love to have you come join us for good food and good fellowship

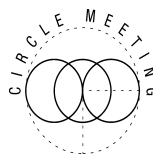
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March Circle Hostesses

Night (14th) Debbie Tindal

Morning (15th) Jackie Drayton & Margery Jeffords

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Happy Birthday



- Graham Couch 2
- Bo Simon 2
- Louise McCutchen 3
- Carol Latimer Finethy 4
- Emmett Kerr 5
- Katie Ellen 7
- Bill Gaskins 8
- William Corbett 9
- Isabelle Tindal Bailey 10
- Lena McCutchen 10
- Meredith Gaskins 12
- Emmie McCutchen 19
- English Cooper 20
- Tyson Eckley 22
- Louis Shirley 22
- Jane Huggins 26
- Peyton Welch 27
- Carl Frazier 29
- Cindy Welsh 29
- Bill Tindal, Jr. 30
- Lian Latimer 31



- Gwen Steinmeyer 2
- Melinda Atkinson 3
- Kerry W. Frazier 3
- Zach Scott 3
- Dot Cothran 4
- Kathryn Welch 4
- Ollie Broadway 6
- Belle S. Branham 10
- Reneé Bell 13
- Doris Bell 14
- Tyner Bramlett 20
- Caroline McCutchen 20
- Devin Atkinson 22
- Susan L. Hilditch 23
- Weston Jeffords 25
- Ryan McCutchen 25
- Sarah McCutchen 26
- Gregg McCutchen III 27

Happy Easter!



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 26th
11:30 a.m.
Kerry & Steven Frazier's
(1736 Dog Island Rd)

Each child is asked to bring 6 eggs (hard boiled or plastic, candy filled). Lunch is provided. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be cancelled

PILLARS OF TRUTH
River Oaks Community Church
Clemmons, NC
Saturday, March 19th
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

All women are welcome. This will be a day full of fun, fellowship and sharing as we worship and experience the power of God through our presenters & each other as we learn and encourage one another to be strong women of integrity!

Sponsored by Women's Ministry of Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic.
 Author/speaker: Sara Bush \$15/pp

Elder Class of 2019

Nominations are being accepted throughout March. Please complete a form and submit it to the Church office or to a Committee member. Nomination forms are in Sunday School rooms and in the Sanctuary (same format as last year). **Nomination Deadline: March 31st**

2016 Elder Nomination Committee Members

- Steven Frazier, Chair
- Cindy Welsh, Co-Chair
- Betsy Bramlett
- Martha Kay Hunt

If you wish to not serve, please contact a Committee member or the Church office

Please remember our HOMEBOUND

Louisa Frazier @ Springdale Health Center, Camden

Laura Latimer @ Morningside, Camden Boochie Swearingen @ Sunrise, Charlotte

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| | | CALENDARS | | |
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| | HELPING HANDS | BELL RINGERS | GREETERS | NURSERY |
| March 6th | Conner Welch | Devin Atkinson | Marsha McCutchen | Jill McElveen |
| March 13th | Brooke Welch | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven | Cameron & Jill McElveen | Missy Kirven |
| March 20th | Kayla & Caroline McCutchen | Conner Welch | Dawn Levers | Melinda Atkinson |
| March 27th | Devin Atkinson | Kayla & Caroline McCutchen | Bubba Muldrow | Cindy Welsh |



January 31, 2016

Dear friends at Bishopville,

Thank you so much for all your faithful support in 2015. Your prayers & financial gifts enable me to continue the ministry Dave & I had, particularly in the villages. I'm having 2 laser treatments on my left eye, which is very cloudy and is affecting the little vision I have. Prayers and European treatment on my neck vertebrae have helped me tremendously. I no longer have the severe pain and headaches I was experiencing. Now my daily tasks are much easier. If possible, I hope to visit Bishopville this summer, if my son Daniel can chauffeur. Thanks again for all you do and Gwen especially for doing such a good job keeping the records straight.

Blessing -- Jean Legters



Jan/Feb 2016

Asaph & Lynn

Two New Cricket Academies....

We have just returned from a two-week trip where we visited seven places (Sahiwal, Jang, Bahawalnagar, Arifwala, Gaggio, Village 93 and Village 199). These times of traveling outside of Lahore are quite intense but exhilarating at the same time as we see the Spirit moving. They are necessary in order to be faithful to what God has called us to. We are so encouraged at the opportunities and doors that God opened during this recent trip. During this time Asaph started two more Cricket Academies in Jang and Buhawalnagar, two places where he has been in contact with young men for the last ten years. He was able to meet with young men in these towns and began teaching them how to lead inductive Bible study to engage the youth that come to the Cricket academies. We are so thankful to God for giving us these opportunities to continue to expand this network of Cricket academies. There are now seven Cricket academies, which are places where God is transforming lives.

Lynn, Leah and Emma are doing well in homeschooling. And they stay busy taking care of our 3 bunnies, doing magic tricks and making craft projects. We are happy that our girls are doing well living here. Lynn will be attending the Thrive Ministry conference in Dubai next week. This is a special time for "Global Women to get away from their demanding work for a time of rest, renewal, and refreshment. The women are ministered to holistically - spiritually, emotionally, and physically." Please pray for Lynn and this time of rest and renewal.

Special Prayer Concern: In Colossians 1:24 Paul says, "I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body" (his kingdom). A lot of times we find ourselves trying to be as far away from suffering as possible but as a servant of Lord Jesus Christ, Paul's ambition in life was to soak up what was lacking in the sufferings of Christ. There are Christ's followers in PK who are very much in state of suffering because of their faith. This month we want you to pray for a local believer who belongs to a very small rural Presbyterian church in south Punjab (Village 199). Gafoor and his brother were both accused of an attempted rape against a majority woman. The accusation is completely false yet this situation is being used to pressurize this Christian family who is trying to be a bold witness of Christ in the community. The father of these brothers is an elder in the local church. They have a good reputation in the community and have had several Muslim families who have come forward to defend them, which is a testimony in itself, however it has been a great struggle for them during the last few weeks. Asaph had the opportunity to go and share the word with this family and pray for them. Pray for this family that they will be set free from this situation and even more that they maybe able to live out their faith boldly, continuing to love their neighbors when it is very difficult.

Pray for the new cricket academies, especially for the leadership as they begin inductive Bible studies. Pray for the boys who will begin playing cricket and meeting in groups for Bible studies. Pray for Gafoor and his family as they endure the false accusations. Pray for God to lead us to the right vehicle and to protect us from being scammed as we look for a used 4x4. Pray for Leah and Emma as they continue to develop their relationship with God, as they read their Bibles and pray

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April At A Glance

- 3rd: LCCM food collection / Gideon Sunday
Chris on vacation
- 10th: Session
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church
- 24th: Family Night Supper
- 29-30: Stated Presbytery, Richmond Va.



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Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30
a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Dick McCutchen & Cindy Welsh*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 3rd:** Second Sunday after Easter / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Matt & Betsy Bramlett / Betty Manning Heriot
Flowers: Church Arrangement
- Sunday, 10th:** Third Sunday after Easter
Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: Hank & Kathryn Welch
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
- Sunday, 17th:** Fourth Sunday after Easter
Coffee Hour: Leon & Martha Kay Hunt
Flowers: Isabelle McCutchen
9:00 a.m. PWCT
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Hostess: Betsy Bramlett)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Hostess: Janice Reynolds)
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Leon, Ralph, Louis)
- Sunday, 24th:** Fifth Sunday after Easter
Coffee Hour: Ann & Nick West
Flowers: Family of Rob McCutchen, Jr.
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
- Fr-Sa, 29-30th:** Stated Presbytery @ Hope Church, Richmond, Va.

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Unless otherwise noted

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LCCM April Collection ~ CANNED MEATS ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, April 3rd for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

Someone once said that one of the Bible's surest proofs is the reality with which it depicts human nature. We tend, as humans, to emphasize our good traits and de-emphasize our bad traits – the Bible, however, “lays it all out there,” showing and telling us how it really is. While many of us have forgotten our civics classes from high school, none of us have ever forgotten what it was like to get that first “official” paycheck and looking at the results of all our hard labor – and discovering the joys of paying income taxes and social security. My oldest girl had figured out how quickly she could buy her own car at a certain per hour rate until we told her how much she'd be paying in taxes, to which she replied, “Why even bother, if they're going to take that much?!”

In First Samuel we hear and see Israel's clamor for a king; give us a king, they cry out to Samuel, let us have a ruler, someone to lead us, to shepherd us, to protect us from our enemies, someone to stand at the front and make us feel better. Samuel listens and listens, and – like a parent trying to explain to their son or daughter about taxes – gives them a stern warning about having a king – particularly the inevitable behavior of that king.

He said (in 1st Samuel 8), “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of what you have...”

Sometimes you can't know how much something is going to cost until you start paying for it. Just as our kids discover this with taxes, the Israelites discover with their kings – starting with Saul. The kings of Israel and Judah indeed take the best from the Israelites as payment for the security, leadership, and prestige (one might say privilege) that comes from having a king. Israel hasn't counted the cost, and even though Samuel warns them sternly, they can't really know until they start paying for those kings. The thing is, anything we put our trust in, especially our trust for those issues of protection, leadership, and reputation, come with a cost, a cost we'll never fully appreciate – until time comes to start paying. So, to what are we looking for our protection? To whom are we looking to be our king?

This brings us to an interesting point about Samuel's dire, harsh warning about what a king will do when you ask him to step into and take over your life. The “warning” takes on a whole different flavor altogether when you realize that – in addition to the, shall we say, less than stellar human kings of Israel – he's also prophesying to Israel, and to us, the nature of the One True King!

Try this out: put the word “Jesus” after the word “king” in 1st Samuel 8 – These will be the ways of the King Jesus who will reign over you: He will take your sons and daughters and appoint them to His chariots and to be His horsemen and to run before His chariots and to be His perfumers and cooks and bakers. Hey, I don't know about you, but I'd love nothing better for my kids than for them to serve the Lord and His Kingdom. And when I submit myself to the One King, the True King, I put myself and my family in a position to where, even though my King expects and will take the best of the things in my life, I know he'll use them in amazing, powerful, and wonderful ways.

And here's the best part of all – all the cost of the king, that price you pay – Jesus our King paid it all. And just like taxes or anything else, the more we live it, the more we appreciate how much it cost Him to buy our lives, our freedom, our salvation, and our best. All hail the King! – Pastor Chris

April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 3rd: | Gideon Sunday | Speaker: Marty Arnold |
| 10th | “The Trumpet Will Sound” | Revelation 11:15-19 |
| 17th | “Children & Heirs” | Romans 8:12-17 |
| 24th: | “Still Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus” | Revelation 12:1-6, 17 |
| May 1st: | “Dealing with Opposition” | Revelation 13:1-10 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on March 13th, the first morning of daylight savings time. We received a thank you from Anne Finch for our Church's contribution to the Guatemala Sewing mission.

The Administration/Finance committee is working on the Church By-Laws. After Session approval, they will be presented to the congregation for approval.

The Worship committee has set October 16th as the date for Homecoming this year. Please make plans to attend.

If you are searching for answers about the Bible, please try our Bible Study on Sunday's from 5:30 - 6:30, in the Fellowship Hall, lead by our pastor, Chris Parnell.

If you know someone who doesn't attend Church, please invite them to ours. We have some great Sunday school teacher's and Chris really does have some very good sermons.

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In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: April 10th @ 8:00 a.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR APRIL

***Dick McCutchen & Cindy Welsh**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Lenten lunches a success!



*Thank you to everyone for the phone calls, texts, emails, cards, pm's & especially your prayers & support for my family after the tragic death of my nephew, Thomas Hayden.
Love, Gwen Steinmeyer*

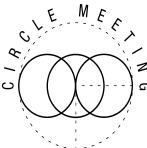
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| Month of March, 2016 | |
| Average Attendance: SS - 38 Worship - 83 | |
| Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$11,855.25 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$17,401.82 |
| YTD Income received: | \$33,519.75 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$44,524.79 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$51,711.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$49,037.00 |
| Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses | |
| (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$375.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$0.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$22,471.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$105.07 |



Men of Church
March 20h @ 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Leon Hunt, Ralph DesChamps, Louis Shirley

We would love to have you come join us for good food and good fellowship



April Circle Hostesses
Night (18th) Betsy Bramlett
Morning (19th) Janice Reynolds

Theology Study (Q&A format)

Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.

No Study on April 3rd

Open to anyone who wishes to participate.

To submit advance questions, please

email: parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text 803.459.6800



In loving memory
Louisa Davis Frazier
10/02/1924 – 3/14/2016

Jewish Voice Ministries International

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Through our support, indigent people in many countries receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, if needed, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Yeshua (Jesus)

Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people.

Happy Birthday



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| Gwen Steinmeyer | 2 |
| Melinda Atkinson | 3 |
| Kerry W. Frazier | 3 |
| Zach Scott | 3 |
| Dot Cothran | 4 |
| Kathryn Welch | 4 |
| Ollie Broadway | 6 |
| Belle S. Branham | 10 |
| Reneé Bell | 13 |
| Doris Bell | 14 |
| Tyner Bramlett | 20 |
| Caroline McCutchen | 20 |
| Devin Atkinson | 22 |
| Susan L. Hilditch | 23 |
| Weston Jeffords | 25 |
| Ryan McCutchen | 25 |
| Sarah McCutchen | 26 |
| Gregg McCutchen III | 27 |

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| Terri Ann Tindal | 13 |
| Lila Mae Welsh | 14 |
| Beth McCutchen | 17 |
| Nicholas Jeffords | 23 |
| Ricky McCutchen | 23 |
| Katherine Folsom | 25 |
| Virginia Kerr | 28 |
| Debbie Tindal | 28 |
| Tim Kirven | 31 |



Our March Visitors
 Virginia, Charlie, Covington Ipock
 Beth Grant
 Susan Eckelberger
 Debbie Young
 Robin Jeffords
 Andrea King
 Rev. & Mrs. Eddie Thomas
 The Aaron Easters family
 Mary Wade O'Kelley Smith

Lee County EMS Health Fair
Saturday, April 16th ~ 10 am - 1 pm
Lee County EMS Base (130 Industrial Blvd)
 They will be checking glucose levels, blood pressures, etc... The Script of Life will be distributed to those interested. This info may save your life in an emergency
 Vendors, Services & Programs provided by: McLeod hospital, Carolina Pines hospital, Carolina's hospital System, Kershaw Health, Palmetto Tuomey, Hospice Care of SC, SAFE KIDS, Lee County Fire dept., City of Bish-
 opville Police & Sheriff's office, etc...

Please remember our HOMEBOUND
Laura Latimer @ Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen @ Sunrise, Charlotte

Elder election for Class of 2019 Sunday, May 15th

The Nomination committee will meet in April to prepare a slate of 3 candidates for the congregation to consider. Please prayerfully consider serving, if asked

2016 Elder Nomination Committee Members
 Steven Frazier, Chair Cindy Welsh, Co-Chair
 Betsy Bramlett Martha Kay Hunt
 Nick West

If you wish to not serve, please contact a Committee member or the Church office

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added or changed from any of these calendars

| | | CALENDARS | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| | HELPING HANDS | BELL RINGERS | GREETERS | NURSERY |
| April 3rd | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett | Brooke Welch | Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen | Meredith Gaskins |
| April 10th | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Janice Reynolds | Wendy Welch |
| April 17th | Conner Welch | Devin Atkinson | Shirley Wallace | Jill McElveen |
| April 24th | Brooke Welch | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven | William Watkins | Missy Kirven |



January 31, 2016

Dear friends at Bishopville,

Thank you so much for all your faithful support in 2015. Your prayers & financial gifts enable me to continue the ministry Dave & I had, particularly in the villages. I'm having 2 laser treatments on my left eye, which is very cloudy and is affecting the little vision I have. Prayers and European treatment on my neck vertebrae have helped me tremendously. I no longer have the severe pain and headaches I was experiencing. Now my daily tasks are much easier. If possible, I hope to visit Bishopville this summer, if my son Daniel can chauffeur. Thanks again for all you do and Gwen especially for doing such a good job keeping the records straight.

Blessing -- Jean Legters



Jan/Feb 2016

Asaph & Lynn

Two New Cricket Academies....

We have just returned from a two-week trip where we visited seven places (Sahiwal, Jang, Bahawalnagar, Arifwala, Gaggo, Village 93 and Village 199). These times of traveling outside of Lahore are quite intense but exhilarating at the same time as we see the Spirit moving. They are necessary in order to be faithful to what God has called us to. We are so encouraged at the opportunities and doors that God opened during this recent trip. During this time Asaph started two more Cricket Academies in Jang and Buhawalnagar, two places where he has been in contact with young men for the last ten years. He was able to meet with young men in these towns and began teaching them how to lead inductive Bible study to engage the youth that come to the Cricket academies. We are so thankful to God for giving us these opportunities to continue to expand this network of Cricket academies. There are now seven Cricket academies, which are places where God is transforming lives.

Lynn, Leah and Emma are doing well in homeschooling. And they stay busy taking care of our 3 bunnies, doing magic tricks and making craft projects. We are happy that our girls are doing well living here. Lynn will be attending the Thrive Ministry conference in Dubai next week. This is a special time for "Global Women to get away from their demanding work for a time of rest, renewal, and refreshment. The women are ministered to holistically - spiritually, emotionally, and physically." Please pray for Lynn and this time of rest and renewal.

Special Prayer Concern: In Colossians 1:24 Paul says, "I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body" (his kingdom). A lot of times we find ourselves trying to be as far away from suffering as possible but as a servant of Lord Jesus Christ, Paul's ambition in life was to soak up what was lacking in the sufferings of Christ. There are Christ's followers in PK who are very much in state of suffering because of their faith. This month we want you to pray for a local believer who belongs to a very small rural Presbyterian church in south Punjab (Village 199). Gafoor and his brother were both accused of an attempted rape against a majority woman. The accusation is completely false yet this situation is being used to pressurize this Christian family who is trying to be a bold witness of Christ in the community. The father of these brothers is an elder in the local church. They have a good reputation in the community and have had several Muslim families who have come forward to defend them, which is a testimony in itself, however it has been a great struggle for them during the last few weeks. Asaph had the opportunity to go and share the word with this family and pray for them. Pray for this family that they will be set free from this situation and even more that they maybe able to live out their faith boldly, continuing to love their neighbors when it is very difficult.

Pray for the new cricket academies, especially for the leadership as they begin inductive Bible studies. Pray for the boys who will begin playing cricket and meeting in groups for Bible studies. Pray for Gafoor and his family as they endure the false accusations. Pray for God to lead us to the right vehicle and to protect us from being scammed as we look for a used 4x4. Pray for Leah and Emma as they continue to develop their relationship with God, as they read their Bibles and pray

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May At A Glance

- 1st: LCCM food collection
- 5th: National Day of Prayer
- 8th: Session / Mother's Day / Communion
- 15th: Day of Pentecost / PWCT / Elder election
- 17th: Morning Circle Spring luncheon
- 18th: Men of Church
- 22nd: Trinity Sunday
- 24-30th: Office closed for Vacation/Holiday

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

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MAY

BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Gregg McCutchen & Bobby Thomas*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 1st:** Sixth Sunday after Easter / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen
Flowers: Wendy Welch
- Thursday, 5th:** National Day of Prayer
- Sunday, 8th:** Seventh Sunday after Easter / Mother's Day / Communion
Communion Elders: Judith Watkins & Tyson Eckley)
Coffee Hour: New Young Adult SS Class
Flowers: Tom English McCutchen
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
- Sunday, 15th:** Day of Pentecost / Elder election
Coffee Hour: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
9:00 a.m. PWCT
3:00 p.m. DAR reception in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, 17th:** 10:45 a.m. Morning Circle leaves for Spring luncheon
3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 22nd:** Trinity Sunday
Coffee Hour: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Ann & Nick West
- Sunday, 29th:** Second Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Coffee & Doughnuts provided by Church
Flowers: Cathcart Family
- Tues-Mon. 24-30:** Church office closed for Vacation & Memorial Day holiday

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Unless otherwise noted

Closed: Vacation & Holiday May 24th - 30th

To receive electronic news, please email the church at bishopvillepc@gmail.com. Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed materials



LCCM May Collection ~ CANNED FRUITS ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, May 1st for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

"What is God's will for my life?"

As a Presbyterian minister, I've actually never gotten this question – though I understand it's pretty frequently asked to my fellow ministers in other denominations. If I had to guess, the reason we Presbyterians don't ask this kind of question is that we've already been told – we know what God's will is for our lives. We know our purpose. We know our "chief end."

And we all say it together: "*What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.*"

I bet you either said that out loud, or maybe mouthed it with me. Isn't that a fun part of our shared experience as Presbyterians? And, at the same time, isn't that a powerful testimony to our heritage, that we've been reminded and taught the Bible's central message regarding our purpose, what God wills for our lives – we are to glorify Him, we are to enjoy Him. But how do we answer the question that follows: How do I give God the glory he's due, and how do I enjoy Him? In other words, how do I *do*, or how do I *live out* God's will?

Jesus, as He so often does for us, gives us the answer. In Matthew 22, He says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." All the Law; all the prophecies; the entire corpus or body of Scripture hangs on these two commands, just as our bodies hang on our skeletons. These commands are the backbone of the Bible, and they are the summation of our chief end, of God's will for our lives.

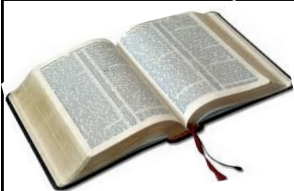
So how do these commands form the skeleton of our own purposes in God? First they give us a framework of love – we are to love God; love defines God's relationship with us (remember, *for God so loved the world that...*). Therefore, love should be the defining characteristic of our relationship with God. What does that look like? Jesus, channeling Deuteronomy, explains: our love for God should come out of how we think about God (*we study what He says*), how we feel about God (*we make time to worship Him*), and how we do for him (*giving to Him & working for Him*). In other words, we are to love God holistically, with each and every part of our person – including our work, our home, our family, and our recreation.

J.I Packer says, "true godliness is both relational and creative. God relates to Christians not only as Father to child but also as Friend to friend" (*Concise Theology*, 186). God made us to glorify Him, He gave us that purpose, and in doing this purpose, we find ourselves in relationship with God.

Now, the really awesome thing about this relationship with God is that, as we draw closer to God, we draw closer to each other. This is where we find the second part of that framework, that spine on which the Bible hangs – we are to love each other. As we love ourselves, Jesus & Leviticus 19 tell us, we are to love our neighbors, both fellow believers and the nonbelievers with whom we share our community. What that looks like is "fleshed out" (to keep with that metaphor we're using) in Leviticus 19, but it all boils down to how we live lives in respectful relationship with each other. We're "doing to/for others what we would want done to/for us," as Jesus says in Matthew 7.

So what is God's will for our lives? To glorify Him, to enjoy Him, and to let that love for God express itself in every part of our lives, including our relationships with each other.

Blessings! – Pastor Chris



May Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 1st: | "Dealing with Opposition" | Revelation 13:1-10 |
| 8 th : | "The Help We Need" | Romans 8:18-30 |
| 15 th : | "The Saints' Song" | Revelation 14:1-5 |
| 22 nd : | "Moses' Song" | Revelation 15:1-8 |
| 29 th : | "What Can We Say?" | Romans 8:31-39 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on April 10th.

We will have Communion on May 8th. If you know someone who may need communion brought to them, please call the church office or one of our Elders.

We each come in contact with many people during the work week. Are we talking to them about our Church? Let's all try to reach out to show people we have something special here at **Bishopville Presbyterian Church.**

May will be a busy month with Mother's Day, High school & college graduation and school finishing up for another year. Let's keep our children's parents and teachers in our prayers as many start a new chapter in their lives.

Please continue to pray for our shut-ins.

As always if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call the Church (803.484.5441) or me (803.229.5307)

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

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OFFICER DUTIES FOR MAY

***Gregg McCutchen & Bobby Thomas**

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**Communion & Mother's Day
May 8th**

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend. Please contact the Pastor or an elder for extended services

Congregational Meeting

Sunday May 17th

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of adopting new Church By-Laws and electing three Elders to the c/o 2019. Candidate names will be printed in the bulletins as soon as they have been secured.

Statistics

Month of April, 2016

Average Attendance: SS - 34 Worship - 77

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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| MTD Income received: | \$12,684.25 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$18,720.02 |
| YTD Income received: | \$46,204.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$63,695.55 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$68,948.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$67,180.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

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| MTD Income received: | \$680.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$12.41 |
| YTD Income received: | \$23,151.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$117.48 |



Men of Church

May 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: John Henry McCutchen

We would love to have you come join us for good food and good fellowship

May Morning Circle

Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 17th

We will travel to Florence for our Spring luncheon. Please meet in the Church parking lot no later than 10:45 To carpool

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Boochie Swearingen @ Sunrise, Charlotte



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May *Happy Birthday* **June**

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| Zeke Gaskins | 7 | Ray Drayton | 8 |
| Hank Welch | 8 | Cameron McElveen | 10 |
| Jimmy McCutchen | 13 | Conner Welch | 13 |
| Iris Thomas | 13 | Rev. Chris Parnell | 14 |
| Terri Ann Tindal | 13 | Lacie McElveen | 14 |
| Lila Mae Welsh | 14 | Jenny McCutchen | 15 |
| Beth McCutchen | 17 | Marsha McCutchen | 16 |
| Nicholas Jeffords | 23 | Kean Scott, Jr. | 16 |
| Ricky McCutchen | 23 | Hugh Tindal III | 16 |
| Katherine Folsom | 25 | Katherine Dickinson | 17 |
| Virginia Kerr | 28 | Patrick Jeffords | 23 |
| Debbie Tindal | 28 | Patricia Latimer | 25 |
| Tim Kirven | 31 | Liz Simon | 25 |



Our April Visitors
 Max Smith
 Anne Elliott
 Rev. & Mrs. Mark Dickinson
 The Aaron Easters family
 The Kay Brown family
 Rev. & Mrs. Eddie
 The Damon Kirkland family
 Gene & Claire Williamson



Bishopville PC
 Sunday - Wednesday
JUNE 26th - 29th
 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 Please collect dryer lint for our art project. Dropbox is in FH

First Baptist Church
 Monday - Friday
JUNE 13th - 17th
 9:00 am - 12:15 pm



Thursday, May 5th
 The Sanctuary will be open for 20 minute intervals of prayer from 7:30 am - 5:40 Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

The DAR will place **bronze markers** on **Mrs. Naomi Griffin McCutchen & Mrs. Christine Muldrow Shirley's** graves, at Bishopville PC, on **Sunday, May 15th** in honor of their service to the community and to the Henry Durant Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A brief dedication service and refreshments will be at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the grave markings to follow. Everyone is invited to attend

The Lottie Green Chapter #785 will hold a Confederate Memorial Day service at Piedmont Cemetery on **May 10th @ 4:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come honor our heritage and ancestors

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added or changed from any of these calendars

CALENDARS

| | HELPING HANDS | BELL RINGERS | GREETERS | NURSERY |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| May 1st | Kayla & Caroline | Conner Welch | Caroline, Wendy, & Claire | Melinda Atkinson |
| May 8th | Devin Atkinson | Kayla & Caroline | MaryAnna Welsh | Cindy Welsh |
| May 15th | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett | Brooke Welch | Steven Welsh | Meredith Gaskins |
| May 22nd | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell | Ann West | Wendy Welch |
| May 29th | Conner Welch | Devin Atkinson | Nick West | Jill McElveen |



Yesterday's high: 100°

Last night's low: 74°

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March 28, 2016

Dear Prayer Partners and Email Friends,

"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me, to the one who orders his ways rightly, I will show the salvation of God." (Psalm 50:23)

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:1)

I am so thankful for everything the Lord has brought into my life. Since last writing we have been blessed by the visits of our good friends, Ron and Pam Hale, as well as Julie Newton (who returns March 29-April 5), and Will and Nancy Ackles, here since the end of January. Will is my always-willing chauffeur and weekend preacher both in the villages and in Merida. We have had many great experiences sharing the gospel message and encouraging some far away and neglected congregations. They have been very happy to receive communion as their assigned supervising pastors don't visit them very frequently.

Will was invited to teach a homiletics workshop March 5 in a small seminary in Las Margaritas, Chiapas, some twelve hours from Merida. The school meets every Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and is designed to help train church leaders who can't come to a residential seminary. When the pastor who organizes the seminary, a San Pablo graduate, heard that I could come he asked me to do a music workshop too. Then, hearing I would be in the area, San Pablo graduates in Comitán asked me to come play for their worship service Sunday. I had not expected to ever be able to visit again these places where Dave and I had often gone to minister. The mountain scenery was spectacular, and seeing old friends and former students in Ocosingo, Las Margaritas and Comitán was special for me. The Lord has used over forty-nine years of ministry here in SE Mexico in ways we never imagined when we began, and it is a special blessing to see leaders we helped train now training others and planting new churches.

On March 13 we were in a Merida church where three of my former piano students are involved in the music ministry. They have begun a small music school in the church, and then encourage the students to come to San Pablo for further training. Two of my first year students this year are from that church.

Thanks to those of you who gave for the seminary choir tour (promotional tour), there will be one weekend for an octet and a long weekend for the full choir. They are very grateful for the help they received. The tour is a blessing to both the students and the congregations and helps spread word of the training opportunities here.

Diego is now walking, learning to eat by himself, and saying many things we don't understand. He obviously understands much of what he hears in both English and Spanish and mimics the intonation perfectly. It is a joy for me to be able to help care for him while Debbie is tutoring with the homeschool group that meets in her classroom next door.

The church choir I accompany celebrated its 77th anniversary and as Easter approached sang in some of our mission congregations in the city. My eyes have given me some problems in reading the music. I have had five laser treatments on one eye. The telescopic lenses are helpful for distance while I am teaching, but not practical yet for my needs in reading music while I play.

March 22 marked three years since the Lord called Dave to be with Him and we had a small family service at the graveyard in memory. The adjustments have been many and not always easy, but I can say the Lord has been my helper and my strength. He continues to provide for all my needs, and although I have some physical limitations, I am still able to be useful in His service. I have learned so many things in these three years that the gratitude I feel is beyond description.

May the Lord reveal His immense love for you as you meditate on his death and resurrection in these days.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Jean Legters (for the family)

P.S. If you send me an email address, I will be happy to send my letters electronically.

It's a faster and less expensive way to communicate. jeanlegters@gmail.com

Any gifts to the seminary, camp or our ministry may be sent to:

Son Raise Missionary Services

P.O. Box 43

Byron Center, MI 49315

Please make your check out to Son Raise Missionary Services (or SRMS)

and include a note on the memo section indicating the designation of your gift.



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JUNE At A Glance

- 5th: LCCM food collection
- 12th: Session
- 13-17: First Baptist Church VBS
- 19th: Father's Day
- 18th: Men of Church
- 20-22: Church office closed
- 25-2nd: Salkehatchie in Lee County
- 26th: Jean Legters in Bishopville
- 26-29: VBS @ BPC



FLAG DAY
JUNE 14th



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday Schedule

Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 5th:** Third Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: William & Judith Watkins
Flowers: William Welsh Family
- Sunday, 12th:** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Dot Wilson Family
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
6:30 p.m. Benefit concert @ First Baptist for Ann Bowen
- Mon.-Fri. 13-17:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. VBS @ First Baptist
- Sunday, 19th:** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day
Coffee Hour: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven, Melinda Atkinson
Flowers: Marilyn & Jerry Adams
- Mon - Wed. 20-22:** Church office closed for Vacation
- Saturday, 25th:** Salkehatchie teams arrive in Lee County
- Sun.-Wed. 26-29:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm VBS @ Bishopville PC
- Sunday, 26th:** Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Missionary, Jean Legters will speak in am & pm
Coffee Hour: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Doris & John Bell
12:00 p.m. BPC to feed 1 Salkehatchie team
- Wednesday, 29th:** 12:00p.m. BPC to feed all Salkehatchie teams

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Unless otherwise noted
Closed: June 20th - June 22nd

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LCCM June Collection ~ CANNED VEGETABLES ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, June 5th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk I love the month of June, that great transitional month between the Spring and Summer, when the kids get out of school, pools open, and South Carolina comes to life with vacationers moving in every direction – going to the beaches, the mountains, the lakes, and the parks. It's a month for families and friends to get together and enjoy.

June is especially my favorite month because my favorite national holiday happens every year in June – Flag Day! I like to tell my kids, Flag Day is the most important American holiday, if for no other reason than Flag Day happens to be June 14, which is also my birthday. What an honor for the flag to share my birthday!

Well, Junebe I got that one a little backwards, I admit (...just Junebe). As a culture, we make a point to celebrate things like birthdays and symbols like flags for an important reason: they mark critical turning points in our lives and individuals and our collective life as a culture. Our birthdays are more than just ways to note that yet another year of our life has gone by – they're moments to celebrate with family and friends our identities and our connections. In the same way, national symbols like our flag (rich with its own symbolic shapes and colors) are ways in which we look at the turning points which made us and continually make us – corporately – who we are. These things, flags, birthdays, holidays, etc., are signs of our identity.

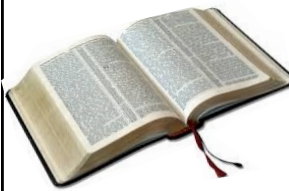
From where does this come? Every human culture in every age – from prehistoric cave drawings to present-day social media – uses a means to celebrate these significant points in our lives. It's as if something in humanity's shared make-up causes this to happen. In fact, as believers, we should know this to be a fact: our Creator put into us both the inclination and the command to remember and to use tools of remembrance – like celebrations, symbols, shared experiences, and meals. Just look at what God gives to Israel in Joshua 4: *“When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ‘Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” . . . So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”*

And of course we remember the Passover, Pentecost, and other celebrations – and not least of all, what God gave to Paul, and to us, in 1 Corinthians 11: *“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’”* In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

God, who designed us and knows us, made us creatures of memory, of remembrance, and He blesses us with tools – memorials, celebrations, monuments, flags, food, and so on – that help us to recall as individuals and as communities how we have been blessed, the struggles through which we have been delivered, the challenges we face, and the many, many ways in which God has intervened in and blessed our lives. These means of celebration, these methods of remembrance are God's way of connecting us to His story.

So I love June – for my birthday, for Flag Day, and especially for another day where I remember God's powerfully blessing me – my anniversary! June is a month where I'm brought close to how good and gracious God has been to me, and I pray you have & enjoy those days and months in your life, too.

Blessings! – Pastor Chris

| <u>June Sunday Sermons & Scriptures</u> | | |
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|  | 5th: | “Seeing God's Wrath” Revelation 16:1-21 |
| | 12th: | “Mystery's Name” Revelation 17:1-6 |
| | 19th: | “The Call goes OUT” Romans 10:5-20 |
| | 26th: | “The Warning Cry” Revelation 18:4-8 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on May 8th.

The Session would like to congratulate Tyson Eckley, Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch for being elected to serve as Elders for the class of 2019.

Salkehatchie teams will be in Lee County June 25th - July 2nd. Our Church will provide lunch for 1 team on Sunday, June 26th and all teams on Wednesday, June 29th.

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 26-29 from 6-8 pm at our Church.

School is out for summer... Please remember our children and the examples we set for them. Please also remember our shut-ins and Elders.

Please continue to pray for our Church and our community.

As always if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call me (803.229.5307) or the Church (803.484.5441).

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: June 12th @ 8:00 a.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JUNE

*Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier
 * denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**Congratulations c/o
 2019 Elders**

- ◆ Tyson Eckley
- ◆ Perry McCutchen
- ◆ Wendy Welch

**Please keep all Elders in your prayers
 as they govern our Church**

Statistics

Month of May, 2016

Average Attendance: SS - 35 Worship - 68

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$10,465.25 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$12,663.76 |
| YTD Income received: | \$56,669.25 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$76,359.31 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$86,185.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$81,581.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

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| MTD Income received: | \$125.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$12.41 |
| YTD Income received: | \$23,276.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$129.89 |



**3rd Quarter Communion
 & Cents-Ability
 July 10th**

The Lord's Supper Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who cannot attend Church. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services. Cents-Ability offering will help fund LCCM



**Theology Study (Q&A format)
 Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.**

Open to anyone who wishes to participate. You may email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text 803.459.6800

Please remember our HOMEBOUND

Laura Latimer @ Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen @ Sunrise, Charlotte

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ collected **\$515.11**, which will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries. Through our support, indigent Jewish people in many countries receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, if needed, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Yeshua (Jesus) Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people.

June *Happy Birthday* **July**

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| Stephen Welch | 6 | William McElveen | 5 |
| Ray Drayton | 8 | Reese Atkinson | 8 |
| Cameron McElveen | 10 | Nick West | 8 |
| Conner Welch | 13 | Betsy Bramlett | 12 |
| Rev. Chris Parnell | 14 | Gregg McCutchen IV | 12 |
| Lacie McElveen | 14 | Robin Jeffords | 13 |
| Jenny McCutchen | 15 | Bob Latimer | 14 |
| Marsha McCutchen | 16 | Allen Corbett | 15 |
| Kean Scott, Jr. | 16 | Isabelle McCutchen | 18 |
| Hugh Tindal III | 16 | Ashley Latimer | 21 |
| Katherine Dickinson | 17 | Libby Corbett | 26 |
| Patrick Jeffords | 23 | Daphne Dickerson | 26 |
| Patricia Latimer | 25 | Ralph DesChamps | 30 |
| Liz Simon | 25 | William Watkins | 31 |



Bishopville PC
Sunday - Wednesday
JUNE 26th - 29th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Please collect dryer lint for our art project. Dropbox is in FH

First Baptist Church
Monday - Friday
JUNE 13th - 17th
9:00 am - 12:15 pm



Lakewood High School Choir Concert
Sunday, June 5th @ 4:00 p.m.
Mayesville Presbyterian Church
 to benefit *“Feed My Starving Children”*

Mrs. Jean Legters, our Missionary in Mexico, will be in Bishopville in June. She will give a short speech about her ministry, during worship on June 26th and a presentation that evening in the Adult VBS class. Please plan to attend

Salkehatchie teams will arrive in Lee County on June 25th, helping the needy in our community. Our Church will host and feed 1 team on Sunday, June 26th and all teams on Wednesday, June 29th. Please volunteer your time, if asked

Benefit concert
Sunday, June 12th @ 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church
 featuring Bruce McCathern & friends,
 Jerry Burchfield, Rita Kirven, etc...
 Everyone is encouraged to attend
Proceeds to benefit Ann Bowen

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added or changed from any of these calendars

| CALENDARS | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | HELPING HANDS | BELL RINGERS | GREETERS | NURSERY |
| June 5th | Brooke Welch | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett | Jerry Adams | Missy Kirven |
| June 12th | Kayla & Caroline | Conner Welch | Melinda Atkinson | Melinda Atkinson |
| June 19th | Devin Atkinson | Kayla & Caroline | Crues Bell | Cindy Welch |
| June 26th | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett | Brooke Welch | Betsy Bramlett | Meredith Gaskins |



CONGRATULATIONS

Robert E. Lee Academy

Caroline Louise McCutchen

- 2016 Honor Marshall
- Highest average in Geometry, Economics, Government, English III, Biology I

Daughter of Johnny and Ann McCutchen
and Dawn and Craig Nesbit

Maternal Granddaughter of Brad and Dolly McCutchen

Paternal Granddaughter of Louise and
the late William "Billy" McCutchen

Lacie McElveen

- First place in the SCISA state science fair

Daughter of Will & Jill McElveen

Paternal Granddaughter of William & Diane McElveen

Anna Grace Kirven

- Converse Junior Scholar

Daughter of Tim and Missy Kirven

Maternal Granddaughter of William & Diane McElveen

Sara Abbett Kirven

- George Grice 8th Grade Scholar Award
- Highest Average in Science & History

Daughter of Tim and Missy Kirven

Maternal Granddaughter of William & Diane McElveen

Hampton Gaskins

- Highest average in Math

Son of Bill and Meredith Gaskins

Maternal Grandson of William & Diane McElveen

Zeke Gaskins

- George Grice 8th Grade Scholar Award

Son of Bill and Meredith Gaskins

Maternal Grandson of William & Diane McElveen

Caroline Welch

- Most Improved in Spanish

Daughter of Benny & Wendy Welch

Paternal Granddaughter of Hank & Kathryn Welch

Brooke Welch

- Most improved in all subjects

Daughter of Benny & Wendy Welch

Paternal Granddaughter of Hank & Kathryn Welch

Patrick Parnell

- Most Improvement in 1st grade

Son of Rev. Chris & Laura Parnell

Mary Parnell

- Most Improvement in 5th grade

Daughter of Rev. Chris & Laura Parnell

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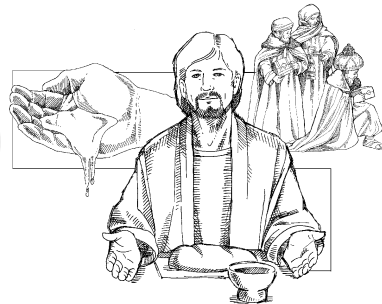
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JULY At A Glance

- 3rd:** LCCM food collection
- 4th-6th:** Church office closed
- 10th:** Communion & Cents-Ability
- 11th-25th:** Pastor on vacation
- 18th:** Joint Circle

August At A Glance

- 7th:** LCCM Food collection
- Annual Church Picnic**



JULY 2016

Sunday Service Schedule

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.**
- Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.**
- Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.**

Thursday Schedule

- Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.**

Church Office Hours

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)**
- Other hours by appointment/program needs**

Key Officers and Staff

- Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session**
- Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session**
- Judith A. Watkins, Church Treasurer**
- Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer**
- Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager**
- Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor**



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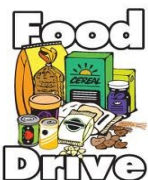
*EOC: *Tyson Eckley & Judith Watkins*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 3rd:** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Margery Jeffords & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Harriett Watson Family
- Mon-Wed, 4-6th:** Church office closed for holiday/vacation
- Sunday, 10th:** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Communion / Cents-Ability
6:00 p.m. Dawn Smith Jordan Concert @ First Baptist
Coffee Hour: Church provided
Flowers: Ann & English Cooper
- 11th-25th:** Pastor on vacation
- Sunday, 17th:** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit
Coffee Hour: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Dot Cothran
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Joint Circle meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, 24th:** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Nick West in pulpit
Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- Sunday, 31st:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Church provided
Flowers: Church arrangement

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Unless otherwise noted
Closed: July 4th-6th

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LCCM July Collection ~ CEREALS ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, July 3rd for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

Our younger daughter Mary is a dancer. A few years ago she convinced (maybe *coerced* is a more accurate word) me to join her onstage during her dance school's annual "Nutcracker" Recital. So there was Mary in her ornate red dress and ballet shoes, and me – along with several other dads & grandads – dancing with her onstage at the Mac Gray Auditorium in Statesville. Bet you didn't know your pastor had that kind of talent?

"Talent" is perhaps an overstatement about my dancing (I was there for the lifts), but it brings up a curious question about the word itself. What does it mean to have "talent"? *What is a talent, and what does God say about it? When we look at the Bible, the clearest place where we find this concept is, of course, in Jesus' own words. Matthew 25:14-30, is perhaps one of the most powerful of Jesus' parables, and it's all about talent.*

The story goes, an important man goes on a trip. He puts his affairs into the hands of his servants, three, to be precise. These three have different abilities and different levels of ability, so he parses out all his material goods – a total of eight talents – to these three: Five to the first, Two to the second, and One to the third. We know how the rest of the story goes: the man with five talents takes his and gets back 5 more; the man with two likewise doubles his master's investment. And then the man with one single talent buried it in the ground, offering nothing more than a measly, dirty, unused talent back to his master on the day of reckoning, and is forthwith reprimanded and punished for squandering what his master had given him in the first place!

Dr. Simon Kistemaker says this: "The parable of the talents is set in the framework of Jesus' teaching on his return. Just as the bridesmaids waited, so the servants who received their master's money worked. The parable teaches that during the absence of Jesus, his followers are expected to work diligently with the gifts he has entrusted to them" (*The Parables, Baker Books, 1980*). *What does he mean? And what is Jesus teaching us about talents with this passage? How does this connect to who we are and where we live?* It's helpful at this point to understand that the word "talent," like baptize, martyr, prophet, etc., is a word that has been transliterated from Greek into English. And like those other words, it carries with it some depths of meaning that we can't just skim or skip over. While today it's primarily used to describe someone's aptitude for the arts, talent's original use is found in most interpretations of Matthew 25 – it's a vocational term.

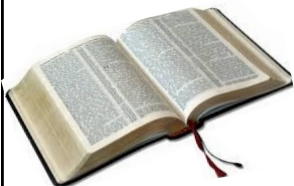
What that means is that a "talent" is something that can be numbered or quantified this way – it's a laborer's annual salary. It's how someone earns a living. It's what you are uniquely suited and capable of doing to provide for yourself and your family.

So let's get back to what Jesus tells us about vocational talent: Your ability to work & provide is a gift from God, and God's expectation is that you will use what you have been given by Him as one who will one day be held to account for that use – or lack of use – of His given talent or ability. And so you and I must consider: How am I using what God gave me in terms of job, position, resources, finances, time, and so on? Am I looking long-term at how I'll answer God about how I've used what He gave me? Jesus seems pretty clear about it. Now, make no mistake, Jesus forgives and Jesus saves, and those who're saved by Jesus *will by no means be rejected!* *At the same time, though, we can't deny that what we have has been given to us by Jesus, and He wants the best for us and for His kingdom. So we should be glad and grateful, generous and worshipful, and above all, God-honoring in using our talents, time, and vocations. God is the One who blesses, and we are the ones who are always blessed by Him!*

Praises to our Savior- Pastor Chris

July Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 3rd: | "Wedding Bells Calling" | Revelation 19:6-16 |
| 10th: | "Using What You've Got" | Romans 12:3-8 |
| 17th: | Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit | Pastor on vacation |
| 24th: | Nick West in pulpit | Pastor on vacation |
| 31st: | "Judgement Day" | Revelation 20:7-15 |



NEWS from the Session...

The Session met June 12th. All members were present.

The Session approved July 11th - 25th for Rev. Parnell's vacation.

This is summertime and we forget about going to Church. Do not take a vacation from God. We all need God in our lives.

We continue to progress on repairs to our Sanctuary. The Church's Education building was struck by lightning on May 29, 2016 on a Sunday afternoon. There were damages to the building, the office copier and modem, and we lost the Sanctuary computer. Everything has been repaired and/or replaced except the stonework on the building.

We are planning our Church picnic for August 7, 2016. Johnny & Tricia latimer have agreed to host, this year.

The Session will not meet in July or August, unless needed.

Please remember to check on our shut-ins and elderly, during this hot weather.

If I can help, in any way, please call me (803).229.5307.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: September 11th @ 8:00 am

Statistics

Month of June, 2016

Average Attendance: SS - 41 Worship - 78

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$67,660.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$19,959.84 |
| YTD Income received: | \$124,329.25 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$96,319.15 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$103,422.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$105,141.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses
 (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$75.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$11,454.91 |
| YTD Income received: | \$23,351.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$11,584.80 |



Theology Study (Q&A format)
Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

Open to anyone who wishes to participate. You may email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com or text 803.459.6800

No Theology Class on July 17th & 24th

Communion & Cents-Ability
July 10th



The Lord's Supper

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Church. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services. Cents-Ability offering will help fund LCCM
Communion Elders: Ray Drayton & Perry McCutchen

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JULY

***Tyson Eckley & Judith Watkins**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Rev. Parnell will be on vacation July 11th - 25th. If you are asked to help with the July 17th and/or July 24th services, please consider this an honor

Jewish Voice Ministries International

Through our support, indigent Jewish people in Israel receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, if needed, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Yeshua (Jesus)
 Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people.

Happy Birthday July August

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| William McElveen | 5 | Bobby Thomas | 1 |
| Reese Atkinson | 8 | Caroline Jeffords | 5 |
| Nick West | 8 | Chloe Jeffords | 5 |
| Betsy Bramlett | 12 | Billy Clyburn | 6 |
| Gregg McCutchen IV | 12 | Susan Cline | 7 |
| Robin Jeffords | 13 | Leila McCutchen | 7 |
| Bob Latimer | 14 | Edie Varn | 8 |
| Allen Corbett | 15 | Mary Ellen Gaskins | 9 |
| Isabelle McCutchen | 18 | Steven Frazier | 12 |
| Ashley Latimer | 21 | Grayham Geddings | 13 |
| Libby Corbett | 26 | Matt Bramlett | 15 |
| Daphne Dickerson | 26 | Mary Cousar Laney | 18 |
| Ralph DesChamps | 30 | Jennifer Bailey | 22 |
| William Watkins | 31 | Lydia Conway | 22 |
| | | Diane McElveen | 26 |
| | | Max Smith | 26 |
| | | Benji Harrington | 30 |
| | | Sara Abbett Kirven | 30 |

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 7th
 Johnny & Tricia Latimer's
 Activities begin @ 4:00 pm
 Supper @ 6:00 pm

Please bring a lawn chair & join us for this special event. You may also bring a bathing suit, if you wish to take a dip in the pool. The Church will provide all the food & drinks!

Dawn Smith Jordan Concert

Sunday, July 10th
 First Baptist Church
 6:00 p.m.

Christian Singer, Songwriter, Author, Speaker
 Dawn will perform and share her testimony.
 If you don't know/remember Dawn, please visit her site > <http://www.dawnsmithjordan.com/>



Thank you to everyone for all your prayers & concerns for my family after the death of my Aunt, **Melvin Hayden Dixon**. - In Christ, Gwen Steinmeyer

Brig and our family are so very thankful to all of you for the prayers, cards and messages sent during his illness. God's mailbox must have been overloaded with all the prayers sent up for Brig and our family! We firmly believe that prayer changed the outcome of his prognosis. We love all of you so much, and have felt that we were wrapped in your loving arms throughout this journey. No words are sufficient to express the gratitude we feel. We simply would not have made it through without your support & prayers!
 Love, Brig, Mima, Tiz, Mary & Michael

We will continue to go to Israel reaching out to the elderly Holocaust Survivors, providing much needed Dental Care and Eye Glasses throughout 2016. Thank you all for your wonderful support both prayerfully and financially.
You Have Made A Difference! - - Jewish Voice Ministries

PW Joint Circle Meeting
Monday, July 18th
7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
Guest Speaker: Laura Parnell
 All circle members are encouraged to attend

Please remember our
HOMEBOUND members

Laura Latimer - Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen - Sunrise, Charlotte

CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| July 3rd | Madison Bramlett | Wendy Welch |
| July 10th | Ann Cooper | Jill McElveen |
| July 17th | English Cooper | Missy Kirven |
| July 24th | Bert Cousar | Melinda Atkinson |
| July 31st | Jackie Drayton | Cindy Welsh |

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added to, removed or changed from the Greeter or Nursery calendar or a Circle group, Flower or Coffee list

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August At A Glance

- 7th:** LCCM Food collection
Annual Church Picnic
- 9th:** Cemetery Sub-Committee meets
- 16th:** Finance Committee meeting
- 21st:** First Baptist Welcome Service
- 28th:** Bible Study resumes

September At A Glance

- 4th:** LCCM Food collection
- 5th-7th:** Church Office closed
- 11th:** Stated Session
- 18th:** PWCT / Rally Day
- 19th:** Night Circle resumes
- 20th:** Morning Circle resumes
- 21st:** Men of Church resumes
- 23 - 24:** Stated Presbytery meeting
- 27th:** Finance Committee meeting



Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: Judith Watkins & *Ray Drayton*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 7th:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
4:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic @ Latimer's
Coffee Hour: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Tom English McCutchen
- Tuesday, 9th:** 3:00 p.m. Cemetery sub-Committee meeting
- Sunday, 14th:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Debbie & Bill Tindal
- Tuesday, 16th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- Sunday, 21st:** Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
6:00 p.m. Welcome Service @ First Baptist Church
Coffee Hour: Betsy & Matt Bramlett, Betty Manning Heriot
Flowers: Lila Mae Welsh Family
- Sunday, 28th:** Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
5:30 p.m. Bible Study resumes
Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh, Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: Bert Cousar



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9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Unless otherwise noted

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LCCM August Collection ~ PEANUT BUTTER ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, August 7th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

Only one year ago, I wrote: "Greetings from me and my family to all of you, the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Bishopville, and grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I praise our Lord and Savior for the opportunity to serve the Bishopville Church and Community, and I thank him – and all of you – who, since our arrival here, have made us feel not only welcome, but truly, 'at home.'" What I said then, I've said many times since, and I say now – our Lord has blessed us incredibly and bountifully, particularly in his allowing me to serve you as your pastor!

Of course, as I wrote those words last year, I channeled the words of our friend the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the Galatian church, to whom he also wrote (in 1:23-24), "They said, 'He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy!' **And they glorified God because of me**" (*my emphasis*).

What an incredible statement about the transformation of the man once known as Saul the Pharisee, a man who once agreed to and conspired with the enemies of the Church. This man went on to become one of the most powerful missionary pastors of all time, a man whose life became, by his own testimony, a reason to give God glory for what God alone could do. No one else could take a broken, hateful person and transform him into a loving, dedicated minister of the Gospel like God. No one else could renew a person's passions, redirect their zeal from destruction to creation, and recover their "lost years" like the Almighty. And in Paul we see this renewal, this redirection, and recover on marvelous display.

It has been an exciting year for all of us here in Bishopville! Since last August when I first wrote in our newsletter, we've experienced everything from an incredible football season at the Academy to the devastating floods last year, from new stores opening in town to the...shall we say "interesting" election season in which we find ourselves. But I think the most exciting thing of all is to have seen what God has been doing through and in our church this year! What Paul says about himself to the church at Galatea, we hope -that people will glorify God because of what they see in our lives, in our church, and in our community!

And let me say, we've had plenty of reasons to celebrate and glorify God at BPC. We've connected with old friends and made new friends, and we love seeing everyone's faces at worship together! We had 2 great VBS seasons (both 2015 & '16), and we're already thinking about what we might see next year! We've gotten great participation in church events, from monthly community lunch service to weekly Bible studies. We've elected new elders, and our elders have, as always, served us excellently this year. The list goes on and on! God has been good to Bishopville Presbyterian Church, and we're looking forward to how He'll continue to be good to us in the years to come.

So, where are we going next? What is our strategic goal for the rest of 2016 and beyond? First, we take Paul's advice to the Galatians in 5:25, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." In other words, our goal, like Paul's, is to give God the glory by keeping in step with Him. We're going to need help in this - I'm going to need your help, your elders are going to need your help, you're going to need your help, and ***we're all going to need the Holy Spirit's help.***

I'm asking each of you, specifically, to help us first by prayer. Pray that God will continue to bless BPC, her ministries and her ministers (that's you & me!). Pray that God will continue to reveal to us, through the Bible and the Spirit, where we need to grow, and where we need to change. Pray the God will give us strength for the days we have before us—both the great days and the challenging. Finally, pray that God will be glorified because of what people see in us, in how we live and how we love.

Thank you, and God bless you ~ Pastor Chris

August Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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| 7th: | <i>"All New Things"</i> | Revelation 21:1-7 |
| 14th: | <i>"Always Keep Our Eyes on Jesus"</i> | Revelation 22:6-21 |
| 21st: | | Nehemiah 1:4-11 |
| 28th: | | Nehemiah 2:9-20 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session didn't meet in July. We served congregational Communion on July 10th.

While Chris and his family were on vacation, the pulpit was filled by Dr. Leon Hunt on July 17th with Perry McCutchen serving as Worship assistant and Martha Kay Hunt provided the children's sermon. On July 24th Nick West filled the pulpit with Matt Bramlett and Steven Frazier assisting and Steven also provided the children's sermon. We are very fortunate to have such talented people in our Church.

We will have our annual Picnic on August 7th at the home of John & Tricia Latimer. We thank them for hosting and hope everyone can come.

The Session will not meet in August, unless needed.

Please remember to check on our shut-ins and elderly, during this hot weather.

If I can help, in any way, please call me 803..229.5307 or the Church 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: September 11th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR AUGUST

***Ray Drayton & Judith Watkins**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Please remember our
 HOMEBOUND members**

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

August Birthday's

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|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Bobby Thomas | 1 | Grayham Geddings | 13 |
| Caroline Jeffords | 5 | Matt Bramlett | 15 |
| Chloe Jeffords | 5 | Mary Cousar Laney | 18 |
| Billy Clyburn | 6 | Jennifer Bailey | 22 |
| Susan Cline | 7 | Lydia Conway | 22 |
| Leila McCutchen | 7 | Diane McElveen | 26 |
| Eddie Varn | 8 | Max Smith | 26 |
| Mary Ellen Gaskins | 9 | Benji Harrington | 30 |
| Steven Frazier | 12 | Sara Abbett Kirven | 30 |

July 2016 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 35 Worship - 67

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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| MTD Income received: | \$20,455.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$20,027.11 |
| YTD Income received: | \$144,784.25 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$116,346.26 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$120,659.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$122,889.00 |



BIBLE Study (Q & A Format) resumes, August 28th @ 5:30 pm

Open to anyone who wishes to come and participate.

Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com or text 803.459.6800

Sunday, August 7th
Johnny & Tricia Latimer's
Activities begin @ 4:00 pm
Supper @ 6:00 pm



Please bring a covered-dish

and join us for this fun event. Please bring a lawn chair & a bathing suit, if you wish to take a dip in the pool. The Church will provide the drinks, meats & all the fixings!

Welcome Service
First Baptist Church

6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 21st

You are cordially invited to help welcome Rev. Xaq and his wife, Anna, to First Baptist Church and our community. Reception will follow service

AUGUST HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|----------------------|------------------|
| 7th | Gaskins Family | Meredith Gaskins |
| 14th | Betty Manning Heriot | Wendy Welch |
| 21st | Kirven Family | Jill McElveen |
| 28th | Dawn Levers | Missy Kirven |

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added to, removed or changed from the Greeter or Nursery calendar or a Circle group, Flower or Coffee list

Jewish Voice Ministries International

Through our support, indigent Jewish people in Israel receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, if needed, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Yeshua (Jesus).

Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people.

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September At A Glance

- 4th: LCCM Food collection
- 5th-7th: Church Office closed
- 11th: Stated Session
- 18th: PWCT / Rally Day
- 19th: Night Circle resumes
- 20th: Morning Circle resumes
- 21st: Men of Church resumes
- 23 - 24: Stated Presbytery meeting
- 27th: Finance Committee meeting



Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

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September

BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Gregg McCutchen & Dick McCutchen

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 4th:** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven
Flowers: OPEN
- 5th - 7th:** Church office closed for holiday & vacation
- Sunday, 11th:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / Grandparents Day
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
Coffee Hour: Nick & Ann West
Flowers: Judith & William Watkins
- Sunday, 18th:** Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. PWCT resumes
6:00 p.m. Rally Day
Coffee Hour: Jennifer McCutchen
Flowers: OPEN
- Monday, 19th:** Gideon's reserved Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Night Circle resumes
- Tuesday, 20th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle resumes
- Wednesday, 21st:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church resumes
- 23rd - 24th:** Stated Presbytery @ Kempsville PC, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Sunday, 25th:** Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Jenny McCutchen/Jackie Drayton/Margery Jeffords
Flowers: Tom English McCutchen
- Tuesday, 27th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Unless otherwise noted

To receive electronic news, please email the church at bishopvillepc@gmail.com. Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed materials



LCCM September Collection ~ SUGAR & FLOUR ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, September 4th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

“Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you”
- Nehemiah 9:5b-6 ESV

As a church we've started the book of Nehemiah, looking at it from the perspective of how God, through Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem, achieves an incredible renewal of their lives, their church, and their community. In Nehemiah 9, after the walls of Jerusalem are rebuilt, the people gather and re-connect with God in prayer, going so far as to sign their names to a pledge to love and obey God!

When I was in school, one of the scariest phrases you could hear was a teacher saying, “Stand up” because most of the time what followed that was something like “and quote that passage you were supposed to have memorized,” or “and finish this quadratic equation,” or some other horrible thing I hadn't prepared for in the least. Now that I'm older (and perhaps even a little wiser), I understand more of what my teachers were trying to accomplish. They weren't spotlighting my unpreparedness; rather, they were trying (sometimes successfully) to give me an opportunity to showcase what I had learned – and at the same time, help my classmates along.

How does this connect to us? Nehemiah is doing for Jerusalem what my teachers did for me – he's presenting the community of faith there an opportunity to showcase what they know about God's grace. At the same time, their pledges are a way to encourage and help the others who make up their community. Standing requires boldness, and God doesn't call us to be timid, especially about how much he loves us in Christ Jesus!

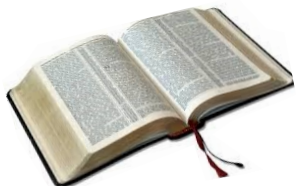
Let me put it this way: What if I stood up on Sunday and said, “Stand up and bless the Lord your God for Bishopville EPC!” How would we respond? What blessings or acts of God's love and power would we name? For what would we thank and worship God, in terms of what he's doing here, in our church? What would you say? Well, here's what I would say:

Stand up and bless the Lord for the Guatemala Sewing Mission! From Tyson's neck warmers to consistent financial support, and just about everything in between, our church has been a blessing and an asset for God's work in the lives of Guatemalan women and families for years. Stand up and bless the Lord for the Solid Rock youth group! Starting last month, our church has created a space for teens and their friends to encounter the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Stand up and bless the Lord for the Sunday School classes, especially for the teachers who spend their time in preparation to help us all grow in our faith. Stand up and bless the Lord for our Session, for those the Lord has raised up out of our own families to lead us and guide us as we follow Him!

On and on, this list could go. We could mention the literal dozens of people in the church who labor, often without recognition, to make sure that our church family is well-provided for and blessed. People who visit, people who encourage, people who give rides, people who give help – the list goes on and on – people who “do unto others” not to be put on a pedestal, but because of their love for God and their church! What incredible ministers of the Gospel of Grace – how the Lord has blessed us!

So maybe we should rejoice, like Nehemiah and the citizens of Jerusalem, when someone says, “Stand up and bless the Lord.” After all, we've got so much that we can praise him, so much we can thank him for. Stand up and bless the Lord for Bishopville Presbyterian Church!

Blessings in His name ~ *Pastor Chris*



September Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 4th: | “A Tool for Every Hand” | Nehemiah 3:1-13, 28 |
| 11th: | “Cutting Opposition” | Nehemiah 4:15-20 |
| 18th: | “Refreshing Celebration” | Nehemiah 8:1-12 |
| 25th: | “Ribbon Cutting” | Nehemiah 10:28-39 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session didn't meet in August. We had our annual Picnic on August 7th at the home of John & Tricia Latimer. Everyone had a great time and we thank them for hosting.

We are real excited about the new "Solid Rock" Sunday School class for our youth. We thank Beth Grant for her willingness and enthusiasm to start up this class. I heard they had 15 people in the class one Sunday! Thank you to everyone who helped prepare this new classroom. Great job!

We look forward to Homecoming in October. We hope to have many visitors and former members attend and we pray that it will be a wonderful, blessed day for everyone in attendance. We hope everyone can come and worship together.

Chris restarted his Theology class on August 28th from 5:30 - 6:30. This is a very informative study and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please remember to check on our shut-ins and elderly, during this hot weather.

If there is anything the Session or I can do for you, please call me 803.229.5307 or the Church 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: September 11th @ 8:00 am

SEPTEMBER OFFICER DUTIES
***Gregg McCutchen & Dick McCutchen**
 * denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

| August 2016 Statistics | |
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| Average Attendance: SS - 58 Worship - 82 | |
| Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$16,508.25 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$16,573.62 |
| YTD Income received: | \$161,292.50 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$132,919.88 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$137,896.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$137,630.00 |



Men of Church
September 21st @ 7:00 p.m.
Host: Steven Frazier
 We would love to have you come join us for
 good food and good fellowship

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| | September Circle Hostesses |
| | Night (19th) Tricia Latimer Morning (20th) Louise McCutchen |

Dear friends at Bishopville Presbyterian, Estelle and I want to thank you again for your gifts to support us in our ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators. It is through gifts like yours that we are able to do what we do, helping to make Bible translation possible for the millions who do not yet have the scripture in a language that they understand well and love. May God bless you with a sense of His presence and peace. — David and for Estelle



The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who recently lost family members & friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

- Steve Hall**
Jack McRedmond
Georgia Lucille "Cile" Stuckey
Carl Watts

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. — Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

Please remember our HOMEBOUND members

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

SEPTEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|--------------------|------------------|
| 4th | Jennifer McCutchen | Cindy Welsh |
| 11th | Jimmy McCutchen | Meredith Gaskins |
| 18th | Kayla McCutchen | Wendy Welch |
| 25th | Marsha McCutchen | Jill McElveen |

Happy Birthday

September

October

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| Kate Jeffords | 1 | Bayard Huggins | 1 |
| Manning B. Lloyd | 4 | Sherian McLendon | 4 |
| Kirk McCutchen | 6 | Claire Ashley Parnell | 4 |
| Steven Terrell III | 8 | Mary Grace Hilditch | 10 |
| Jeff Varn | 8 | Caroline Johnson | 10 |
| Betty Heriot | 10 | Mary Katherine Parnell | 12 |
| Julie Cothran | 12 | B. J. Kerr | 17 |
| Caroline Welch | 13 | Marilyn Adams | 19 |
| Solomon Eckley | 18 | Gordon Wayne Eckley | 20 |
| Virginia C. Ipock | 20 | Dawn Watson Nesbit | 24 |
| Sherry Kerr | 21 | Gloria Broadway | 25 |
| Suzanne Simon | 21 | Betty Ann Cooper | 25 |
| Bert Cousar | 22 | Johnny McCutchen | 28 |
| Lindsay Simon | 22 | Steven P. Terrell, Jr. | 28 |
| William Frazier | 24 | John Hampton Cloyd | 29 |
| Ansley Nesbit | 24 | Bo Dickinson | 29 |
| Patrick Parnell | 24 | Brenda Flowers | 30 |
| Crues Bell | 25 | Anna Grace Kirven | 30 |
| Clarke Monroe | 26 | Dick McCutchen | 30 |
| Reese Atkinson | 29 | | |
| Wendy Welch | 29 | | |

Invitation to all women of BPC
Women's Ministry Day of Refuge
Saturday, September 17th @ 9:30 a.m.
Trinity PC, in Florence
 Deadline to sign up is September 7th
 See flyer in SS rooms for more details



178th HOMECOMING

October 16th



The Worship Committee has been working hard to make this year's HOMECOMING special. Rev. Chris Parnell will deliver our message. Bo & Ari Dickinson will provide our music. Keep checking bulletins for more details. The Worship Committee would like any comments or feedback on past members & friends to help us celebrate. If you know anyone who would like to join us, please contact the committee or send their name & address to the Church office.

Worship Committee: Matt & Betsy Bramlett, Perry & Jennifer McCutchen, Martha Kay Hunt, Betty Manning Heriot, Bo Dickinson

Please mark October 16th on your calendar and help us celebrate another milestone in the life of Bishopville PC!

Welcome Visitors

Rev. & Mrs. Eddie Green

Annie Green

David Jeffords

Irene & Joey Black

Kim, Aaron, Sidney, Avarie Easters

Bible Study

Sunday's @ 5:30 pm

Open to anyone who wishes to participate
 Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com or
 text 803.459.6800



Please help “Kids for Christ” pack Shoeboxes for Children

Each month we will collect different items for our project. Please place your donations in the exhibit boxes in the Fellowship Hall

- **September: Toys & Other Items**
- **October: School Supplies & Other Items**
- **November: Personal Hygiene & Other Items**

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jumps ropes, slinkys, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light or make noise (with extra batteries), etc...

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps, ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculator, coloring & picture books, etc...

Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, toothpastes, mild bar soaps (in plastic bags), washcloths, combs, brushes, etc...

Other Items: T-Shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc...

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are also needed

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, items of warfare (such as toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 13th

Shoebox packing party w/supper will be sometime in the 3rd week of November

Jewish Voice Ministries International

Through support, indigent Jewish people in Israel receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Jesus.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people.



**September 18th
6:00 p.m.**

**Bring a covered-dish and
join us for this fun event**

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the youth SS class for Bell Ringer & Helping Hands. Please sign-up and return the form to the office by September 18th. We hope to resume in October

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October At A Glance

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| 2nd: | Communion, Cents-Ability, Food collection |
| 9th: | Stated Session |
| 10th: | Church Office closed |
| 16th: | HOMECOMING / PWCT |
| 17th: | Night Circle |
| 18th: | Morning Circle |
| 19th: | Men of Church |
| 25th: | Finance Committee meeting |

October
2016

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Women's Prayer: Wed. @ 6 pm & Thur. @ 4 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Cindy Welsh & Dick McCutchen*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 2nd:** Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion / Cents-Ability offering & food collection for LCCM
Coffee Hour: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon
- Sunday, 9th:** Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
Coffee Hour: William & Judith Watkins
Flowers: Peebles Family
- Monday, 10th:** Church office closed for holiday (Columbus Day)
- Sunday, 16th:** Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. PWCT
10:30 a.m. HOMECOMING registration
11:00 a.m. HOMECOMING service
12:00 p.m. HOMECOMING dinner on grounds
*** NO Coffee Hour ***
Flowers: Christine Shirley Family
- Monday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Host: Betsy Bramlett)
- Tuesday, 18th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Host: Judith Watkins)
- Wednesday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Host: Needed)
- Sunday, 23rd:** Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- Tuesday, 25th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- Sunday, 30th:** Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Melinda, Meredith, Missy
Flowers: Mike Monroe

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed: October 10th for holiday

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LCCM October Collection ~ DRIED BEANS ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, October 2nd for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

One of the great joys I have as a pastor is seeing first-hand what God can do through his local churches. We can take for granted how much God can accomplish with things that – humanly speaking – don't seem to be that much. King David, Solomon, Joseph, & John were all younger brothers. Anywhere from 5,000 to 25,000 people were fed with a little boy's lunch. And a collection of 11 fishermen, laborers, accountants, & youths began a movement that would take the story of Jesus from a Roman backwater to every continent & nation on this planet! Our God does amazing things!

Over the next few months, I'd like to share with you some of the many stories of how God has done some amazing things through his church here in Bishopville. As your pastor, I have been both impressed and encouraged by all that we do, all the ministries – both small & large – that make an impact on the world and bring glory to our God. When we look at how God works here at Bishopville, I hope you share my encouragement. At the same time, I hope we're all challenged to see what God can do through human hands – like ours. There's a ministry that, like Jesus' church, started small enough: with a fisherman afghan and 2 neckwarmers. I took the time recently to sit down with Dot & Julie Cothran to talk about our church's involvement with the Guatemala Sewing Mission over the past few years. This is a mission to the indigenous Mam women of the Guatemalan mountains. We've all heard the story about how, when asked what could we in the American church could do or give to help them, they asked for sewing machines. The sewing machines would give the women a trade – a hand-up rather than a hand-out – and a lasting ministry in our Lord's name.

The Sewing Mission provides several important needs for those who benefit – Spiritual connections to supporting churches, skills & education training, microloans for businesses, and healthy body initiatives for the region. For more than 15 years, students have been blessed by how we have given, shared, prayed, and ministered in the Lord's name. Think about this – in only 1 year, 2015, 44 graduates came through the Sewing School! Now think about more than 15 years of this kind of impact, not only on the lives of those women, but also the impact on their families, their villages, and their world.



And for us, it all started with someone looking for how she could use her skills and resources as a mission. Julie makes fisherman's afghans for fund-raising and literally hundreds of Tyson's neck warmers for the women of the Sewing Mission (here's a picture of a couple of the ladies who've received these wonderful mini-scarves). By trusting & using her God-given ability, she's shared with people thousands of miles away the rich love & tradition of our church. By doing this, she's shared the love of a Savior who loves us in incredible and amazing ways – as part of His story.

You and I, like Julie, like Ann Law Finch, have a gift and ability God has given us. Earlier, I wrote that it all started with an afghan and some neck warmers; but that's not entirely accurate. It all started with someone praying for how God could use her to build up his people – someone asking God for a mission. So how can we do the same – how can we ask God for our own missions? How can we be a part of what God is doing here and around the world as a part of his church at Bishopville? God is doing amazing things – let's be a part, too.

Blessings – Pastor Chris

October Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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|-------|---|---------------------|
| 2nd: | <i>“Final Clean-Up”</i> | Nehemiah 13:23-31 |
| 9th: | <i>“The Promised Vision”</i> | Acts 2:32-43 |
| 16th: | HOME COMING <i>“To God Be the Glory”</i> | Psalm 148 |
| 23rd: | <i>“Reforming the World”</i> | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 |
| 30th: | <i>“Reforming the Saints”</i> | 1 Corinthians 4:1-8 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on September 11th. We approved a Thanksgiving offering for Presbytery to help fund the "GO Center", which provides training, consulting and coaching in Church revitalization. This program has expanded over the years reaching into every Presbytery of the EPC.

The Session is looking at ways we might use our old Sunday School materials. If you know of a Church or organization that could benefit from these materials, please contact the Church office.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Homecoming on October 16th.

Tyson Eckley was elected Commissioner to attend our Presbytery meeting September 23-24 at Kempsville PC in Virginia Beach, Va., with Rev. Parnell.

World Communion will be held October 2nd, during morning worship. If you know of anyone who would like to have communion served in their home, please notify the Pastor or an Elder.

Please call me 803.229.5307 or the Church 803.484.5441 if you have a need.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: October 9th @ 8:00 am

OCTOBER OFFICER DUTIES

***Cindy Welsh & Dick McCutchen**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Please remember our
HOMEBOUND members**

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



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Annie Folsom

Lillie Mae Slater

Nell Post

Judy Laney

Constance Reid Holler Heyward

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. — Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

September 2016 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 51 Worship - 71

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

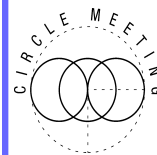
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| MTD Income received: | \$12,885.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$18,573.05 |
| YTD Income received: | \$174,177.50 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$151,498.93 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$155,133.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$160,863.00 |



Men of Church

October 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host needed. Please contact Steven Frazier
We would love to have you come join us for good food and good fellowship



October Circle Hostesses

Night (17th) Betsy Bramlett
Morning (18th) Judith Watkins



OCTOBER 2nd

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

Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services. Cents-Ability offering & canned food donations will also be collected to help fund the LCCM

Communion Elders: Cindy Welsh/Matt Bramlett

OCTOBER HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 2nd | William Watkins | Missy Kirven |
| 9th | Caroline, Wendy, Claire | Debbie Tindal |
| 16th | MaryAnna Welsh | Kerry Frazier |
| 23rd | Steven Welsh | Betsy Bramlett |
| 30th | Dawn Levers | Ipock's |

Happy Birthday



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| Bayard Huggins | 1 | Ari Dickinson | 3 |
| William Burns Tindal III | 2 | Jerry Adams | 4 |
| Sherian McLendon | 4 | Thaddeus Matthew Bailey | 8 |
| Claire Ashley Parnell | 4 | Maddie Varn | 8 |
| Mary Grace Hilditch | 10 | Jill McElveen | 9 |
| Caroline Johnson | 10 | Eddie Boykin | 10 |
| Mary Katherine Parnell | 12 | Catherine Bell Smith | 12 |
| B. J. Kerr | 17 | Anna Turner | 12 |
| Marilyn Adams | 19 | Judith Watkins | 12 |
| Gordon Wayne Eckley | 20 | Cally Bell | 14 |
| Dawn Watson Nesbit | 24 | MaryAnna Welsh | 14 |
| Gloria Broadway | 25 | Peggy Corbett | 15 |
| Betty Ann Cooper | 25 | Missy Kirven | 20 |
| Johnny McCutchen | 28 | Perry McCutchen | 22 |
| Steven P. Terrell, Jr. | 28 | Dr. Leon Hunt | 23 |
| John Hampton Cloyd | 29 | Jackie Drayton | 25 |
| Bo Dickinson | 29 | Jane Harrington | 27 |
| Brenda Flowers | 30 | Sissy Jeffords | 29 |
| Anna Grace Kirven | 30 | Lisa Jeffords | 30 |
| Dick McCutchen | 30 | | |

Congratulations to Nathan & Elizabeth Thomas (son and daughter-in-law of Bobby Thomas) on the arrival of their 3rd child, **Carson Mae Thomas**, born Sept. 6th, at 5 lbs. 3 oz. & 18"



**Organ Concert
Soup & Sandwich Supper
Sunday, October 2nd
4:00 p.m.**

**Featuring four superb local organists
Linda Coyne William Douglas
Bo Dickinson Hamilton Stoddard**



*Thank you so much for the delightful refreshments provided for our family following Cile's service. It was a sad occasion but it was good to have long time friends be there for us.
-- Ruthie Stevenson Bowman, for the family of Cile Stuckey*

The family of William Eckley thanks everyone for all your prayers and support. We are very excited to have William at home! Leaving the hospital together as five was a special memory that we will never forget. As we reflect on the last 6 1/2 weeks, it's impossible not to be humbled by how much God has blessed us

*The family of Carson Mae Thomas thanks you for all the prayers sent their way. We are happy to say she is doing well. We have been amazed by the number of wonderful people willing to keep Carson and our family in their prayers throughout the past several weeks. I have no doubt it contributed to her recovery and continued health. I know my dad, Bobby Thomas, is very grateful to have such a wonderful church family to be a part of. I am glad he has such loving and caring people in his life. Once again we greatly appreciate the prayers.
Nathan, Elizabeth, Lollah, James, and Carson Mae Thomas*

Recent Visitors

Margaret vB Smith and Martin Smith



The Women of the Church has a new prayer group and would love to have you join them.

**Wednesday's @ 6:00 p.m.
Please meet in the Session room**



**Community Thanksgiving Service
November 20th @ 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church**

This year's Service will feature various community members sharing their gifts. If you have a talent or gift that you'd like to share, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

Bible Study

Sunday's @ 5:30 pm

Open to anyone who wishes to participate
Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com or text 803.459.6800



Please help “Kids for Christ” pack Shoeboxes for Children

Each month we will collect different items for our project. Please place your donations in the exhibit boxes in the Fellowship Hall

- **October: School Supplies & Other Items**
- **November: Personal Hygiene & Other Items**

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jumps ropes, slinkys, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light or make noise (with extra batteries), etc...

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps, ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculator, coloring & picture books, etc...

Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, toothpastes, mild bar soaps (in plastic bags), washcloths, combs, brushes, etc...

Other Items: T-Shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc...

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are also needed

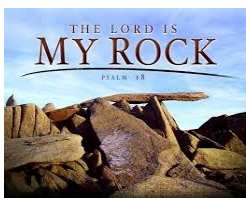
DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, items of warfare (such as toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 13th

Shoebox packing party w/supper will be sometime in the 3rd week of November

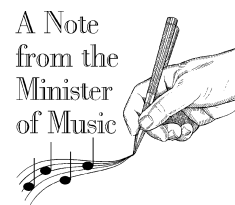
Jewish Voice Ministries International

Through support, indigent Jewish people in Israel receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Jesus. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and coins



**“Solid Rock” Youth Group
(grades 8-12)**

Sunday mornings @ 9:30 a.m.
We are growing and would love to have more youth join us!



A Note
from the
Minister
of Music

**Teenage girl singers
(ages 13-18)**

Sunday's @ 5:15 p.m.
Directed by Bo Dickinson

**14th Annual Judgement House
Emmanuel Baptist Church
October 8th - 9th & 15th - 16th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
949 N. Marquis Hwy.
Hartsville, SC 29550**

Call 843.332.2271 to make reservations or visit www.ebconline.com
“The Masquerade”

Sometimes we all wear masks

This is not a haunted house, but a walk-through drama depicting real people, real choices, and real consequences.



Please plan to attend our **HOME COMING**
October 16th

As we celebrate the ties that have bound us
 for the past 178 years!!!



We are pleased to have our newly seasoned pastor, **Rev. Chris Parnell**, deliver our message. Chris is a native of Anderson County. He earned his Bachelors in English from Erskine College and his Masters of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary. Prior to full-time ministry, he worked in inside sales for a world-leading bearing company.

He married his college sweetheart, Laura, in 1997 and they have three children; Claire Ashley, Mary Katherine, and Patrick. They both enjoy volunteering at their children's schools over the years.

Since moving to Bishopville, all 3 children are enrolled at Robert E Lee Academy and Laura has accepted a job at the Academy where she teaches Art and Computer lab.

Before coming to Bishopville, he served as the pastor of New Amity and Stony Point ARP Churches in the Statesville, NC area. He ministered to and with people inside and outside the church, and had some success in growing Stony Point Church, while New Amity remained fairly level in their community.

He served in several settings; as a student supply at Arsenal Hill, as a ruling elder (and clerk of session) at Rogers Memorial in Rock Hill, SC, and as a dual-yoked minister.

He has a passion to work with churches in order to minister and reach out to those in need of hope, particularly the hope that comes from Christ's Gospel. He believes that the church is uniquely situated as a bridge between the Kingdom of Heaven and the world; and as believers have a dual-citizenship, and his goal as minister is to foster ways in which we can minister in both realms, encouraging each other and linking with outsiders, both the unchurched and de-churched, with the community of faith. In this way, we can live out Christ's command to "make disciples of all peoples." It was through this sort of ministry that he was reached with the Gospel, and so his hope is to share that with others like the man he was.

Bo & Ari Dickinson, Steven Frazier, and Mike Clyburn will provide our music.



Bo & Ari are members of our Church. Bo is our Organist & Choir Director and he & Ari both serve as music Directors at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden. Bo is a graduate of Clemson and both are graduates of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. Both teach music privately and Ari is co-owner of a ballet studio in Camden and they live in Bishopville.

Mike Clyburn resides in Camden. He is an insurance agent with Grimm Agency and plays with the Camden Community Concert band as a trumpeter

Steven Frazier is a member of our Church. He is currently a Session member and a pharmacist at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital in Columbia. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Kerry, for 11 years and they have 2 boys; Wyatt & William.

Please mark October 16th on your calendar and help us celebrate another milestone in the life of Bishopville PC!

The Scroll

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November At A Glance

- 2nd-7th:** Church Office closed for vacation
- 6th:** Daylight Saving time ends, LCCM Food collection
- 8th:** Election Day
- 13th:** Session / PWCT / Concert @ BUMC
- 14th:** Harvest Banquet @ BUMC
- 15th:** OCC Shoebox packing party w/supper
- 16th:** Men of Church
- 20th:** Thanksgiving Service @ 1st Baptist
- 22nd-27th:** Church Office closed for holiday
- 27th:** 1st Advent / Hanging of Greens service
- 29th:** Finance Committee meeting



Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer: Wed. @ 6 pm & Thur. @ 4 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Business Office Hours
9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)
Key Officers and Staff
Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session
Judith A. Watkins, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

NOVEMBER



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Bobby Thomas & Gregg McCutchen

Calendar of Events

- 2nd - 7th:** Church office closed for vacation
- Sunday, 6th:** Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
Daylight Saving time ends
Coffee Hour: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Crues & Renee Bell
- Tuesday, 8th:** Election Day
- Sunday, 13th:** Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. PWCT
4:00 p.m. Organ concert @ Bethlehem UMC
Coffee Hour: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: OPEN
- Monday, 14th:** 6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet @ BUMC
- Tuesday, 15th:** 6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, Shoebox packing party & supper
- Wednesday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Hosts: Dick & Perry McCutchen)
- Sunday, 20th:** Christ the King Sunday / Thanksgiving offering for GO Center
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service @ First Baptist Church
Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Ray & Jackie Drayton
- 22nd - 27th:** Church office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 27th:** First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of Greens
Coffee Hour: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Naomi McCutchen Family
Advent Candle Lighters: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- Tuesday, 29th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed: 2nd - 7th (vacation) & 22nd - 27th (holiday)

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the
Church office for printed materials



LCCM November Collection ~ HOLIDAY NON-PERISHABLES ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, November 6th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

Last month I shared that one of my greatest joys as your pastor is to be a part of the many ministries that God is doing through our church. Last month we looked at one of our longer-standing mission efforts, the Guatemala Sewing Mission, and how we've been a part of that effort to share blessings and the Gospel with the Mam women of that nation. This month, I want to look at one of our newest ministry and mission efforts: **Kids for Christ & Jewish Voice Ministries**.

If you've been to Bishopville EPC in the past few months, you've probably seen the hand-painted banks in our fellowship hall or in the education building. These were made at a family-night supper last year for the purpose of collecting coins and change for Kids for Christ's donations to this powerful ministry. Jewish Voice Ministries (www.jewishvoice.org) has as its goal to "give clean water, humanitarian aid, and the good news of Yeshua (Jesus) to hurting Jewish people across the globe." What a simple, yet powerful mission statement! Isaiah 11:6 describes what I call Gospel Days; these are days the Gospel creates: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and *a little child shall lead them*." For me, the coolest thing about our support of Jewish Voice Ministries is just that—our children are leading the way! Kids for Christ stepped up and have inspired our whole church to be a part of this humanitarian and missionary outreach.

One of the realities of our modern age that most of us (me included) take so much for granted is access to clean water. It staggers me to this day to find out (per United Nation statistics) that more than 660,000,000 people (*660 million!*) do not have access to clean water (World Health Organization and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme, 2015). That's nearly 1 out of every 10 people across the world!

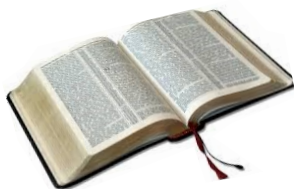
I remember when my family moved from inside the town of Iva out "to the country" about 5 miles out of Iva. One of the biggest adjustments we made as a family was switching from city water to well—especially during storms or dry spells when either power outages or the water table dropping kept us from having ready access to water. The thing is, while we as a family were temporarily inconvenienced, there are people all over the world for whom what happened to us in a rare blackout is a constant reality. We never think of it this way, but for millions of people, clean water is not just a convenience, but an almost untouchable luxury.

At the same time, in many countries and communities, the medicines and medical professionals are also luxuries most people do not enjoy. Jewish Voice Ministries sends medical missionaries who, on average, treat nearly 8,000 people per short-term missions trip. In 2015, the year we began to support them, they went out on 6 missions trips, treating a total of 42,569 people, and at the same time, more than 6,500 people received the Gospel and were saved. Praise God for this incredible effort!

And again, without the leadership and encouragement from Kids for Christ, most of us would neither know about, nor support such an effort to bless lives and build Jesus Christ's kingdom. So what can we do? We can be both encouraged and challenged by our next generation of leaders in the church. Already they're helping to connect us to amazing international Gospel ministries. At the same time, we can be challenged in how we're encouraging, training, and leading them into more and more opportunities to minister in our Savior's name both here locally in Bishopville and across the world. We're in exciting times, and, through the various people—young and old—of our church family, God is doing incredible things! Hallelujah!

Blessings to all – Pastor Chris

November Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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| 6th: | <i>"Reforming the Self"</i> | 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 14:1 |
| 13th: | <i>"Getting Ready for the King"</i> | Luke 3:10-17 |
| 20th: | <i>"Jesus Christ the King"</i> | Psalm 100 |
| 27th: | 1st Advent - Hanging of Greens | Isaiah 2:1-5 |

NEWS from the Session...

October 9th Session meeting & Church service were cancelled, due to Hurricane Matthew. We are grateful that our damage was not that much.

I would like to thank the Worship Committee for the great job on Homecoming 2016. The music, sermon, and food was great! We have a lot to be thankful for in our 178 years of worshipping God.

Please continue to pray for our country, with the elections on November 8th.

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October 2016 Statistics
 As of October 27th

Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 110

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$14,369.50 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$14,502.23 |
| YTD Income received: | \$188,547.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$166,001.16 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$172,370.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$176,291.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses
 (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$750.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$23.45 |
| YTD Income received: | \$26,471.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$11,671.77 |



Men of Church
November 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
Hosts: Dick & Perry McCutchen

We would love to have you come join us for good food and good fellowship

No November or December Circles



Hanging of Greens
Sunday, November 27th
 Please join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights & Sounds of the Advent season



Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia's
 Order forms are in bulletins and in the Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary **December 11th - 25th**. Make checks payable to the church
Order Deadline: November 10th



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Cliff Jones

Racine Brown, Laura Latimer's brother

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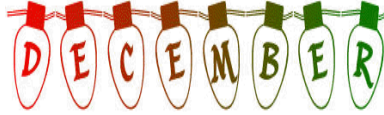
Advent Lighter Schedule

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| November 27th: | Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen |
| December 4th: | Solid Rock SS Class |
| December 11th: | Leon & Martha Kay Hunt |
| December 18th: | Missy Kirven Family |
| December 25th: | Chris Parnell Family |

NOVEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|------------------|------------------|
| 6th | OPEN | Cindy Welsh |
| 13th | OPEN | Meredith Gaskins |
| 20th | Jerry Adams | Wendy Welch |
| 27th | Melinda Atkinson | Jill McElveen |

Happy Birthday



Congratulations

Max & Amber Smith
Chip & Rena Smith's son
on the arrival of their son, *William Eric Smith*

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| Ari Dickinson | 3 | Michael Jeffords | 5 |
| Jerry Adams | 4 | Sara Catherine Corbett | 6 |
| Thaddeus Matthew Bailey | 8 | Elouise Wright | 7 |
| Maddie Varn | 8 | Gordon Eckley | 8 |
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Daylight Savings Ends
November 6th
2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to fall
back 1 hour

Harvest Banquet
Monday, November 14th
6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem UMC
Contact office for reservations
Cost is \$8/pp
Payable to: Laura Windham



Thanksgiving offering November 20th

The GO Center Coaches Network provides training, consulting and coaching in Church revitalization, reaching into every Presbytery of the EPC

November
Hospice and Palliative Care Month
Every Day is a Gift

Please remember all under hospice care, their families and their hospice teams in your daily prayers

Thank You
The family of Bill Hopkins wishes to thank everyone for all your continued prayers, phone calls, thoughts & concerns for him while he was hospitalized for 66 days and in & out the hospital, since. He's finally home and progressing well. He even got his driver's license!

Margaret Mimms' new mailing address:
Elmcroft Senior Living
3006 Hoffmeyer Road, Florence, SC 29501



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Reception after service
Traditional service

Thanksgiving Service

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Shoebox Packing Party

Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

Please meet upstairs, in the Solid Rock section, to pack shoeboxes.

We will have supper afterwards

Thank you to everyone for all your donations!

Jewish Voice Ministries International

Kids for Christ will collect coin jars on Sunday, November 13th and have a bake sale on Sunday, November 20th, during coffee hour. All donations will go to various causes that support and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to indigent Jewish people in Israel and around the world. Our Kids for Christ are so thankful that you share our vision and passion for proclaiming the gospel to the Jewish people and transforming their lives in many ways.

For more information, please visit: www.jewishvoice.org

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done. - Proverbs 19:17



Organ Concert

Sunday, November 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Reception in Fellowship Hall, following the program

The Bishopville Music Club invites everyone to celebrate our 40th birthday as we introduce Mr. W. James (Jim) Glass, to the community

Glass is a native of Rock Hill, but began his study of organ from Lenoir-Rhyne University students, while in High School in Hickory, NC. At the age of 18, he received his first appointment as an organist/music director. He returned to Rock Hill to attend Winthrop where he earned a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance, studying with David Lowry as major professor as well as theory and counterpoint with Roy Will.

He continued his academic career at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, earning a Master of Sacred Music degree and studying organ and composition with Donald Busarrow, harpsichord and organ pedagogy with Trudy Faber and hymnology with Tom Smith. He rounded his studies with various courses at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and organ with John Schaeffer of Augusta College. Since then he has developed new music programs for mission congregations in both Lutheran and Presbyterian churches.

Glass is currently the Music Director/Organist at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. A 40 year veteran as a church musician, Glass would be considered an expert in the field of music for the small parish.

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

October 2016



Scripture celebration

What a party! On Friday, September 23, as we entered the Townsend Auditorium at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC, we were greeted by an ensemble of drummers loudly drumming an African beat, and two African young ladies dancing in African style. What was the party all about?

We were celebrating the fact that in the previous year **eighteen New Testaments and five complete Bibles** had been dedicated for minority language groups. These would serve the spiritual needs of more than 4.3 million people who speak those languages.

One of them was the Sherpa New Testament, which had been 47 years in the making. In 1967, when the first language survey was done, there were no churches, no known believers, and no written form for the Sherpa language. It was illegal for anyone to believe in Jesus, and any who might choose to do so would be sure to be persecuted and jailed.

Over the years various translators, some Sherpas, and others expatriates, toiled at the task. It was often difficult; there was illness, life-threatening accidents, logistical challenges, visa restrictions and civil war. Two of the translators were confined to wheel chairs. The work was never going to be easy, and discouragement was overwhelming at times.

Things changed when a Sherpa man, who had been crippled by polio at a young age, believed in Jesus. He wanted to share this good news with other villages but was unable to travel the mountain trails. But when he thought about the dedication of the Norwegian translator who was left crippled and confined to a wheelchair after a serious fall, the Sherpa young man decided to help translate Jesus' story so it could be sent to every village. Joining the translation project, he quickly became a crucial member of the team. The perseverance of the other crippled man, who had since died of cancer, inspired this Sherpa man to help complete the task. (adapted from *Wycliffe Today*, July 2014; www.Wycliffe.org.au)



Two Sherpa men at the dedication of their New Testament in Nepal



Twenty five local pastors participated in the Scripture celebration by carrying a newly published Bible or New Testament as the procession made its way into and around the auditorium

We need your help—update

In our last newsletter we advised our readers that our average monthly income is around 20% below the minimum amount that Wycliffe says we need to receive from contributions each month. Several new partners have come alongside us over the last few months to help with that need. We *do* appreciate that. There is still a considerable deficit though.

Perhaps you are not in a position to assist us financially but would like to help in some way. We have a suggestion: **would you be willing to commit to pray for us for the next thirty days?** You could pray that we would come in contact with people with whom we can share our vision for Bible translation, and that God will prompt some to become partners with us. We would also ask that you pray for our current partners, that God would bless and prosper them, and enable them to continue to help us in the ways they do.

Growth and change

Our youngest son, Philip, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He has also applied for an ROTC scholarship, which, if awarded, would enable him to attend college with the commitment to serve as an officer in the United States Marine Corp upon graduation. If he is not awarded the ROTC scholarship, he will go to boot camp and train for service in the infantry.

Philip runs on the cross country and track teams for his high school, and has been captain of both teams. He has also set school records in the 5K and in the mile run. His sports career provides something of an object lesson for us in ministry, as well as life in general, and that lesson is this: **Life is a marathon, not a sprint.**

We are twenty-nine years into our ministry marathon with Wycliffe Bible Translators. What is your marathon? And how are you doing in your marathon?

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks

- For generous friends who came alongside and helped us with the significant costs associated with replacing our 50-year old well
- That Emily has had several job interviews, and has also been able to do some substitute teaching to bring in a bit of income

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Please continue to pray

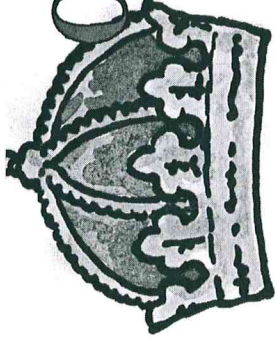
- For a job in the field of counseling for Emily
- For long-term solutions to our financial needs
- For several newer cars to replace a couple of the marathon-weary ones we now have



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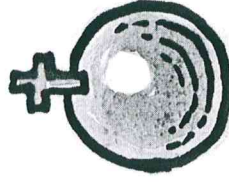
SAINT ANDREW



Christ the King Word-Find

See if you can find all the words from the list at the bottom.

Then put the leftover letters in the spaces to find a little prayer you can say any time.



J E C H U R C H S P
 U T H R O N E S H E
 W F R I J U S O V E A C
 Y E S T S R M I N G A E C
 M B E P E I R L O U D D T O
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| BEGINNING | HEAVEN | LOVE |
| CHRIST | HIGH | PEACE |
| CHURCH | JESUS | POOR |
| CREATOR | JUDGE | REDEEMER |
| DOMINION | JUSTICE | RULE |
| EARTH | KINGDOM | THRONE |
| FEAR | LORD | WORLD |
| GOD | | |

AT FIRST ANDREW WAS A DISCIPLE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BUT THEN HE FOUND JESUS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

Behold the Lamb of God!

SAINT ANDREW LIVED AT THE SAME TIME AS JESUS. HE WAS A BROTHER OF PETER, AND THEY BOTH WERE FISHERMEN.

Can you help me haul this net up?

ANDREW STAYED WITH JESUS WHILE HE DID HIS WORK ON EARTH.

This is My Body.

ANDREW WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE BOY WITH THE LOAVES AND FISH.

What? I thought you only had five loaves!

JESUS CHOSE ANDREW AS ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

Andrew, come! Follow me.

ANDREW WAS MARTYRED BY CRUCIFIXION. HE WAS TIED TO A CROSS IN THE SHAPE OF AN X. HE PREACHED FROM IT FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE HE DIED.

God gave us the Church to bring us closer to Himself.

AFTER THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST, ST. ANDREW WENT OUT TO PREACH THE FAITH.

Can you come and preach in my town?

WE DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW EXCEPT THAT HE WAS A FAITHFUL APOSTLE OF JESUS AND ONE OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH. HE BEGAN AS A POOR FISHERMAN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS STORY THAT JESUS CALLS US ALL TO BE SAINTS, NO MATTER WHERE WE'RE FROM.

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December At A Glance

- 4th:** Children's Pageant / Christmas luncheon / Called Session
LCCM Food donation
- 5th:** Church Office closed for vacation
- 11th:** Stated Session / Elder examination
- 18th:** Elder Ordination & Installation
- 20th-27th:** Church Office closed for holiday
- 25th:** MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

December
2016

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 5 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Business Office Hours
9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)
Key Officers and Staff
Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session
Judith A. Watkins, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

December



***BISHOPVILLE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH***

*EOC: *Steven Frazier & Perry McCutchen*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 4th:** Second Sunday of Advent / LCCM food collection
11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
12:00 p.m. Church Christmas Luncheon (catered)
Flowers: Charlie & Virginia Ipock
Advent Candle Lighters: Solid Rock Sunday School Class
- Monday, 5th:** Church office closed for vacation
- Sunday, 11th:** Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Stated Session & Elder examination
Coffee Hour: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Poinsettia's
Advent Candle Lighters: Leon & Martha Kay Hunt Family
- Sunday, 18th:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols @ Mayesville PC
Coffee Hour: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot
Flowers: Poinsettia's
Advent Candle Lighters: Tim & Missy Kirven Family
- 20th - 27th:** Church office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 27th:** Fifth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Day
Flowers: Poinsettia's
Advent Candle Lighters: Chris & Laura Parnell Family



Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed: 5th (vacation) & 20th - 27th (holiday)

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the
Church office for printed materials



LCCM December Collection ~ HOLIDAY NON-PERISHABLES ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, December 4th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham"

-- Matthew 1:1

"These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens"

-- Genesis 2:4

A while back, I stayed in Melbourne Beach, Florida for a pastor's retreat with a couple of my friends. While I was there, I walked on the shore of the intercoastal waterway one morning and found the cast-off shell of a horseshoe crab. It was an amazing thing—paper thin, light as a feather, and amazingly detailed. It still had its spikes, and what looked like fur and eyes! I liked the shell so much that I brought it home with me and it sits now in a case beside my desk.

When I got home, I did some research and found some things out about it: What happens is that horseshoe crabs, like many other animals, grow from the inside out. As the crab gets bigger, it sheds its outer shell and that shrugged-off shell was what washed ashore that morning. This horseshoe crab literally left its beginning behind as evidence or proof of its growth.

Frank Herbert, in the novel *Dune*, wrote about the importance of rightly understanding beginnings. In our own lives, in our communities, and especially in our faith we realize he was onto something. That's why, during this time of the year, we place such an emphasis on our Savior's beginning, on his Advent. And that's also why Matthew, when he began his account of the Lord Jesus' life, started with the line I quoted at the top. Thing is, the expression Matthew uses as the first two words of his Gospel run parallel to another verse in the Bible, Genesis 2:4, which I also quoted. I happen to have a Greek translation of the Old Testament written about 400-500 years before Jesus' birth. This translation is called the Septuagint. In both the Septuagint and the Greek New Testament (from which we get our English translations), the same phrase or pair of words are used in both Matthew 1:1 and Genesis 2:4. These words are bibloV genesewV (*biblos geneseos*), which, translated literally, is "**Book of Genesis**". Matthew is saying that his book is the Genesis of the story of Jesus, just as Genesis, in chapter 2, talks about the Genesis of the story of humankind!

"Genesis", simply put, means "beginning"—but that's almost too simply put. Genesis isn't just about a beginning, it's about rightly understanding *how* something happened, as much as understanding *that* it happened. It's like the crab shell. What's happened is huge, important, life-altering, and looking at how it all started gives us a better understanding of how what's happened is going to affect our lives. Looking at the crab's shell says, the crab was once here, it was once this big, was once in this area, and now it's moved on. So what do we find when we look at Matthew's Genesis account of Jesus?

Jesus is connected to David, connected to Abraham: These two facts begin Matthew's Gospel, and, like a shell on the beach, these two facts proclaim something incredible both to us & for us. What does it mean? It means that Jesus is the King, a ruler who will (as Westminster says) defeat all His and our enemies. It means sin, death, temptation, sadness, disease, all these things will go away as our King rules us with patience, kindness, and diligence. It gives the angel armies, shepherds, and wise men reasons to travel and sing, offering kingly gifts to the Lord. And it gives you and me reason to begin to hope in this Advent Season. The King will stand the gap before us; the King will defeat the Goliaths in our lives. The King is our Savior.

And the King is the promise given by God to Abraham: "Through you, every nation, every tribe, and every people will be blessed." Jesus is connected to and is the fulfilment of that promise. Jesus makes us children of that promise, heirs of Abraham. Looking at Jesus is looking at our own new beginning. In Jesus, we become like that crab, shuffling out of what we'd been, moving like Abraham towards the home God is making for us in glory. The King, our King Jesus, is the promise.

If you get the chance, come by and I'll show my horseshoe crab shell, and you'll get to see the wonder of our Creator. Make the chance and read Matthew's Gospel, and you'll experience and encounter the King, our Lord, given to us to connect us to the promises of a God who is both our Genesis and our re-Genesis, now and always. Hallelujah! - Pastor Chris

December Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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| 4th: | Children's Pageant | Matthew 3:1-12 |
| 11th: | 3rd Advent | Psalms 146:5-10 |
| 18th: | 4th Advent | Matthew 1:18-25 |
| 25th: | 5th Advent - Christmas | Luke 2:1-20 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on November 13th. We always enjoy the time of Thanksgiving & Christmas. We all have a lot to be thankful for, most importantly is our Saviour, Jesus Christ who died on the cross for each of us.

We will have our Children's Christmas Pageant on December 4th, in lieu of morning worship. We will have a catered luncheon, after the program, for our Church family.

The 2019 Elders-elect will be examined by the Session on December 11th and ordained & installed on the 18th, during the worship service.

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, this year, therefore we will not have Sunday School or coffee hour that day. We will have an abbreviated morning worship service at 11:00 a.m.

If the Church or any Session member can help you in any way, please call me at 803.229.5307 or the Church at 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: December 11th @ 8:00 am

| November 2016 Statistics | |
|---|---------------------|
| Average Attendance: SS - 47 Worship - 69 | |
| Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$8,862.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$12,182.53 |
| YTD Income received: | \$200,072.25 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$178,183.69 |
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$195,607.00 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$190,117.00 |
| Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$150.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$17.23 |
| YTD Income received: | \$26,971.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$11,689.00 |

Gratitude Gift Offering
December 1st - 18th
 The GO Center Coaches Network provides training, consulting and coaching in Church revitalization, reaching into every Presbytery of the EPC

DECEMBER OFFICER DUTIES
 *Steven Frazier & Perry McCutchen
 * denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

No December Circles or Men of Church

Advent Lighter Schedule

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| December 4 th : | Solid Rock SS Class |
| December 11 th : | Leon & Martha Kay Hunt |
| December 18 th : | Tim Kirven Family |
| December 25 th : | Chris Parnell Family |



The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who recently lost family members & friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Deborah Skinner Galloway
 (cousin of Jenny McCutchen)

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. — Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

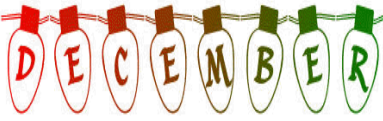
Don't forget to pick up your Christmas Poinsettia after the Christmas Service

DECEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
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| 4th | Crues Bell | Missy Kirven |
| 11th | Betsy Bramlett | Debbie Tindal |
| 18th | Madison Bramlett | Charlie & Virginia Ipock |
| 25th | Ann Cooper | Betsy Bramlett |

Please remember our
HOMEBOUND members
Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Happy Birthday



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| Michael Jeffords | 5 |
| Sara Catherine Corbett | 6 |
| Elouise Wright | 7 |
| Gordon Eckley | 8 |
| Becky Crichton | 9 |
| Mike Monroe | 13 |
| Janice Reynolds | 13 |
| Boochie Swearingen | 13 |
| Dawn Levers | 14 |
| Maggie Corbett | 15 |
| Tom Kerr | 18 |
| Jennifer McCutchen | 18 |
| Billy Simon | 20 |
| Margery Jeffords | 24 |
| Retta Tindal | 24 |
| Brooke Welch | 24 |
| Wyatt Frazier | 28 |
| Rena Smith | 29 |



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| Robert McCutchen III | 2 |
| Ann West | 2 |
| Rhetta Simon Cloyd | 3 |
| Chip Smith | 3 |
| Bill Tindal | 3 |
| Kody Mills McCutchen | 4 |
| John Bell, Jr | 9 |
| Will McElveen | 9 |
| Kean Scott III | 9 |
| Marvis Baker | 11 |
| John Crues Bell IV | 12 |
| Bill Conway | 13 |
| Steven Welsh | 13 |
| Ken Cutler | 14 |
| T-Bo Ellen | 16 |
| Carole Scott | 18 |
| Aidan Hilditch | 25 |
| Jean Woodmansee | 26 |
| Gayle Kerr | 27 |
| Brooke Harrington | 30 |
| Amber Harrington | 30 |
| Josh Kirven | 30 |
| John Latimer | 30 |



The Sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Ruby Nell Bailey on Sunday, December 11th**. Ruby is the daughter of Thad & Jennifer Tindal Bailey and the granddaughter of Bill & Debbie Tindal.



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 18th @ 6:30 pm
Mayesville Presbyterian Church
109 W. Sumter Hwy, Mayesville
 Reception following service
 Please bring a canned good or staple item to contribute to the Sumter United Ministries Outreach

THANK YOU

The Kids for Christ would like to thank everyone for all your Operation Christmas Child shoebox donations. A special thank you goes to Melinda Atkinson for coordinating the operation. We packed 76 shoeboxes!!!

*Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you for your prayers for our brother-in-law, Ken Cutler. Ken had a very bad fall less than a month ago, down a flight of stairs, and sustained several serious injuries. Today, he's home doing very, very well. His recovery has been remarkable. Prayer is the reason. To God be the glory!
 In His love, Judith & William Watkins*

Jewish Voice Ministries International

In November, our Kids for Christ collected over \$1,230 from coin jars and a bake sale
 All donations will go to various causes that support and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to indigent Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

Our Kids for Christ are so thankful that you share our vision and passion for proclaiming the gospel to the Jewish people and transforming their lives in many ways.

For more information, please visit: www.jewishvoice.org

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and He will reward them for what they have done. -Proverbs 19:17

Margaret Mimms' new mailing address:
 Elmcroft Senior Living
 3006 Hoffmeyer Road, Florence, SC 29501



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 5:00 p.m.
Please meet in the Session room

Ann & Nick West's new contact info:
 218 Dandelion Trail
 Anderson, SC 29261
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 803.491.7837 (n-c) 803.491.4493 (a-c)
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Bible Study

Sunday's @ 5:30 pm
 Open to anyone who wishes to participate
 Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com or text
 803.459.6800