

The Scroll

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Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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January 2020 At A Glance

- 5th: LCCM food & cash gifts / Communion
- 12th: Session
- 15th: Men of Church
- 19th: PWCT / Congregational Meeting
- 20th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
- 21st: Morning Circle
- 24-25: Presbytery Meeting
- 26th: Family Night Supper

February 2020 At A Glance

- 2nd: LCCM food gifts / Groundhog Day
- 9th: Session / Kids for Christ Valentine meal
- 12th: Business Office closed
- 16th: PWCT
- 17th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
- 18th: Morning Circle
- 19th: Men of Church
- 22nd: Life Line Screening @ BPC
- 26th: Ash Wednesday service & lunch @ BUMC

**HAPPY
 NEW
 YEAR**



January



2020

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship & Coffee - 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
- Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm
- Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

8:30 am - 6:30 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
 Unless otherwise noted

Key Officers and Staff

- Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.
- Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.
- Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
- Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

JANUARY

Bishopville Presbyterian Church
January Elders-On-Call: Matt Bramlett & Aaron Easters

- Saturday, 4th:** 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
- Sunday, 5th:** LCCM food gifts, Cents-Ability offering, 1st Qtr. Communion
Coffee: Martha Kay Hunt & Laura Parnell
Flowers: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen
- Sunday, 12th:** 8:00 am Session
Coffee: Kim & Aaron Easters
Flowers: Renee & Crues Bell family
- Wednesday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Hosts: Matt & Jerry)
- Sunday, 19th:** 9:00 a.m. PWCT
11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
- Monday, 20th:** Church Business Office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Host: Betsy Bramlett)
- Tuesday, 21st:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle
- 24th - 25th:** Presbytery meeting @ Darlington PC
- Sunday, 26th:** 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
Coffee: Ray & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock



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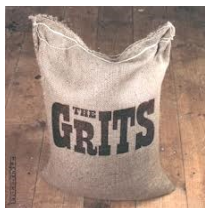


OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar
January 19th; February 23rd,
March 8th & 15th; April 5th, 12th & 19th;
May 3rd, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th;
August 23rd & 30th; September 27th

Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date

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Printed materials available, upon request, through office



LCCM January Collection ~ GRITS ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, December 1st for our monthly collection



From the Pastor's Desk... "Theology is practical: especially now. In the old days, when there was less education and discussion, perhaps it was possible to get on with a very few simple ideas about God. But it is not so now." (CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 4.1)

I came across my senior yearbook the other day - "**Bustin' through in '92!**" It was a simpler time... I remember that, in my senior year at Crescent High, I joined as many groups as I possibly could. French Club, Mock Trial, Youth-in-Government, FCA, Block-C, just about any club I could be on, I joined. I guess I wanted either to experience as much as I could of my school before I graduated - or that I wanted to see how often I could get my photo in the yearbook.

While I'm not a part of nearly as many groups as I was back in 1991-92, I'm still active in a few groups. One of the most interesting groups I've joined is a pastors' group for EPC ministers. Any & every EPC Teaching Elder (or "**T.E.**", as I'm affectionately known by at least one member of our church) can be a member of this group. We share prayer requests, resources, ask each other questions, answer (as we're able) questions, participate in surveys, and share what's happening in our ministries with each other. I've been prayed for, I've prayed for other ministers, I've asked for & gotten answers to questions, I've learned about our denomination, and I've gotten to share my experience & answers to some others' questions. I have been blessed by this group.

Lately, I've noticed a theme, a direction, a pull or leading that many of us in the group have felt. Independently, we've been drawn to similar resources, books, articles, even a couple of documentary resources, all surrounding the same topic: **The importance of good, right theology.**

The quote I attached from CS Lewis was published in 1952; if he felt the pressing need for the church to embrace good, strong, right biblical theology nearly 70 years ago, imagine how stridently Lewis would write today! This is a theme throughout the Bible, as well as throughout the history of the Christian Church itself. We need a good, strong understanding of what the Bible teaches, of who we are in relationship to God, and of who God - Father, Son, & Holy Spirit - truly is and what he does. In a so-called "Age of Information" nothing could be more important for the Church.

We don't have the luxury our parents had - where Christendom & a Christian Ethic was pervasive in American culture. Here's a sampling of some of the issues our sister churches are facing: Youth group students beginning to transition from female-to-male. LGBTQ issues. Addictions of every flavor - alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, pills, porn, you name it. Depression. Suicide. Religious pluralism - from neighborhood Mormon missionaries to the online atheist community. Political polarization. Racial tension & hate. Persecution.

Sure, the Church has faced these things before, and we're blessed here in Bishopville to be pretty insulated from a lot of this. But our neighbors, more importantly, our brothers & sisters in Christ are dealing with these things - everything I've brought up is something a sister church in our denomination has had to deal with, or is currently facing. Please pray for them! And this is why we're going the direction we're going, starting this month. We're looking at the 5 most important things every church needs, the 5 "Only's" that keep every church going through these difficult & often-times impossible-seeming situations. So be in prayer, for me, for your session, and for each other. Pray that we understand & teach clearly, that we lead well, that we hear our flock - and that we hear our Savior as he leads us into the Truth that sets us free.

Glory to God most high! - Pastor Chris

January Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

Series: The 5 Only's



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|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5th: | <i>Only the Bible</i> | 2 Timothy 3:16 - 4:8 |
| 12th: | <i>Only Christ Jesus</i> | John 14:1-15 |
| 19th: | <i>Only Grace</i> | Ephesians 2:1-10 |
| 26th: | <i>Only Faith</i> | Romans 3:21-31 |



Pastor's Bible Study ~ Sunday's @ 5:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted

News from the Session...

Happy New Year! 2019 saw many positive developments for the Church, and the Session has many items to accomplish for 2020. Should there be anything you'd like to see at the Church for the upcoming year, please do talk to an elder or member of the Session. God's spirit certainly has been working through our members in continuing to foster such a loving and caring community of saints at Bishopville Presbyterian Church. Continue to pray for Pastor Parnell and his family, the members of the Church, and those members who are unable to regularly attend, for they certainly feel the warmth of those prayers. There is nothing more important and meaningful we can do than lift up our brother's and sister's in Christ. May 2020 bring you closer to Him, and us closer to His image.

Next Session Meeting: January 12th @ 8:00 am

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Matt Bramlett & Aaron Easters**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 19th**, during worship service, for the purpose of; reporting the 2019 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2020 budget and the Pastor's 2020 Terms of Call, for approval

**1st Quarter Communion
January 5, 2020**

Elders in charge: Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen
Cents-Ability offering and canned food items will also be collected for the LCCM (You must note "LCCM" on check or envelope for special donation)



**New Business Office Hours
Monday-Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted**

**Church Business Office Closed
January 20th for holiday**



We practice each Thursday @ 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and would love to have new voices join us!!!



**January Family Night Supper
Sunday, January 26th
@ 6:00 pm
Please bring a covered-dish and
join us**

December & EOY 2019 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 34 Worship - 69

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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|---|---------------------|
| *MTD Income received: | \$48,960.10 |
| *YTD Income received: | \$203,385.21 |
| *includes \$6,000 from Cemetery Fund for grounds | |
| Budgeted YTD Income Needed: | \$217,970.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$25,015.43 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$205,000.04 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$217,970.00 |

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

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$800.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$16,960.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$6,000.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$8,607.32 |

**Souperbowl Sunday
February 2nd**

We will collect offering to help support the LCCM.
Please mark gifts "LCCM" or "Souperbowl"

January Fellowship

Women's Circles

Night (Mon. 20th) Betsy Bramlett
Morning (Tues. 21st) Diane McElveen

Men of Church

Wed. 15th Matt Bramlett/Jerry Adams

We would love for you to join us in any of these groups for good food & good fellowship



**Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm**

Prayer Requests Prayers for the white "confidential" prayer cards from Sanctuary lockbox are received



Dot Cothran @ her home
Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin
Louis Shirley @ his home
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
Johnny McCutchen @ his home
John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence

Church News & Events



Presbyterian Women RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions

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



Let's Be Healthy Together!

Life Line Screening
Bishopville Presbyterian Church
Saturday, February 22nd
8:20 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Catch health problems before they go too far. We will offer 5 important screenings for only \$149

- Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)
- Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1.888.653.6450
To register for your appointment and receive a \$10 discount, call the number above or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners
February is Heart Healthy Month!!!

JANUARY HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 5th | Melinda Atkinson | Charlie & Virginia Ipock |
| 12th | Crues Bell | Jill McElveen |
| 19th | Betsy Bramlett | Debbie Tindal |
| 26th | Ann Cooper | Wendy Welch |

Happy Birthday



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



Kids for Christ
Annual Valentine Banquet
February 9th @ 6:00 p.m.
Watch bulletins for more details

Thank You



When counting my blessings I hardly know where to begin. It is so nice to be remembered at Christmas. Thank you to the session, the Kids for Christ and our dedicated choir for thinking of me. May we all remember that Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.

Blessings to all, Louise McCutchen

Thank you to everyone who made my Christmas brighter by your generosity & kindness. I pray you all have a GREAT 2020! Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Dear friends in Bishopville, Thank you so much for your faithful gifts and prayers during the past year. I am so glad I was able to visit in June. The Lord has blessed me in making it possible to be able to travel some. I pray for the Church every week and all it's outreach programs. Blessings in this Advent season. - Jean Legters

*We are so thankful for your faithful support... What a blessing! Some of our friends have been able to increase their giving or become an Automatic Monthly Partner (AMP). Just visit: <https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>
Thanks so much! For God's glory!! - Carroll Baker*



Lee County GameDay brings the teams of Lee County together for the 18th time

November 2019

Carroll and Pam Baker
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063
cbaker@fca.org
<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>

There are always lots of smiles at the Lee County GameDay. When the public school **Lee Central Stallions** have a pregame meal with the private school **Lee Academy Cavaliers**, the players experience something that doesn't happen enough. The two schools are only about 5 miles apart but the students don't interact often. Their cultures may be different, yet they have more in common than they realize.



Lucky # 7s

These two players enjoy getting their picture together. **Morgan Brown** of **Lee Academy** says that he enjoys talking to the Lee Central players each year. **Naquan Peebles** of **Lee Central** says that Lee County GameDay is important to him because it helps him to "get close to Robert E. Lee Academy." You can tell by their smiles that they mean it!



Lee County GameDay October 11, 2019
Where Lee County Comes Together

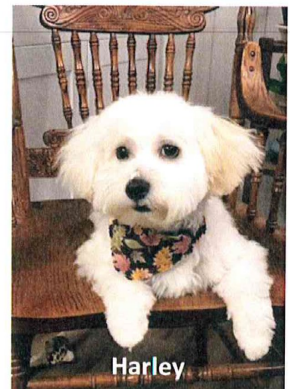
Has the Lee County GameDay made a difference? We certainly hope so. One thing is for sure... every player on both teams has sat down for fellowship together for 17 years. These future Lee County leaders have enjoyed their time together each year.

Along the way we are able to challenge the players to a deeper walk with Christ. This year the players heard from former **USC Football Chaplain Adrian Despres** who encouraged these young men to trust Christ as their Lord and Savior and 35 men responded!

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to do something like this. Invite the teams, find a location, buy some food, and secure a speaker. The end result is that lives are changed and Lee County definitely comes together!

And finally, say hello to our latest addition. "Harley" is a 6 month old **Coton De Tulear** that God sent our way! (If you had ever heard of this breed, you're way ahead of us!) He is a sweet, happy go lucky little fella, who loves being around us. He makes us laugh a dozen times every day, although it is like having a toddler around the house. No more empty nest!

Thanks so much for all you do for our family and ministry.
God has really blessed us with your friendship!



Harley

Carroll + Pam

Coaches, Students and Teams are being impacted through our ministry with FCA.

Carroll and Pam Baker
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063

That's why your continued support is so important!

The unlikely coach's Bible Study ... that makes sense!

An offshoot of the our Lee County GameDay has produced an unusual Bible Study. When I asked Lee Central's Justin Danner and Lee Academy's David Rankin about the possibility of meeting for a Coach's Bible Study, they both gave a hearty "Yes" to the idea. Imagine that... a black public school coach coming together with a white private school coach to study God's word together. We've been able work through a study called Wisdom from the Playbook, taking a look at coaching principles in the Gospels. It has been so fun to meet often this semester and both men have enjoyed their time together. They have great respect for each other and have been open to sharing their victories and defeats as they learn to follow Christ.



Over 60 students attend the FCA Middle School Retreat

At Crayton Middle School, 7 attended last year, but this year 20 attended. Our huddle coach **Babs Marshall** knows that it's worth the time and effort. The school even provided a charter bus!

At Camden Middle School our huddle Coach is **Dawn Partin**. She is also a **Guidance Counselor** and she fully understands the impact the retreat has on her students. Her own kids trusted Christ at the Middle School Retreat many years ago. She makes sure that her school is well represented each year and she trusts the Lord for scholarships for kids who need extra help.



The Camden Military guys come from a variety of backgrounds and most attend CMA for academic or behavior reasons. **Col. John Heflin** knows that his guys need a relationship with Christ. He has already asked about the date for next years retreat!

Team Camps—Over 200 local players attend Team Football Camp



Camden High School Football finished 12-1 and made it to the Upper State finals, their best season in many years. Yet what may not make the sports page is the fact that many lives were changed at FCA Team Football Camp. Coach **Brian Rimpf** makes Team Camp an important part of their offseason.

God is at work through the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Thanks for partnering with us!

Carroll + Pam

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- 9th: Pulpit Supply
- 12th: Business Office closed
- 16th: Session / PWCT
- 17th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
- 18th: Morning Circle
- 19th: Men of Church
- 22nd: Life Line Screening @ BPC
- 26th: Ash Wednesday service & lunch @ BUMC

March 2020 At A Glance

- 6th: World Day of Prayer
- 8th: Daylight Saving Time begins / Session
- 14th: Fellowship Hall reserved
- 15th: PWCT
- 16th: Night Circle
- 17th: Morning Circle
- 18th: Men of Church
- 29th: Family Night Supper
Loose offering goes to Kids for Christ



February 22nd
8:20 am - 6:00 pm

Let's Be Healthy Together!

2020

February

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee - 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday, 2nd: LCCM food gifts / Souperbowl Sunday / Groundhog Day
 Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
 Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy

Sunday, 9th: 11:00 a.m. Dwayne Sweatman (Pulpit Supply)
 Coffee: Meredith, Missy, Melinda
 Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

Wednesday, 12th: Church Business Office closed for vacation

Sunday, 16th: 8:00 a.m. Stated Session (note: date change)
 9:00 a.m. PWCT
 Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman
 Flowers: Family of Iris Thomas

Monday, 17th: Church Business Office closed for holiday
 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Host: Ann Cooper)

Tuesday, 18th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Host: Kim Easters)

Wednesday, 19th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Host: Steven Welsh)

Saturday, 22nd: 8:20 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Life Line Screening @ BPC

Sunday, 23rd: Coffee: William & Judith Watkins

Wednesday, 26th: Ash Wednesday
 12:00 p.m. Lenten lunch @ BUMC
 6:00 p.m. Ash Service @ BUMC



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 We will also collect money for "Souperbowl Sunday" for LCCM



From the Pastor's Desk... A recap for the 1st five messages of 2020:

Only the Bible is and can be our perfect rule of faith and practice - in other words, only the Bible teaches us what we need to know about God and how we can obey God. Only the Bible tells us what we're getting right and what we're getting wrong. Only the Bible tells us our hope is in the Son of God, the Lord Jesus - and only the Bible shows us how much God really loves us by sending Jesus.

Only Jesus is and can be our Savior - in other words, only Jesus saves. What we do doesn't save us, who we are doesn't save us, what we have doesn't save us, only Jesus saves. We can be as "good" as humanly possible, we can know "all there is to be knowed" (to quote Mr. Toad in *The Wind in the Willows*), we can literally pick up & move mountains, but only Jesus saves us. And only Jesus lives the perfect life, giving us God's perfect grace.

Only by grace do we receive Jesus - in other words, it's God's free gift to us. It's not a thing we deserved - who are we? Sinners, dead, at war with God. It's not a thing we even asked for. God gave it to us freely, because of his plan to bring glory to his name for all eternity, so that the angels and the church and the stars and everything living might sing & shout- only grace gives us Jesus, and only grace gives us the ability to have faith in Jesus.

Only by faith do we follow Jesus - we put our trust in his finished work, not ours. Faith is knowing what Jesus did for us - that he lived perfectly according to God's expectations, and that he died in our place on a cross we deserved, and that our sins were crucified on that cross with him. Faith is more than just knowing what Jesus did for us, though. Faith is living a life that follows Jesus, that tries to do, to say, to love, to live, and to glorify God like Jesus did.

Only God gets the glory for our believing, for his grace, for Jesus, for the Bible. God alone deserves all the glory, both in heaven and on earth - and the purpose for which he made us was to bring him glory now and forever. Only God deserves the glory because he is God alone; nothing else is God, so nothing else - nothing in creation, nothing in the past, present or future, nothing at all - deserves our worship & affection. Only God deserves all our praise, worship, & wonder.

I hope this recap has been helpful! May our Lord bless each of you!

Pastor Chris



February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| 2nd: | <i>Only God gets the Glory</i> | Revelation 7 |
| 9th: | <i>Dwayne Sweatman in pulpit</i> | |
| 16th: | | Genesis 4 |
| 23rd: | | Deuteronomy 27 |



Pastor's Bible Study ~ Sunday's @ 5:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted

Interesting Quotes......something to ponder in the new year...

"An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he's in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots."
 - Charles Kettering, American inventor/engineer

"You either get better or you get worse, but you can never stay the same. All of us are changing every day. Everything we read or see or do makes us different in some small way.
 "If you think you can come off a practice field the same player you were when you went on, you're kidding yourself. If you practice well, you'll be better."
 - Joe Paterno, head football coach, Penn State

There's a story I heard about a young musician who approached an old master who had just completed the most beautiful rendition of a complex collection of great compositions he'd ever heard. "Sir," the young man said admiringly, "it must be great to have all the practicing behind you and be able to simply sit down and play like that." "Oh," the old master replied, "I still practice eight hours every day." "But, why? I mean ... you are so good!" exclaimed the young musician. "I wish to become superb!" answered the old man

If once you don't succeed, try and try again!!!

FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Steven Frazier & Cindy Welsh**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Next Session Meeting: February 16th @ 8:00 am



Ash Wednesday
 — Lent Begins

**Community Ash Service
 Bethlehem United
 Methodist Church**

February 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Lunch Schedule:

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend

**February 26th @ 12:00 noon
 Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

**April 1st @ 12:00 noon
 Bishopville Presbyterian Church**

**Church Business Office Closed
 February 12th - 17th for vacation/holiday**



**Souperbowl Sunday
 February 2nd**

We'll collect money & food to help support LCCM. Please mark gifts "Souperbowl" or "LCCM"

January 2020 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 62

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MTD Income received: | \$10,563.86 |
| YTD Income received: | \$10,563.86 |
| Budgeted YTD Income Needed: | \$17,735.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$13,914.24 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$13,914.24 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$14,588.00 |

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

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| MTD Income received: | \$00.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$00.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$00.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$00.00 |

Circle Hostesses for February

Night (17th) Ann Cooper
Morning (18th) Kim Easters

**Daylight Saving Time begins
 March 8th @ 2:00 a.m.**

**Men of Church
 Wednesday, February 19th
 7:00 p.m.**

Host: Steven Welsh
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship



**Women's Prayer Group
 Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm**

**Visit
 the Homebound
 Our HOMEBOUND Members**

- Dot Cothran @ her home**
- Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**
- Louis Shirley @ his home**
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**
- Johnny McCutchen @ his home**
- John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence**



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Let's Be Healthy Together!

Life Line Screening
Bishopville Presbyterian Church
Saturday, February 22nd
8:20 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain.

Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. **Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.** Your Health is in Your Hands. Text the word "circle" to 797979 or call 1-888-653-6441 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle for more information or to pre-register

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH



Thank You



Many thanks to the Kids for Christ for the fruit for Christmas. I have really enjoyed all of it. Thanks for remembering me in this special way – Bruce Rogers

FEBRUARY HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 2nd | English Cooper | Kerry Frazier |
| 9th | Jackie Drayton | Cindy Welsh |
| 16th | Gaskins Family | Betsy Bramlett |
| 23rd | Kirven Family | Charlie & Virginia |

Happy Birthday



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| Kayla McCutchen | 1 | Bo Simon | 2 |
| Laura Latimer | 4 | Louise McCutchen | 3 |
| Harry Woodmansee | 4 | Carol Latimer Finethy | 4 |
| Hampton Gaskins | 15 | Emmett Kerr | 5 |
| Martha Kay Hunt | 15 | Katie Ellen | 7 |
| Benny Welch III | 15 | Bill Gaskins | 8 |
| Patrick Finethy | 17 | William Corbett | 9 |
| Laura Parnell | 19 | Isabelle Tindal Bailey | 10 |
| Bubba Muldrow | 20 | Lena McCutchen | 10 |
| Myers Varn Floyd | 21 | Meredith Gaskins | 12 |
| Shirley Wallace | 28 | Emmie McCutchen | 19 |
| | | English Cooper | 20 |
| | | Tyson Eckley | 22 |
| | | Louis Shirley | 22 |
| | | Jane Huggins | 26 |
| | | Peyton Welch | 27 |
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Resolve to pray each day

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6th

Please pray for our entire world and all our leaders on this day!

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March 2020 At A Glance

- 6th: World Day of Prayer
- 8th: Daylight Saving Time begins / Session
- 14th: Fellowship Hall reserved
- 15th: PWCT
- 16th: Night Circle
- 17th: Morning Circle
- 18th: Men of Church
- 19th: First Day of Spring
- 29th: Family Night Supper
Loose offering goes to Kids for Christ

April 2020 At A Glance

- 1st: Lenten lunch @ BPC / LCCM food/cash gifts
- 4th: Easter Egg Hunt @ BPC (Tentative)
- 5th: Palm Sunday / Communion / Cents-Ability
- 8th: Church Business Office closed for Holiday
- 9th: Maundy Thursday Communion @ BPC
- 10th: Good Friday service @ BUMC
- 12th: Session / Easter Sunrise service & breakfast
- 15th: Men of Church
- 19th: PWCT
- 20th: Night Circle
- 21st: Morning Circle
- 24-25: Presbytery Meeting



Begins March 8th
Spring forward an hour



Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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- Sunday, 1st:** LCCM food & monetary gifts / 1st Sunday of Lent
 Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
 Flowers: Renee & Crues Bell
- Friday, 6th:** World Day of Prayer
- Sunday, 8th:** 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins / 2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Stated Session
 Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson
- Sunday, 15th:** 9:00 a.m. PWCT / 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
- Monday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Host: Kathryn Welch)
- Tuesday, 17th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Host: Louise McCutchen)
- Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Hosts: Chris & Gene)
- Sunday, 22nd:** 4th Sunday of Lent
 Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley
 Flowers: Avarie & Sidney Easters
- Sunday, 29th:** 5th Sunday of Lent
 11:00 a.m. Loose offering goes to Kids for Christ mission
 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Singing @ 1st Baptist Church
 Coffee: Church provided
 Flowers: Kerry & Steven Frazier

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|  Find us on Facebook | Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed |  <p><i><u>OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar</u></i> March 8th & 15th; April 5th, 12th & 19th; May 3rd, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th; August 23rd & 30th; September 27th Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date</p> <p>Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com Printed materials available, upon request, through office</p> |
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LCCM March Collection ~ RICE ~
 Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, March 1st for our monthly collection



From the Pastor's Desk... "Pay attention!!" How often did I hear that phrase growing up? One of my jobs every summer was to mow the lawn, especially after we moved from "downtown" Iva out to the country. Now, this should have been a simple enough job for a boy my age (10, 11, & so on), except... I tended to daydream while cutting the grass, maybe I would think up little stories or fantasize about games I could be playing or toys I could buy or build or...

"Pay attention! Look at what you're doing to the grass!" Momma or Daddy would yell out to me in the middle of a half-cut line of grass.

There are 29 times the Bible uses the phrase "pay attention" or "pay careful attention" - but two of them in particular, a command from Jesus and a warning from Paul, stand out to me: Luke 17:1-3; Jesus said to His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves!" Acts 20:27-28; "I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood."

The reason these two exhortations stand out to me is that they are both given to leaders in the church. Jesus is speaking to the Twelve, the future foundations of his church (see Revelation 21:14). Paul is talking to the elders of the Ephesian church - and we know how Paul felt about elders (see 1 Timothy 3). These are the leaders of the church, and these leaders of the future & ongoing church are being warned: "Pay attention!"

Pay attention to what? This is a hard thing to say, but not everything that says it is "Christian" actually belongs to Christ Jesus. Not every person who teaches something they say is "Christian" actually teaches Biblically sound teaching or doctrine. Not every preacher who puts out a "Christian" sermon or book actually proclaims Christ Jesus or Jesus' Word. Some of them get Jesus wrong. Some of them use the Bible wrongly. Some of them take verses out of context, twisting their meaning, and using the Bible to profit themselves - as Paul warns about in Philippians 1:17. And some, well-intentioned but misled & poorly studied, end up leading people astray.

"Pay attention!" Jesus says. So how do we do that, as Christians, as church members, especially for those of us called as undershepherds of Jesus' Church? By doing what Paul says he did at Ephesus - he taught "the whole counsel of God". He taught God's Word, the Bible, in its completeness. He didn't extract verses he thought would back up his own preferences, he didn't shy away from hard teaching, he didn't back off controversial doctrines & passages. He taught what God said - and by doing this, he did what another Apostle told all of us to do in 1 John 4:1. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

We pay attention by remembering that Jesus, his Father, and the Holy Spirit, is the Author of the Bible. It is God's Word, and God the Son, God the Father, and God the Spirit together as One God wrote & gave it to us. There's no magic formula, there's no secret revelation (like some cults teach), and there's no way to earn or manipulate God's favor. God gives undeserved grace to us, and that grace is given through the work of Jesus - especially His Great Work on the Cross. Are some parts of the Bible harder to understand than others? Yes - even Peter thought so (read 2 Peter 3:16). But should we avoid them? No - we should let the Bible be its own first & best interpreter, and the Holy Spirit be our guide into His truth. And the Bible is clear, unmistakable about this: Salvation is through Jesus and Jesus alone, and when He saves you, you will bear fruits that reflect that salvation. If you understand nothing else about the Bible, understand that - and rejoice!

Pay attention - Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and He is our Life. As we come to Him this Easter Season, let's rejoice, let's be glad in Him. Blessings to all - Pastor Chris

March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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| 1st: | <i>The Righteous will Work by Faith</i> | Nehemiah 4:15-23 |
| 8th: | <i>The Righteous will Learn by Faith</i> | Romans 12:1-9 |
| 15th: | <i>The Righteous will Relate by Faith</i> | Ephesians 5:21-6:10 |
| 22nd | <i>The Righteous will Sabbath by Faith</i> | Deuteronomy 5:6-21 |
| 29th: | <i>The Righteous will Survive by Faith</i> | Job 42:1-6 |

News from the Session...

It has been an incredibly busy start to 2020 for Bishopville Presbyterian Church! As Pastor Parnell has mentioned from the pulpit, we are getting a new roof! This process has taken some time, but we are pleased with the agreed upon scope and timeframe of the work, which should get underway in the coming days and take a few weeks. There are certain areas of the roof on which we'll be focusing, and should serve us well for years to come. We also are starting a new "Children's Church." During nursery, the infants are staying in the room we typically call the nursery and the older children are moving over to the adjoining room, which has been spruced up by many members of the Church. This will allow us to have a more regimented "Church" program for the kids, and so far, we're off to a great start with some wonderful materials.

We have some new ministries which are sprouting as well and as usual, the youth of the Church continue to share God's spirit with people all the way to Zambia! The Spirit is active at the Church and we all on the Session continue to pray for Pastor Parnell and all the members at the Church. Should there be anything we can do, please let us know.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Charlie Ipock & Jerry Adams**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Next Session Meeting: March 8th @ 8:00 am



The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who recently lost family & friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

"Pete" McCutchen, uncle of Lena & Leila McCutchen

Henry Moses, brother of Bill Conway

Josey Hearon, Jr.

Bob Walden

Donna Alexander

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)

Our **HOMEBOUND** Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Louis Shirley @ his home

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Johnny McCutchen @ his home

John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence

February 2020 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 42 Worship - 66

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$12,554.21

YTD Income received: \$23,118.07

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$35,470.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$13,097.98

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$26,464.66

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$29,224.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$250.00

YTD Income received: \$250.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00

Circle Hostesses for March

Night (16th) Kathryn Welch

Morning (17th) Louise McCutchen

Daylight Saving Time begins

March 8th @ 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour on Saturday Night

Men of Church

Wednesday, March 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host: Chris Parnell & Gene Williamson

Please join us for good food & good fellowship



Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm

Elder Class of 2023

Nominations are being accepted throughout March. Please complete a form and submit to the Church office or to a Committee member. Nomination forms are in SS rooms and in the Sanctuary.

Nomination Deadline: March 29th

2020 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Steven Frazier & Cindy Welsh, Chairs

Dwayne Sweatman Kathryn Welch

Susan Cline Andrea McCutchen

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



Presbyterian Women RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions

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



Please contact the Church office if you or your child will be graduating from High School or College this year

~ Community Events ~



Lenten Lunch
April 1st @ 12:00 pm
Bishopville PC

Light lunch & short devotion.
Everyone is invited to attend

Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Palm Sunday & Communion: April 5th
We will also collect Cents-Ability offering
Communion Elders: Matt Bramlett & Jerry Adams

Maundy Communion: April 9th @ 7 pm
Bishopville PC
Communion Elders: Cindy Welsh & Charlie Ipock

Good Friday Service: April 10th @ 6 pm
Bethlehem UMC

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th or 11th (TBD) @
11:00 am at Bishopville PC

The church will furnish hotdogs, drinks and eggs. Each family is asked to bring chips, cupcakes, etc... and each child should bring an Easter basket. Hosted by BPC



Easter Sunrise service & breakfast:
April 21st @ 7 am Bishopville PC



Pastor's Bible Study
~ Sunday's @ 5:30 pm ~

MARCH HELPER CALENDARS

| DATE | GREETER | NURSERY |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1st | Jimmy McCutchen | Charlie & Virginia |
| 8th | Marsha McCutchen | Debbie Tindal |
| 15th | Perry McCutchen | Wendy Welch |
| 22nd | Cameron & Jill McElveen | Kerry Frazier |
| 29th | Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen | Cindy Welsh |

Happy Birthday

MARCH APRIL

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

Special April Events
Lenten Lunch
Easter Egg Hunt
Maundy Communion
Good Friday
Easter Sunrise & breakfast



Resolve to pray each day

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6th

Please pray for our entire world and all our leaders on this day!

Thank You



Dear Church Family, Thank again for your kindness during Christmas and to the Kids for Christ for the delicious fruit basket. - Love Kathryn Hart

Coaching Coaches

who will coach other coaches and athletes

Carroll and Pam Baker
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January 2020

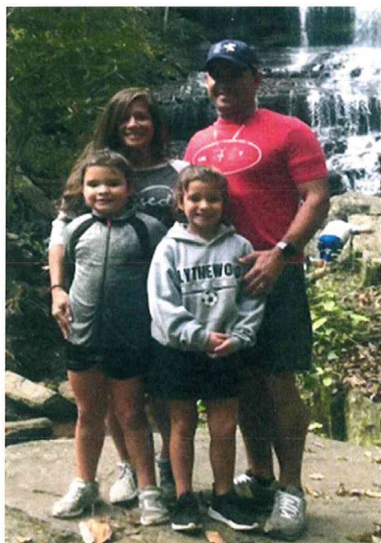
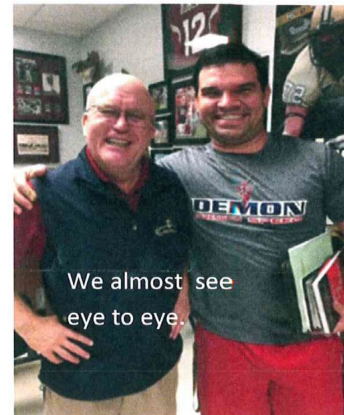
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Coch Knight becomes an Athletic Director

When I first began to minister with FCA in 2002, I didn't know a single coach. After nearly 18 years, I can honestly say that coaches are now some of my best friends. I always hope to see God work in their lives and see them trust the Lord to work in the lives in their players.

Yet coaches don't always stay in one place. Meet **Coach Garrett Knight**. God has moved him along from coaching basketball and football at **Lugoff Elgin HS**, to become the **Athletic Director at Great Falls HS**.

Coach Knight was part of a coaches Bible Study at Lugoff Elgin for several years. As he began to grow he really sensed the Holy Spirit was working in his life.



Kathy and Garrett with their twin girls, Gabrielle and Gillian.

He really was **FAT... Faithful, Available and Teachable!** As God was using our time together to impact his life, he began to desire to impact his players. When I suggested that he might impact his basketball team by taking them to our High School retreat, he jumped on it, although his players actually thought they were going to a basketball camp! Eventually he took his team to our Team Basketball camp in the summer and many players rededicated their lives to Christ.

Garrett says that his involvement in FCA has prepared him to be an Athletic Director, and he says, "FCA has taught me to be a servant leader, and as an AD, I am now called to serve not only players, but coaches as well." I'm sure that he will serve **Great Falls HS** with a true servant's heart! Plus, he will be instrumental in helping to start FCA at his new school, impacting all the students!

His wife Kathy is a 1st grade teacher and also coaches soccer at **Blythewood HS**. Just like us, they have twin girls! They have even taken an extra step and have also joined our Home Team of financial support. He is so appreciative of our time together and says, "I wanted to give a portion back to FCA for the blessings in life that I have been granted because of a close walk that I have now with Jesus."

Thanks for helping us to impact coaches and athletes in South Carolina! God is at work!

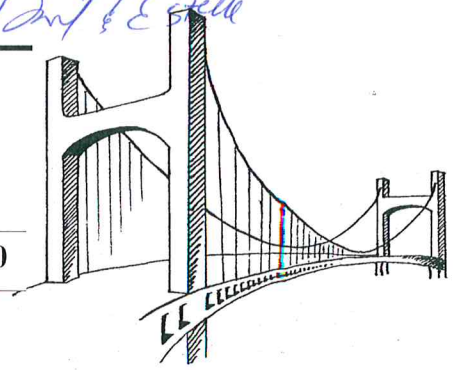
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Thank you for your friendship & partnership! David & Estelle

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

February 2020



Psalm 8—the stargazer's psalm

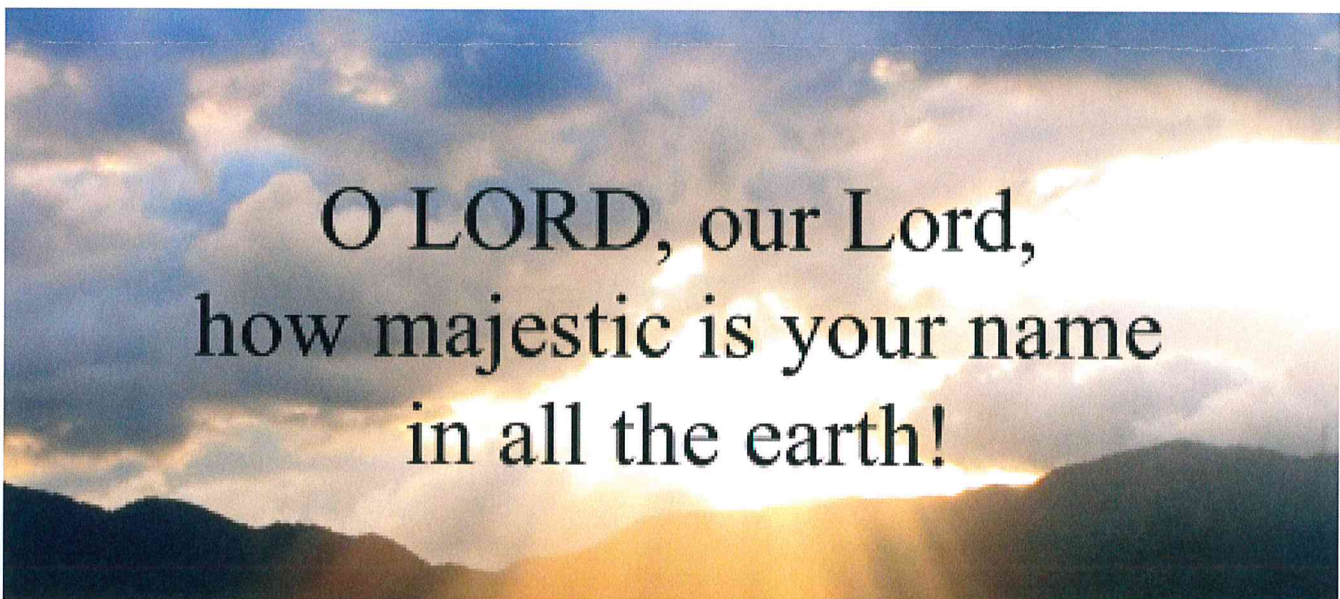
Psalm 8, which is a psalm of David, has been called the stargazer's psalm, as it was inspired in part by the **awe and wonder** that David felt when he looked at the night sky. As a shepherd David would have had ample opportunity at night to see the stars as well as the Milky Way, since there were no city lights to dim the sight and few trees in the way to block the view. I recall a similar sight in Nigeria when the electricity was off and no lights obscured the view of the Milky Way.

I recently spent nearly a month working on **the exegetical summary of Psalm 8**, reading comments from eleven commentaries and preparing over 20 pages of exegetical notes for translators to use when translating it. Much of that is complex technical material, and a good bit consists of showing how English versions and commentary translations render the various words and phrases. The rest is a summary of how commentaries address questions and issues for which a translator might want answers as they go about the translation task.

Doing all the detailed technical work can be tedious. But it can also be inspiring and uplifting, because you can't deal with the Word of God in depth without learning things and being affected by it, and in the case of the Psalms, you get a better **grasp of the emotions the writer was feeling**. Even the structure of the text can contribute to the message and impact of the Psalms.

For example, the last verse of Psalm 8 repeats verbatim the sentiment of the first verse: 'O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!' In Hebrew 'how majestic' is *ma addir*, with *addir* being used in other texts to **describe might, majesty, or nobility**. *Ma* 'how' is used here to accent how great the majesty is. The fact that the same thing is said in the last verse as in the first verse forms what is called an 'inclusio', or a 'bookend'. That is, it frames the text and gives emphasis to that one thought.

But *ma* can have a variety of meanings, and it is also used in the middle of the psalm to introduce a question: 'What (*ma*) is man that you think of him? Or the son of man that you care for him?' The use of *ma* at the beginning and the end to speak of the majesty of God is connected to the question in the middle about how God's humble human creature is granted the exalted status of ruling over the rest of God's creation. That is, **because God is exalted and majestic, man who is made in his image is also exalted**.



Gideon's army

Sometimes it seems like the people available to work in the world-wide task of Bible translation are too few—almost like the small army of only 300 men that Gideon had to work with in Israel's battle against a large Midianite force in Judges 7. But God used those 300 men. All they had to do was smash the clay jars that were concealing their torches, then blow their trumpets, and God took care of the rest.

But to accomplish the huge task of translating Scripture into all the languages of the world that still need it, we will have to do more than smash clay jars and blow trumpets. We will need people willing to learn other languages and coordinate translation projects, to promote literacy and Scripture use, or do linguistic analysis and research. We need technical people to make and distribute audio and video recordings of Scripture in the various minority languages of the world. We will need administrators, groundskeepers, typesetters, programmers, teachers, medical personnel, and child-care workers. There's also a place for editors, graphic artists, and public relations workers. And yes, pilots, aviation mechanics, and avionics technicians.

Please pray with us that God will provide the people we need, as well as all the prayer and financial partners they will need to sustain them in their work.

Vision 2025

In 1999 an international conference of Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL (formerly the Summer Institute of Linguistics) was held at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw. At that conference the delegates adopted a goal that came to be known as Vision 2025, which was to see a Bible translation program in progress by the year 2025 in every language community still needing one. That's only five years away now. We want God's Word to be accessible to all people in a language that speaks to their heart.

God has blessed Estelle and me to be a part of that work, which our organization's founder Cameron Townsend began in Guatemala and then in Mexico more than 85 years ago. We are a very small part of a very large work—almost like a pair of bricks in a large building. Our friends who have prayed for us and who have contribute financially have also been a part—more bricks in that building. We trust that as a result of our combined efforts, one day there will be people from 'every tribe, nation, and language' before the throne of God worshipping him, as seen in John's vision recorded in Revelation 7:5.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For faithful supporters and prayer partners who have sustained us these 32 + years
- For stable health
- For meaningful work that advances God's kingdom

Please pray...

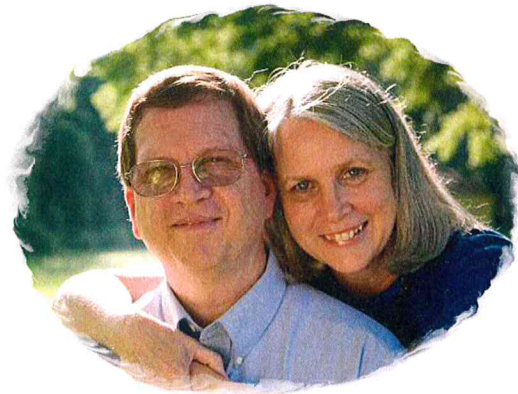
- For God to send the people we need for the work of Bible translation and Scripture engagement
- For permanent employment for Michael
- For Philip as he deploys in mid-February for several months overseas (in a non-combat role)

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The Session will meet, as needed, to make appropriate & safe decisions regarding Church services & gatherings.

All updated info will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

*April Elders-On-Call:
Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar*



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From the Pastor's Desk... The Righteous will Sabbath by Faith (part 3 of 5)

When I was getting my English degree, my creative writing professor used to say, "Show, don't tell!" It was easier to "show rather than tell" you about the first of my "5 favorite places" at the church with video. However, because I wanted to keep this article in line with my video series on sabbath with the Lord in faith, let me "show" you - as closely as I can - one of my favorite spots in the church...

When I see it, there are people everywhere, milling about, moving around, sitting, standing, talking. When I hear it, there are conversations and greetings, from the young lady's bright "Hello!" to the little boy's "Hey." It's a place I can smell, I can taste, from the coffee to the food, from the sweets to the (occasional) shrimp, from the cakes to the donuts, a delicious place. What I can feel are warm handshakes and hugs, pats on the back and soft taps on the shoulder. What I know is that this is such an amazing part of our culture, our church, our Sabbath...

God says the righteous will live by faith, and we've been exploring what that means by studying the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5. Look at what God says about the time set apart for the Sabbath itself: ***Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.***

Now let's start with the obvious. God didn't make the Sabbath a day - he made a day for the Sabbath. And God didn't make us, human beings, to keep the Sabbath - he made the Sabbath to keep us... well, sane, safe, secure, to keep us loved and loving, to keep us rested and ready, to keep us...to keep us close to him.

To tell you the truth, that's why the Deuteronomy version of the Ten Commandments is (slightly) nearer & dearer to me than the version in Exodus 20. This, the 4th commandment, the Sabbath-day commandment is a little different. In Exodus, we're told to keep the commandment in order to be like God, who after his 6 days of labor, rested. In Deuteronomy, though, something's very different. In Deuteronomy, we're told to keep the commandment because God did a very different sort of work - ***the work of salvation***. In Exodus, we commit ourselves to have a day of Sabbath with God to be holy like God; in Deuteronomy, we commit to this day to be *with* the holy God who saved us.

So what can you & I do to "Sabbath by faith" like the righteous are supposed to do? We can start by knowing what Sabbath is - and isn't. It isn't a day; it's time. It isn't a building; it's a place. It isn't rest; it's resting with. Sabbath is the ***time*** we give back to God - who gave us every second, minute, & hour of our lives. Sabbath is the ***place*** we dedicate to meeting together, with God's people & with God. And Sabbath is you & me resting with the God who saved us and the other people God saved.

That's why our "half-hour coffee hour" is such a special part of my Sabbath, every week - but it wouldn't be the same without you, without Sunday School before it, or without the Worship service that follows it. Embrace the Sabbath, enjoy the Sabbath, rest with God in the Sabbath. He made it for you & me!

Prayer - (from Jonah 4) Lord my God, no matter where I am I know that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. So I pray to you - and I give you my life. Be glorified in me. Help me to learn more about your love, help me to rest with you and in you. Protect my community and my nation, heal the sick, feed the hungry. Guide me always into your Sabbath, Lord, my God. Amen. Blessings to all - Pastor Chris

April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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News from the Session...

At a time such as this, it is ever more important to lean on our faith with the knowledge that God is providential and in-control. We are all having to adjust to new norms, manage financial stains, and live under the barrage of news cycles. But God has not changed. He still sent his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ to redeem us, and to justify us in His eyes so that no matter what happens here on Earth, our Heavenly home awaits. It is this peace we, as a Session, pray for and that we ask be imparted upon this Church through the Spirit. A peace which overcomes all of the noise and a centering-shift of self to see God in the midst of struggle.

As a Session, we are here for you. Pastor Chris has pushed out messages and sermons on our social media pages and website. The Session has met numerous times to confer about when it would be appropriate to congregate once again. Still too, progress is being made with roofing matters as it nears completion. In other words, though uncertainty persists, the Session is doing all it can to glorify God through prayer for the Church and glorification of the sanctuary. As many of you know, all services/meetings have been cancelled through the end of April. The Session will meet again and provide further updates.....

In the interim, hold steadfast in prayer and look to Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is with-in her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us."

Should there be anything we can do, please let us know.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL
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March 2020 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 40 Worship - 58

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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| MTD Income received: | \$16,731.35 |
| YTD Income received: | \$39,849.42 |
| Budgeted YTD Income Needed: | \$53,205.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$17,852.60 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$44,317.26 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$48,755.00 |

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

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|-------------------------|----------|
| MTD Income received: | \$0.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$250.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$0.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$0.00 |

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Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Dot Cothran @ her home**
- Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin
- Louis Shirley @ his home**
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Johnny McCutchen @ his home**
- John & Doris Bell**, The Manor, Florence



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<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



Please contact the Church office if you or your child will be graduating from High School or College this year



Resolve to pray each day

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus)...

All Church services & events have been cancelled for the month of April, this includes Communion & all Easter services. Future services & events will be determined and posted on our website & Facebook page.

Please keep all essential employees & their families in your prayers, along with all officials & employees that help govern our state, nation, & world

Please protect yourself, your family & all those who are vulnerable by following the safety guidelines set forth by our government

Happy Birthday April | May

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|----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|
| Gwen Steinmeyer | 2 | Madison Bramlett | 7 |
| Melinda Atkinson | 3 | Zeke Gaskins | 7 |
| Kerry W. Frazier | 3 | Hank Welch | 8 |
| Dot Cothran (100th!) | 4 | Jimmy McCutchen | 13 |
| Kathryn Welch | 4 | Terri Ann Tindal Belk | 13 |
| Reneé Bell | 13 | Beth McCutchen | 17 |
| Doris Bell | 14 | Nicholas Jeffords | 23 |
| Kathryn Hart | 19 | Ricky McCutchen | 23 |
| Tyner Bramlett | 20 | Katherine Folsom | 25 |
| Caroline McCutchen | 20 | Virginia Kerr Beard | 28 |
| Devin Atkinson | 22 | Debbie Tindal | 28 |
| Susan Hilditch | 23 | Tim Kirven | 31 |
| Ryan McCutchen | 25 | | |
| Gregg McCutchen III | 27 | | |

Pastor's Sunday Bible Study

Pastor Chris is working on an online face-to-face Bible study and as soon as he learns how to use these online tools, he'll get that going.

He's also looking at using Facebook live for videos as well.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

MISSION NEWS

Yesterday's high: 99 / Last night's low: 70

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Dear prayer partners and friends,

"Lord! I am bursting with joy over what you have done for me. My lips are full of perpetual praise... Join me everyone. Let's praise the Lord together... Let's make his name glorious to all." Ps.34:1-3 (The Passion Translation)

In January the Sac Be Presbytery met here in Merida. A recent graduate of San Pablo seminary was ordained. On February 15th I took part in the ordination and installation of another graduate from Chiapas. He is pastor of a large Chol congregation here. And on March 21st we will be taking part in another similar service for an extension center graduate. All of these young men are eager to serve the Lord with the training they have received. May their ministries be used by the Lord.

We have had various visitors in this new year. We had a nice weekend with Julie Madeira at the end of January and Dr. Will and Nancy Ackles are here for the months of February and March. He is teaching in the seminary and preaching on weekends in the villages where I continue to visit. He is an encouragement to these places who do not have a regular pastor. We have been enjoying some delicious meals of Yucatecan food. It is always a joy to me to see village friends and learn of their needs. There are health problems, marital problems, financial problems, etc. such as some of you experience.

The seminary reopened February 4. We have about 50 students in the Merida campus, but many others studying by extension or two-year programs. Tuition is about \$175 per month but some students find it very difficult to pay this amount. Currently I am helping four students with some scholarship money I have received.

The camp property was used by church groups all year long last year, either by the week or by the weekends. The property taxes have not been paid for three years although the money is available. Unscrupulous politicians from the nearby town of Dzidzantun want to obtain this very beautiful and valuable property. They do not allow the board to pay. We have a lawyer working on this situation and we are praying it gets resolved soon.

Three grandchildren have recently celebrated birthdays, Diego(5) belonging to Debbie, Caleb (16) belonging to Daniel, and John (19) belonging to Mark. Daniel's daughter, Alyssa, applied to and was accepted at four colleges and has chosen to attend Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the fall. Health wise, I have had problems with a pulled muscle in my leg and have been going to therapy off and on. My eyes also are more blurry and I cannot read for long on my iPad. But I am so thankful for what I am still able to do. But I am so thankful for what I am still able to do. We hope to travel as a family in May to St. Louis for Alyssa's high school graduation but given the current situation it may not happen. I will not be traveling elsewhere this year, but Daniel will be bringing a work group down from his church in July to continue working on the Sac-Be Presbytery retreat center if they are able to travel by then.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's victorious resurrection, may the sacrifice for our sin impact your life as never before.

P.S. once again my son Daniel is sending out these letters so I am not able to add a personal note. May the Lord bless you.

Your servant for Jesus' sake, Jean Legters, for the family

Any gifts for the camp or our ministry may be sent to (please make note it's a new address):

Son Raise Missionaries Services

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Wyoming, MI 49519

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receive our news feed

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request, through office

The Session will meet, as needed, to make appropriate & safe decisions regarding Church services & gatherings.

All updated info will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

May Elders-On-Call:
Ryan McCutchen & Steven Frazier

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm

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

Business Office Hours

8:30 am - 6:30 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
Unless otherwise noted

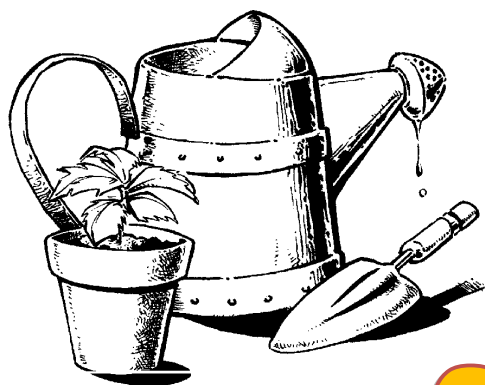
Key Officers and Staff

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Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.

Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



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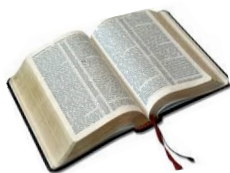
From the Pastor's Desk... What an incredibly strange April! And it's looking to be a strange May, to boot. There's been nothing like what we saw last month in my lifetime - no church services, stay-at-home & quarantine orders, businesses & restaurants closed (some temporarily, others permanently), online church & doctor visits, conflicting sets of data & reporting... Whew! Makes you want to catch your breath, doesn't it? It will be nice when we get back to some sense of "normalcy" - back to the way things were before. Or... Or maybe there are some things about what we *used* to think were "normal" that we should reconsider. Think about this: How many times - before coronavirus - did families sit together & eat? How easy was it - before coronavirus - to skip church for 1, 2, maybe even 3 weeks and not even cross our minds? How often - before coronavirus - did we even think about locally-owned businesses when we went out shopping? When - before coronavirus - did we wonder (& worry) about supply-chains & food-chains, about manufacturing & industry, or about the jobs our neighbors have? Is this a "normal" we really want to go back to?

Maybe, just maybe this virus and the government's reaction (or overreaction, depending on your particular point-of-view) has been a way in which God - who does this sort of thing from time to time - is getting our attention and forcing us to reconsider what we think is "normal." Maybe, just maybe, God is encouraging us to look for an old, "new normal" to put in place of what we've had... What do I mean? I've been reading the so-called "Songs of Ascent", which are Psalms 120-134. I'd strongly encourage you to read them, too. You can do this in a single sitting, believe it or not. The longest is 132, and it's only 18 verses. By contrast, Psalm 119 is 178 verses long, and 120-134 are 101 verses all-together! Now, these are called "Songs of Ascent" because they were all written with the theme of God's people coming up to Jerusalem, to the Temple, to worship God. It's a God-given quirk of Israel's geography that, no matter how you travel to Jerusalem, you have to go up the hill - you have to ascend. These songs, some written by King David, some written before he was king, some written by Solomon his son, some written hundreds of years after David, all focus God's people on coming together to worship. So what do God's people sing as they "ascend" to worship God? They sing about their troubles - their distress (Ps. 120). They look for their help, & their Helper (Ps. 121). They're happy they get to go to church at last (Ps. 122)! They ask God for mercy (Ps. 123). They sing about their rescue from trouble (Ps. 124). They sing about God protecting them (Ps. 125). They sing for joy and more joy (Ps. 126)! They ask God for wise help (Ps. 127). They pray to God for their children's sake (Ps. 128). They pray to God for their own sake, their own pain (Ps. 129). They ask God for forgiveness (Ps. 130). They ask God for humility (Ps. 131). They look to the Savior God is giving them (Ps. 132)! They sing about how God has connected them to each other (Ps. 133). And they sing God's praises (Ps. 134).

Look at all those issues, all those prayers, all those songs - songs about God, songs about the Savior, songs about the Church, songs about family, songs about forgiveness & mercy, joy & hope, salvation & protection. Don't those songs sound like songs you & I could all too easily sing? Don't those songs sound like songs that would catch on around us? Maybe what our world needs - whether we're talking about our homes, our neighborhoods, Bishopville, Lee County, South Carolina, the USA, the whole world itself - maybe what we need is a new, old set of songs to sing. Maybe what our world needs is an "old, new normal" - a normal where the church (you & me) is singing to her God daily as we go "up" through our lives. After all, we don't have to wait for a once-a-year pilgrimage to see God's mercy poured out. It's a daily, minute-by-minute thing! Jesus throws that door wide open in John 20:21, saying, "*Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, in this same way I am sending you!*" How is Jesus sending us? With the message - God so loved the world that He gave us Jesus. Jesus so loved the world that He gave us His life & death & resurrection!

So let's sing our way to a whole new normal - an "old, new normal" - where families love, where churches sing, where God's people share & give & help & heal, where Jesus' name & mission are lived out. Let's sing our way to a whole new normal - and give the world something to really talk about.

God bless you - and keep safe! Pastor Chris



May Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| May 3rd: | God's Sure Oath | Psalm 132 |
| May 10th: | A Mother's Pattern | 2 Timothy 1:3-12 |
| May 17th: | Sin doesn't rule | Romans 6:1-14 |
| May 24th: | In a Strange Place | Psalm 127 |
| May 31st: | There is Power! | Joel 2:23-32 |

Due to COVID-19, Worship will be @ 10 am, with no fellowship or nursery

News from the Session...

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Session has decided to restart Worship Services, beginning May 3rd, but it will be shortened and begin @ 10:00 am, with no other gatherings, including Nursery, Fellowship, & Choir, until further notice. As a safe guard, the Sanctuary will be cleaned prior to and after all services, we will provide sanitizer for anyone needing it, and you may wear appropriate protective gear.

The Education building, Kitchen, and Fellowship Hall will remain closed. We will only use the 2 tower doors and the grooms room door (ramp).

The Session will meet briefly after the May 3rd service to plan for the Baccalaureate service and to set a new date for the Elder election

Your Shepherd of Flock, should be in contact with each member on their list, shortly

Should there be anything we can do, please let us know.

In Christ, Your Session

MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL
Ryan McCutchen & Steven Frazier
 Next Stated Meeting: TBD



Canned Food & Monetary gifts for Lee County Cooperative Ministries (LCCM)

1st Sunday of each month

Due to the coronavirus, we will not have the children bringing food to the altar, as normal. Please leave all food items in the Bell Tower room, in the far left corner (beside cabinet, under bell rope). Please make sure to note all monetary gifts "LCCM" when writing checks or placing cash in envelopes

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Bishopville, SC 29010

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| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$61,607.29 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$68,018.00 |
| <u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$220.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$620.00 |
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Dear Lord, may Your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to proclaim the gospel, that the name of Jesus Christ might be glorified around the world.

Happy Birthday May | June

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| Madison Bramlett | 7 | Harrison Blake Smith | 4 |
| Zeke Gaskins | 7 | Stephen Welch | 6 |
| Hank Welch | 8 | Dwayne Sweatman | 7 |
| Jimmy McCutchen | 13 | Ray Drayton | 8 |
| Terri Ann Tindal Belk | 13 | Cameron McElveen | 10 |
| Beth McCutchen | 17 | Conner Welch | 13 |
| Nicholas Jeffords | 23 | Lacie McElveen | 14 |
| Ricky McCutchen | 23 | Rev. Chris Parnell | 14 |
| Katherine Folsom | 25 | Jenny McCutchen | 15 |
| Virginia Kerr Beard | 28 | Marsha McCutchen | 16 |
| Debbie Tindal | 28 | Hugh Tindal III | 16 |
| Tim Kirven | 31 | Katherine Dickinson | 17 |
| | | Patrick Jeffords | 23 |
| | | Patricia Latimer | 25 |
| | | Liz Simon | 25 |
| | | Isaac Bailey | 29 |



Thank You

Michael has been discharged from Encompass and sent home to continue his recovery!! We are so grateful for all the prayers. God has been good! Michael has great mobility and movement and his speech is improving as well.
- Susan Cline

All of The Bell Family would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the sweet messages, beautiful cards, flowers, and plants that you have sent to us. We love our Church family and all of these gestures have helped us get through a very heartbreaking time. Please continue to pray for all as we go through this terrible Pandemic together.
- Sincerely with love, Crues and Renee

God, help the healthcare teams to be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this virus. God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic and deliver them from anxiety for their own loved ones and give them compassion for every patient in their care. God, help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that many would ask about the reason for their hope. Give them opportunities to proclaim the gospel. God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down His life for the sake of love. We glorify His name as you equip us with everything needed for doing Your will.

- Amen



Ministry and Health Update

March 2020

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Sowing Seeds behind the scenes

In the past 15 months, it has been a privilege to meet often with the **Keenan HS Basketball** team. God really dropped this ministry right into my lap, totally unexpected. I knew that they had a good team, but I didn't realize just how good. (They won the **AAA State Championship** last year.) So, for over a year, I've been able to meet often with them. We've talked about trusting God, knowing God, serving Him, living for Him, and playing for His glory. At Christmas we studied the names of Jesus and we talked often about what means to surrender our lives to Him.

Many of the guys listened and have taken steps of faith that they've never taken. Meanwhile, the Raiders rolled through their season, went undefeated in region play, cruised through the class AAA playoffs, and **won their second straight championship!**

But there's more! As I worked with the players, I've also been able to challenge **Coach Norris** and the entire coaching staff. I'm trusting God to work in their lives too! (I may have even stepped on a few toes along the way.) There's still more work to do!



Raekwon Horton, AAA Player of the Year, holds the trophy.
(No, we're not twins!)

Special Prayer for Pam

Since Pam has rheumatoid arthritis, her immune system may not protect her adequately. We have sensed the Lord's protection over the years, and we are really trusting the Lord for his incredible protection! In the midst of this, she did have to have surgery to remove a basal cell cancer from the side of her nose. This was followed by plastic surgery to repair the big hole that was left. This will take some time to heal.



Pam, after Mohs surgery to remove the cancer, prior to plastic surgery. The purple line is where skin eventually was taken to graft onto the side of her nose.

UPDATE: The surgery was successful!! Now let the healing begin.

Ministry might look different for awhile

Our leadership has been closely monitoring the spread of the corona virus. So far there have been 81 confirmed cases with one death in the state of South Carolina. This week, SC Governor Henry McMaster shut down all schools. We've had to cancel our High School Retreat scheduled for March 27-29, and we are uncertain about our camps this summer.

As we look ahead, ministry might look a little different for several weeks and I may not have many face to face opportunities with Coaches and Athletes. Yet we know our sovereign Lord is in control. We continue to trust Him to work in us and through us. We know there will be new ministry opportunities ahead and we must be ready to take fresh steps of faith. *In the meantime, I'll be able to take care of Pam and I can be undefeated at home!!*

Your Partnership is so Special

We will also trust in Him for our ministry finances. Your prayerful, faithful support really means so much. We are so thankful for your vital role in our family and ministry and we couldn't serve with FCA without you!

Carroll & Pam

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

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April 2020

There's no way we could have seen this coming. Things were going along quite well. We looked ahead to summer ministry plans and we were praying for even more teams and students to be involved. Pam was doing OK with her health. We looked at our year end investment statements and were optimistic.

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In February, we asked, "Where is Wuhan?"

We bought our usual multi-pack of toilet paper, nor knowing what was ahead.

Pam's dermatologist calls and says, "The spot on your nose is basil cell carcinoma. Mohs surgery is scheduled for March 17, plastic surgery to follow.

Then in March...

Schools are closed and contact with Coaches and Athletes will have to be done virtually.

Wash your hands, stay at home.

Even though the world is turned upside down, nothing's changed in heaven!

None of us ever thought this could happen, yet God has not been caught by surprise. He never says "Oops" or "oh-no" or "how'd that happen." While our schedule is different, we are still able to reach out to coaches and athletes.

Quarantining with Pam

After 2 surgeries, Pam is healing quite well. Although her face has been bloodied and bruised the past month, we can see the great lengths that the plastic surgeon has taken to repair the hole on her nose that the skin cancer left. There will be one more surgery in the next few months then hopefully, all she'll need is time to heal.

Since my number one ministry is my family, this has been a time of taking care of Pam. When we both said, "In sickness and in health," neither of us could have predicted what that might mean. For Pam, medical issues have never been life threatening, but another opportunity to trust God. The past month it has been necessary for Pam to remain at home to avoid any exposure to the coronavirus. So, I've been home most of the time as well.

So, I've been the one doing the cookin' and the cleanin' and the warshin' and the ironin' and the sewin'... (actually no ironing and sewing.) It's been another opportunity to be patient as I've cared for the patient!!

God continues to provide

For sure there is concern about our ministry support going forward. Yet we know that since God has called us, He will provide. He was already at work, even before the pandemic!! We are so thankful for the incredible team of friends who support our ministry so faithfully. Thanks for being such a vital part of our lives.

In the meantime, don't forget to wash your hands!

Lovingly,

Carroll + Pam

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From the Pastor's Desk... God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am." And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, Say this to the people of Israel: **YAHWEH [He Is]**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations." (Exodus 3:14-15)

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end. (Luke 1:31-33)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the **Holy Spirit**." (John 20:21-22)

On June 14, too many years ago for me to think about, in a little county hospital in the upstate, I was named. Momma - because she "liked the name" - wanted me to be Christopher, and so I have been ever since. I guess I liked my name alright, until I went to Crescent High, and found out the name "Chris" was the 2nd most popular name for boys in the 1980s, especially at Crescent. If a teacher wanted to get ½ the guys in school to stop what they were doing, they'd just yell "Chris!" Joke's on them - my middle name was the 3rd most popular name. I could go virtually incognito...

Momma liked my name, but here's the thing - as I grew up, and especially after I met Jesus and did a little studying, I really came to appreciate and love my name. Interestingly, as I've shared before, my name actually fits my profession. The Latin root of Christopher is "Christ-bearer," and that's what God has honored me by letting me do as my calling - carry the name of Jesus in preaching, teaching, & ministry.

I think it's a sad thing that, in our American culture, so many times anymore names are just... names. Names used to mean things, whether they meant a particular family connection (think Williams'son or Mac'cutchen) or profession (Smith comes to mind) or place of origin (English or Scotts or French) or perhaps a family trait or hope (Parnell means "little rock" in old/middle English). To misquote Mr. Shakespeare, after all, what's in a name?

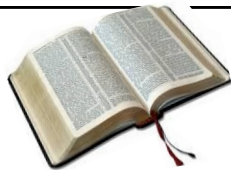
What CAN be in a name? When we look at the Bible, we can't help but run into significant name after significant name - from Adam (man) & Eve (mother of all life) to Abraham (father of nations) & Sarah (princess) to Peter (rock) and Barnabas (son of encouragement), names in the Bible are powerful ways in which God shows us and teaches us about His connection to us and our lives. And, even more significantly than peoples' names in the Bible are the names with which God introduces Himself - Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - to you & me, His people. How does God want us to know Him? What are the main three names of the Holy Trinity, this One God we serve?

First is the name God gives Moses in Exodus 3: **YHWH** (probably pronounced "Yahweh" - ancient written Hebrew doesn't have vowels). That's kind of a strange name, but it makes incredible sense when we look at it in the context of Exodus 3. God is introducing himself to an enslaved people, a people who had - and lost - their personal connection with him over the 400 years they'd been in Egypt. When Moses asks, "Who can I tell the Israelite people you are?" God says, "I Am who I Am" - and then says, "Tell them Yahweh is my name." Yahweh, by the way, is the Hebrew expression, "**He Is**." He is self-sufficient. He is pre-existent. He is all-powerful, all-mighty, all-knowing. He is God - and we, because He saves us, are His.

Second is the name the angel tells Mary to give God's Son: **Jesus** (that's Greek to me; the Hebrew name is Yeshua—or Joshua). Again, just like Yahweh means "He Is," Jesus - in Hebrew - means "God saves." Isn't that wild? Put that name into the Apostles' Creed, for instance. "I believe in God-Saves, God's only Son, my Lord. I believe God-Saves was born to the virgin Mary. I believe God-Saves suffered under Pontius Pilate. I believe God-Saves was crucified, died, and buried, that God-Saves rose from the dead, and that God-Saves will one day come again in glory to rule heaven and earth!" (whoops! I slipped some Nicaea in there, too) God the Father's name tells us about His attributes; God the Son's name tells us what He has done for us - He saved us.

Finally, and certainly not leastly, the name Jesus gives us for the third Person of the Trinity is: The **Holy Spirit** (literally, in both Greek & Hebrew, the languages the Bible was written in: "the Holy Breath"). Why does this name matter? In the beginning, when does Adam become a living being? When God "breathes" into him. In the new beginning, when does the Church become a living being - taking on the role of the "body of Christ"? When Jesus "breathes" into us. The Holy Spirit is - as the song sings - the very air we breathe as Christians, the empowering Person of God living within us and with us. To call Him the Spirit is to remind ourselves that we cannot live without breathing. We die without breath. And this is the Holy Breath, God Himself living inside you & me.

My prayer, then, for you & me is to know God by name - that we know Yahweh, our Father, who IS, WAS, and forever WILL BE all we need, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Guide, and our Friend. My prayer is to know Jesus by name - God saved us from our sins, doing what we could not, would not even dare dream to do, dying in our place, giving us perfect obedience, loving us "while we were yet sinners." My prayer is for us to know the Holy Spirit, having our being, living in Him and His power always. Know God - know God by name. Blessings! - Pastor Chris



June Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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| June 7th: | Making a Marriage | Genesis 2:18-25 |
| June 14th: | What are you carrying? | Isaiah 46 |
| June 21st: | A Godly Dad | Joshua 14:6-14 |
| June 28th: | Winner takes all | 1 John 5:1-5 |

Due to COVID-19, Worship will be @ 10 am, with no choir, fellowship or nursery

News from the Session...

The summer is already upon us, feeling as though spring was lost with COVID-19 and all of its difficulties. But, it seems life is slowly coming back to normal, whatever normal may now entail. We on the Session are keeping agile so as to respond to the needs of the Church and ensure we have the safest environment possible for our members. Regardless, we welcome and do ask that should you have any suggestions or alternative means by which to deliver the Good News we have about Jesus Christ, please let us know. Rev. Parnell has done an outstanding job of utilizing digital resources and I'm hopeful that we'll continue to do as best we can to communicate to the members of how to access and utilize those resources. We'll continue to pray for all of the Church members, our leaders, and those affected by this pandemic too. But as we begin our slow climb back to normalcy, do not miss the opportunity to see how God is active in this circumstance. Even in challenges, God is working in our midst, and in that midst we see the grace that leads us to Him.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock
Clerk of Session

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL
Aaron Easters & Steven Frazier
Next Stated Meeting: TBD

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Please note "LCCM" on all
LCCM monetary gifts

May 2020 Statistics

Worship Attendance average: 45

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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| MTD Income received: | \$15,147.55 |
| YTD Income received: | \$84,242.72 |
| Budgeted YTD Income Needed: | \$88,675.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$12,210.79 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$73,723.28 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$82,780.00 |

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

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| MTD Income received: | \$300.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$1,165.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$0.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$0.00 |

Congregational Meeting Elder Election c/o 2023

Date: TBD

2020 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Matt Bramlett & Cindy Welsh, Chairs
Dwayne Sweatman Kathryn Welch
Susan Cline Andrea McCutchen

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Upcoming Vacation/Holiday Office closings:

June 9th - 15th

July 1st - 6th

August 19th

September 2nd - 7th

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Louis Shirley @ his home

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence



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Before he died, a father said to his son; "Here is a watch that your grandfather gave me. It is almost 200 years old. Before I give it to you, go to the jewelry store downtown. Tell them that I want to sell it, and see how much they offer you."

The son went to the jewelry story, came back to his father, and said; "They offered \$150.00 because it's so old."

The father said; "Go to the pawn shop."

The son went to the pawn shop, came back to his father, and said; "The pawn shop offered \$10.00 because it looks so worn."

The father asked his son to go to the museum and show them the watch.

He went to the museum, came back, and said to his father; "The curator offered \$500,000.00 for this very rare piece to be included in their precious antique collections."

The father said; "I wanted to let you know that the right place values you in the right way. Don't find yourself in the wrong place and get angry if you are not valued. Those that know your value are those who appreciate you, don't stay in a place where nobody sees your value."

Know your worth.



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| Stephen Welch | 6 | Covington Ipock | 8 |
| Dwayne Sweatman | 7 | Frank Tindal | 8 |
| Ray Drayton | 8 | Nick West | 8 |
| Cameron McElveen | 10 | Kim Easters | 11 |
| Conner Welch | 13 | Betsy Bramlett | 12 |
| Lacie McElveen | 14 | Gregg McCutchen IV | 12 |
| Rev. Chris Parnell | 14 | Robin Jeffords | 13 |
| Jenny McCutchen | 15 | Avarie Easters | 14 |
| Marsha McCutchen | 16 | Bob Latimer | 14 |
| Hugh Tindal III | 16 | Allen Corbett | 15 |
| Katherine Dickinson | 17 | Ashley Latimer | 21 |
| Patrick Jeffords | 23 | Andrea K. McCutchen | 24 |
| Patricia Latimer | 25 | Libby Corbett | 26 |
| Liz Simon | 25 | Daphne Dickerson | 26 |
| Isaac Bailey | 29 | William Watkins | 31 |



2020 is Our Church's year to host Vacation Bible School, but due to COVID-19, we have not scheduled a date yet. We are hoping to have VBS at end of July or early-mid August. As soon as things become more safe, we will meet and make a decision of when and if we can make it happen in 2020. Please keep our children, along with all others in your prayers!

Salkehatchie 2020 Summer Camp Cancelled

Dear members of BPC,

We express our sincere appreciation for your faithfulness in supporting the Lee County Salkehatchie Camp. We sadly report that the 2020 summer camp has been cancelled, due to the potential spread & risk of the coronavirus. We look forward to what God has planned for 2021.

Sincerely, Salkehatchie Summer Service team



Congratulations to 2020 High School Graduates

William Brandt Boykin

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina Technical College
Son of Robin & Clay Boykin
Grandson of the late Eunice & Eddie Boykin and
Linda & John McCaskill

Ezekiel “Zeke” Smith Gaskins

Graduated SC Governor’s School for Science & Math, plans to attend Clemson University,
studying Biological Sciences
Son of Meredith & Bill Gaskins
Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen,
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Hodge, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gaskins

Amber Nicole Harrington

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina Technical College to pursue
a Nursing degree
Daughter of Jane & Benjamin Harrington
Granddaughter of Roberta “Bert” & the late Richard F. Cousar, and Patricia Harrington and Phil
Harrington

Brooke Taylor Harrington

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina Technical College to pursue
a Nursing degree
Daughter of Jane & Benjamin Harrington
Granddaughter of Roberta “Bert” & the late Richard F. Cousar, and Patricia Harrington and Phil
Harrington

Sara Abbett Kirven

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Clemson University studying
Packaging Science
Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen, and Anne & Gary Tyner

Steven Paul Terrell III

Graduated West Florence High School, plans to attend Clemson University, majoring in Forestry
Son of Renee & Steven Terrell II, and Tara Bennett James
Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen

2020 Honor Marshall

Sidney Marie Easters

Junior at Hartsville High School
Daughter of Kim & Aaron Easters
Granddaughter of Marie Brown & the late Herbert M. Brown and
the late Elizabeth & Owen Easters

**Please email the Church Office no later than June 22nd of HS/College
student/teacher awards/honors for the July SCROLL**

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From the Pastor's Desk... We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers & sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. (2 Thessalonians 1:3-4)

1 & 2 Thessalonians are some of the Apostle Paul's first letters to the churches. In Acts 17, when he plants the church there, Paul teaches them that Jesus had "to suffer and to rise from the dead" in order to complete God's plan of redemption. During Paul's time there, some of the believers in the Thessalonian church—most notably a man named Jason - were attacked, dragged to court, and, for lack of better word, robbed (the authorities said he was paying "for security" - sounds like a shakedown to me). From its very beginning, the Thessalonian church knew about suffering for the sake of Jesus' Gospel, both from the Scriptures and from their own experience.

As American Christians who lived through the latter half of the 20th Century and the first part of the 21st, we are blessed. We have a nation that gave us unprecedented religious, financial, political, & personal freedom. We even worked, during my lifetime, to share that freedom with people all over the world - often whether they wanted it or not. We heard Ronald Reagan shout, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" We heard Lee Greenwood sing, "I'm proud to be an American." We heard Neil Armstrong tell us, "This is one small step for man, and one giant leap for mankind." We lived through, heard, saw, experienced an age like no other. Another great American, Mr. Al Stokes, my once-upon-a-time teacher, called our age this: "*Pax Americana*." Things are, without a doubt, changing. Technology threatens to outpace the protections that have long upheld our freedom. The generations that have followed ours grew up post 9/11, during the uncertainty of a potential age of terror. The sense of liberty that seemed to flourish everywhere in the 1990s now seems to have both stagnated and drawn back, particularly in Western societies. Freer trade seemed only to result in closed factories, lost jobs, increasing urbanization, and a cultural shift towards a tech economy and a service - both of which have been shown to exist on "bubbles" (*think about the dotcom crash of the late 1990s, the housing crash of the late 2000s, and the service industry crash we're living through as a result of Covid-19*). From the Patriot Act to the Google monopoly, from the rise of "doxing" & "Twitter mobs" to the Occupy movement, from unilateral action to drone strikes, from online censorship to church vandalization, our nation has changed - and Mr. Stokes' *Pax Americana* seems to have crashed down atop us.

The world was already anti-Christian, anti-Church, anti-homeschool, anti-, well, us. And now, that anti-Church sentiment - from atheists who demand prayer be taken out of schools to politicians and lobbyists who demand churches be stripped of protections to lawyers and lawmakers and judges who work to make those things happen - that anti-Church sentiment is here. Our own nation is becoming increasingly hostile to our faith. We seem to be irrevocably moving into a new age of Christian persecution, one which, once upon a time, people laughed about, chuckled and said, "Oh you - you're just a slippery-slope talking alarmist." Increasingly few commentators laugh now. As my Uncle Allen might say, that slope's done been slipped. So how can I smile every Sunday when I get up in front of my church family? Because - thanks to Mr. Stokes, I read history. Thanks to Dr. Fairbairn, I read church history. Thanks to Preachers Elrod, Barnett, Sanford, Phipps, Reynolds, Ross, Hering, and so many (I can't even remember them all) I read & had read and explained to me the history of my faith - the Bible. And thanks to God Almighty for the parents who prayed I would discover this, for the pastors who led me to this, for the professors and teachers who showed me this, for the fathers & mothers of the church who lived this truth - God Is Sovereign.

How can I smile, this month when we remember American independence and simultaneously the assault on that liberty? God Is Sovereign. How can I smile, this year when a man is going to be elected president who nearly ½ the nation fears will destroy our freedoms? God Is Sovereign. How can I smile, this decade when the Christian Church has been assaulted time & time again - in the USA! by HOAs who deny home churches parking, by zoning boards who refuse new churches permits, by city councils who look to prohibit & interfere with Christian businesses, by lawyers & judges who advocate & judicate anti-Christian policy, by PACs and other political bodies who celebrate what is abhorrent to God (such as the murder of millions of embryonic human beings every year) while denigrating God's church? God Is Sovereign.

This is what Job hears when, in the whirlwind of his life, God speaks to him - I Am Sovereign, God himself declares, and I Am in control. This is what Samson discovers when he meets his match in cleverness & wiliness - I Am Sovereign, God himself declares as He answers Samson's last prayer. This is what Stephen preaches as the stones pelt against him, when he sees the skies open and his Savior reaching out to welcome him home - I Am Sovereign, God himself declares as a saint makes it home through the fire. This is what John sees, alone, scarred, and exiled on Patmos, when the Risen Lord Jesus appears to him - I Am Sovereign, God himself declares, as He sets in motion the End from before the very Beginning. And this is what Paul writes to the Thessalonian church in their time of persecution: God is Sovereign. Sovereign means God rules over all - nothing is out of His control. So, Paul says, we grow in faith as we study, as we learn, as we embrace what God's sovereignty really means. We grow in faith, because God, who is Sovereign, wants us to know Him, His rule, His ability, His power, more fully. We grow in faith as we get deeper & deeper into the patterns of God's Sovereignty in history, in our church's history, in the Church's history, even in & through the history of the Church in & through persecution, trials, famine, plagues, in & through the rise and fall of nations, kingdoms & empires - and we begin to see how this God we serve is Sovereign in & through our own lives, too. Nothing is out of His control. God is Sovereign.

That God is Sovereign, Paul tells us, will increase our love. How can that be? Because the character of God is love. Because the activity of God is love. Because the nature of God is love. God is holy, He is just, He is righteous, He is light, He is merciful, and He is love. Jesus is the proof, the hope, the assurance of this sovereign love of the Sovereign God. We increase in love because God, who is Sovereign, gives us the ability, the capacity, the opportunity, and the desire to love each other like He loves. We increase in love as we study God's own Word, that unimaginably great gift of His Love, the Bible. The Bible is the history of God's relationship to us, with us, and for us - a relationship founded by His first loving us in His Sovereignty and Might.

God is Sovereign. He is over all, and so He will help us endure any & all suffering, Paul teaches us. "The times, they are a-changing", but our God is always the same. He's got this. He's got us. My prayer for us is that - no matter what we face, no matter how the world shakes us, no matter if this is the last truly free Independence Day we get to celebrate, or if there are dozens or hundreds more until our Lord Jesus returns - my prayer for us is that we understand and celebrate the reality that our God is Sovereign, Lord of All. From the Voice of the Martyrs' website, www.persecution.com: "According to church tradition, June 29 marks the martyrdom of the Apostle Paul. This year, Christians around the world will take time on June 29 and throughout that weekend to honor the legacy of those who have sacrificed their lives for the advancement of the gospel." Blessings, Pastor Chris

News from the Session...

The Session met on June 28th and decided to continue with the same Worship format for the month of July. Please continue to social distance as our SC positive cases rise. Anyone wishing to worship with us on Sunday's, we meet @ 10:00 a.m. Sanitizer & Masks are available for anyone needing them. Steven Frazier will fill the pulpit on July 5th in Chris' absence.

The Session will meet again on July 26th, after worship, to make a decision on August schedule.

We, the Session, are prayerfully trying our best to respond to the needs of the Church and ensure we have the safest environment possible for our members. Regardless, we welcome and ask that should you have any suggestions or alternative means by which to deliver the Good News we have about Jesus Christ, please let us know. Rev. Parnell has done an outstanding job of utilizing digital resources and I'm hopeful that we'll continue to do as best we can to communicate to our members and community through those resources. We'll continue to pray for all Church members, our leaders, and all affected by this pandemic. God is in our midst, and in that midst we see the grace that leads us to Him.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock
Clerk of Session

JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL
Cindy Welsh & Charlie Ipock
Called Meeting: July 26th

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| June 2020 Statistics | |
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| Worship Attendance average: 31 | |
| <u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u> | |
| MTD Income received: | \$11,250.55 |
| YTD Income received: | \$95,493.27 |
| Budgeted YTD Income Needed: | \$106,410.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$20,225.98 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$93,949.26 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$106,716.00 |
| <u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds) | |
| MTD Income received: | \$200.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$1,365.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$2,200.00 |
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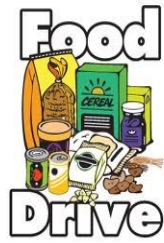
Congregational Meeting
Elder Election c/o 2023

Election Date: After 1 month of normal worship
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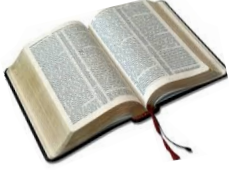
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Our HOMEBOUND Members

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Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
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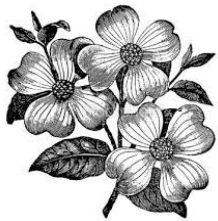
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|  | July 5th: | The Big Picture 2 Cor. 4:7-12, 16-18 |
| | July 12th: | At the name of Jesus 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 |
| | July 19th: | Obtain the glory of Jesus 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 |
| | July 26th: | So preach the Word of Jesus 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 |
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Vacation Bible School

2020 was Bishopville PC's year to host Vacation Bible School, but due to COVID-19, we have decided to cancel this year, but we will host it next year, if applicable. If things become more safe, before the end of this year, we may try to have a Fall Fest. Keep checking bulletins and our website for more details

Thank You



for your kindness

Thank you BPC for the graduation Bible. I will use it to further my faith with God. Thanks, Brandt Boykin

Dear members of Church, Thank you for the personalized Bibles for our graduation! It will come in handy.
Much love, Brooke & Amber Harrington

The family of AZ Atkinson wishes to extend their gratitude for all the prayers, calls, texts, and concerns during this difficult time in their life

Celebrating our anniversary ...during a pandemic

June 2020

Carroll and Pam Baker
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063
cbaker@fca.org

Support address:
P.O. Box 12657
Columbia, SC 29211

To give online:
<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>



On May 24, we celebrated our 34th Anniversary and although we couldn't take our usual weekend away to celebrate, we did manage to have a great day at home. It was fun to think back on what God has done in our lives and ministry over the years.

Did you know?

Carroll attended *Lee Academy* in Bishopville, SC while Pam went to *Lee High School* in Huntsville, Alabama. Plus, The *University of South Carolina* and *Jacksonville State University* are both called *Fighting Gamecocks!*

We met at Daytona Beach in June 1983. We worked together on the CRU summer beach project. At that time, Pam was serving at *Cal-State Fullerton* and I was transitioning from *Ohio State* to *Arkansas State University*. Our discipleship groups were paired together so we were assigned the same church. At Spring Break in 1985, we returned to Daytona for a week, and we spent time together again. That's when I began to think, "*Is she The One?*"

Our engagement night was December 18, 1985. When I sked her to "glorify the Lord with me," (Psalm 34:3) she replied, "*I'd love to!*"

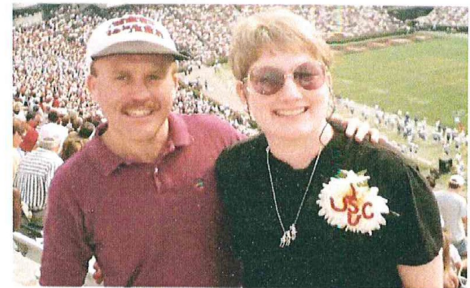
After our wedding, we spent a few days in Birmingham and Jekyll Island. Then back to Daytona Beach to staff the Summer Beach Project where we met just 3 years earlier. In August, Carroll joined Pam in ministry at *Clemson University*, Carroll's arch rival. *God's got a sense of humor!*

That's how it all began. Memory Lane... it's always a good trip!

One more surgery

Thanks for all your prayers for our family and ministry over the years. Please be praying for Pam on June 15 as she has one more surgery to repair her nose. She has done so well the past two months. Our plastic surgeon hopes that this is the final surgery, but he realizes there might be one more.

Your friendship is such a blessing!



Notice the Homecoming corsage...USC/JSU



10th Anniversary 1996 ... we didn't know it yet, but Pam was pregnant ...with twins!

Carroll + Pam

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From the Pastor's Desk...

2 Thessalonians 3:13, "As for you, brothers & sisters, do not grow weary in doing good"

Thank you for being the Church!

A doctor friend of mine recently said, "You know that we're living through history right now." Indeed, these are times unlike any other in my, or I dare say anyone else's lifetimes, except those increasing few who were born around the time of the Spanish Flu epidemic of the early 20th Century. From economic & school shutdowns, to community ordinances, to church closures, there has never been an age quite like this one...

And in the midst of all this, I can say that my church—you—has been incredible.

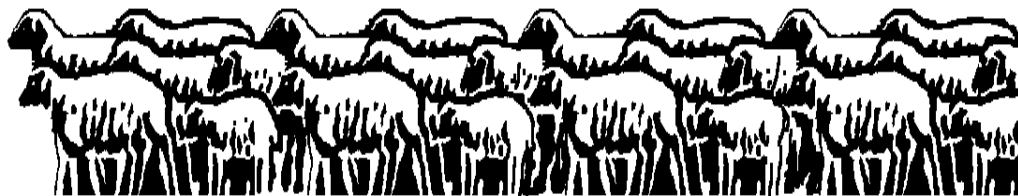
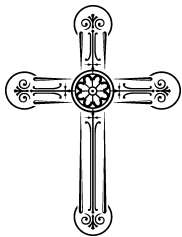
In the midst of this unfamiliar, unplanned-for, unplannable-for circumstance, you have been, well, the Church. How so? In your ministry, your love, your living, your giving, your sharing, and your fellowship—even though you've taken precaution after precaution to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus! I've seen you adapt in amazing ways to new technologies, to social media avenues, to ways of doing things we never imagined 9 months ago even existed. At the same time, I've seen you rise up in older ways as well—mailing cards & letters, making phone calls, making visits in socially distant ways. And think of the ways in which you've adapted to be able to meet for worship!

Thank you for being the Church.

Now, following after the Apostle Paul, let me encourage you to keep on being the Church. Paul tells his church family in Thessalonica, "Don't stop; don't go idle. Don't get tired of doing what the Church does. Don't stop praying with & for each other. Don't stop reading & studying your Bibles. Don't stop giving yourself to your church family & neighbors. Don't stop inviting people to church. Don't stop talking about Jesus—whatever you do, don't ever get tired of talking about Jesus. Keep on being the Church—that's who you are, praise God!"

We're living through history right now, and from where I stand, when the history books of the next century are written (should our Lord tarry), any honest history will look at the Church in 2020 and say, "Yes, they were scared. Yes, they weren't prepared for it—but they never stopped being the Church because of it."

Thank you for being my Church! – Pastor Chris



August Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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| Aug. 2nd: | The Promise | John 14:15-18, 26-27 |
| Aug. 9th: | The Depths | 1 Corinthians 2:8-16 |
| Aug. 16th: | Discipline | 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 |
| Aug. 23rd: | Unity in Diversity | 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 |
| Aug. 30th: | The Excellent Way | 1 Corinthians 13 |

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News from the Session...

Who can believe, we're pushing into August! Needless to say, this has been a year we'll never forget, as it's a year where we're actually living history. Typically, we only read about it in books, school, or some other history lesson: but for us, we are in the throws of it.

What do you think about when you read history in the Bible? Some say the Bible is only historical. We don't, we believe it is truth. We believe it is history too, history of how God works through fallen humans to redeem the elect. This history of God working through fallen people should be history we gravitate to. We are in the midst of men and women calling out to God asking, "Why?" We are not removed from the anguish seen in our historical Bible. But what happens in that history we read: Jesus comes. Even more happily, we are told He will come again.

Let us be reminded, in this time of history, of the history of our God: He sent His Son to redeem us. He tells us that Son is coming again. History shows us that truth, let us live in that truth. Amen

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| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$106,299.44 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$124,045.00 |

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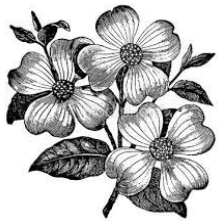
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Kid's for Christ Ministry

Our children collected
\$423.39 in coins for the

month of June for the Jewish Voice Ministry. We want to thank everyone who has helped us in this ministry. Coin banks can be picked up & dropped off in the Bell Tower room, if you would like to help us in this ongoing mission

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Thank You



Thank you for all your prayers, calls, cards, texts, and concerns during my recent illness. I am doing much better and getting stronger each day.
In Christ's Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

In Memorium

Louis G. Shirley
3/22/1929 - 7/4/2020

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From the Pastor's Desk...

It was five years ago this month that I tackled the question I get asked so many times as a pastor: Why are there so many Bibles out there - which one should I get?

Like everything else in life (even in a year as crazy as this one), this question has come back around again. You see, sometime back in the 1980s the NIV was published, and, unlike most of the other “modern-language” translations that had preceded it, the NIV really caught on in America. Maybe it was the ease of language, maybe it was the broad support of evangelical publishers, maybe it was the broad resurgence of evangelicalism in the US at the time - or maybe, like that famous catch-all in every multiple-choice test any of us ever took, it was “(D): All of the above.”

Since the NIV, there have been a slew of Bible translations, some good, some not as good, and some, well, downright bad. What happened is, since the mid-1980s, Christians have been buying more & more books than ever, and there are lots more Christian authors, it seems, than in any time since I can remember. There are lots more authors from a lot of different denominational traditions, each of which seem to have a “preferred” publisher. So the issue is that these different publishers don’t want to pay each other royalties to use their translations - so they hire a scholarly committee and, well, make their own. So Crossway publishes the ESV, Zondervan the NIV, Holman the CSB, and on & on.

Now let me be absolutely clear - most of these are great translations. Some take the approach that they want to be as close to word-for-word accurate from Hebrew & Greek into English as possible, while others want to be more fluid, sound more like actual English, so they take a thought-for-thought approach. But they all, whether the NIV or the ESV or the NLT or the CSB or the NKJV or even the “good old” KJV, they all are working hard to be as accurate and precise in translating the Bible into English as possible, without letting too much bias or agenda into their translation.

Bias? Agenda? Whatever do you mean? You mean you can translate something from one language into another with an agenda? Do tell...

Okay - you got me. For the most part this doesn’t happen... except when it does. The NKJV wants to sound like an updated KJV. The ESV comes from a heavy Reformed theological background, carrying the tradition of the older RSV & NASB. The HCSB & CSB both deliberately choose to translate the Greek & Hebrew words for “bondservant” as “slave”. These kinds of things are okay - but it’s good to know what’s going on with them.

All that being said, there are some Bible translations you SHOULD NOT use (period). Not all translations come out of pragmatic or noble reasons. The NIV translators wanted 1980s English speakers to have a Bible they could understand (by the way, this was the EXACT SAME reason for the King James translation in 1611). The ESV translators & NRSV translators wanted to include the most recent archaeological and translation discoveries, as well as to update the older RSV & ASV Bibles. Holman wanted a Bible in 2000s & 2010s English. But some “Bibles” were produced by & are designed to prop up non-Christian cults. These “Bibles” are out there, filled with non-Christian & cultic insertions, additions, subtractions, and modifications that bolster cultic beliefs & teachings. For instance, the Mormon production of the Bible will have certain language altered to support the Book of Mormon and their theology. The Jehovah’s Witnesses NWT (New World Translation) changes God’s name consistently to Jehovah, and essentially rewrites Jesus into someone He’s not. And the newest of these cultic “Bibles”, the so-called “Passion Bible” props up a non-Christian power cult that - like the Jehovah’s Witnesses - downplays Jesus in favor of man.

So pray. Pray for the people trapped in cults & false religions, pray that Christians will take seriously how amazing it is that we have the Bible in our own language and so readily available, and pray that God will help us always preach & share the wonderful good news: Jesus Saves! - - Blessings to you! -Pastor Chris

September Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



Sept. 6th:

Order

1 Corinthians 14:20-33

Sept. 13th:

The Greatest Promise

1 Corinthians 15

Sept. 20th:

The Spirit-Led Church Responds

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Sept. 27th:

How Long, O Lord?

Jude

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News from the Session...

As we inch closer to cooler weather, we can take time to reflect on some things being a constant - like the changing of seasons - and others being out of our control - such as the Coronavirus. But how comforting it is to know that one thing which is constant - God sending His only Son - provides us eternal life. It's this very fact that when we experience change, or even a constant, we should fall into to receive the grace He so freely sent.

Your Session will continue to be in prayer for our country, health care workers, and for all of those in need of this grace. We'll also continue to be prayerful for our congregants. In these uncertain times, know that we are here for you and should you have any requests, please let us know

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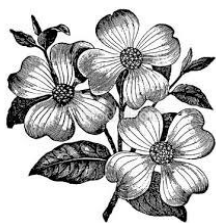
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Our children helped a local family with 2 boys who lost their father, in August, by purchasing and delivering school supplies and clothing to them. We are very proud of how quickly & responsibly they help in times of need!



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Resolve to pray each day

Now that most schools and businesses are back in full Session, face-to-face, please keep all our children, parents, teachers, faculty, and employees in your daily prayers, and be considerate of others, during this trying time in the COVID days of 2020.

Please keep all our local, state, & federal officials and employees in your prayers as we face an epic 2020 battle! Please remember to put GOD first in everything you do and pray that He will be in their hearts and minds as they govern our cities, states and nation...

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Matthew 13:55, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?" (ESV)

I was 8 years old when my brother Matthew was born. I can still remember staying at an aunt's house while Momma & Daddy went off to the hospital to welcome him home - and I can still remember how much he cried when he got home (love ya, bro!).

Over the many years since, I've come to realize there's something profound & unique about the relationship between brothers. Even though we're nearly a decade apart in age, we share a bond - very much like my dad shares with his brothers to this day. I can talk to my brother like almost no one else on this planet. We used to play together as kids, we have similar interests, we even have very similarly weird senses of humor (much to both our wives' chagrin).

So it makes me wonder about the relationship between Jesus his half-brothers, especially those half-brothers James & Jude who later became Christians and leaders in Jesus' church. What was it like to grow up in under the same roof as Jesus? What was it like to sit around the table for dinner with him, to spend Hanukkah or Passover with him, to go to synagogue with him on Sabbath, to work beside him in their father's shop? What was it like?

It's interesting that James & Jude both rejected Jesus during his ministry on earth, but after his resurrection, they both joined his church and became integral parts of it. James, according to 1st Corinthians, even saw Jesus after the Resurrection! Jude & his wife travelled and served in the ministry field with Paul and John. And both men, both of these half-brothers of Jesus, wrote letters to the Church which the Spirit himself inspired to become part of our Bibles! And, in a powerful way, they honored their half-brother Jesus by becoming more than brothers to him - they became servants of his Kingdom.

Wait, wait, wait... our American sensibilities are turned around by such an idea. How is it honorable or good or positive for a brother to become the "servant" of another brother? Doesn't becoming someone's "servant" diminish one and elevate the other? This bothers us, if we're honest - we don't really understand it, and we really want to push it away. Interestingly, James and Jude both have a response to us.

James writes, "My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory . . . My beloved brothers hasn't God chose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?" (James 2:1, 5).

What does that have to do with us? Let's ask it another way - isn't our concern for fairness, for equity, for position, for honor, 9 times out of 10, somehow connected to our own situation? Of all the people we are inclined to show partiality to, aren't we ourselves at the top of our lists? Let me give you an Example - when I read Luke 15, I tend to identify & sympathize with the older brother. Why? I'm the elder brother in my family. James is preaching humility - put me 2nd or maybe even 3rd . Jesus comes first. Those Jesus has commanded me to love come 2nd. Humility - and sometimes this is the hardest spiritual discipline we can ever attempt to practice. As humans, especially as humans saturated in a "Me-first" centered culture, a consumerist, comfort-driven culture, we don't like being 2nd. We don't like delayed gratification. We don't like to hear the Bible talk about Christians being poor, or afflicted, or persecuted, or in a minority power situation. We like to hear how we'll be healthy, wealthy, loved & lauded - which is why the false teachers of the prosperity cults are so popular in America.

Let me give you a practical, if indirect example of what James is really getting at. When our sister was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, both my brother & I volunteered to be tested as stem-cell donors, should she have needed. We put our own situations, our own comfort, our own needs 2nd in order to serve (literally, become the servant of) our sister. We didn't do this because we were elevating her; we didn't do this because we felt inferior to her. We wanted to serve her because she needed it - and because we love our sister. James & Jude humble themselves to Jesus (1) because Jesus is worth worshipping!, but (2) because they love him. Humility grows out of love.

Jude encourages us this way, saying "You, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (20-21). Know what the Bible teaches & believe it. Depend on prayer & the Holy Spirit. Know that God loves you - after all, he gave you Jesus.

We're going to have to wait until we "all get to heaven" to talk to James & Jude in order to find out what it was like having Jesus in their house growing up. But in the meantime, we can read their letters. Let James & Jude encourage you, let them challenge & provoke you, let them warm your hearts knowing that you are hearing the love of Jesus the Savior, coming directly from his beloved servants, his half-brothers James & Jude.

God bless you! Pastor Chris

October Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



Oct. 4th:

Oct. 11th:

Oct. 18th:

Oct. 25th:

Cain's Way

Snatched from the Fire

Doxology

The Anointed King

Jude 8-16

Jude 17-22

Jude 24-25

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Due to COVID-19, Worship will be @ 10 am, with no choir, fellowship or nursery

News from the Session...

The cool weather is finally upon us! As the seasons begin to change, remember that the Session still remains steadfast in setting forth appropriate and safe measures to worship and continue the most full operations of the Church. We will continue “as is” with the Worship Service, though are hopeful later in the Fall to be able to begin to have nursery and Sunday School. In the interim, we would encourage everyone to continue to serve one another in various mediums so as to continue our growth in Scripture and Spirit. We did, however, decide to have Communion Service in October.

Materials (such as: SS, Daily Bread, newsletters, etc...) are available upon request. If you would like, please let us know and we'll provide those to you.

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| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$143,249.89 |
| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$162,859.00 |
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| <small>(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)</small> | |
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| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$0.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$2,200.00 |



Communion Sunday
October 18th
Communion Elders:
Ryan & Gregg McCutchen



Wreaths Across America
Saturday, December 19th
11:45 a.m.
BPC Cemetery
Everyone is welcome to attend

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home
Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

Congregational Meeting Elder Election c/o 2023 Sunday, October 11th

The following names have been submitted from the 2020 Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2023 Elders:

- **Ray Drayton**
- **Charlie Ipock**
- **Perry McCutchen**

The floor will be open for nominations, for members who discern that God is calling another person to be elected, other than those nominated by the Nominating Committee. In the event that the nominees are greater than the number of Elders to be elected, the congregation will vote by secret ballot. Please prayerfully consider the persons you elect, as they will help govern our Church.

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UPDATES: Rally Day has been cancelled

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From the Pastor's Desk...

"I guess I'm just a worrier. That's why my friends call me 'Whiskers'" - Will Ferrell as Harry Carey, Saturday Night Live

I'm sure we can all identify with Ferrell's Harry Carey a little bit, especially this year. It's hard not to worry in a year where we've had a pandemic, earthquakes, storms, floods, "murder" hornets, and an incredibly polarizing election cycle. You're almost afraid to ask, "What next?" While most of us have heard the quote from CS Lewis, "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither," most of us probably - this year anyway - wonder if "getting earth thrown in" would be worth it.

I suppose that's why what Jesus says - when He says, "Don't worry!" - it chafes us a little bit. Don't we want to look at Jesus and say, "Hey, I've got kids. I've got pets. I've got a wife and a 401k and a car I'm still paying for. What do you mean, 'Don't worry'? Don't you see what I've got to worry about?!" So how can Jesus tell us not to worry, especially in a year like 2020?

That's why it's so important to know *exactly* what Jesus says. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, "O you of little faith . . . do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them all**. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Look at that - Jesus connects faith, anxiety, need, righteousness and God our heavenly Father . . . just like he does when he teaches us how to pray. Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus transforms how we look at things, like who we consider to be "blessed," like how we practice our religion, like how we look at ourselves, and like what we think is wise. Here, Jesus is upending what should be the focus of our life.

What's He saying? He's saying that, for most humans, our living from day-to-day is centered on providing for our needs - our bodily needs, our security needs, our social needs, our religious or spiritual needs. What am I going to eat? Where am I going to sleep tonight? Who's watching over my town? Who's looking out for my nation? Who's looking out for my soul? Jesus takes those questions, those right-enough-seeming questions, and he upends them. He says, "Look at the focus of all those questions - me, my, I. Anyone, everyone anywhere and at anytime looks after those things. Those are Gentile priorities - not my priority. And look - God your Father in Heaven knows you need those things! But are you focused, are you centered on God?"

Did you see that? Jesus says, "Don't worry!", He's actually saying what CS Lewis in *Mere Christianity* says: "But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in." Where are we putting our hope? What are we anxious to see happen? Our Lord wants us to seek Him - first and foremost - and to let our seeking Him inform, bless, and transform everything else we look for and need. It's a challenge! It's tough, especially in a year like 2020 that threatens our attention so desperately. But this is what Jesus wants for us. And who can argue with that?

God bless you! Pastor Chris



November Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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| Nov. 1st: | <i>The Holy King</i> | 1 Samuel 21:1-9 |
| Nov. 8 th : | <i>The Crowned King</i> | 2 Samuel 5:1-10 |
| Nov. 15 th : | <i>The Kind King</i> | 2 Samuel 9:1-13 |
| Nov. 22 nd : | <i>The Greatest King</i> | 2 Samuel 12:1-13 |
| Nov. 29 th : | <i>First Advent - Hanging of Greens service</i> | |

News from the Session...

For many, the future is unknown. But for Christians, we know the future. We know that in the final consummation, God wins and overcomes. Things are made right. Sin does not distort anymore and we are made full in His image. Yet, this is hard to grasp onto in these uncertain times with so much going on everywhere we look. We want things fixed and done yesterday, but God knows best and we must recall His overcoming sin and death through His son Jesus Christ, which will be more full when He comes again. I share this message because hope is needed in this time. We have hope in Christ. To share that hope, your Session has been meeting this month discerning how to best share the gifts of the Church by way of budgeting. Fiscally, the Church is on solid ground. Expectations were low this year in this regard, yet, God has seen us through and incredibly the Church is even stronger financially than last year. This goes by way of missions, youth outreach, and more as well. If there is something that has been on your heart, please let the Session know so that we may budget appropriately to share the gifts God has given to all. Please continue to pray for the Session, as we are for you, and seek continued strength for all who call out to Jesus Christ.

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"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"

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 Order forms are in weekly bulletins and in the Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary **November 29th - December 20th**. Make checks payable to the church. **Cost is \$14.50/ea.**
Order Deadline: November 15th

Hanging of Greens Service
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UPDATE: Community Thanksgiving & Christmas services are cancelled

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We have a couple of Christmas traditions around the Parnell house: We put up Christmas trees & decorations, we watch the Charlie Brown Christmas, we visit family, and we take out our blue-bound copy of the *Chronicles of Narnia* and read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by CS Lewis.

As I've said before, if you or your kids have never read them, the 7 books of the *Chronicles* are incredible. Lewis wrote them for his own family, to give them "Christian fairy tales." Why? Because Lewis, like any good teacher, understood the power of *narrative* in teaching deep theology. In other words, sometimes the best way to teach a deep or complex subject, especially to children, is to use a story. Not only do the best teachers do this, but in the Bible, Jesus himself frequently does this same thing—we call them "parables" instead of "fairy tales."

So why *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*? Of all CS Lewis' stories about the Christian fairy-tale land of Narnia, this is perhaps the "Christmas-iest". Why do I say that? One of the recurring ideas in the books is that the land & its people are under a curse where it is "***Always winter and never Christmas; think of that!***" And—more than that—the great theme of the book is how God's children are crowned by the Great King & Lion himself, the Jesus-figure at the heart of the story. Christmas, in this book, shows the characters that curse is broken—the King is on His way!

In the same way, for you & me, Christmas is that same kind of reminder, that same kind of sign. Christmas tells us, as loudly as the angels outside Bethlehem, "***Fear not! Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!***" The King is on His way! The curse is broken! Hallelujah & Hosanna, praise God from the highest heavens to the lowest parts of the earth. Jesus has come.

That's why this tradition has become so special for me, and for my family. Every year, in the heart of winter, in the darkest nights, the message gets told over & over again—through stories, through plays, through Christmas specials where little boys tell their friends, "That's what Christmas is all about..." Christmas points us to Jesus—and how Jesus breaks the curse, our curse.

So, it's Christmas at last! Let's live in the joy of that good news & glad tidings. Let's show the watchers & waiters out there that joy rises, even in the midst of winter. Let's show that these things we face, though not trivial or inconsequential at all, pale in comparison to the joy that has been revealed to us in the coming of a Savior who died to make us sinless & rose again to give us a future & a home. Let's live like the curse is broken—the King is on His way.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Chris



December Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

6th:***Call Him Son of the Most High*****Luke 1:26-38**13th:***Call Him the Savior*****Matthew 1:18-25**20th:**Call Him Jesus, King of God's People****Matthew 2:1-12**27th:**Praise Him, Praise Him!****Psalms 148:1-14**

News from the Session...

Who can believe it's December? I certainly can't. Though, my kids said this week that November and December is their favorite time of year because it is Jesus' birthday . . . and snow of course.

This was a good reminder that though this has been a terribly difficult year, there is always hope in Jesus Christ. But He is more than hope, He really came, lived on this Earth, and died for us to reconcile our sin to live eternally with Him. How blessed are we to be called by the Spirit to Him for us to have our hearts turned to flesh that even in this period of daunting & challenging, times, deep in our souls we know that Christ overcomes.

As we linger into this season, let us reflect on this truth as we prepare our hearts and minds for this season.

Please continue to social distance as our cases are still unstable. We invite anyone who wishes to worship with us on Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m. Masks & Sanitizer are available for anyone needing them.

The Session and Elders-elect, will meet again on December 20th, after worship, to decide upcoming schedule & events.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock - Clerk of Session

DECEMBER ELDER-ON-CALL

Charlie Ipock

Called Session: Dec. 20th, after worship

Our **HOMEBOUND** Members

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dick & Beth McCutchen @ their home

November 2020 Statistics

Worship Attendance average: 43

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$18,410.55

YTD Income received: \$174,512.52

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$195,085.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12,124.43

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$169,505.15

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$194,345.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,500.00

YTD Income received: \$4,640.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$2,200.00

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Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 19th

11:45 a.m.

BPC Cemetery

Everyone is welcome to attend

Thank you to Retta Tindal for coordinating this annual event



**Business Office Closed
for Holiday**

**December 22nd - 28th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

**Ashley Latimer & David Broughton
finalized the adoption of their 2 children:
Brian Marc & Georgia Yarborough Broughton.
Proud grandparents are Tricia & John Latimer**

CONGRATULATIONS 



**Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, Dec. 24th
@ 5:30 p.m.
Bishopville PC Sanctuary**

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, instead of community services, each Church will hold their own services, for safety measures. If you ordered a poinsettia, please pick it up after the Christmas Eve service



**Dec. 6th: Benny & Wendy Welch Family
Dec. 13th: Ryan & Andrea McCutchen Family
Dec. 20th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson Family
Dec. 24th: Chris & Laura Parnell Family**



Presbyterian Women
RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions

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



Flower Calendar

DECEMBER

6-20: Christmas Poinsettia Array
27th: OPEN

JANUARY

3rd: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen
17th: Carol Latimer Finethy
24th: Charlie & Virginia Ipock
10th & 31st: OPEN

FEBRUARY

14th: Jim Ed & Mabeth McCutchen
21st: Family of Iris Thomas
7th & 28th: OPEN

Happy Birthday December January

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| Michael Jeffords | 5 | Robert McCutchen III | 2 |
| Sara Catherine Corbett | 6 | Ann West | 2 |
| Gordon Eckley | 8 | Rhetta Simon Cloyd | 3 |
| Becky Crichton | 9 | Chip Smith | 3 |
| Mike Monroe | 13 | Bill Tindal | 3 |
| Janice Reynolds | 13 | Kody Mills McCutchen | 4 |
| Boochie Swearingen | 13 | Michael Farver | 5 |
| Dawn Levers | 14 | Will McElveen | 9 |
| Maggie Corbett | 15 | Kean Scott III | 9 |
| Tom Kerr | 18 | John Crues Bell IV | 12 |
| Jennifer McCutchen | 18 | Bill Conway | 13 |
| Billy Simon | 20 | Steven Welsh | 13 |
| Retta Tindal | 24 | Ken Cutler | 14 |
| Brooke Welch | 24 | T-Bo Ellen | 16 |
| Wyatt Frazier | 28 | Carole Scott | 18 |
| Rena Smith | 29 | Ruby Nell Bailey | 20 |
| | | Aidan Hilditch | 25 |
| | | William Clyburn Ipock | 26 |
| | | Jean Woodmansee | 26 |
| | | Brooke Harrington | 30 |
| | | Amber Harrington | 30 |
| | | Josh Kirven | 30 |
| | | John Latimer | 30 |



Canned Food & Monetary gifts for the Lee County Cooperative Ministries (LCCM)
1st Sunday of each month

Please note "LCCM" on all monetary gifts
December designated items are:
HOLIDAY CANNED ITEMS
Please leave all food donations in Bell Tower room (in LCCM canister)

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

NOTE: All mail sent to our street address will be returned by Post Office
Business Office Hours: Mon-Wed, 9:00 - 6:00
Vacation/Holiday Business Office closings:
December 22 - 28, 2020
January 18, 2021
Please contact the Church Office with any contact and/or Email/Calendar/Circle changes



FOUND: A set of keys
Please contact office if you lost a set of keys (must give a description)

A KID STARTED IT! John 8:9
Kid's for Christ Ministry
Our kids are collecting coins for the Jewish Voice Ministries. Banks can be picked up/dropped off in the Bell Tower room. They are also collecting items for Lee County Homeless. Collection boxes are in both Tower rooms. Thank you for supporting all their missions



C-19 Worship Service: Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m.
Other events will be determined and posted on/in our website, bulletins, newsletters, FB, etc...
UPDATE: NO Community services. Each Church will hold independent services

In Memoriam
Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran
4/4/1920 - 11/26/2020