

# The Scroll

December 2023 Vol. 185 No. 12



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Coffee Time - 10:30 a.m.

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Bible Study, in Session room: 4:30 p.m.

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9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)  
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Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



# 2023

# DECEMBER

*From the Pastor's Desk...* Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:1-2)

This has to be my favorite part of the Christmas narrative, how "wise men" (the Greek for it is, of course, magi) came from the east to visit Jesus in Bethlehem. I love that these men, whether 3 or 30, travelled from outside the Roman Empire, likely from Persia, Arabia, or India, hundreds of miles, to visit the infant Christ. I love that they were most likely scholars, part of that exiled group that never made it home like Nehemiah. I love that they were given names (around 500 years after Christ's birth): Balthazar, Gaspar, and Melchior. And I love that they were called kings (around 300 years after Christ's birth) because of what Psalm 72:11 says: "May all kings fall before Him."

But more than any of those embellishments, I love the simple reality of the Biblical story. Were they kings? Most likely not. Kings would send messengers such as these scholars. They needed kingly permission (like they got from Herod), but they themselves were most likely NOT royalty. So much for "We three kings of Orient are..." Were there only 3 of them? Realistically no. These men are dignitaries, nobles, men with means & clout to travel hundreds of miles and gain audience with a Roman governor/puppet-king. They had "an entourage", a retinue of guards, guides, translators, & attendants, most likely. Were they wise? Let's think about this. What did it cost them to travel hundreds of miles to visit the infant Jesus? They were going to see a boy of less than 2 years old, his adopted carpenter dad, and his teenaged mom. They were going to an unfamiliar place, crossing from their comfortable homeland into one of the most contentious & unsafe places in the Roman Empire. They were travelling into danger, following that star, danger from bandits and wild animals, danger from inclement weather and dangerous geographic obstacles...

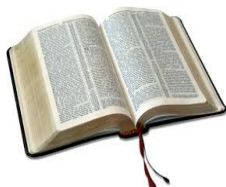
And yet these magi, these wise men, at this great cost to themselves & their retinues, made this long & dangerous trip just to get a glimpse of the King of kings Jesus! How it must have thrilled them to hear his name, "God-saves"! How it must have left them in wonder, hearing how the shepherds came on the night of his birth, angel-song ringing in their ears. How it must have stirred their souls, hearing how both Joseph & Mary heard from God's own angels about this child, how Anna and Simeon prophesied over him at his circumcision, how Elizabeth's boy John leapt, full of God the Spirit in his mother's womb at meeting the embryo that was his Savior, how it must have shaken them at seeing God's glory moving among them.

And I wonder - do I let myself embrace this season like those wise men, those magi from the east? Do I put myself "out there" to experience Jesus anew this season? Do I share my experiences - like those wise men? Or do I keep them to myself? How far am I willing to travel, to get out of comfort, to experience and be shaken in my soul by seeing my Savior? And what treasure do I lay down before him? Do I give my heart? Do I give him my gold? My worshipful incense? My myrrh-fueled grieving at the part I played, my sin that took him to his Cross? What do I lay before Jesus, all over again, this season? So I invite you to make this time of year special. Make it about Jesus. Let's be like those "three kings" and worship him, worship him, Christ the Lord.

Merry Christmas! -Pastor Chris



### December Sunday Sermons



<b>3rd:</b>	<b>Hanging Of Greens Service</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:1-7</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent (Children's Program)</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Micah 5:1-5</b>
<b>31st:</b>	<b>Preparing the Way</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-12</b>

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

The Session met Nov. 12th @ 8:30 am. The class of 2026 Elders were present.

The Church has a lot going on this time of year. C/O 2026 Elders will be examined on December 10th @ Session & installed during worship.

We'll have a Children's program on December 17th with a luncheon afterwards. All are welcome.

We will have a joint Sunday school class, in the Fellowship Hall, on December 24th.

The Worship committee has secured the Advent Readers for the Christmas services.

Our Kids for Christ are doing an amazing job. They packed 100 shoeboxes. Thank you to all who made this possible.

We are preparing to pave both of the Church's parking lots, seal the cemetery roads and replace the sidewalk in front of the Sanctuary. We will keep the Parking Lot Fund open to help with this upcoming project.

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

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,  
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**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$7,532.55
YTD Income received:	\$159,665.51
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$187,242.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,003.17
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$181,132.54
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$186,858.00</b>

**UnBudgeted Income & Expenses**  
(Cemetery Fund)

MTD Income received:	\$1,200.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,200.00
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*Thank you to all who has honored me for my 20th year Anniversary back in the Church Office (11/3/03 - 11/3/23) – Gwen Steinmeyer*



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Sunday, December 24th  
Bethlehem UMC @ 5:00 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

# December

- Michael Jeffords 5
- Sara Catherine Corbett 6
- Gordon Eckley 8
- Becky Crichton 9
- Mike Monroe 13
- Janice Reynolds 13
- Boochie Swearingen 13
- Dawn Levers 14
- Maggie Corbett 15
- Tom Kerr 18
- Jennifer McCutchen 18
- Billy Simon 20
- Jane Clyburn 22
- Retta Tindal 24
- Brooke Welch 24
- Wyatt Frazier 28
- Rena Smith 29

- # January
- Robert McCutchen III 2
  - Ann West 2
  - Rhetta Simon Cloyd 3
  - Chip Smith 3
  - Bill Tindal 3
  - Kody Mills McCutchen 4
  - Lila Dow Frazier 9
  - Will McElveen 9
  - Keith Hyman 11
  - John Crues Bell IV 12
  - Bill Conway 13
  - Steven Welsh 13
  - T-Bo Ellen 16
  - Ruby Nell Bailey 20
  - Aidan Hilditch 25
  - William Clyburn Ipock 26
  - Mills Lloyd 28
  - Brooke Harrington 30
  - Amber Harrington 30
  - Josh Kirven 30
  - John Latimer 30

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Advent Lighter Schedule

- Dec. 3rd: (1st) Andrea & Ryan McCutchen
- Dec. 10th: (2nd) Brittany & Keith Hyman Family
- Dec. 17th: (3rd) Betsy & Matt Bramlett Family
- Dec. 24th: (4th) Kerry & Steven Frazier Family



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



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

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

### Sunday School Teachers Needed!!!

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### “Blessing Box” Ministry

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

**Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.**

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

### Jewish Voice Coin Collection



**In November of 2023, we collected \$297.12 in coins.** Thanks to your support, Jewish Voice was able to help meet people's basic need for dental services in war-torn Ukraine. Your generosity shares the hope of Yeshua (Jesus) while providing tangible help to meet real needs – sometimes in desperate situations, like Ukraine.

Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and drop off any time of the year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates!**

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

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

**The Kids for Christ are collecting body wash & hygiene items for Several Nursing Homes in Lee County. Donation boxes are in the Tower rooms**

**The PW collected \$206.00 at the Harvest Banquet on November 13th. All money was donated to Serving Hearts Ministry in Bishopville**

The Pilot Club of Bishopville is hosting a tour of Tanglewood Plantation located 19 miles from Bishopville in Lynchburg **December 2nd from 11 until 4:00.** Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6 and up. Children under 5 will be admitted free. This six-bedroom home was built in 1830(the oldest home in our county) and will be open to the public for that one day to help the Pilots raise funds for various community projects such as an Anchor scholarship and school supplies for all K4 students in Lee County. There will be a professional photographer to take Santa pictures free as well as provide proofs of family group pictures. Local Vendors will be on the grounds selling crafts and Christmas items. Please contact Liz Simon or any member of the Pilot Club for tickets or additional information. Tickets are limited

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Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 5th @ 2:00 a.m.

November

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." (Mark 6:45-50, ESV)

What a great event in the life of Jesus' church. Think about - Jesus sent them out, 2x2, to preach and heal and help, and they did. Jesus took them to the wilderness to rest, and there he told them to feed 5,000 men, and they did. Now Jesus tells them to go back across the sea to their next destination, and they did - and now, for the first time, they're up against a strong headwind.

When I was much younger, I ran track for Crescent High, and every year we ran the 96 Invitational. This was at 96 High, on the Newberry side of the city of Greenwood. There are 2 main reasons I think I'll never forget the 96 Invitational: First, it was there that my 4x400 relay team broke the Crescent High record for that event my senior year - I ran the 3rd leg of that race and put in the best 400M run I ever ran. And second, no matter which year it was we ran at that 96 track, because of where it lay, because of how it sat on the hill there behind the school, because of that quirky SC atmosphere, there was always a headwind on the back-side of that 400 meter track. Like Bob Seger sings, there's nothing like running against the wind.

Every once in a while, Jesus will let us face a headwind. He'll send us out, he'll open a door for ministry, he'll provoke our hearts to a mission - and then comes that headwind. At first you don't really feel it - when you first start going around the curve, when you first start pushing into the ministry, the mission - and then you do. It's not so bad at first. Just a little push. But the longer you run into it, the stronger it feels, the air gets thicker & thicker like water, the current goes from aggravation to obstacle... but the goal, the mission, the ministry, it's right there.

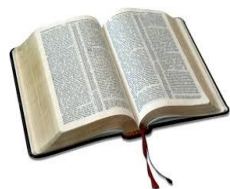
And there, in the thick of the night, as you struggle, Jesus comes by, and he says... what? "Take heart. I Am. Don't be afraid." That's literally what Jesus says in Mark's & Matthew's stories about this event. Those three simple things - take heart, which means of course, be encouraged. I Am, where Jesus, just like he does all throughout his ministry (just look at John's Gospel) tells us that He is God. And that repeated command (I heard that it happens 365 times in the Bible, but haven't counted myself): Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of what? Well - here, in Mark, it's clear. Don't be afraid of the headwind. Don't be afraid of not being able to make progress. Don't be afraid of how dark it's gotten. Don't be afraid of failure.

Why not be afraid? Because God himself, Jesus Christ, is who he says he is, and God himself, Jesus Christ is walking with us. We might not be able to make any progress against this headwind, but he's not being bothered by it - or the water beneath his feet. And that, Jesus says, should give us courage.

Courage to do what? To push into the direction, the mission, the ministry for which and to which God himself, Jesus Christ is calling us.

So this Thanksgiving season, praise God for the mission. Praise him even for the headwinds, because sometimes a curve is coming up - and that headwind will be pushing us along, faster than we've ever ran before. Take heart. Jesus Is. Don't be afraid.

May our Lord bless you - Pastor Chris



### November Sunday Sermons

5<sup>th</sup>:

Who can be saved?

Mark 7:24-30

12<sup>th</sup>:

Who is Jesus?

Mark 8:27-33

19<sup>th</sup>:

Listen to Him...

Mark 9:2-13

26<sup>th</sup>:

Christ the King

Mark 10:17-31

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

The Session met on October 8th @ 8:30 am.

We are excited to start back with our coffee time after Sunday School.

Rev. Parnell gave the Session an update on the Presbytery meeting held on September 29, 2023 at Richmond, Va. at Hope Church.

It is hard to believe that we are less than a month away from Thanksgiving. This is a holiday that I always enjoy, catching up with family and being thankful for what we have.

Please pray for our new officer's that will serve in the c/o 2026. **Congratulations to Reese Atkinson, Renee Bell, and Jimmy McCutchen** and we thank the 3 Elders rotating off this year for their service; Ray Drayton, Charlie Ipock, and Perry McCutchen

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Rawlins Crues Smith	3	Sara Catherine Corbett	6
Jerry Adams	4	Gordon Eckley	8
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8	Becky Crichton	9
Maddie Varn Dailey	8	Mike Monroe	13
Jill McElveen	9	Janice Reynolds	13
Eddie Boykin	10	Boochie Swearingen	13
Catherine Bell Smith	12	Dawn Levers	14
Cally Bell	14	Maggie Corbett	15
MaryAnna Welsh	14	Tom Kerr	18
Peggy Corbett	15	Jennifer McCutchen	18
Missy Kirven	20	Billy Simon	20
Perry McCutchen	22	Jane Clyburn	22
Dr. Leon Hunt	23	Retta Tindal	24
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Search for **Lee County Gameday**

## Lee County GameDay—Thursday October 12th

The 20th Lee County GameDay is is Here!!

Once again, the football teams of Bishopville will come together for a meal and message. The players at **Lee Central High School** and **Lee Academy** have always enjoyed this unique event. I like to describe it as a time **“Where Lee County Comes Together.”**

This year’s guest speaker is **Ervin Mack** , who is currently serves **FCA** as- Midlands Area Director for 15 counties in South Carolina. Ervin is from Winnsboro and played college football at Norfolk State. He is also a former coach and more recently Assistant Principal at **AC Flora High School** in Columbia.

**We would love for you to help support our Lee County Gameday.**

To help support Lee County GameDay, go to:

<http://my.fca.org> Search for: Lee County Gameday

Or you can mail it to our FCA office...

Carroll Baker  
 Lee County GameDay  
 P.O. Box 12657  
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Or scan QR code for  
 Lee County GameDay

Thanks so much!!

*Carroll*

*Have you ever thought about sending us a newsletter?*

October, 2023



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Thanks for joining with us!

It's our desire to keep you informed and it warms our hearts to know that you read our letters as you follow our family and ministry. One friend once said that he loved our "folksy" newsletters. We try to let you know what's going on through our ministry with FCA as well as some family news too!

We appreciate that you pray for our family and ministry and we would like to do the same for you. We would love to hear from you too. Let us know how we can pray for you and your family. Maybe you could write a newsletter of your own, besides we've probably lost track of how many kids, grandkids and doggies that you may have.

Each family on our team has a love for God and a desire to see lives changed by God's incredible love and forgiveness. By being part of our Home Team of support, you're in good company!! We are so thankful for you!

Send us your news... email me at [cbaker@fca.org](mailto:cbaker@fca.org). Or text or call me (803) 206-2542. You can also text or call Pam (803) 206-1519. She would love to hear from you!

**If we haven't texted or called you lately, and if you don't use your housephone much, please let us know your new phone number and email too!**

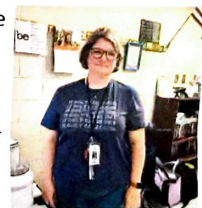


This past month at **Irmo Middle School**, so much has been happening. One week our huddle coach, Carin Sease, shared with them the Whole Armor of God passage in Ephesians 6: 6-18. She divided the 40 kids into teams and provided each group with materials make a Roman soldier's armor. They had so much fun and it was a great way to teach middle school kids about God's armor.



On September 27th, **Irmo Middle** joined thousands of schools as they participated in the annual **See You at the Pole** gathering. For the first time in many years, students met at the front of the school to have a few minutes of prayer. This was a big step for these kids!

What a hero our Huddle Coaches are! Sometimes an actual coach, sometimes they are teachers with huge hearts for God and for the spiritual lives of their students. **Carin Sease** is both. She and her husband coach the girls Middle School Volleyball team at **Irmo Middle School**.



Carin Sease-  
Wife  
Mother  
Teacher  
Coach  
Huddle Coach  
Child of God

And then there's our **Harley**. We've had him for 4 years now. He was a handful as a 4 month old puppy and Pam often chided, "we've got to get rid of that dog." (Now, she wouldn't take anything for him.) He really is a part of our family. And he loves to be right with us. He enjoys being in a relationship with us. He loves to obey us (maybe because we get so excited and he might get a treat)! He has learned to trust us and obey us... and he knows that we will provide for his needs and protect him. **He really makes us smile!** I wonder if that trust and obedience is part of what caught God's eye as He looked at Noah. (Genesis 6:8 ... "But the Lord was pleased with Noah").



Harley—Coton de Tulear  
He loves his duckie

Noah must have made God smile too!

*Carroll + Pam*

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* "There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan." (CS Lewis, Christian Reflections)

As we study the book of Mark, one of the most interesting things is Mark's emphasis on the cosmic-level spiritual warfare going on between Jesus and the forces of Satan. Constantly throughout this little book both Jesus & his Church encounter and combat and cast out demons, unclean spirits, devils of all sorts. From Jesus' battle with Satan in chapter 1, verse 13 to Jesus' promise in chapter 16, verse 17, Mark's Gospel has as one of its most important themes, Spiritual

Warfare.

It's been famously said Christians and Churches can make 1 of 2 deadly mistakes when dealing with Spiritual Warfare. We can over-emphasize our role in combatting Satanic forces, demons, unclean spirits, etc., which comes at a cost to our most important missions - our purpose - of glorifying God and enjoying him and helping others do the same by preaching Christ Jesus and him crucified. Or we can under-emphasize that same role, maybe even omitting the part we are called & empowered to play in this struggle... which, again, costs us regarding our most important missions - our purpose - of glorifying God and enjoying and helping others do the same.

This is where Mark's Gospel comes in to help us. Jesus encounters devils as he preaches, as he worships, as he prays, as he ministers, and as he leads & teaches his disciples. And Jesus deals with those devils, demons, unclean spirits, etc., as they come to him in the context of his other ministry. Let's think about that: Jesus is God, right? So with a WORD, he could have cast EVERY devil out AT ONCE. But he didn't.

Instead, Jesus cast devils out, one-by-one, situation-by-situation, in the context of his ministry - as he preached, taught, helped, healed, worshipped, etc. He didn't go looking for them. He went looking for people to help, to teach, to reach and to save. And when he inevitably found devils... he cast them out. Look at Peter & John & Paul in the book of Acts: they followed Jesus' pattern.

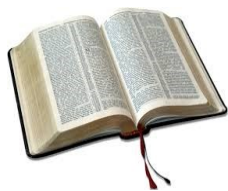
In fact, in the Bible, the only time we see somebody going out "devil-hunting", it's in Acts 19 when the sons of Sceva went out looking for devils, saying "I adjure you by the name of Jesus whom Paul preachers" only to have the devil reply, "Well I know Jesus and I've heard of Paul, but who are you?" And he beat the pants off them, yes, literally (Acts 19:16).

That's not how Jesus did it. That's not how Peter, Paul, James, John or any of the Apostles did it, because they did their job of Spiritual Warfare in the context of their God-given mission: To preach Christ to the lost, to love Christ's church, and to feed & teach Christ's people. They didn't run away from or pretend devils don't exist. They cast them out. But they knew that devil-casting-out wasn't their God-given mission, but only a facet, a part of it, just like pulling weeds is only a facet, a part of gardening (attributed to GK Chesterton).

SO as we read the book of Mark, let's be spiritually discerning, especially this time of year when our culture becomes more & more obsessed with devils, demons, witches, and the occult. Let's not put our heads in the sand, but let's equally not go overboard with devil-hunting. Like I remind Patrick's dog John, there's no booger-man behind every tree-trunk at night. Some thing - like scary stories and trick-or-treating - are just (or, should just) be fun for children. Other things - like actual devils - take discernment, prayer & fasting, and we need to know what only God the Holy Spirit can show us.

And our God is good. He shows us what we need to see, he leads us where we need to go, he armors us in the Armor the Bible describes through the Spirit in Ephesians 6. The battle is our Savior's already - let's get out there and in the context of OUR ministry, let's go to war.

God bless you! Pastor Chris



**1st:**

**8th:**

**15th:**

**22nd:**

**29th:**

### October Sunday Sermons

*Christ is Calling*

*The Seed & the Light*

*Spiritual Battle*

*A New Home*

*Five Thousand Men*

**Mark 3:22-35**

**Mark 4:21-29**

**Mark 5:1-20**

**Mark 6:1-13**

**Mark 6:30-44**

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

The Session met on September 10th @ 8:30 am.

The Session sent a letter to Michael Blades for his gift of matching silver tray & flower bowl, in memory of Jenny McCutchen.

The Christian Ed Committee held Rally Day on September 24th with a SS breakfast for all ages. I would like to thank this committee for all their hard work with our children.

Please keep our Elder Nominating Committee in your prayers as they select 3 people to serve as the c/o2026 Elders.

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

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,  
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**\*Ray Drayton & Cindy Welsh**

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October 1st**

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**October Communion Elders: Cindy Welsh & Perry McCutchen**

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<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$153,198.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$24,087.95
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$154,939.11
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$158,916.00</b>

**UnBudgeted Income & Expenses**

(Cemetery Fund)

MTD Income received:	\$500.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,700.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$25.32

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Mayesville PC invites you to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> in its "Rejoicings" series of community events on Oct 1st @ 4:00 p.m.

**JANUARY 2024**

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

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

**MARCH 2024**

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- 24th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 31st: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

**APRIL 2024**

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- 28th: Family of Sarah McCutchen

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



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



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

Circle meets on Monday, October 16th  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
In the Church Fellowship Hall  
Host: Wendy Welch

Men of the Church meets on  
Wednesday, October 18th @ 7:00 p.m.  
Host: Needed



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**ESTEAM SUMTER**

Saturday, October 7th / 10 am - 3 pm  
Downtown Sumter

Join us for the 4th annual eSTEAM Sumter Festival featuring unique programs and hands-on-activities by a wide range of industries, community organizations, schools, military installations, and more.

# Happy Birthday

# October November

Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Rawlins Crues Smith	3
Sherian McLendon	4	Jerry Adams	4
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Helen Burns Belk	7	Maddie Varn Dailey	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Jill McElveen	9
Kent McCutchen	10	Eddie Boykin	10
Mary Parnell	12	Catherine Bell Smith	12
Aaron Easters	16	Cally Bell	14
B. J. Kerr	17	MaryAnna Welsh	14
Dawn Nesbit	24	Peggy Corbett	15
Betty Ann Cooper	25	Missy Kirven	20
Amelia Reese Hyman	27	Perry McCutchen	22
Mia Kathryn Welch	27	Dr. Leon Hunt	23
Johnny McCutchen	28	Jackie Drayton	25
Steven Terrell, Jr.	28	Jane Harrington	27
John Hampton Cloyd	29	Sissy Jeffords	29
Bo Dickinson	29	Lisa Jeffords	30
Anna Grace Kirven	30		
Dick McCutchen	30		

**Praise In The Park 2023 - October 7th @  
Chappell Park, gates open at noon**  
Special guests: Jason Crabb, The Praisemen,  
Bobby Wilson & the Chosen Ones,  
2nd Chance Ministries

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**NOTE: Post Office returns all mail sent to street address**



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Unless otherwise noted below

**2023 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**

October 2nd (Monday)

November 21st - 27th (Tuesday - Monday)

December 20th - 26th (Wednesday - Tuesday)

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





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



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

You can order through our website, Facebook page, or the unique link below to help support them year round  
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### Operation Christmas Child

**Kids for Christ are collecting items for OCC shoeboxes**

Items needed: boy toys (no guns or warfare items), caps, crayons, notebooks, pencils, coloring books.

See display in Education building, near breezeway

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,” John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”  
(Mark 1:1-4, ESV).

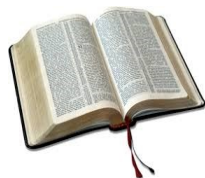
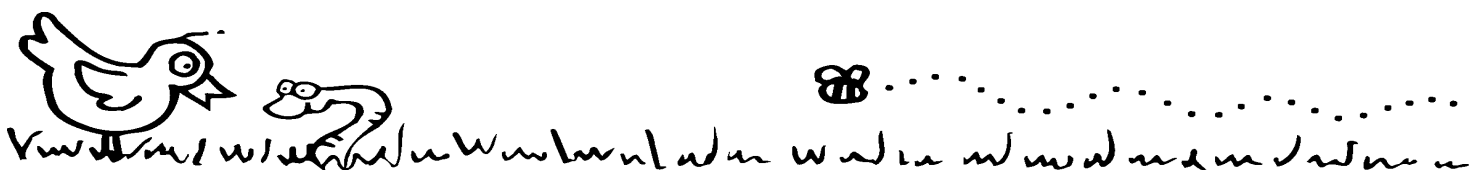
Are you ready for some football? So the great Hank Williams, Jr. asks every year at about this time, as NFL & NCAA & High School football weekends start rolling through. Clemson, Carolina (both South Carolina & the Panthers), Cavs & Stallions, Dragons & Trojans... well, next year's Anderson U. Trojans, anyway - it's that time of year again when we get up in the stands, or settle down on the couch... When we help referees get it right (for once!) and coaches do what they really oughtta be doing during this next series... When we put on team colors (black & gold, all the way!) and come to church singing a little more hoarsely than we did back in August...

It's football season - are you ready? To celebrate September, we're kicking off (see what I did there?) a new series of messages on the Gospel of Mark. I think Mark is the perfect bit of Scripture to focus on this time of year. Why? Because Mark is about Jesus moving, like a perfectly coordinated running back, from the 1-yard-line all the way to the goal line of the Cross. He slogs it out with an aggressive defense, he takes his downs one at a time, he constantly makes progress, and he has his eyes - from yard 1 - on the goal. Yard by yard, inch by inch, down by down, Jesus makes his way towards the Cross - and the goal it represents. And it all starts right here in Mark 1, where we read about Jesus catching the ball and taking off, getting that critical first block from that critical first blocker - John the Baptist. Just as he'd been coached by Isaiah and the Holy Spirit, John understood his role, his moment, his mission: To make an opening, to pave the way, to do what he was called, trained, coached, and led to do. And he did it just like his Almighty God had called him to do through the prophets beforehand.

So this month, I encourage you to join me in re-reading the Gospel of Mark. Maybe read a chapter during one of those 20 minute commercial breaks between quarters, or during a particularly dull halftime recap. Read it with new eyes, pray that God will help you see the activity, the passion, the movement of Christ Jesus in a whole new way. And pray that God will open the door for us to show others - those people we call the “Lost” - that Jesus made his way to that goal line with them in mind, as much as he did for us.

God bless you & Happy reading!

Pastor Chris



3rd:  
10th:  
17th:  
24th:

### September Sunday Sermons

*A New Teaching*  
*A New Ministry*  
*A New Relationship*  
*A New Rest*

**Mark 1:9-27**  
**Mark 1:28-39**  
**Mark 2:1-12**  
**Mark 2:23 - 3:5**

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

The Session met on August 13th @ 8:30 am.

I would like to thank everyone that worked hard to make our Vacation Bible School a success. Thanks Cindy Welsh and Wendy Welch for all you did to make it special.

We will soon be electing Elders to the class of 2026. Please pray for the Elder Nominating Committee and those who are chosen and willing to serve.

I would like to thank Reese & Melinda Atkinson for opening up their home for our annual Church Picnic. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Please pray for our children as they return to school and also for the teachers and administrators

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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$130,851.16
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$136,614.00</b>

**Budgeted Income & Expenses**

**(Building & Cemetery Funds)**

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**October Communion Elders**  
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**~ In Memoriam ~**  
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**2/4/1923 - 8/9/2023**

# Happy Birthday

# September October

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Paul Terrell III	8	Bayard Huggins	1
Jeff Varn	8	William Burns Tindal III	2
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Ansley Nesbit	24	Dawn Nesbit	24
Patrick Parnell	24	Betty Ann Cooper	25
Crues Bell III	25	Amelia Reese Hyman	27
McKinnon Logan	26	Mia Kathryn Welch	27
Reese Atkinson	29	Johnny McCutchen	28
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**Special guests: Jason Crabb, The Praisemen, Bobby Wilson & the Chosen Ones,**  
**2nd Chance Ministries**



### Operation Christmas Child

**Kids for Christ are collecting items for OCC shoeboxes**  
Items needed: boy toys (no guns or warfare items), caps, crayons, notebooks, pencils, coloring books.

See display in Education building, near breezeway

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* "Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."

-Revelation 15:3b-4

Here we are at summer's end! By the time you read this, we'll have wrapped up VBS, summer vacations, and (maybe even) our annual church picnic. It's hard to believe, but 2023 is more than half-gone - too, too quickly, I might add. School is just around the corner, not only for our academy & daycare kids, but for our many college students & teachers, too. Move-in dates are on the calendars, school supplies crowd the stores, it's just about time to go back.

So how do we best handle the change of seasons? Do we simply let them go by, not even paying them any attention? Do we rush, rush, rush through, buying what we need to buy, doing what we need to do, going where we need to go... but not contemplating what any of it means? Does it mean anything at all to us - after all, what about retirees, childless folks, farmers & others who actually had to work all summer long? Isn't this "change of seasons" like changing months on a calendar - nothing more, nothing less?

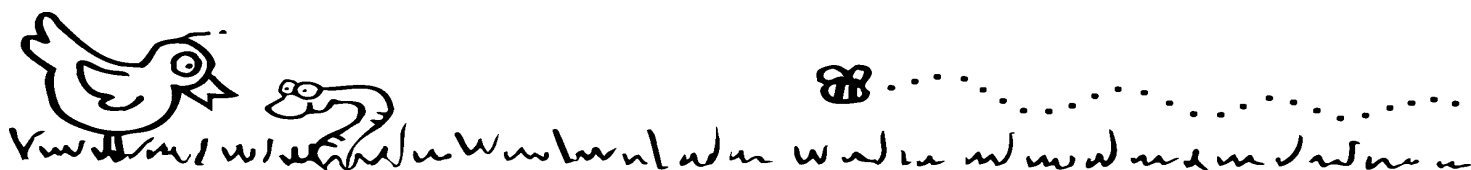
Well... the Bible makes some things very clear regarding seasons: (1) God commands them and they happen. (2) God uses seasons for His purposes - to show judgment, to call us to prayer, to provide for us humans, both "the just and the unjust." Therefore, (3) we Christians should do... something... because of these changing seasons. But what?

So let me set the stage for Revelation 15. It's at the change of seasons - not for a particular year, but for the last age. If we charted out human history with Adam & Eve happening on January 1, Revelation 14-15 would be the end of summer and the beginning of God's harvest - the tail-end of the Last Days. All humanity will be harvested and gathered in, the righteous (we who believe in, trust in, & follow Jesus) on our way to heaven, the unrighteous (those who reject Jesus) on their way to hell with Satan, Death & Sin.

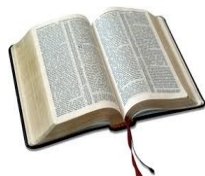
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So how should we look at seasons that change around us? How should we respond? Maybe look at it as a sort of dress-rehearsal for that day that's coming, and sing. Sing praises to God for the seasons he's given us, both the seasons of 2023, as well as the seasons of our lives. Sing praises for the new seasons we see in the generations after us, and for the seasons that preceded us. Sing praises to the God who ordained them all - and created us to sing those praises in the first place.

**He is worthy! And He is worth it!**  
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**August Sunday Sermons**



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**Habakkuk 2:6-20**  
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### Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 6, 2023

Schools will soon re-open the doors as a new school year begins. We, as a congregation, would like to invite all students, teachers, and faculty to come worship with us on August 6th. Students are asked to bring their backpacks to Church so they can be blessed at this special service

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* Sometime around the year 450, a Christian pastor named Theodoret in the city of Cyrus told his church about the “remarkable prophet Habakkuk” who answered the question: Does God take an interest in human beings? If so, why do wrongdoers seem to have it so easy? What’s that old saying again...? The more things change, the more they stay the same. How many of us - almost 1,600 years after Theodoret, almost 2,700 years after Habakkuk himself - wonder the exact same things? Is God still interested in humanity? Or, to ask it the way the prophet does, “How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence and you do not save? Why do you force me to look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Oppression and violence are right in front of me. Strife is ongoing and conflict escalates” (Hab. 1:2-3,CSB).

By the way, some 400 years earlier, King David asks this same question when he wrote Psalm 13 - and from what John saw in Revelation 6, so too do the martyred saints in heaven. “How long, Lord, how long will you tolerate sin and evil and withhold your judgment on the earth?” That’s more than 3,000 years of wondering! More than 3,000 years of injustice! More than 3,000 years of believers wondering - if God is so connected to us, if God is so powerful, if God is so holy & just... why do people still get away with wrongdoing? What’s taking him so long?!

I’m reminded of a Sunday school class, when we started grappling with another difficult question (we’ll leave that for another article someday), and I myself had to remember what Jesus’ close friend Peter wrote: “There are some matters [in the Bible] that are hard to understand” (2 Peter 3:16). And then I remember what the Reformers - Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli and all taught: The Bible helps us understand the Bible. When one part confuses us, God uses another to help us clear things up. And then I look, just a few verses up from 2 Peter 3:16, and there’s the answer to Habakkuk 1’s question: “The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief...” (2 Peter 3:9-10a).

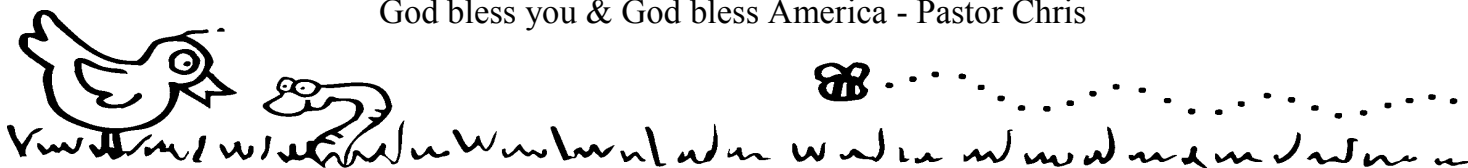
Is God still interested in & invested in humanity? Yes! He has a day set aside to bring his people home, a day of Judgment and redemption, a day when we who trust in Jesus will go to heaven . . . and a day when those people who don’t trust in Jesus will go to hell. That will be a day when all wrongdoers who haven’t been forgiven will be destroyed, when all people who refuse to follow Jesus - or refused to listen to the message about Jesus - will be cast away into the outer darkness, a day when everyone will pay the price for every idle thought, every action, every word... a day of Judgment, after which there will be no other day, ever.

Wait - why are we in such a hurry to see that day?

Peter tells us that God’s not rushing that day along - even though he’s got it on his heavenly Calendar - but that it will come and when it does, it will take the world by surprise. But it shouldn’t take us by surprise, because God is being patient with (wait for it) US. That day hasn’t happened yet because God is giving you & me time to rescue who we can rescue, preach to the people we can reach, and share Jesus with everyone we meet.

God doesn’t delight in punishing evil - but he will because he is Holy - and we shouldn’t delight in wrongdoers meeting an ETERNAL punishment. Just like Habakkuk, just like David, just like Peter and the rest, we ought to make our days & nights all about reaching who we can reach, crying out “How long do I have left God? Who can I reach today?”

God bless you & God bless America - Pastor Chris



### July Sunday Sermons



2nd: *A Father’s Foundation*  
 9th:  
 16th:  
 23rd: *How Long, O Lord?*  
 30th: *The Righteous Live by Faith*

Liz Simon, pulpit supply  
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 Habakkuk 1:2-5  
 Habakkuk 1:12 - 2:4

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Pastor's Leave

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Thanks to everyone for the food, cards, texts, and prayers, during my knee replacement & rehab  
Thanks, Debbie Tindal

Gregg & Jenny McCutchen thanks everyone for all your texts & prayers, while she is in the hospital.  
They covet your continued prayers for Jenny & the entire family

## Happy Birthday

# July August

Reese Atkinson	8	Bobby Thomas	1
Covington Ipock	8	Billy Clyburn	6
Frank Tindal	8	Leila Ethel McCutchen	7
Nick West	8	Edie Varn	8
Kim Easters	11	Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Betsy Bramlett	12	Brittany A. Hyman	11
Gregg McCutchen IV	12	Steven Frazier	12
Avarie Easters	14	Grayham Geddings	13
Allen Corbett	15	Matt Bramlett	15
Andi Hyman	15	Mary Laney	18
Ashley Latimer	21	Jennifer Bailey	22
Andrea K. McCutchen	24	Lydia Conway	22
Libby Corbett	26	Ernie Muldrow	22
Daphne Dickerson	26	Debra Welsh	25
William Watkins	31	Diane McElveen	26
		Sidney Easters	27
		Victoria Ipock	28
		Benji Harrington	30
		Sara Abbett Kirven	30



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**BPC will host VBS this year**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**

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Theme is Twists and Turns - “Following Jesus Changes the Game”

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**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**



*June*

**2023**

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* So I really like this song from 2012 that asks (somewhat repeatedly): "What makes a good man?"

By the way, if you google it and come across a strange & loud band called The Heavy, yes, that is the song, and yes, I do have quite strange tastes in music. I thought it was a good question though, so I plugged the phrase "a good man" into my Bible software, and this leapt off the page at me in Acts 11:24: "...he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord."

Who was Luke writing about, this "good man", full of the Holy Spirit, full of faith, and a person responsible (in some way) for the church growing like crazy? What makes this one "a good man"? Who is he? He's a person we meet in Acts 4 for the very first time. His name is Joseph, and we meet him right after he sold some farmland and gave the proceeds to the church. He's a guy we see all throughout Acts, usually with a few friends, sometimes with his cousin John. He's the kind of guy you can always count on to pick you up when you're down. He's the kind of guy who will go to his own worst enemy and teach him about Jesus. He's the kind of guy Luke says (in Acts 11:24) is "a good man" - but the Apostles (you know, Peter, James, John & the rest) called him "Barnabas."

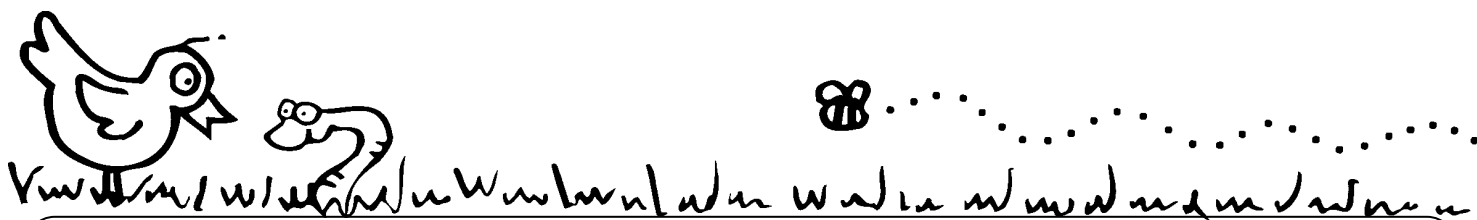
Barnabas - his name literally means "son of encouragement" - is a good man. How do we know (beyond what Luke says about him)? He is the man who takes the redeemed Paul to meet the Church Paul had once persecuted (before Jesus got him). He is the man who helped Paul receive & fulfill the Spirit's vision at Antioch, to go and plant churches all around Asia. He is the man who didn't give up on John, Mark, even when Paul was ready to. He may even be the man who wrote the book of Hebrews, according to some theologians. He is a good man.

So this is what happened: In the city of Antioch, in Syria, a church got started because of Paul's persecution. The church down in Jerusalem heard about it, and wanted to encourage it - after all, this church was made up of converts, for the most part. And they ask Barnabas to go. He does and he (of course) encourages them - and then he goes and gets Paul from Tarsus and brings him there. Why? To bless & encourage the Antioch church with all of Paul's knowledge, and to bless & encourage Paul with the ability to do what God had clearly made & called him to do.

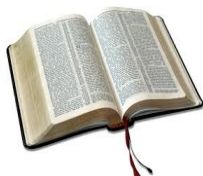
And because of this - because of Barnabas' encouragement, because Barnabas is "a good man", it is at Antioch that we got our name: Christian. Little Jesus.

So if you ever wonder, "What makes a good man?", look at Barnabas. Look at the son of encouragement, this man who went where he had to and did what was needed - and thought about others and what they needed most. Look at Barnabas. He's a good man.

God bless you! Pastor Chris



**June Sunday Sermons**



4th: Sent With a Vision  
 11th: Sealed With a Name  
 18th: Happy Father's Day  
 25th: Mercy, Faith & Family

Isaiah 6:1-13  
 Revelation 7:1-10  
 Colossians 2:6-15  
 Hosea 1:2-11

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Well, school is out. Where did this year go? We are very proud of our 2 High School graduates; Mary Parnell & Hampton Gaskins. The Session is also very proud of Charlie Ipock and finishing his Chaplain degree. I don't remember, in my life time, the Church having a member completing a Theological degree!


Summer time is here. Remember our shut-ins.

If you have any questions or needs, please call the Church office or me on my cell 803.229.5307.

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,  
Clerk of Session

**Next Session meeting: June 11th @ 8:30 am**

**JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
\*Cindy Welsh & Ray Drayton  
\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



Holy Baptism will be administered on June 18th to **McKinnon Elizabeth Logan**, daughter of Jae & Tyner Bramlett Logan and granddaughter of Matt & Betsy Bramlett

**Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.** Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend. Please contact the pastor, or any of our Elders for extended services. Communion Elders: Ryan McCutchen & Ray Drayton



**Congratulations!**

**Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!**

**Mary Katherine Parnell**  
Lee Academy, May 19th

Plans to attend Anderson University, to study Creative Writing  
Daughter of Rev. Chris & Laura Parnell

Granddaughter of Gene & Claire Williamson (Rock Hill); and Carl & Janice Parnell (Iva, SC)

**Hampton Elliott Gaskins**  
Lee Academy, May 19th

Plans to attend the Citadel, to major in Marketing  
Son of Bill & Meredith Gaskins

Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gaskins

**Charles Epps Ipock**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, May 13th (GPA: 3.64)  
Master of Christian Ministries  
Son of David & Debbie Ipock

Husband of Dr. Virginia Clyburn-Ipock; Father of Covington, William & Victoria Ipock

**May 2023 Statistics**  
Attendance Average's  
**Worship: 48    Sunday School: 16**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$9,572.18
YTD Income received:	\$58,946.36
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$85,110.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,146.67
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$80,518.36
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$81,754.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$450.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00

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**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence  
**BJ Kerr** @ McCoy Nursing Center  
**Laura Latimer** @ McCoy Nursing Center  
**Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home  
**Boochie Swearingen** @ Wellmore, Tega Cay  
**Hugh Tindal** @ his home

**SANCTUARY FLOWER  
CALENDAR**



**JUNE 2023**

4th: Family of William Welsh  
11th: Family of Dot & Buddy Wilson  
18th: Crues & Renee Bell  
25th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

**JULY 2023**

2nd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
9th: Henry & Harriett Watson Family  
16th: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen  
23rd: William & Pat Monroe Fields  
30th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**AUGUST 2023**

6th: Bert Cousar  
13th: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
20th: Bill Welsh Family  
27th: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

3rd: Jackie & Ray Drayton  
10th: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
17th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
24th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**OCTOBER 2023**

1st: Liz & Billy Simon  
8th: **OPEN**  
15th: Christine Shirley Family  
22nd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
29th: Mike Monroe

**NOVEMBER 2023**

5th: Crues & Renee Bell  
12th: Wendy & Benny Welch  
19th: Ray & Jackie Drayton  
26th: **OPEN**

**DECEMBER 2023**

3rd: Hanging of Greens  
10th: 2nd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
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<b>Lacie McElveen</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Betsy Bramlett</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>Marsha McCutchen</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Allen Corbett</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Hugh Tindal III</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Andi Hyman</b>	<b>15</b>
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		<b>William Watkins</b>	<b>31</b>



## **Salkehatchie**

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In Christ, Reese Atkinson & family*

*Thank you to Retta Tindal & Cindy Welsh for placing flags on our Veterans graves in honor of Memorial Day - Gregg McCutchen, Clerk of Session*

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In Christ, Gwen Steinmeyer & family*

Yesterday's high: 101  
 Yesterday's low: 75

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May 4, 2023

Dear prayer partners and friends,

"I will praise the Lord with all my heart...I will sing (play!)... when I called, You answered me." Ps. 138

Spring came early this with temperatures reaching 100° and we still have May to look forward to with even higher temperatures. Only six weeks remain of the seminary school year. This year we will be graduating 4 in music, 4 in theology, 12 from extension seminary and 21 in biblical counseling. We are grateful for what the Lord has allowed us to do this school year and we pray for those who are graduating. We have a work group coming the last week of June, from Detroit, to do maintenance and other work in the seminary and VBS in the nearby town of Dzitya. Debbie is making all the arrangements.

Debbie and Daniel will be directing a children's/family camp July 19-23. Daniel's church, Covenant Presbyterian of St. Louis, will be bringing a group to work at camp and do sports and crafts. Granddaughter Alyssa will be coming to live with us July 1 into August and the rest of the family will be coming with the group. We are looking for scholarship help. Cost is \$75 per camper. We would also like to be able to offer transportation but the cost of renting a bus is \$1000. Any help toward reaching the goal would be much appreciated. This is the first time we have been able to have full camps for the past three years. Camp is rented out completely for week-ends and the summer months. Mark oversaw the restoration of the cabins. This work is completed except for doors and windows which are being worked on now. Our next project is the dining room roof which must be replaced. There was much deterioration when camp was not in use and no income with which to work.

The legal problems regarding the property continue and will probably do so for a long time. The penal lawsuit in which the corrupt judge accused us of trespassing on his property (which is really ours) resulted in our loss of two lots on the edge of our property. We are sad about this because we feel a thief has taken what was once dedicated to the Lord. But now that the penal lawsuit is settled, we can focus our energy and funds on protecting the rest of our property in the larger civil lawsuit. In this lawsuit we are asking for a judge to stop this pattern of corruption and invalidate over 30 deeds of lots fraudulently sold within our boundaries. We pray and trust the Lord will continue to lead the defense of the camp property from those who come only to steal and destroy what belongs to Him.

The Lord has blessed us recently when we received the title to the house and property after 15 years of living on the seminary property. The Lord provided the funds and the right people necessary to make the change and as of April 25th we are the rightful owners of the land and the house, separate from the seminary. Rejoice with us!!

In February and March, Dr. Will Ackles and his wife Nancy, lived with us. Apart from his seminary teaching, we visited many villages where he preached and I played my keyboard. Over the Easter break, Julie Madeira blessed us with a few days away at the coastal town of Puerto Morelos. It was a much-needed break from our busy routines. Preparation for this short trip showed us my car now needs to be retired and traded in for a newer model. It is ten years old with many thousands of miles from all the ministry trips, and no longer reliable for the distances traveled each week.

Before coming here in July, Daniel will be traveling to Spain once again with a group of students from his school. Daughter Alyssa graduated at the end of April from Calvin University and will begin law school at St. Louis University with a full scholarship. Sons Caleb and Owen, and his wife, Debbie, will be joining the St. Louis team working at camp this summer. Mark's daughter, Ellie, continues teaching at Debbie's school while her husband Sam works online in a marketing job. Son John works in audio production. Debbie is finishing some coursework required to keep her teaching certificate active in the US and continues teaching and directing her English homeschool co-op with 40 students. Diego is homeschooling and looking forward to third grade.

I thank the Lord for his care and protection in my life, which is full, happy, and useful. The diabetes is under control and not causing any problems. I will not be traveling to the US this summer so will not be able to see you this year. We appreciate your prayers for our work and ministry here.

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:

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**MAY**

**2023**

*From the Pastor's Desk...* J.I Packer once wrote that “true godliness is both relational and creative” (Concise Theology, 186).

Another way to say that is, we relate to God - in that we're his adopted family, through Christ - and we create with God through the power of God the Holy Spirit in us - and what we create...

Well, what do we “create” with God?

Now, before you get worried about me, I'm not going down a word-of-faith, false-prosperity-gospel, little-gods road. Believe me, I'm as boringly TR (traditionally Reformed) in my doctrine as always, and just as eagerly Presbyterian. I don't believe God needs my permission to do anything, and I don't believe the Almighty - who does as He pleases in heaven or on earth - has run out of authority, majesty, power, or glory to the point that He needs little old me to speak some more for him. No - absolutely not. That is NOT what it means to “create” with God.

Instead, like Packer, I am persuaded (to borrow Paul's lingo) that we are created in order to become creators... just as we are blessed in order to become blessers. So what does that mean?

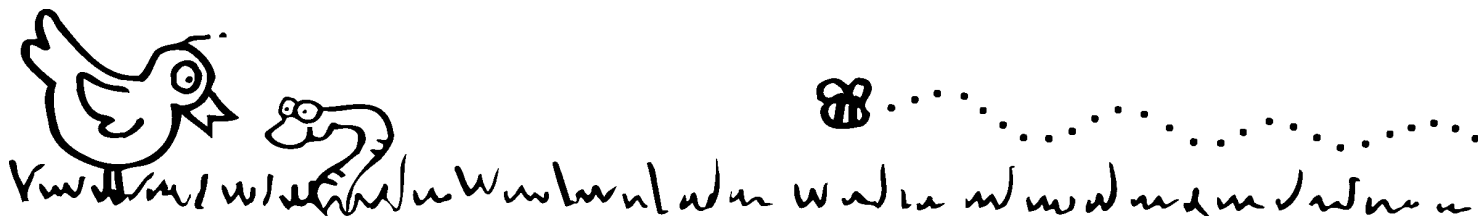
What do we “create” with God?

First and foremost, we create worship. We were created in order to glorify and enjoy God, and God has given us the innate ability to fulfil that purpose. To that end, we create music and songs, we create sermons and devotions, we create conversations and prayers, we create beautiful art or worship spaces - even if all we do is sing what others have written to God, or meditate on what others have thought about God, we are creating worship of our Creator, and that's a wonderful thing. We create family. Again, part of the reason God made us - going back to Genesis 1 - is to “be fruitful, fill the earth, and govern it.” SO we create families - and we do this by either having or adopting families and growing them into Christians like us... or we invite others to become family with us, like neighbors and coworkers, through that beautiful gift we call discipleship. We invest in others as God invested in us, and we create more & more of His family. And finally, we create relationship - enjoyment - with God.

We “make time” for God by carving it out of our schedules and busy lives. We craft moments with the Almighty through prayer, fasting, meditation... and most of all, Bible study. We sit and soak in His Word, listening eagerly to His full counsel, and we let those moments become full of joy unspeakable that is full of glory. We create relationship with God.

So this May, let me encourage you - be creative. God made you that way. Enjoy it!

Blessings - Pastor Chris



	<b><u>May Sunday Sermons</u></b>		
	7th:	Called to the End	1 Peter 4:7-11
	14th:	<i>The Problem of Suffering</i>	Job 1:6-12
	21st:	<i>Watching &amp; Waiting</i>	2 Peter 3:1-13
28th:	<i>Where were You?</i>	Job 38:4-13	



**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

We had a beautiful Easter season. On Palm Sunday, our children walked through the Sanctuary waving palm branches and singing. We had a very moving Community Maundy Thursday Communion service. The Easter Sunrise service was held in the Sanctuary, due to rain & wind chill with breakfast served afterwards. Easter turned out to be a beautiful day with our living cross coming to life with colorful flowers and butterflies were released in memory of William "Porkchop" Welsh.

I would like to thank everyone who made this Easter season so very special.

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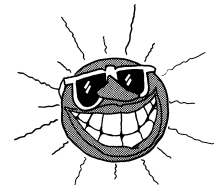


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<b>Jimmy McCutchen</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Ray Drayton</b>	<b>8</b>
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		<b>Katherine Dickinson</b>	<b>17</b>
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# The Scroll

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* "If God does not want to preserve me, then my [life] is of slight importance compared with Christ, who was put to death in greatest ignominy - a stumbling block to all, and to the ruin of many. No one's danger, no one's safety can be considered here. We must rather take care that we do not expose the gospel to the derision of the godless... because we do not dare confess what we have taught and are afraid to shed our blood for it." Martin Luther, 1521

When Dr. Luther wrote those words some 500+ years ago, his world was turning upside-down. He'd just had an arrest warrant issued for him by a highly antagonistic court, his church had declared him a rank & abject sinner, and he was on his way to face a theological inquisition the likes of which he'd never dreamt when he, only 4 years earlier, posted his Ninety-five Theses. And now here he was, on the verge of a death sentence - and where does his mind go? To Christ Jesus.

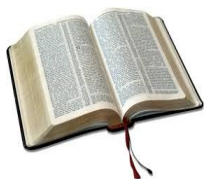
Our brother Paul wrote to the Philippians that "what has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel . . . my imprisonment is for Christ." Peter wrote that being persecuted, being oppressed, being made to suffer because the Gospel was a blessing! And the Apostle James said to "count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds" because that meant you were being allowed to suffer... Like Christ Jesus.

One of the most radical ideas we find throughout both the New Testament as well as the writings of the early Church Fathers, men like Irenaeus, Augustine, Martyr, Tertullian, and others, is that suffering for the Gospel is not only a consequence of preaching the Gospel, but a joy - because it shows how closely we who suffer for the Gospel are to Jesus, who himself suffered for us and became the Gospel. Or, as Luther negatively puts it, the Gospel is weak when those who preach it "are afraid to shed our blood for it." In other words, when it costs something to preach the Gospel, the Gospel becomes more powerful.

What does this mean for us? We live in a nation with religious freedom & protections. We live among the wealthiest, most prosperous, most free people in history. What does this mean for us? First, it means we have reason to celebrate. Our freedoms, our prosperity have grown from a cultural ethic based on Christian principles. Our very government is Presbyterian in design! God has been good to us - but let's never forget, as a pastor once put it, "Israel never did well with blessings." Too often, they let the blessing take the place of the One who blessed. So celebrate God - he gave this to us.

Second, it means we have something to protect - a legacy, a heritage, a culture. How do we do that? By boldly preaching & defending the Gospel. No watering it down, no compromising its exclusivity, no avoiding its offense. Yes, what we believe about Jesus being the Only way to heaven is offensive to a religiously pluralistic society: we accept that - no, we embrace it. If we believe this is the only way to be saved, any & every person outside of Christ is on their way to Hell. I don't want that for them, nor do you. So preach the Gospel, in season & out. Finally, it means we have to have open eyes to see. What we have can't last if we take it for granted. What we have won't pass down to the next generations if we aren't investing it in them. We need to prepare to stand, as Rev. Andrew Brunson preaches. And more than anything else, we need to concentrate on our own discipleship. I can't teach what I don't know. I can't show what I don't do. And I can't preach what I don't live. So live like, love like, give like, & preach like Jesus, as much as you are able - and pray for God the Holy Spirit to do in you & for you what you can't. He is able! He will do it! God bless you - Pastor Chris

### April Sunday Sermons



**2nd:**  
**9th:**  
**16th:**  
**23rd:**  
**30th:**

**A Fig Tree's Lesson**  
***Just like Jesus Said***  
***Called to be Saved***  
***Called to be Holy***  
***Called to be Family***

**Mark 11:1-22**  
**Mark 15:33-16:8**  
**1 Peter 1:3-12**  
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The Session signed the Bibles for our High School graduates. This is always an exciting time of the year.

We will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 1st, Maundy Communion on April 6th, and an Easter Sunrise service & breakfast on April 9th

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The Session also approved no Stated meetings in April or May, unless needed

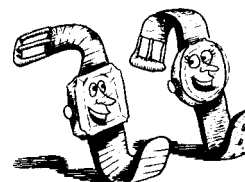
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## Communion & Special Services



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# The Scroll

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DST begins  
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*From the Pastor's Desk...* On the Wednesday before Valentine's Day, a chapel service at Asbury College in Kentucky erupted into what people are calling the 2023 Asbury Revival. Apparently this college has a history of significant revivals, including 1905, 1970, & 2006. This most recent began with Romans 12 and a call to confession that led to days of prayer & worship, which lasted until, well, at least the time of me writing this article.

It may still be going on, in some fashion or other. What is a "revival"? It's not a word we Presbyterians use with any kind of regularity, and usually it comes with either a "We've always done it this way" mentality - or a whopping degree of cynicism ("They've always done this sort of thing - just look at them). Now, the Pentecostal & Church of God churches I grew up in regularly had "revivals", which normally happened when an out-of-town preacher came and spoke several nights in a row, with a lot of emphasis on confession & prayer for God the Holy Spirit to be poured out. But what is it? Is it Biblical or not? Should we look for, hope for, work for it in our context? What is "revival"?

So I like to think of Psalm 85 as a "revival song". It says this: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak...

What are the sons of Korah singing about? Revival. Look at 2 Kings 21, about the story of King Josiah - who found God's Word, destroyed idolatry, restored worship of the Living God. Or 2 Kings 16, about his ancestor, good King Hezekiah, who trusted again the prophets & preaching of God, who looked to God for his deliverance and led the people in... what? Biblical Revival.

Psalm 85 includes all the elements we see in Josiah & Hezekiah & every other true & biblical revival: God's Law is proclaimed and sin is revealed. The Gospel - God's steadfast love - is shown and the people repent. Idols are destroyed, and worship - songs, prayers, preaching, fasting & rejoicing - breaks loose.

The world shakes, Satan gnashes his teeth - God's people are revived again! So what about Asbury College? To tell the truth, I didn't know what to think about it, at first, until I read that it all started with God's Word - Romans 12 - being preached, and God's people being convicted by the Christian Law of Love. I don't know for sure, but I hope that the Gospel of Christ Jesus - God's ultimate, steadfast & perfect Love himself - has been lifted up, and that the idols of the students' & professors' hearts are being torn down even as I write this. And I know worship - songs, prayers, preaching & rejoicing - have broken out. So I cry out in praise to the God who revives us, and revives us again.

And what about us? Brothers & Sisters of Bishopville, God is not limited to any one place or any one time, nor has he ever been. So let us, too, pray Psalm 85. Let us look to God's Law, hear the blessed Gospel, expose our own idols of the heart, and cry out in worship and praise to the Living God and True. Revive us, again, O God! He can do it. God bless you! - Pastor Chris

### March Sunday Sermons



5th:  
12th:  
19th:  
26th:

*For Freedom's Sake*  
*House of Faith*  
*I Will Say That Day*  
*Look to the Road*

**Galatians 5:1-15**  
**Galatians 6:1-10**  
**Isaiah 12:1-6**  
**Jeremiah 6:16-21**

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Our February Stated Session was on the 12th @ 8:30 am. Ray Drayton gave the devotional.

This is a wonderful time of year - the weather is getting a little warmer. We are now in the Lent Season. What a wonderful time to renew our relationship with God. Jesus died on the cross so that we could be forgiven for our sins.

On behalf of the Session I would like to thank all those involved in sending 200 cards to the 3 local Nursing homes and everyone involved in the Valentines Supper fundraiser. We are very blessed to have members that work so well with our youth!

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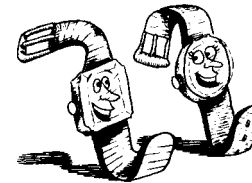
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**(Communion Elders: Bert, Charlie, Cindy)**

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 Bishopville, SC 29010

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Monday - Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted below

**2023 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**

- March 14th (Tuesday)
- May 24th & 29th (Wednesday & Monday)
- June 28th (Wednesday)
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- September 4th (Monday) & 27th (Wednesday)
- October 9th (Monday)
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**Presbyterian Women  
RADA fundraiser  
for Ministry & Missions**



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

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

## Sunday School Teachers Needed!!!

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



### “Blessing Box” Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Quarterly Daily Breads, and Bibles. The boxes have been placed throughout our community and we anticipate our children stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church about the progress. **We will collect items on the 1st Sunday of each month.** Items needed: Water, non-perishable, healthy and low sodium & low-fat foods. All cash collected will help purchase needed items.



### Jewish Voice Coin Collection

**In November, 2022, we collected \$231.24 in coins, to help Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe!** We have coin banks in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and dropped off any time of the year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates! Next Coin Collection Date: MAY 14th ... Small change can create BIG change!**

**All 5th Sunday loose offerings will be placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.** Please note “Kids4Christ” on all gifts outside this timeframe. Please make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence. Thanks for supporting our Children and helping them make wise life choices & caring for others, especially those in need or less fortunate. **2023 5th Sunday collection dates: April 30th, July 30th, Oct. 29th, Dec. 31st**

### Key to Happiness

There was a farmer who won an award for the best grown corn, every year. One year a reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew his excellent corn. The farmer told him that he shared his seed corn with his neighbors. *“How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?”* the reporter asked. *“Why sir,”* said the farmer, *“Didn’t you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn.”* The same goes for happiness in our lives.. Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, **for the welfare of each is bound with the welfare of all** – Author, unknown

**Ministry takes patience and perseverance....  
And Prayer!**



**FELLOWSHIP OF  
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

February 2023

When I was charged with being responsible for developing our FCA huddles at Irmo HS and Irmo MS 2 years ago, I have to admit, it was very challenging. Although we live in Irmo, we always had other staff who would visit those schools. We had seen success over the years, but before and during the pandemic, ministry disappeared.

So here we go. Developing new relationships...visiting new coaches...trusting God to raise up new huddle coaches.

**And God has opened new doors!!**

After being inactive during the pandemic, the **Irmo High School** huddle has gotten restarted. Each week about 20 students have gathered during lunch to be challenged to grow in their faith in Christ. A few athletes from several teams have helped to lead the way. Baseball and softball players have helped provide leadership, followed by football and golf.



Meanwhile, at **Irmo Middle School**, FCA started with a real bang as over 40 students attended each of the first 2 meetings. What a great start.



At the 2nd meeting, I invited our leaders to come over from the high school and 6 students got up early (*that's a miracle*) to visit the middle school huddle.

It was great for the younger kids to meet the high school students. It was also great for the high school kids to see the excitement of the younger students. They had a great time and plan to come over again!



There's much more to do. We are trusting God to work in the lives of these students as they begin to walk with God and begin to impact their teammates.

And continue to pray... not just that these groups would grow... but that God would move in these students, and that many lives would be transformed. Pray for us too... that we won't get in the way!!

Thanks for being such a vital part of reaching out to these students with God's love and forgiveness! You are right there with us as you pray for us and you stand with us financially. We're so glad you're on our team!

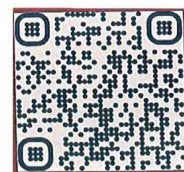
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Thank you again for your partnership with us! David

# BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

February 2023



## Worldwide partnerships

The work of Bible translation is not done by just one organization. There are multiple mission agencies that have bound together in partnerships to help one another reach the Bibleless peoples of the world. **Every Tribe, Every Nation (ETEN)** is a cluster of organizations whose stated purpose is to eradicate Bible poverty, which is the impoverishment that comes from having no access to the Word of God in a language they understand well. They explain, “Our purpose as a collective impact alliance is partnering to provide God’s Word in everyone’s heart language in a format they can engage with, so their lives may be transformed.” (see <https://eten.bible>)

In addition to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Seed Company, and SIL, which are the organizations with which Estelle and I are affiliated, other member organizations of ETEN are: American Bible Society, United Bible Societies, Biblica, Pioneer Bible Translators, Lutheran Bible Translators, Deaf Bible Society, Unfolding Word, and The Word For The World.

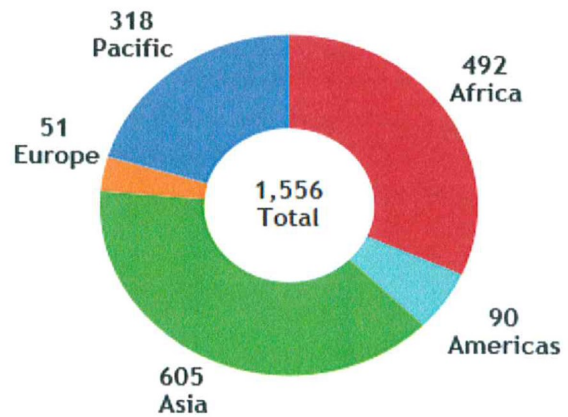
**The Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI)** is another cluster of agencies, which includes all of those listed above, plus many more. For example, various technical organizations are partners in the task of Scripture engagement, giving people access to Scripture who normally don’t read. Because 70% of the world’s population learn primarily through oral means, and 50% of the world’s population cannot read at a functional level, **Faith Comes By Hearing** (<https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/>) provides the Word of God in audio format, and has recorded Scripture in 1,740 languages so far. The recordings are made available to individuals and listening groups on the **Proclaimer Audio Bible**, which is a low-cost, no maintenance medium. (see <https://scripture-engagement.org/content/proclaimer-audio-bible/>)



Proclaimer Audio Bible

JAARS has an International Media Services group that records translated Scripture and dubs the Jesus film into minority languages that have a translation. Through the work of many organizations the Jesus film has been translated and dubbed into more than 2000 languages. Without these partners our efforts to serve the indigenous groups in those countries would be greatly hindered.

But as you can see from the chart on the right that shows remaining Bible translation needs, much work remains to be done. The joint efforts of many partners such as those described above are making it happen.



From ProgressBible™, SNAPSHOT, January 2023.

### Exegetical work in Numbers 14

If you ever wonder how I spend my time, and how I contribute to the work of Bible translation through what I do, here's an explanation. I am currently working on an Exegetical Summary of selected passages from the Book of Numbers.

First I display the Hebrew text, and then just below it I present a semi-literal translation of it. It is not possible to do a completely literal translation because of the differences in the structures of Hebrew and English, but I try to make it literal enough to help readers who are translating the passage get a better feel for its vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. In some cases I cite comments from Hebrew grammars (Williams, IBHS, GKC). You can see an example of the process below:

14:30

אִם-אַתֶּם תָּבֹאוּ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁאַתִּי אֶת-יָדִי לְשֹׁבֵן אֶתְכֶם בָּהּ כִּי אִם-כָּלֵב  
בֶּן-יִפְתָּה וִיהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן-נּוּן:

**You(pl) will- (not) -come<sup>a</sup> to-the-land<sup>b</sup> which I-lifted<sup>c</sup> OBJ-my-hand<sup>d</sup> to-make- you(pl) - dwell<sup>e</sup> in-it except<sup>f</sup>-Caleb son(-of)-Jephunneh and-Joshua son(-of)-Nun.**

SYNTAX—The phrase אִם-אַתֶּם תָּבֹאוּ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ *im-’atem tāvō’û ’el hā’āreš*, ‘you will not come to the land’ is literally ‘if you come to the land’. It is an oath formula that omits part of the full statement. For oaths in which the oath formula is partly or completely omitted see Williams §596. For oath formulas with אִם if’ see IBHS §40.2.2b; GKC §149a.

To lift the hand is an idiom meaning ‘to swear’ [NET text note].

Then I will list each of the words marked by a superscript letter in a LEXICON section below the SYNTAX paragraph, and show how seven commentaries and eleven English versions translated the word or phrase. A lot more is involved, but you get the general idea. The work is tedious and takes a really long time, but I enjoy it, and expect it to be very useful for translators.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### We give thanks...

- For faithful partners who support us financially and through prayer
- For progress in my work, and in editing the work of nine other writers of Exegetical Summaries. They are spread out in five US states, plus Finland and Germany

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### Please pray...

- For health and strength to continue working to complete the tasks before us
- For God's continued provision. Some of our supporters have retired and now have reduced income, and some have passed away.

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**SOUPER  
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### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III / Ryan McCutchen, Asst.

Treasurer: Ray Drayton / Billy Clyburn, Asst.

Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer

Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Louise McCutchen, Asst.

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

*From the Pastor's Desk... "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our..."*

Well, you know the rest. Where did that little prayer come from? I taught my kids to pray this before meals, my parents taught it to me, their parents taught it to them... But where did it come from? I tried to find out - looked up its origins, but all I could find is that it started appearing in hymnals sometime in the mid-late 1950s, and even back then, all they could say was "author unknown." I suppose, like with the book of Hebrews, I'll have to wait until "some glad morning" to find its creator and thank them.

So here's my question. What does it mean that "God is great"? We know what God's goodness means. We know that we should be thanking him for our food... and cars... and jobs... and air and air conditioners and heaters and homes and families and all the other things we need in life. We know that God's hand is mighty and able to provide, to feed us, just like Jesus fed by his hands those thousands on the shores of Galilee. And we know that every day, God has given us something better than daily bread - He's given us His Holy Word, on which, as Jesus reminded Satan, we need to feed every day. But what does it mean that "God is great"?

Greatness is a concept I myself have been wrestling with these past few months. You may have seen my paraphrase (hanging in my office) of Abraham Lincoln's complaint about a failed sermon: "What great thing have you asked them?" Maybe you've come across me at church listening to a vlog from Empire of the Mind, a YouTube channel devoted to the idea of cultural greatness. Or you might have heard some of my wonderings during Sunday School lessons or Bible study - What is greatness? And what does it mean that "God is great"?

So I asked the Bible. The word "great" happens more than 800 times, first appearing in Genesis 1 (God made great lights, the sun and moon, for the day and the night on the fourth day), last appearing in Revelation 20 & 21, where we see a great white throne where the great and small stand judged, seen from a great, tall mountain in a city whose walls are great and high with 12 open gates with angels ready to welcome home the saints... The word "great" describes large things, amazing things, terrible and awesome, the word "great" tells us about God's love and judgment, His blessings and plans, His mercies and His wrath... The word "great" means just what we think it does, everywhere we run into it in the Bible, something bigger than big, incredible-er than incredible, deeper than deep, and more powerful than power... But what does it mean that "God is great"?

Look at Ephesians 1:16-25: I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised [Jesus] from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things under [Jesus'] feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

God is great. He is the Father of all glory. Knowing His greatness requires eyes opened and hearts enlightened by God the Holy Spirit. Experiencing His greatness means holding to that hope, that richly glorious inheritance in Christ, and glimpsing the immeasurable power He works on our behalf. He moved the universe, reversed death, broke the power of sin through Jesus! And this God who is great set Jesus as Head over the Church, as Lord over all creation, as the One who fills every emptiness with himself and his perfection! God is great!

I can't help but think of that song by Carl Gustav Boberg, sung so beautifully by the late Elvis Presley, "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made... Then sings my soul, my Savior! God to Thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

Do you know the greatness of God? Have you, like Paul prayed to experience, to know, to bask in God's greatness? Have you, like Boberg, been filled with wonder at the great works, the great power, the great hope, and the great salvation God has given us in Christ Jesus? Do you know that God is great? As we go through this second month of the year, I invite you to join me, to join Paul in praying Ephesians 1. God, Father of glory, give me your Spirit that I might know you more. Open my eyes to see your works. Enlighten my heart to feel that hope to which you have called me. Let me - unworthy as I am - experience the riches of the inheritance Christ has earned on my behalf. Let me see the immeasurable power that you, God my Father, alone work in your great might. In Christ I pray, in Christ I stand. Amen.

Blessings in His Great Name! Pastor Chris

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

January Stated Session was on the 8th @ 8:30 am. We approved Communion assignments for the Worship service, later that day and discussed serving communion to our homebound members.

Chris began a Bible Study on January 8th about Andrew Brunson. It's a very interesting story about Rev. Brunson's imprisonment and how God worked through him. The Study is at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday and lasts less than 1 hour.

Ed Wright, a Gideon, from Camden filled our pulpit on January 22nd and we enjoyed a covered-dish luncheon afterwards.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. This is a chance to truly get to renew your knowledge of the Bible.

We look forward to growing our Church. If I can help you in anyway, please call me on my cell 803.229.5307.

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,  
Clerk of Session

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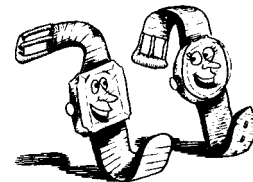
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		<b>Tyson Eckley</b>	<b>22</b>
		<b>Jane Huggins</b>	<b>26</b>
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*Kathryn Welch is home, from the hospital. She is resting and doing better and thanks everyone for all your prayers, calls, texts and covets your continued prayers, as she recovers*

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**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

**It is January!**



**2023**

### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

### Business Office Hours

9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)  
Unless otherwise noted

### Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m.

### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III / Ryan McCutchen, Asst.

Treasurer: Ray Drayton / Billy Clyburn, Asst.

Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer

Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Louise McCutchen, Asst.

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

*From the Pastor's Desk...* And this was a small thing in your eyes, O God. You have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have shown me future generations, O Lord God! (1 Chronicles 17:17, ESV)

Happy New Year!

Every year around this time, a slew of articles and blogs pop up with different pastors, leaders and Christian thinkers all answering the question: "What will the Church (in America) look like in 2023?"

What do they think? Let me sum it up...

In 2023, more churches will close than ever before. Some will close outright, others will merge with other churches.

Why? Because the Boomer generation is fading away, and the subsequent generations (X, Millennial, Z, alpha) are increasingly unchurched and uninterested in being churched. At the same time, these subsequent generations are increasingly poorer, rather than wealthier, than the generations before them - so they have less disposable income. And these generations are increasingly disconnected from their neighborhoods & local communities - while paradoxically becoming more & more interconnected through social media.

In 2023, churches whose pastors retire or resign or take another call will spend somewhere around 2-3 years waiting to welcome a new pastor.

Why? Because less ministers are "mobile", opting instead to "stay put" through becoming bivocational or dual-yoked (meaning they pastor multiple churches). At the same time, less & less ministers are entering seminary, which shrinks the available pool. And many ministers are focusing on different types of parachurch or other ministries rather than traditional pastoral roles.

And in 2023, American churches will become more focused on evangelism than ever before.

Say what? More are closing, less ministers are available, but the churches are becoming more missionary? How does that happen?

Look at everything they're saying. Nobody can expect churches to grow by transferring members from one church to another - there aren't many left! Nobody can expect churches to grow by inviting previously saved & previously churched people to new & exciting programs - they're the least previously churched generations in American history! The only way to grow any church - the only way for any church to survive 2023 and beyond (should our Lord tarry) will be to grow by sharing the Gospel and disciplining the spiritually starving masses out there!

And let me say, as scary as all of that sounds - I can't wait to see what God the Holy Spirit will do. Why am I confident we'll get through this? Because Jesus will never fail or desert His Bride, the Church. So He'll be pouring His Spirit out like never before on us.

So in 2023, let's pray for those empty seats. Let's pray for those unchurched masses out there. And let's pray for daily opportunities to share a Savior who died to set them - and us - free from sin. God bless you! Pastor Chris

### January Sunday Sermons



**1st:**

*A Hammer*

**Romans 5:14**

**8th:**

*A Worktable*

**John 13:1**

**15th:**

*A Sword*

**Ephesians 6:17**

**22nd:**

**Gideon Sunday**

**29th:**

*A Level*

**Amos 7:8**

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

Happy New Year! Can you believe another year has passed. I hope each of you had a happy safe Christmas.

The Session held it's December meeting and we would like to thank Matt Bramlett for a job well done on the Session as he rotates off. The Session elected new officers for 2023

- ◆ Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk
- ◆ Ryan McCutchen, Asst. Clerk
- ◆ Ray Drayton, Treasurer
- ◆ Billy Clyburn, Asst. Treasurer
- ◆ Ryan/Perry McCutchen, Worship Comm.
- ◆ Cindy Welsh/Charlie Ipock, Christ. Ed. Com
- ◆ Bert Cousar, Wendy Welch, Eddie Boykin, Witness Comm.

This year begins my 43 years as an Elder in this Church. I have seen a lot of changes, some good, some not. I know one thing for certain, God is in control. We must each realize that we were created for a plan and purpose to honor and glorify God. I pray for our Church that we are showing Christ in everything we do and say.

If I can help you in anyway, please call me on my cell 803.229.5307.

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,  
Clerk of Session

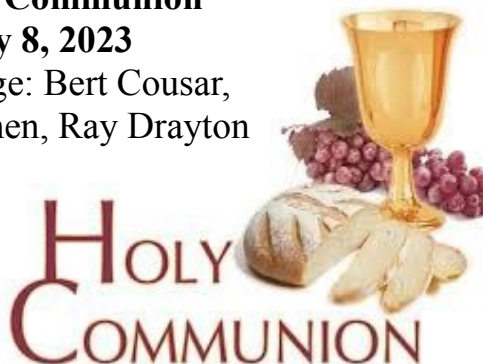
**Next Session Meeting: January 8th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL**

- \*Eddie Boykin, Wendy Welch, Bert Cousar
- \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**1st Quarter Communion  
January 8, 2023**

Elders in charge: Bert Cousar,  
Gregg McCutchen, Ray Drayton



**December 2022 Statistics**

Attendance Average's

Worship: 57      Sunday School: 20

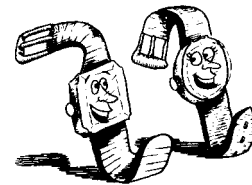
**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$29,500.55
YTD Income received:	\$241,254.87
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$208,872.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$24,494.32
YTD Expenses disbursed:	<b>\$201,514.00</b>
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$208,872.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$5,600.00
YTD Income received:	\$15,870.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	*\$6,150.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$7,807.24
* 1/2 transfer from Cemetery to Budget for grounds	

**The PW Circle will resume on January 16th @ 7:00 p.m. Melinda Atkinson will host**



It's that time again!

**The Men of the Church will resume on January 18th @ 7:00 p.m. Steven Frazier will host**

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

- Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence
- BJ Kerr** @ McCoy Nursing Center
- Laura Latimer** @ McCoy Nursing Center
- Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte



**Bible Study  
Sunday's @ 4:30 p.m.  
beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> in  
the Session Room**



## SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2023

1st: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen  
 8th: Kerry & Steven Frazier  
 15th: Renee & Crues Bell  
 22nd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 29th: Carol Latimer Finethy

### FEBRUARY 2023

5th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
 12th: Family of Iris Thomas  
 19th: Ann & English Cooper  
 26th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

### MARCH 2023

5th: Renee & Crues Bell  
 12th: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
**19th: OPEN**  
 26th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

### APRIL 2023

**2nd: OPEN**  
 9th: Retta & Hugh Tindal  
 16th: Renee & Crues Bell  
 23rd: Family of Sarah McCutchen  
**30th: OPEN**

### MAY 2023

7th: Kathryn Welch  
 14th: Family of Lila Mae Welsh  
 21st: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
 28th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

### JUNE 2023

4th: Family of William Welsh  
 11th: Family of Dot & Buddy Wilson  
 18th: Crues & Renee Bell  
**25th: OPEN**

### JULY 2023

2nd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 9th: Henry & Harriett Watson Family  
 16th: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen  
 23rd: William & Pat Monroe Fields  
 30th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

### AUGUST 2023

6th: Bert Cousar  
 13th: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
 20th: Bill Welsh Family  
 27th: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen

### SEPTEMBER 2023

3rd: OPEN  
 10th: OPEN  
 17th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
 24th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

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**Calendar runs September to September**

# Happy Birthday January February

Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Ann West	2	Laura Latimer	4
Rheta Simon Cloyd	3	Hampton Gaskins	15
Chip Smith	3	Martha Kay Hunt	15
Bill Tindal	3	Benny Welch III	15
Kody Mills McCutchen	4	Patrick Finethy	17
Lila Dow Frazier	9	Laura Parnell	19
Will McElveen	9	Bubba Muldrow	20
Keith Hyman	11	Myers Varn Floyd	21
John Crues Bell IV	12	Shirley Wallace	28
Bill Conway	13		
Steven Welsh	13		
T-Bo Ellen	16		
Carole Scott	18		
Ruby Nell Bailey	20		
Aidan Hilditch	25		
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*Thank you to all for remembering me during this Christmas season. Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year, Love in Christ - Louise*  
*Thank you to all for thinking of me during this Christmas season - Melinda*  
*Thank you to all for thinking of me during this Christmas season - Gwen*

# Thanks for joining with us

*You make it all possible !*



Carroll and Pam Baker  
335 Brickling Road  
Irmo, SC 29063  
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To give online:  
<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>

I guess I should stop being surprised at the way God continually puts me in new ministry situations. Quietly, often behind the scenes, God is working.

After a hard fought Friday night game between Irmo HS and Lugoff Elgin HS, I was able to pray with the two quarterbacks. When the final horn had sounded and most of the fans had departed, Irmo's AJ Brand and Lugoff-Elgin's Jake Morris joined me as I prayed for both of them and their roles as spiritual leaders for their teams.

AJ Brand is a Sophomore and plays football, basketball and baseball. He is part of group at Irmo that is helping to re-start their FCA Huddle after being inactive for a few years. He's young in his faith, but he is teachable, and his teammates respect him. (He's also the head coach's son!)

I'm so excited about what God is going to do through AJ and his friends at Irmo!



Jake Morris is also a sophomore and plays football and baseball. (He's already been offered a baseball scholarship!) He is without a doubt a spiritual leader for both of his teams.

I've known of Jake and his family for many years. In fact, his parents were both involved in FCA in college and have both served as FCA Huddle Coaches. They joined our Home Team of Support several years ago. I thought you might like to hear their perspective on supporting FCA.

### *In Susan Morris' own words....*

*"In our many years of coaching and teaching at area middle and high schools, we helped encourage students to lead FCA huddle meetings in our schools. We took students to multiple FCA Beach Retreats and Summer camps. We saw SO MANY LIVES impacted for the cause of Christ through FCA... and through all of these adventures, there was Carroll Baker! Praying for us, popping into meetings, encouraging students, talking to students, leading students in prayer, helping in any way he could, always busy simply loving the people that God puts in front of him through FCA so that they can see Jesus! (Honestly, I get choked up just writing about the impact that Carroll has had over the years.)"*



Susan and Gordon Morris,  
Jake's parents

*Gordon and I both now have jobs where we don't sponsor FCA huddles at schools in Kershaw County anymore. But, we do have 3 kids that have been involved in FCA throughout their schooling. Again, Carroll has always been there to encourage our kids and other people's kids to follow whole heartedly after Christ. Currently, our youngest son, Jake, has been meeting with Carroll and several other athletes for several months now during lunch at Lugoff-Elgin High School. He brings them pizza each week, and more importantly, he shares from the Word of God with these students. He is teaching our youngest what it looks like to be a follower of Christ! He is encouraging this group of young people each week to run after Jesus! He is praying for them and with them... on their school campus! Although there is more I could say, I want you to know that I look at Carroll Baker and the certain sacrifices he has made in his life that has been committed completely to ministry and I think, "I should be more like that!" "*

Wow! Such kind words. I really don't know what to say except...

We are so thankful for our incredible team. If this is new to you, we invite you to join our Home Team today!

*Carroll  
& Pam*