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Due to the COVID-19 virus all Sunday Worship Services will be shortened and begin @ 10:00 am, until further notice. No other gatherings, during pandemic



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

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Session will meet, as needed, to approve appropriate & safe decisions regarding services & gatherings. All updates will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

December Elder-On-Call:
Charlie Ipock

December

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COVID SERVICE SCHEDULE

NO Sunday School
NO Fellowship & Coffee
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Business Office Hours

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

Key Officers and Staff

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

From the Pastor's Desk...

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

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

So why *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*? Of all CS Lewis' stories about the Christian fairy-tale land of Narnia, this is perhaps the

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Chris



December Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

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

News from the Session...

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

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

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

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

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

In Christ, Charlie Ipock - Clerk of Session

DECEMBER ELDER-ON-CALL

Charlie Ipock

Called Session: Dec. 20th, after worship

Our **HOMEBOUND** Members

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dick & Beth McCutchen @ their home

November 2020 Statistics

Worship Attendance average: 43

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$18,410.55

YTD Income received: \$174,512.52

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$195,085.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12,124.43

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$169,505.15

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$194,345.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,500.00

YTD Income received: \$4,640.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$2,200.00

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Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 19th

11:45 a.m.

BPC Cemetery

Everyone is welcome to attend

Thank you to Retta Tindal for coordinating this annual event



**Business Office Closed
for Holiday**

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS 



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

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



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



Presbyterian Women
RADA fundraiser
 for Ministry & Missions

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



Flower Calendar

DECEMBER

6-20: Christmas Poinsettia Array
 27th: OPEN

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

Happy Birthday December | January

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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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