

# The Scroll

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**WORLD COMMUNION**  
Sunday, Oct. 5th @ 11 am

### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Coffee Time- 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

#### Business Office Hours

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)  
unless otherwise noted

#### Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 5:00 pm

#### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Reese Atkinson / Asst. Matt Bramlett  
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen / Asst. Billy Clyburn  
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer  
Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer

**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**



*From the Pastor...* From Ligonier Ministry's 2025 "State of Theology" survey (thestateoftheology.com):

- 53% of American evangelicals agree that "Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature."
- 53% think that "The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being."
- 47% believe "God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam."

How many of you remember playing "hide-and-seek" as kids? You and your friends would go out in the yard or playground, they'd take off, you'd face the tree or pole and count, "1-2-3..." until you reached 100, then you'd shout out: "Ready or not, here I come!"

When he writes the last letter he will ever write, the Apostle Paul says this to Timothy: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out..." In other words, "Ready or not, preach the Gospel!"

The statistics from Ligonier's 2025 survey are - as I admitted in my last message for September - pretty disturbing. These stats point to a lack of Biblical & theological precision that itself is the symptom of a shallow understanding of the Bible. These stats point to a people unconvinced of the urgency of the Christian mission and the unimportance of the Christian Church (which comes out as people saying, "I can worship anywhere - why do I need to go to church on Sunday?"). These stats point to the American Church's unreadiness to preach, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel.

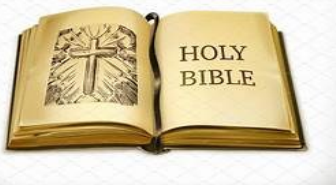
And yet Paul, to Timothy, to the church he served at Ephesus, at the very tail end of his life boldly proclaim, "Ready or not - preach the Gospel."

It's a situation like that faced by John & Peter, on trial before the Jewish council in Acts 4: Two former fishermen facing down a room full of the most prominent theologians, biblical scholars, & religious legal minds their culture had ever known. Or like Stephen, later in that same book, facing that bloodthirsty & offended mob, emotions unchecked, stones in their hands, murder on their minds. Or even like Luther, centuries later, facing down the combined political & religious power of popes, bishops, princes, and emperor.

How did these men stand in the face of such power? What could they do? Ready or not, they preached the Gospel.

What does that even mean? We've all heard the expression - and probably used it: **"You're preaching to the choir."** It means we're telling somebody something they already know, and agree with. But here's the thing - look at 1&2 Timothy, at Romans 1, at 1 Corinthians 15, at Ephesians, at Luke 1 or Acts 1, or 1&2 Peter, or 1,2,&3 John, any & every book of the New Testament, and even every book of the Old. They're all doing the same thing, all proclaiming the same message. **They're preaching the Gospel to the choir, to those who already know the Gospel, to the family, the people of God... whether that family is ready or not.**

That's where we start. We start by preaching the Gospel to us. We start by reminding ourselves of the importance, the beauty, the amazing greatness of the story of Jesus - for as he himself declared: God so loved the world - and you & me - that he gave us Jesus so that we might believe in him and be saved. Ready or not; it's the Gospel. - - Pastor Chris



### October Sermons

10/05

Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:1-20

10/12

Saved by Faith

Genesis 15:1-7

10/19

Great Things He has Done

Psalms 8:1-9

10/26

Christ My Salvation

Colossians 1:13-23

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

The Session has set up a new Building Fund, to hold funds for upgrading some of our doors to breakaway doors and to upgrade our very old HVAC systems. We thank everyone who can help fund these needed upgrades to our Church.

If the Session can do anything for you, please contact the Church Office or send an email.

Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

**Next Session Meeting: Oct. 12th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**OCTOBER ELDERS-ON-CALL:**

**Cindy Welsh & \*Reneé Bell**

\*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

**You may use your smart phone or smart device for online giving by scanning this QR code**

**Please leave your name and where funds are to be designated**

**September 2025 Statistics (3rd Qtr)**

**Attendance Average's**

**Worship: 57 Sunday School: 28**

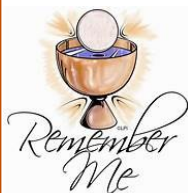
**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$22,872.41
YTD Income received:	\$158,607.26
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$164,421.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$22,567.14
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$172,206.45
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$169,279.00</b>

**Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)  
(Cemetery & Playground Funds)**

MTD Income received:	\$1,515.00
YTD Income received:	\$9,460.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$377.05
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$9,810.40

**The 2025 Elder Nominating Committee is accepting nominations and will meet soon to secure 3 names for the c/o 2028 Elders. Please prayerfully consider if asked, to serve as an Elder. Nomination forms are in the SS classes & Sanctuary. Please place nominations in offering plate on Sunday or bring/email to office or give to a committee member. Committee Members: Reneé Bell & Reese Atkinson (Co-Chairs), Marsha McCutchen, Katie McCutchen, William Frazier**  
**Nominations are due: October 12th**

**World Communion**

**Sunday, Oct. 5th @ 11 am**

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

**Communion Elders: John Gentry & Steven Frazier**

**SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR****OCTOBER 2025**

5th: Liz & Billy Simon  
12th: John & Karen Gentry  
19th: Christine Shirley Family  
26th: Mike Monroe

**NOVEMBER 2025**

2nd: Reneé Bell  
9th: Wendy & Beny Welch  
16th: Jackie & Ray Drayton  
23rd: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
30th: Hanging of the Greens

**DECEMBER 2025**

7th: 2nd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
14th: 3rd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
21st: 4th Advent - Poinsettia Array  
28th: Steven & Kerry Frazier

**JANUARY 2026**

4th: Michael Blades  
11th: Kerry & Steven Frazier  
18th: Reneé Bell  
25th: Carol Latimer Finethy

**FEBRUARY 2026**

1st: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
8th: Iris Thomas Family  
15th: Ann & English Cooper  
22nd: Reneé Bell

**MARCH 2026**

1st: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen  
8th: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
15th: Louise McCutchen  
22nd: Kerry & Steven Frazier  
29th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

**APRIL 2026**

5th: Debbie Tindal & Lena McCutchen  
12th: Reneé Bell  
19th: Retta & Hugh Tindal  
26th: Sarah McCutchen Family

**MAY 2026**

3rd: Kathryn Welch  
10th: Lila Mae Welsh Family  
17th: John & Karen Gentry  
24th: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen  
31st: Don & Beth Grant

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





William Burns Tindal	2
Sherian McLendon	4
Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Helen Burns Belk	7
Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Kent McCutchen	10
Mary Parnell	12
Aaron Easters	16
B.J. Kerr	17
Marilyn Adams	19
Dawn Nesbit	24
Betty Ann Cooper	25
Amelia Reese Hyman	27
Mia Kathryn Welch	27
Johnny McCutchen	28
Steven Terrell, Jr.	28
Bo Dickinson	29
Anna Grace Kirven	30



Ari Dickinson	3
Rawlins Cruess Smith	3
Jerry Adams	4
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Maddie Varn Dailey	8
Jill McElveen	9
Eddie Boykin	10
Catherine Bell Smith	12
Cally Bell	14
MaryAnna Welsh	14
Peggy Corbett	15
Missy Kirven	20
Don Grant	22
Perry McCutchen	22
Dr. Leon Hunt	23
Jackie Drayton	25
Jane Harrington	27

1st Baptist Church is accepting blanket & coat donations until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Items will be distributed to anyone in need

Mayesville PC is having a "Rejoicings" Concert on Sunday, October 26th @ 4:00 pm, Featuring Duo Iwo Jedynecki & Karolina Mikolajczyk



Coffee Time: Sunday's @ 10:30 am between Sunday School & Church. Anyone who wishes to host, please sign up on the calendar(s) in the kitchen. Everyone is welcome to join us

### Jewish Voice Coin Collection

Thanks to your support, Jewish Voice was able to help meet people's basic need for dental services in war-torn Ukraine. Your generosity shares the hope of Yeshua (Jesus) while providing tangible help to meet real needs – sometimes in desperate situations, like Ukraine. Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and drop off any time of the year, in the office. **We collected \$346 in May!**

Thanks to all who participate!

Next Coin Collection Date: November 9, 2025



### "Blessing Box" Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Devotionals & Bibles. Our children are stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church on the progress.

Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.

### FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

Email & Postal mail, is checked and acted on, daily as applicable. Please mail donations to:

Bishopville PC @ POB 66  
Bishopville, SC 29010

**NOTE: Post Office returns all street mail**



### Business Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

### 2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

Oct. 7th – 13th,

Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 8th; 24th - 29th & 31st

Please contact office to update records (via email)

### HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell @ Skilled Care Manor, Florence

Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence

BJ Kerr @ McCoy

Beth McCutchen @ McCoy

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's, Hartsville

Morning Circle: Wed. Oct. 8th @ 10:30 am

Host: Cindy Welsh, in Fellowship Hall

Night Circle: Mon. Oct. 13th @ 7:00 pm

Host: Melinda Atkinson

Men of Church: Oct. 15th @ 7:00 pm

Host: Reese Atkinson



We have a group cleaning stones in our cemetery. Please contact the Church office, via email, or Wendy Welch, if interested



### Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.

We are collecting caps, toys, coloring books & crayons, notebooks, pencils & pencil sharpeners. Due to new regulations, we **cannot collect or send any SOAP or warfare items. Monetary gifts can be made payable to BPC noted: "OCC". See display in Education Bldg**

**All 5th Sunday undesignated gifts are placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.**

Please note "Kids4Christ" on gifts outside this timeframe. Make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate that on your check or correspondence.

Next collection date: November 30th