

# The Scroll

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### 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 @ 4:00 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



# 2025

*From the Pastor...* Why does history matter? Is it only because, as Churchill is famously attributed as saying, “those who fail to learn history are destined to repeat it”? While he was actually misquoting Edmund Burke, Burke (if he said this) was himself quoting George Santayana, an early 20th Century American philosopher & writer. Regardless of who said what first, the point Churchill, Burke, and Santayana made is a lesson the Bible has already taught us: History needs to be shared, history needs to be taught, and history needs to be learned.

Consider the words of Psalm 78:2-4 (ESV) - “I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

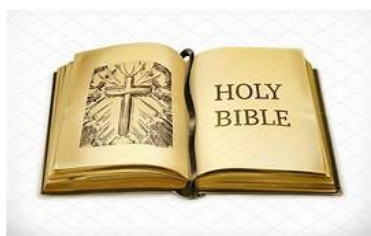
In other (less poetic) words, the Psalmist tells us he is going to teach his children history - the good, the bad, the ugly but true - in order that these children can see the hand of God on that history and know (1) God deserves their wonder and worship, and (2) God still has his hand on today.

SO what does this look like? I like to think it's like that double-row of portraits in the session room, of all those men, those pastors who stood before the Bishopville Presbyterian Church as God stood by them and guided them through our history: Men like Thomas English, who helped establish our brand-new church; like W.W. Wilson & W.A. Gregg who helped us survive the Civil War and Reconstruction; like L. Legters & T.W. Fulton who saw us through the First & Second World Wars; and like Ralph McCaskill who led us during the end of Vietnam. There was Will Gaines who was with us during 9/11, Hugh Murchison who dedicated our new (1910) sanctuary, even Ken Hicks who saw us through our departure from the PC (USA) and entry into the EPC. That's our history - and the God that saw us through all those moments, all those events, great and small, stands with us today.

What have we learned from history? That in the dark moments and in the bright, the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might, the wonders that he has done, deserve to be told, taught, and celebrated. It wasn't those men - as wonderful, as amazing, as full-bearded as some of them (I'm looking at you, Pastor Gregg) are - it wasn't those men that got us through those moments, but it was the God to whom those men, those faithful pastors all led us.

So let's tell our children about this God whose hand never lets go of us. Let's tell our Community - our God got us through, gave us the right leaders, the right elders, the right resources at exactly the right time, every time. Let's tell each other - God's got us! And no matter what the world throws our way, he'll never let us go. Hallelujah!

-Pastor Chris



### May Sermons

- 4th: A Good Christian Neighbor**  
**11th: A Neighborly Mom**  
**18th: For a Neighbor's Sake**  
**25th: Who's My Neighbor**

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

The Session met April 13th. Matt Bramlett had our devotional

Our wedding policy is still in the process of being updated, after 20+ years.

New gutters & downspouts have been added on our buildings, our kitchen electrical panels have been updated to code, and our cemetery roads have been sealed. We are still accepting gifts for paving and/or gutters. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far!

A special thank-you to the Worship Committee for taking care of our Easter sunrise breakfast and to everyone who helped with the Easter Crosses and butterflies released.

The Christian Education Committee is currently preparing for our summer Bible School. See bulletin & newsletter for more info.

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: May 11th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL:**

**\*John Gentry & Wendy Welch**

\*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

**April 2025 Statistics (2nd Qtr)**

**Attendance Average's**

**Worship: 76    Sunday School: 36**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received: \$12,136.55

YTD Income received: \$55,174.10

**Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$73,076.00**

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$22,176.04

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$72,024.37

**Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$71,226.00**

**Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)**

**(Cemetery & Playground Funds)**

MTD Income received: \$ 905.00

YTD Income received: \$3,870.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$ 00.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$3,600.00

**FELLOWSHIPS**

**NO MEN OF CHURCH OR  
CIRCLES IN MAY**

**MAY 2025**

4th: Kathryn Welch  
11th: Lila Mae Welsh family  
18th: John & Karen Gentry  
25th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

**JUNE 2025**

1st: William Welsh family  
8th: Dot & Buddy Wilson family  
15th: Reneé Bell  
22nd: W. Gregg McCutchen III  
29th: The Latimer Family

**JULY 2025**

6th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
13th: Henry & Harriett Watson family  
20th: William & Pat Monroe Fields  
27th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**AUGUST 2025**

3rd: Bert Cousar  
10th: Bill & Debbie Tindal  
20th: Bill Welsh Family  
24th: Michael Blades  
31st: John Latimer

**SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR****SEPTEMBER 2025**

7th: Renee Bell  
14th: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
21st: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
28th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**OCTOBER 2025**

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

**NOVEMBER 2025**

2nd: Renee 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

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





**Madison Bramlett** 7  
**Zeke Gaskins** 7  
**Jimmy McCutchen** 3  
**Terri Ann T. Belk** 13  
**Beth Grant** 15  
**Beth McCutchen** 17  
**Ricky McCutchen** 23  
**Virginia Kerr Beard** 28  
**Debbie Tindal** 28  
**Tim Kirven** 31



**Harrison Blake Smith** 4  
**Stephen Latimer Welch** 6  
**Ray Drayton** 8  
**Cameron McElveen** 10  
**Conner Welch** 13  
**Lacie McElveen** 14  
**Rev. Chris Parnell** 14  
**Marsha McCutchen** 16  
**Hugh Tindal III** 16  
**Katherine Dickinson** 17  
**Liz Simon** 25  
**Annie McIlhenny** 27  
**Isaac Bailey** 29



### 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:

**May 13th - 20th & 26th, July 2nd,  
Aug. 27th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 7th - 13th,  
Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd - 29th & 31st  
Please contact office to update records (via email)**



### HOMEBOUND Members

**Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence**  
**Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence**  
**BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center**  
**Beth McCutchen @ McCoy for rehab**  
**Hugh Tindal @ his home**  
**Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville**



**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**

**GET EXCITED FOR  
VBS 2025**

**Vacation Bible School  
plans are being made.**  
**Check bulletins and  
Newsletters for more info**

### 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.

**Thanks to all who participates!**  
**Next Coin Collection Date: May 11, 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.**



**Samaritans Purse**  
**Operation Christmas**  
**Child Shoebox Ministry**  
**Thank you to everyone  
who helps pack or do-**

**ates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.**

**We packed 81 shoeboxes, in 2024!**  
**See display in Education building**

**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. **2025 dates: Mar. 30th, June 29th, Aug. 31st, Nov. 30th**

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