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RALLY DAY Luncheon
Sunday, Sept. 14th @ 12 pm
Lunch & activities provided



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... “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.” –Deuteronomy 30:15-16 (ESV)

At the end of the 1st five books of the Bible is the curious book we call Deuteronomy. The name itself means 2nd Law, and a lot of Deuteronomy covers ground we’ve already been on if we were to have read the story of the Exodus just before it. Not only that, but it’s chock-full of laws - it includes a retelling of the 10 Commandments, the Greatest Commandment (called the Shema), laws about prophets and priests, laws about kings and servants, even laws about an event that will (or should) only happen once in Israel’s national history.

So how is it that Bible scholars tell us Deuteronomy is “the Romans of the Old Testament”? Isn’t Romans all about how we are justified by faith alone in the Lord Jesus? Doesn’t Romans have that famous road that starts with sin and its wages, moves to God’s demonstration of love in Christ Jesus at the cross, and tells us to confess the Lord Jesus for salvation by God’s good grace?

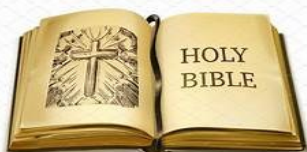
How can a book called the 2nd Law be like Romans?

Well... just look at how Moses & God the Spirit wrote Deuteronomy. It starts with reminding the next generation of God’s people about how they got where they were - it starts with sin and sin’s consequences. Then it moves into God’s provision for his people, how God made them a people, gave them a law, gave them a covenant, a permanent contract - the demonstration of God’s love in a sacrifice that would cover sin. And then it ends telling God’s people to make a choice: Confess the Lord God for salvation, and that salvation is a gift of God’s good grace.

I find that amazing. The story of God’s grace for us, the story of God’s plan to save us and forgive our sins, the story of Jesus echoes all throughout the Bible - even all throughout Deuteronomy. And just as Jesus asks us to make a choice in John 11:26 and 14:6, Moses asks us to make the same choice, the choice Joshua asks God’s people to make in Joshua 24:15 will you choose to hear the voice of God, calling you to follow Jesus? Or will you choose to listen to another voice - just like Adam and Eve did in the Garden, so long ago? (and think about how that worked out).

God is so good. He tells us over and over again that in him is life and forgiveness, that he is a God who forgives and makes a way - and that way is Jesus. All we have to do is believe in him, obey him, hear his voice, and be saved. It’s the story of Romans, it’s the story of Deuteronomy, it’s the story of Jesus - and thanks to him, it can be our story, too.

- - Hallelujah! Pastor Chris



September Sermons

9/7	Mystery of Godliness	1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
9/14	A Godly Worker	1 Timothy 4:6 - 5:2
9/21	The Good Fight	1 Timothy 6:11-16
9/28	Only the Word	Psalms 119:89-96

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

We have finally received our new playground equipment and are very thankful to all who have provided the funding for this to happen. We also thank all the people who helped assemble it. What a great Church family we have!

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: Sept. 14th @ 8:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***John Gentry & Wendy Welch**

**denotes Session devotional responsibilities*

August 2025 Statistics (3rd Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 59 Sunday School: 20

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$14,213.77
YTD Income received:	\$135,734.85
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$146,152.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,852.95
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$149,639.31
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$144,136.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,165.00
YTD Income received:	\$7,945.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$146.81
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$9,433.55

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FELLOWSHIPS

Morning Circle: Wed. Sept. 10th @ 10:30 am
Host: Renee Bell

Night Circle: Mon. Sept. 15th @ 7:00 pm
Host: Kathryn Welch

Men of Church: Sept. 17th @ 7:00 pm
Host: Perry McCutchen

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

**JANUARY 2026**

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

FEBRUARY 2026

1st: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
8th: Iris Thomas Family
15th: Ann & English Cooper
22nd: Renee 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: Renee Bell
19th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
26th: Sarah McCutchen Family

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



Manning B. Lloyd	4	William Burns Tindal	2
Betty Manning Heriot	10	Sherian McLendon	4
Julie Cothran	12	Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Caroline Welch	13	Helen Burns Belk	7
Charlie Ipock	14	Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20	Kent McCutchen	10
Katelyn Bell	21	Mary Parnell	12
Ernie Muldrow	21	Aaron Easters	16
Bert Cousar	22	B.J. Kerr	17
William Frazier	24	Marilyn Adams	19
Ansley Nesbit	24	Dawn Nesbit	24
Patrick Parnell	24	Betty Ann Cooper	25
McKinnon Logan	26	Amelia Reese Hyman	27
McCants Lloyd	29	Mia Kathryn Welch	27
Wendy Welch	29	Johnny McCutchen	28
		Steven Terrell, Jr.	28
		Bo Dickinson	29
		Anna Grace Kirven	30

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:

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



First Baptist Church is accepting blanket & warm coat donations on the 1st Monday of each month, from 10am – 2pm until Oct. 15th.

Items will be distributed to anyone in need



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.



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 Shoebox 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

Mission News from Mexico

Yesterday's high: 96°
Yesterday's low: 75°

750 Carman Woods Dr
63021 Ballwin, MO
My Mexico phone #: 011 521 999 225 7958

August 17, 2025

Dear prayer partners and friends,

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Ps. 103:1. The whirlwind trip to the US of nearly 4 weeks could not have been better. Daniel and I visited many friends and churches in seven states with great blessing. How wonderful that was to briefly step into the lives of friends I am unable to see very often, and learn of their trials and joys, and be able to pray for and with them during our time together. I do not take lightly this unique privilege and honor that the Lord gave me.

Since returning, I have been attending piano and violin recitals and participating in a panel discussion at my church on congregational music. I attended the Sac Be Presbytery meeting in the town of Yokdznot where we were able to sell about \$750 worth of Bibles, hymnbooks and related material at discounted prices. Prices have skyrocketed on printed materials recently, so the discounts are helpful to the ministers and leaders laboring in remote areas of our state.

Now we are seeing a full camping season. Mark returned from a youth camp of 220 held the end of July. Debbie directed children's camp the first week of August with the help of 27 young people who came from Ward Church in Detroit, Michigan. Please pray for all the decisions that have been made by those attending camp and the hearts that were touched and transformed through the power of God's Word shared at each event. There are at least four other Christian camps being held within the next two weeks. In addition to praying for these retreats, we would also ask for prayer for the future leadership of our camp as changes among the governing board are in process. May those who continue in the camp ministry remain and may God be glorified in the decisions that have to be made.

The San Pablo seminary reopened August 11. At this moment, there are 12 new students who will be coming but more are from music than theology. Cost is about \$275 per month for room and board and tuition.

Dr. Will and Nancy Ackles were here August 2-12 conducting baptisms and a wedding in the town of Chemax. The mother of the groom was a former music student of mine in a village where Dave was the pastor. In early September, Diego will begin fifth grade at Debbie's school along with five other fifth and sixth graders. This will be a big change for him, AND for me. He is excited about the prospects of studying with other kids and I am eager to find new ways to serve the Christian homeschool community as we begin the new school year.

In my last letter, I talked about the possibility of elbow surgery because of the arthrosis in my right elbow. After talking with three doctors, I have decided not to do anything at this time. They all suggested it is a difficult surgery and although it would take away the pain I would lose some mobility in my arm. Some helpful suggestions were given which I am now implementing.

In closing, I would like to share with you some of the words of a couple hymns, which have been helpful to me. Some have asked me how I can do the things that I do. It is only the Lord's strength in my life that enables me to continue serving Him.

Day by Day

Day by day, and with each passing moment / Strength I find to meet my trials here
Trusting in my father's wise bestowment / I have no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure / Gives into each day what he deems best.
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure / Mingling toil with peace and rest.

He Giveth more Grace

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater, / He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction, he addeth his mercy / To multiple trials, his multiple peace.
His love has no limit, his grace has no measure / His power has no boundary, known onto men.
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus / He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. The ministry here would not be possible without the Lord's grace and provision, and without your constant encouragement and partnership in the work.

I am thankful for your care and support and encouragement.

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

Any tax-deductible gifts for our ministry (family, seminary, or camp) may be sent to:
Son Raise Missionaries Services
4395 Idlewood Dr. SW
Wyoming, MI 49519

August 31, 2025

Dear Family and Friends of David and Estelle Abernathy,

I'm writing to share that after 39 years of faithful ministry, David and Estelle Abernathy will retire from Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., effective August 31, 2025. We thank the Lord for David and Estelle and their contribution to the work of Bible translation as they participated in a global movement of seeing Scripture translated for all people still waiting.

David and Estelle have spent much of their service to Wycliffe at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Estelle has worked in the JAARS housing and accounting offices. David has served in public relations and maritime services, and has also prepared exegetical study materials and edited the work of other researchers. In this task, David used his exegetical training and knowledge of biblical Greek and Hebrew. From 1991 to 1993, the Abernathys served in Oaxaca, Mexico, at the linguistic and translation study center, and from 2005 to 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya, where David taught biblical exegesis, Greek and Hebrew.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers, financial investment and encouragement for David and Estelle throughout the years. Your partnership has been a vital part of their successful ministry. I pray you have been encouraged to see the incredible ways God has moved around the world as people encounter Him through Scripture in a language and format they clearly understand, knowing that you have been a part of making that possible! David and Estelle are retiring to Waxhaw. In their retirement, they look forward to volunteering with SIL and JAARS as the Lord and health allow.

David and Estelle have some retirement savings and Social Security coverage, but their resources are limited and may not be sufficient to provide for all their needs. Wycliffe's retirement policy allows eligible retired members to receive retirement income from existing donors who choose to continue giving. If you'd like to continue supporting the Abernathys and you have an automatic bank transfer in place, no further action is needed. If you normally mail your gift to Wycliffe, please send a note with your gift stating, "Preferred for David and Estelle Abernathy's retirement." Wycliffe will issue tax-deductible receipts for these gifts. Please call Donor Relations at 1-800-992-5433 for assistance with your donations.

Please join us in prayer for David and Estelle as they make this major life and ministry transition. Thank you again for the significant role you've played in making their ministry possible and for your part in reaching all people with God's Word! We are grateful for your partnership in this Kingdom work. If you have any questions about this status change, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at gws_totalrewards@wycliffe.org.

Until all the nations worship,



Dr. John Chesnut
President/CEO
Wycliffe Bible Translators USA

