

The Scroll

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Coffee Time - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 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 p.m.

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III / Reese Atkinson, Asst.

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Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Lian Latimer, Asst.

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

December

2024

From the Pastor's Desk... "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5

What a great time of year! During this month we'll be hanging greenery, Chrismons, wreaths and lights. We'll be singing carols, we'll be hearing children's voices, we'll be lighting candles in windows and all over the church, and we'll be hearing - for some of us, the 50th or 60th or more time, for others the 1st, 2nd or 3rd time - that old, familiar, but always wonderful story we call Christmas.

My family will be watching Linus recite Luke 2 to Charlie Brown, other families will be travelling to see relatives in other parts of the country. Still other families will be sitting around the den, hearing some father - like Chevy Chase in his own movie - read Moore's old poem, "A visit from Saint Nicholas." Other families, maybe a little more attuned to church history, maybe a little sillier, might even be reading from Damaskinos' history of the Nicene Council about that same Nicholas' knuckle-sandwich-flavored response to Arius. It's that wonderful time of year again, it's Christmas.

It's time for gifts and church plays. It's time for teary-eyed memories of loved ones who used to enjoy this time of year, and it's time for joyful firsts for new families. For some people, it's the hardest time of year; for others, it's their favorite. Some people love all the shopping and activity, others prefer to stay in & order online. I know this - for us pastors, it's the busiest time of year, by far! But whatever it is, for you, it's Christmas.

What is this thing we call Christmas? It's celebrating Jesus' advent, his arrival. It's remembering his story, about how he was born to that scared girl and her husband in a stable, how shepherds and mystics came to meet him, how angels burned across the night sky outside Bethlehem singing glories and praises to his name: Peace on earth! Good will to men! It's prophets nodding, it's kings shivering, it's religious leaders missing out, it's all these things and so much more, it's Christmas.

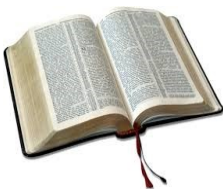
But whatever else Christmas is, the Apostle John gets this moment so profoundly, so powerfully, so amazingly "nail-on-the-head" accurately that, if we're not careful, we miss it. Christmas is that moment when the Light of the World shone unconquerably in the darkness.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth - God the Father, God the Spirit, and yes, John reminds us, God the Son. Darkness entered the world - that darkness we call sin. That darkness we call death. That darkness we call separation from God and God's love, and our purpose to enjoy and bring glory to God. Darkness seemed to rule, darkness seemed unstoppable, darkness seemed so powerful, so possessing, so overwhelming that the brightest stars we could muster against it seemed nothing more than smouldering matches.

And then it happened. In the fullness of time - at exactly the right moment in history - God the Son chose to take on flesh, humbling himself, taking on the form of a servant, the form of a truly human baby, and lived and died and lived again for us: The Light of the World shone in the darkness and broke it, smashed it, conquered it, Amen.

And that, brothers & sisters, more than anything else, that is Christmas.

Happy Christmas! --Pastor Chris



December Sermons/Scriptures

1st:	Hanging of the Greens	
8th:	2nd Advent	Psalms 77:1-15
15th:	3rd Advent	Isaiah 9:2-7
22nd:	4th Advent - Children's Program	
24th:	Christmas Eve Service	
29th:	This New Year	Colossians 2:8-15

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met November 10th. Gregg McCutchen had our devotional & prayer.

The Session approved a temporary easement to replace water lines along Gregg & Main streets.

The Elder Nominating Committee met and presented the following 3 Elder-elect names for Session approval, as c/o 2027: Matt Bramlett, Steven Frazier & John Gentry. All names were approved.

The 2025 Proposed Budget was presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded & passed to approve the budget

The Hanging of Greens will be Dec. 1st. The Children's Christmas program will be Dec. 22nd. A Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held on Dec. 24th @ 5:30 pm.

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

Love in Christ,

W. Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: Dec. 8th @ 8:30 a.m.

DECEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL:

Gregg McCutchen & Reese Atkinson

November 2024 Statistics (4th Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 58 Sunday School: 24

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$10,608.15

YTD Income received: \$184,431.55

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$188,243.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$14,339.09

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$197,922.48

Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$187,078.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,870.00

YTD Income received: \$6,073.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$22.15

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,247.70

Congratulations to Elders c/o 2027

Matt Bramlett

Steven Frazier

John Gentry

Thank you to the Elders rolling off this year

Eddie Boykin

Bert Cousar

Gregg McCutchen III

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12th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

19th: Reneé Bell

26th: Carol Latimer Finethy

FEBRUARY 2025

2nd: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

9th: Iris Thomas Family

16th: Ann & English Cooper

23rd: Reneé Bell

MARCH 2025

2nd: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen

9th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

16th: Louise McCutchen

23rd: Kerry & Steven Frazier

30th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR**APRIL 2025**

6th: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen

13th: Reneé Bell

20th: Hugh & Retta Tindal

27th: Sarah McCutchen Family

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: OPEN

JULY 2025

6th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock

13th: Henry & Harriett Watson family

20th: William & Pat Monroe Fields

27th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

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NOTE: Post Office returns all street mail



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Unless otherwise noted

2024 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:
December 4th, 24th, 25th & 31st - January 1st

Please contact office to update records (via email)
or to be added or removed from any calendars

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	Lila Dow Frazier	9
Dawn Levers	14	Will McElveen	9
Maggie Corbett	15	Keith Hyman	11
Tom Kerr	18	John Crues Bell IV	12
Jennifer McCutchen	18	Bill Conway	13
Billy Simon	20	Steven Welsh	13
Jane Clyburn	22	T-Bo Ellen	16
Retta Tindal	24	Reid McCutchen	17
Brooke Welch	24	Carole Scott	18
Wyatt Frazier	28	Ruby Nell Bailey	20
Rena Smith	29	Tim McIlhenny	21
		Aidan Hilditch	25
		William Clyburn Ipock	26
		Mills Lloyd	28
		Brooke Harrington	30
		Amber Harrington	30
		Josh Kirven	30
		John Latimer	30

Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence
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BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center
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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 invited to join our fellowship time

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

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!**

November 2024 we collected \$243.03

Next Coin Collection Date: May 11, 2025



"Blessing Box" Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained
with food, necessities, Devotionals &
Bibles. Our children are stocking, main-
taining, and updating the Church on the
progress. **Collection dates: 1st Sunday
of each month.**



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Thank you to every-
one who helped pack
or donate funds for the OCC shoeboxes.
We packed 81 shoeboxes, this year!

**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: December 29th

Christmas Events



Hanging of the Greens Service
Sunday, December 1st @ 11 am
 Come join us as our Sanctuary
 comes alive with the sights and
 sounds of the Advent season

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 22nd @ 11 am



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24th
BPC Sanctuary @ 5:30 p.m.

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 Learn about Wreaths Across America's
 Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, December 14th
At 11:45 a.m. in the
Bishopville PC Cemetery
We'll honor 68 veterans
All are invited to attend



Advent Candle Readers/Lighters

Dec 1st	(1st)	MaryAnna Welsh
Dec. 8th	(2nd)	Don & Beth Grant
Dec. 15th	(3rd)	Rick & Katie McCutchen family
Dec. 22nd	(4th)	Charlie & Virginia Ipock family



Yesterday's high: 89 750 Carman Woods Dr.

Yesterday's low: 68 Ballwin, MO 63021

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Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

Here in Mexico, the weather doesn't tell us it is nearly Christmas, but the stores and decorations show that soon it will be the birthday of the King. "Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King." The seminary is preparing for its December recitals, Christmas concert and short choir tour. This year we have 24 on campus students and 12 more who commute. Thankfully, we are slowly regaining what was lost during Covid pandemic. There are extension classes and online theology classes with over 50 enrolled in those two programs. Those who come from other states have room and board fees of about \$250 per month, and this is an area of need for many. Gifts destined for student scholarships have been instrumental in enabling more to come and prepare for a call to ministry.

The Synod of SE Mexico, which also oversees the seminary and sacred music school, recently hosted a Reformation conference at San Pablo Seminary at the end of October. The guest speaker was Dr. Richard Pratt, of Third Millennium Ministries in Florida. I enjoyed attending the evening conferences, seeing pastors and former students, and was also invited to share a history of the seminary with those in attendance.

My church, the Divine Savior Church, recently celebrated its 138th anniversary. This past week, Pastor Victor asked me to share a biographical sketch of my music ministry to encourage others to pursue this field of study, becoming ministers of music. I have been blessed with the opportunity to mentor six music students this year as they complete their internships in the different village congregations they attend on weekends. Due to the rainy weather this fall, my focus on visiting church-plants and small congregations has kept me close to the city of Merida, but I was able to travel to a Maya village about an hour away to celebrate my 84th birthday with a good friend of the same age. Her children, many of whom are former students and pastors in Yucatan and the neighboring state of Quintana Roo, had arranged a Thanksgiving service to celebrate us both.

Camp Porvenir has had a very good year with many churches renting the camp. Hopefully in the winter/spring months coming up, some much-needed maintenance will be done to have camp ready for the 2025 Easter and summer peak seasons. We already have a full calendar of summer groups using the campgrounds this summer and praise the Lord for His continued provision and protection of this ministry.

In family news, we are happy for Daniel's daughter Alyssa, who became engaged in November to Austin, a wonderful Christian young man she met in law school. Her brother Caleb continues at Calvin University and their youngest brother, Owen, is now a junior in high school. Mark's children, John and Ellie and her husband Sam, are currently in Argentina, studying an evangelism course in a Bible school there. We are looking forward to having them back home at Christmas. They are all trusting the Lord to show them how they might serve Him. Diego is doing well in his 4th grade homeschool program. He has some courses with me, some with his dad, Rolando, and some with Debbie. He also enjoys sculpture at his art classes each week. Debbie's English homeschool co-op has 29 students this year. She has also been busy Saturday mornings coaching seven seniors for their SAT exams in December.

As far as health issues go, I recently had some comparative tests done that show the diabetes is under control, and that the current treatment I get for osteoporosis has been effective. Although macular degeneration does still limit me in many ways, I praise the Lord for all I can do, and focus on that rather than on what I cannot.

All of us wish each of you a wonderful Christmas and new year as we celebrate Christ's birth.

Blessings,

Jean Legters, for the family

Any tax-deductible gifts for our ministry (family, seminary, or camp) may be sent to:

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From the Pastor's Desk... What do Psalm 95, 98, & 100 have in common? This one repeated call: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! (Psalm 100:1, as well as 95:1&2, and 98:4&6)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord our God.

So that gets me to thinking, especially this Thanksgiving season - what exactly is a "joyful noise"? What does that sound like? What does it feel like? How will I know if I'm doing it - making my joyful noise - right?

Let's start with the easy part - Why should I make that "joyful noise"? Well... let's go to the source(s) of that command.

Psalm 95 says we ought to sing to God, to make a joyful noise to him because he is both our Creator and our Savior - literally, the "Rock of our Salvation" (95:1). We owe our very existence to God, from the air, food, water & shelter that sustain us; to the universe that proclaims God to us; to the Word & Spirit that reveal that Creator to us. More than that, God redeems us, forgives our sin, makes us more than just a part of his world - he makes us part of his family! As Psalm 95 reminds us, we are the people of the Good Shepherd's pasture, the flock under his everlasting hand (95:7). We belong to God, Psalm 95 reminds us, because he made us and he chose to save us. I don't know about you, but that makes me want to smile and use my voice.

Psalm 98 keeps this song going: Not only do we have God as our Maker and our Savior, we have the promise that one day, some glad morning (as the old songs sing), he's going to return in glory to bring his family home, to set his family at his table, and to be glorified by & enjoyed with them (Shorter Catechism Q&A 1). In other words, Psalm 98 shows us that one day God will reveal our part of his salvation to the entire universe - this is my son, God will declare, this is my daughter! - and all the creation that has been aching to see that happen will cheer, singing & shouting along with us (Romans 8:22, Luke 19:40). We belong to God, Psalm 98 cries out, and God is making us a home, a place, a permanent place - built by Jesus' own hands! (John 14:2) - and one day God will come and bring us home to be with him forever. I think I'm grinning now, and really want to sing & shout...

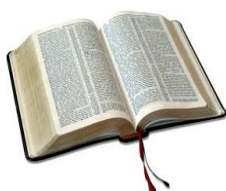
And **Psalm 100** only makes the smile wider and the sound louder: Because this song reminds us that the reason God does all these things - that he makes us, that he keeps us, that he redeems us, that he saves us, that he promises us a home, that he will come some day to bring us to that home - God does all these things... because he loves us with a steadfast and unfailing love.

Years back, my dad's family had a Thanksgiving tradition. He & his brothers, along with a couple of my more musical cousins and aunts, after dinner would break out their guitars and play and sing. I loved that moment more than anything else, more than cranberries and biscuits, more than football and fellowship. I loved those songs, those voices and instruments playing together. They'd sing old gospel songs, they'd sing old hymns from their childhood, they'd sing together because they were together and had a reason to sing.

A couple of my aunts & uncles have gone on ahead to that greater and bigger Thanksgiving dinner in heaven. And while I miss their voices and their jokes and their company - I know they're singing still, making that joyful noise to their God, enjoying him face-to-face. And I know that because he's my God, too, that I'll get to be there some glad morning.

So this Thanksgiving, maybe we should all take or make a moment to make a joyful noise, too. It sounds like Thanksgiving & family. It sounds like belonging forever. And it sounds like a child replying happily to their parents: "I love you, God, too."

Happy Thanksgiving & God bless you! -**Pastor Chris**



November Sermons/Scriptures

3rd:

Revelation 14:14-20

10th:

Revelation 15:1-8

17th:

Where Do We Go From Here

John 14:6

Gregg McCutchen in pulpit

24th:

Colossians 1:13-22

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met October 20th, with all members present. Cindy Welsh had our devotional & prayer.

Charles Huggins requested his membership be transferred to New Wappetaw PC, McClellanville and John & Kay Gentry were moved back to our Active Membership Roll.

A memorial resolution was signed by the Session for Patricia Latimer.

We will be electing 3 new Elders for the c/o 2027. Please be in prayer for all our Elders.

The old playground equipment is in the process of being removed.

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

Love in Christ,

W. Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: Nov. 10th @ 8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL:

Jimmy McCutchen & Ryan McCutchen

*Gregg McCutchen will have the November Session devotional

October 2024 Statistics (4th Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 53 Sunday School: 23

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$11,746.19

YTD Income received: \$173,823.40

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$171,130.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$15,176.86

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$183,601.39

Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$173,031.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received: \$865.00

YTD Income received: \$4,195.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.66

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,225.55

The Session has Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 24th for the purpose of electing 3 Elders to the c/o2027.

The 2024 Elder Nominating Committee are still meeting & will present 3 names for the congregation to consider electing:
See bulletins & Scroll for more info

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Happy Birthday

November December

Ari Dickinson	3	Michael Jeffords	5
Rawlins Cruces 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
Jackie Drayton	25	Brooke Welch	24
Jane Harrington	27	Wyatt Frazier	28
Sissy Jeffords	29	Rena Smith	29
Lisa Jeffords	30		

Operation Christmas Child

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

Items needed: spoons, toys, cups, bowls, bar
soap, coloring books & crayons, notebooks.
Please remember to not include any warfare
related items. **Shoebox packing party -
November 3rd, after Church**

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into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.** Please
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Monday, November 25th
Bishopville PC @ 6:30 p.m.
Meal: \$18/pp

Guest speaker: Heather Atkinson

Harvest Banquet

Make Checks payable to: BPC Women



Christmas Events



Don't forget your Poinsettia order (s).

Order forms are in bulletins & the Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary. **December 8th - 22nd.**

Cost: is \$19.00/pp.

Order deadline: Nov. 11th. Make checks payable to BPC w/memo: Poinsettia



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We'll honor 61 veterans
All are invited to attend



Thank a Veteran
on November 11th



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Sunday, November 3rd, @ 2 am.
Don't forget to set your clocks
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before bed

November is National Hospice Month
Please pray for the families & Patients
receiving hospice care & their hospice teams

Long after you're gone...
People will forget what you said
People will forget what you did
But they will never forget the way you
made them feel

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HOME COMING
October
2024

From the Pastor's Desk... "I got a rock." - Charlie Brown, October 1959 (and every year after)

You guessed it. I love Halloween.

Now, don't get me wrong. I don't enjoy adult costumes (far too many of them are far too risqué), I don't like haunted houses, I don't like Ouija boards or horror movies, I don't even like scary video games or "jump-scare" videos or ghost stories. But I love Halloween anyway. And you're probably wondering, "Does he really love Halloween? I don't know if he really does..."

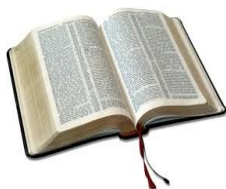
So let me clarify what I love about Halloween. I love Charlie Brown and his problem with the scissors and his unintentionally being a model for Lucy's jack-o-lantern. I love Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and Bobby Pickett's "The Monster Mash". And I especially love watching the community come together - little kids walking up & down the streets with their parents and friends, neighbors with porch lights on, kids in fun and sometimes home-made costumes, and the connections and smiles and fun of it all. I love Halloween.

Yes, yes, I hear some of you trying to tell me about Halloween's shady origins - how it came from a Roman Catholic celebration of the saints in heaven who supposedly work to keep you saved, how it got connected in later years to paganism (yes, the Catholic holiday came first), and how it's become, to quote another Charles Schulz production, "a big commercial racket" these days. I also hear some of you trying to tell me that it's not the 1970s or 1980s anymore, that carnivals & trunk-or-treats are the way to go, that it's too dangerous - didn't you hear about all those urban myths about strangers slipping bad stuff into Halloween candy? But I still love Halloween, the same way some of us love Christmas in spite of its commercial & consumerist saturation. And for me, Halloween will always be about community, because that's how I choose to look at it. How's that?

The Bible tells us, "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2). The boogie-men & ghosts & goblins people associate with Halloween? They don't bother me - I'm standing with the Rock. Consumerism, sensualism, party-vibes, adrenaline-junkies? They don't bother me - I'm standing with the Rock. Ancient mystery religions, Christian cults & misunderstandings, uber-fundamentalists & wacko-liberals, they don't bother me - I'm standing with the Rock. And unlike the rock(s) Charlie Brown kept getting, this Rock is One like nothing else. The Rock tells me that, while I was a sinner, He chose to die for me - what can scare me knowing God loves me that much? The Rock tells me that, when I die, I will be with Him, will see Him, will see all those who love Him forever - what can the world throw at me that will take that away? And the Rock tells me that, while I'm here on earth, He wants me to connect with, share with, and love my neighbors - and so Halloween is another day when I can do just that. I don't even have to go knock on their doors. They come to mine!

So yes, I love Halloween. I don't like how it gets misused, I don't like how people use it as an excuse for all sorts of trouble. For me, Halloween is & always should be for the kids - a time for innocent & simple fun, a time for make-believe and games, a time for neighbors to love & connect with neighbors. After all, like Charlie Brown says, "I got a Rock."

Blessings! - Pastor Chris



6th:
13th:
20th:
27th:

October Sermons/Scriptures

HOMEcoming (Hank Martin)

Revelation 11:15-19

Revelation 12:13-17

Revelation 13:1-4

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met September 8th and we are excited with all that is going on at Bishopville PC!

We are looking to replace the A/C unit in the choir room. The one they have makes a lot of noise and the choir can't hear the others' voices.

We are very excited and looking forward to our 186th Homecoming celebration on October 13th. Hank Martin, a former member of our Church will be our guest speaker. Please join us if you can.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of 3 Elders-elect to be elected by the congregation as the c/o 2027 Elders. If you are asked to serve please prayerfully consider doing so.

We are planning a Kid's Christmas program on December 22nd and a Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24th.

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

Love in Christ, W. Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk

Next Session meeting: October 20th @ 8:30 am

October Elders-on-Call: *Cindy Welsh & Renee Bell

* denotes Session devotional responsibility

September 2024 Statistics (3rd Qtr)

Attendance Average's

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Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$154,017.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$25,240.65

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$168,424.53

Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$157,832.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received: \$880.00

YTD Income received: \$3,330.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.66

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,212.89



World Communion
October 6th, during
worship.

Communion is gladly
served in the homes of
those who can't attend

Worship services. Please contact the Pastor or an
Elder for extended services. Communion Elders:
Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar

The 2024 Elder Nominating Committee is accepting nominations and will meet soon to secure 3 names for c/o 2027 Elders. Please prayerfully consider if asked, to be elected as an Elder. Nomination forms are in the Fellowship Hall, Session room and Sanctuary. Place nominations in offering plate or bring/email to Office or give to a committee member.
Due: 10/20. Committee members are: Cindy Welsh & Renee Bell (Co-Chairs), Lena McCutchen, MaryAnna Welsh, Wyatt Frazier

PW Circle: Wed., Oct. 16th @ 7 pm

Host: Jennifer McCutchen

Men of Church: Wed., Oct. 16th @ 7 pm

Host: Chris Parnell

PLAYGROUND FUND

We are collecting gifts to make our playground safe & fun for our children. Please note playground on all gifts. Make checks payable to BPC

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**HOMEcoming**

CELEBRATING 186 YEARS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 noon

We are pleased to announce that
Hank Martin will be our guest speaker

Please bring a covered-dish and join us after the service for our after-noon meal and fellowship. Church will provide meats & bread

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between Sunday School & Church

Anyone who wishes to host, please sign up on the calendar (s) in the kitchen.

Everyone is invited to join our fellowship time

Mayesville Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 13th @ 4:00 p.m.

Violist Kayla Williams & pianist Chris McCarthy

Concert is free, donations are welcome.

109 W. Sumter St., Mayesville. Call 803.453.5778

or visit www.mayesvillepres.org for more info

We have a group cleaning stones in our cemetery.
Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or Wendy Welch

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**

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“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.**

Happy Birthday October November

Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Rawlins Cruess 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
Marilyn Adams	19	Peggy Corbett	15
Dawn Nesbit	24	Missy Kirven	20
Betty Ann Cooper	25	Don Grant	22
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		

Thank you to all for making my special day so special. The roses were beautiful. Thanks to the McCutchen family, friends, and our wonderful dedicated choir. The thoughtful and kind gifts warmed my heart and reminded me of how blessed I am to belong to such a wonderful Christian church family. Blessings and love to all. - - Louise

Operation Christmas Child

Kids for Christ are collecting items for OCC shoeboxes

Items needed: spoons, toys, cups, bowls, barsoap, coloring books, notebooks. Please remember to not include any warfare related items. See display in Education building.

Shoebox packing party w/lunch:

Sunday, Nov. 3rd @ noon

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.

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HELLO
September
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From the Pastor's Desk... Years & years ago, while I worked for the bearing company that used to pay my bills, I pinned to my office cubicle wall all the accolades, awards, certificates & compliments I ever received for my "outstanding customer service & support." I called it my wall of "attaboys". I kept a couple of those awards (one of which came with a really, really nice bonus) and have them on a bookshelf in my office - my favorite is labeled, "I think Linear."

And yet, as ego- & heart-warming as those "attaboys" were for me, as much of a motivation as they were for me in my career in sales & customer service, they pale to nothing in comparison to the "attaboy" that a man named Antipas from the city of Pergamum received, an "attaboy" from Christ Jesus himself.

Look: The first named Christian martyr was Stephen the Deacon, stoned in Jerusalem for preaching Jesus. The second named martyr was James the Apostle, John's brother, executed somewhere in Judea by the Jewish puppet-king Herod - for preaching Jesus. And here in Revelation 2, we hear this, from the letter given by Jesus to John to send to his church in Pergamum:

"I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." (Revelation 2:13)

That means the third & final named Christian martyr, the last named martyr in the whole Bible, Old Testament & New, was this man Antipas, killed in Pergamum by pagans, Romans & Satanists for - you guessed it - preaching Jesus.

And Jesus himself calls him a "faithful witness". Why does that matter? Well, listen to what Dr. Dennis Johnson writes in the ESV Study Bible's commentary on Revelation: "Amid oppressive paganism, a believer named Antipas had sealed his testimony with his life, and Jesus shares with Antipas his own title, faithful witness (cf. 1:5)."

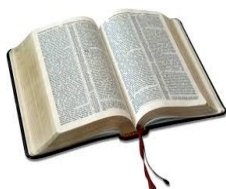
Did you get that? Look at Revelation 1:5, John says Jesus Christ is "the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth." And Jesus gives that name, that title, that description to this man Antipas! Talk about an "attaboy"!

A lawyer friend & fellow elder in Rock Hill was fond of that old saying, "People replicate what you celebrate" - and, in part, that saying is affirmed & confirmed by Jesus' own words right here, this incredible compliment, this amazing accolade, this powerful "attaboy" - Antipas was a faithful witness, just like me, Jesus says.

Here's why that matters. When he has John send this letter to the church in Pergamum, they're in hot water. The town of Pergamum is so given over to paganism, so given over to the cults of Zeus & Caesar, so given over to the power of Satan & his demons that Christians in other communities call it Satan's throne-room. Imagine living there, day after day, surrounded by worshippers of false cults, by a culture given over to paganism, surrounded by the power of Roman soldiers & politicians propping up that false religion... and every last one of them hating the message that Jesus is real and alive and he alone deserves our worship.

How easy it would be to give up or give in. How easy it would be to start letting go of the Bible's clear & powerful teaching about sin and righteousness and the reality of God, to let those voices, those Balaams & Balaks tell you - sleep with who you want, worship the emperor, too, God won't mind. How easy it would be to give up... and yet Jesus says, don't listen to that defeated voice - remember Antipas! Remember the man who deserved my name, my identity, my "attaboy"!

Praise God that, for the time being, we're not in quite so bad a shape as Pergamum. Yes, there's paganism & sensualism & Satanic power at work, and political power that's trying to line up with those forces, but they're being held in check (for the most part). But we ought to be ready like Antipas & James & Stephen, ready to preach the truth about Jesus, ready to stand with Jesus, ready to be identified with Jesus. And so Jesus encourages Pergamum - and you & me - overcome! Hold on to the truth, stand firm & fast on it! And know that he's got you a name ready to go - and that name is Jesus' name! Attaboy! Attagirl! You got this! - - Bless you! Pastor Chris



September Sermons/Scriptures

1st: Psalms of Instruction Psalm 1 & 119:1-40
Charlie Ipock in pulpit

8th: Revelation 7:9-17
15th: Revelation 8:1-6
22nd: Revelation 9:1-11
29th: Revelation 10:1-7

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met on August 11th and all members were present.

We are really excited about our new Young Adult Sunday School class starting up.

The Church picnic was held at the home of Reese and Melinda Atkinson and a good time was had by all.

The Church recently purchased a new ice machine and we are looking forward to using it at our Homecoming on October 13th.

We will be electing 3 new Elders for the class of 2027. If you are asked to serve, please prayerfully consider serving.

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Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,
Clerk of Session

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SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Wendy Welch, Eddie Boykin, Bert Cousar**

***denotes Session devotional responsibilities**

August 2024 Statistics (3rd Qtr)

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Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$134,649.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Parking Lot Funds)

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**JANUARY 2025**

5th: Michael Blades

12th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

19th: Renee Bell

26th: Carol Latimer Finethy

FEBRUARY 2025

2nd: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

9th: Iris Thomas Family

16th: Ann & English Cooper

23rd: Renee Bell

MARCH 2025

2nd: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen

9th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

16th: Louise McCutchen

23rd: Kerry & Steven Frazier

30th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

APRIL 2025

6th: **OPEN**

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Ansley Nesbit	24	Betty Ann Cooper	25
Patrick Parnell	24	Amelia Reese Hyman	27
McKinnon Logan	26	Mia Kathryn Welch	27
McCants Lloyd	29	Johnny McCutchen	28
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Parking Lot Donations Are still Welcome

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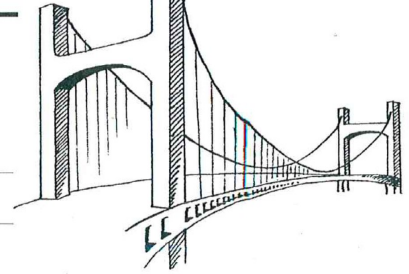
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Thank you for your prayers! David, and Estelle

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

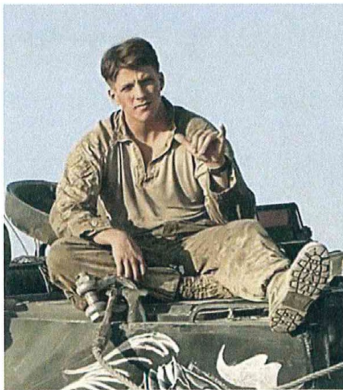
Special edition July 2024



Philip is with the Lord

We are saddened to have to tell you that our son Philip died on June 30 due to an automobile accident. We were shocked to learn of his death, and we don't know how long it will take for our emotional state to return to anything close to "normal." But we have had enormous support from friends, family, and the Christian community. Yes, we are broken hearted, but through his people God has poured out his love and grace on the broken pieces. The following paragraphs are excerpted from his obituary.

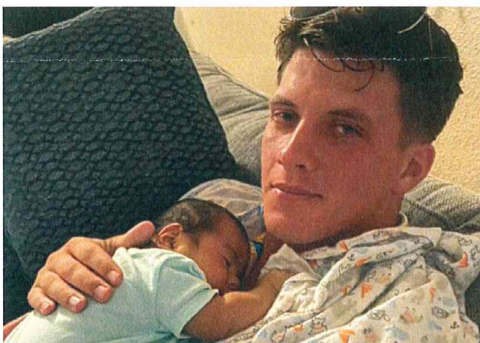
Philip Daniel Abernathy was born in Charlotte, NC, on January 26, 1999. He was the youngest of David and Estelle Abernathy's eight children. He lived in Waxhaw, NC for most of his life, with his first and second grade years spent in Nairobi, Kenya and ages 20-23 spent on Marine bases in California.



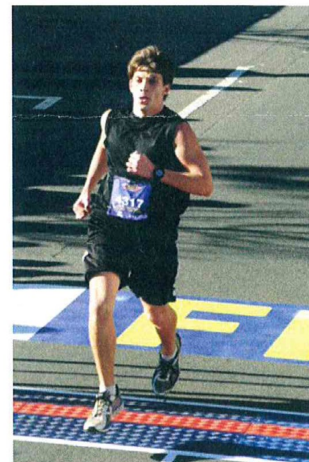
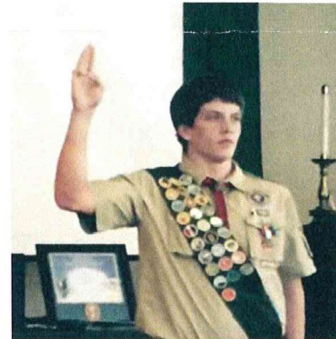
Philip graduated from Parkwood High School in Monroe, NC. As a high schooler he earned the rank of **Eagle Scout**, participated in band and JROTC, and set records in track and cross country that still stand today.

From 2019-2022, Philip served in **the Marines** as an amphibious assault vehicle crewman in the 3rd assault amphibian battalion, 1st Marine division. More recently he worked for McGee Brothers as a brick mason. Philip was very involved in and well-loved at his church and at the Monroe Martial Arts Academy.

Philip was known by those who loved him as both stoic and silly. He was a boy and then a man of intensity, principle, and goofiness. He loved with gentleness and strength, and communicated his love through his strong, quiet presence. Philip's friends, teachers, and mentors have described him as intense and focused, with high ideals, setting the bar high for himself, and thereby raising the bar for those around him.



Though he was big and powerful, Philip was also gentle. Several of his Marine buddies have shared that their **babies** were picky about who could hold them, but they loved Philip. One little one, who did not like to be held by any other man except for her father, loved to be held by Philip and would get excited and start kicking her feet when she heard his voice in the house. Somehow these little children sensed that he was safe and good, with the heart of a protector.



Well served and well loved

Well served

In the last month and a half we have had a flurry of medical concerns. We have been to the hospital emergency room four times, had EMT's help us three times, had four regular medical appointments, some bouts with low blood sugar, one incident of chest pains, some brain scans (MRI's), and a partridge in a pear tree. (Just kidding about the partridge. There wasn't one of those.)

We have been greatly helped by our county's emergency services and by hospital staff. In the first of those emergency events they kept one of us alive! But you could pray for life to be a little more dull for the next month or two. Or four, or seven.

Well loved

Since Philip's death we have received over 100 sympathy cards, numerous text messages, and Facebook and Facebook messenger posts. Around 400 people attended Philip's memorial service, and 158 have logged on to the livestream. (For the livestream go to <https://www.youtube.com/live/xjYdowy3y4k>. To see our family's good-bye messages about or to Philip, start at 26:00.)

Several churches have helped us, one providing a meal after the burial service, and another hosting a reception for several hundred well-wishers, plus many individuals helping with practical gifts.

We want to thank all of you. As I have said to many, we have been well loved.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For EMT's, ER personnel, hospital staff, and our own doctors for helping us to keep going
- For our church and its pastors, and for our friends, who won't let us feel neglected
- For our supporters, whose generosity made this month far more manageable for us financially, and for the many hundreds of friends whose prayers have made this difficult season in our lives far more bearable emotionally

Please pray...

- For guidance for and through a neurosurgeon concerning Estelle's balance problems and other related issues
- For us to be able to regain our focus and press on with our work, and with the normal routines and rhythms of life
- For wisdom about replacing one of our cars, which needs engine repairs that would exceed its value. (This is not a pressing need, thankfully.)



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Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

Churchwide Picnic



August

2024

From the Pastor's Desk... On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:11-19 ESV)

It's all about worship: Man's chief end, God's greatest commandment, the first "tablet" of the Ten Commandments, the Pentateuch & the Apocalypse, the Gospels, the Letters, the Prophets and the Writings, when you boil the Bible down to its central theme, it's all about WORSHIP.

The Bible challenges us: Who do we worship - God, or things God made? How do we worship - the ways that honor God, that God prefers, or the way we, the people God made prefer? When do we worship - at the time God gave us, or when we get around to it? And, at the heart of it all, WHY do we worship?

Let's say we're doing everything else right - we're worshipping God, we're following the "regulative principle" of worship (in other words, we're worshipping God the way he says to in the Bible), we're meeting regularly on the Lord's Day with the Lord's people... could we possibly get all that wrong by getting the WHY of worship wrong?

And this brings us to the miracle.

In Luke 17, we see an incredible miracle. Ten men, ten outcasts, ten hurting, sick, lonely men, separated from their families, ostracized from their communities, all because of an illness they had no control over whatsoever... and one day Jesus passes by, one day Jesus sees them, and EVERYTHING changes. They're healed. They're cleansed. They see the Master, they see the King, they see the Lord, and the Lord sees them and that encounter does not leave them the same, but changes them, breaks the broken pattern of their lives, breaks the downward spiral of lonely self-loathing and despair, breaks the power of disease from their lives and GIVES THEM THEIR LIVES BACK!! (Yes, that needs to be in all-caps, it's that meaningful to them). Ten men were cleansed, touched by God, their lives transformed in a moment... And yet only one, and an even greater outsider than the rest, stopped and realized that this moment was a moment for worship. He got it. He got the WHY right. How?

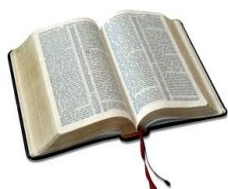
Let's do some theology - miracles don't exist for OUR benefit, especially those miracles that touch us directly. The miracles that transform our lives are not for our benefit - miracles have a single purpose: To point us, to show us, to remind us that our God is Jesus, and our God is GOOD. Our God loves us, and our God deserves PRAISE. Our God blesses us, and our God is WORTHY. Miracles remind us that our God deserves our worship.

And here's the thing: Every one of us who belong to our God, we have already received the most amazing miracle of them all, that being our salvation. At the Cross, Jesus crucified our sins, past, present & future. At the Cross, Jesus died to give us life and life eternal. At the Cross, Jesus transformed us from outsiders - those who would never be part of heaven - into heirs of God's everlasting Kingdom. It's a miracle!

So how will we respond? Nine out of the ten, they saw they'd received life - so they started living that life. They saw they'd been blessed - so they started grabbing that blessing. They saw they'd been transformed - so they went on their way, taking it for granted. But the Tenth... he stopped in his tracks, and he ran to the feet of his God and he gave Christ Jesus the glory He deserves.

Which one will we be? Which one will I be?

Blessings! – Pastor Chris



August Sermons & Scriptures

4th:	Revelation 3:7-13
11th:	Revelation 4:1-11
18th:	Revelation 5:1-10
25th:	Revelation 6:1-11

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

I hope y'all are doing well. July has been a very busy month. Rev. Parnell was on vacation for 2 Sundays and Steven Frazier and I filled in for Chris. Louise McCutchen has retired as Assistant Choir Director after 18 years and Lian Latimer has accepted her position.

We were able to get our parking lots paved and stripped. We also purchased a new ice machine for our Church.

Vacation Bible School started on Sunday, July 28th @ 6:00 pm and we had 66 people in attendance, on the first night, from ages 2 - 92!

We are really excited about the activity that is happening at the Bishopville Presbyterian Church.

If I or any member of the Session can help you, please call the Church office or my cell 803.229.5307.

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,
Clerk of Session

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AUGUST ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Reese Atkinson & Gregg McCutchen III**

**denotes Session devotional responsibilities*

July 2024 Statistics (3rd Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 63 Sunday School: 30

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$15,656.55

YTD Income received: \$113,599.66

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$119,791.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$17,179.07

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$126,565.00

Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$118,467.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Parking Lot Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,500.00

YTD Income received: \$5,800.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.66

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$258.57

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence

Kay Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence

BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center

Tricia Latimer @ McCoy Nursing Center

Boochie Swearingen @ Wellmore, Tega Cay

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville

~ In Memoriam ~

John Crues Bell III

09/25/1956 - 04/21/2024

The Bell & Watkins families thanks everyone for all your past & present prayers and they covet your continued prayers

William Angus Watkins

07/31/1940 - 07/12/2024

AUGUST 2024

4th: Bert Cousar

11th: Debbie & Bill Tindal

18th: Bill Welsh Family

25th: Retta & Hugh Tindal

SEPTEMBER 2024

1st: John & Kay Gentry

8th: Ryan & Andrea McCutchen

15th: Renee Bell

22nd: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen

29th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

OCTOBER 2024

6th: Billy & Liz Simon

13th: John & Kay Gentry

20th: Christine Shirley Family

27th: Mike Monroe

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR**NOVEMBER 2024**

3rd: Renee Bell

10th: Wendy & Benny Welch

17th: Ray & Jackie Drayton

24th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

DECEMBER 2024

1st: Hanging of the Greens

8th: Poinsettia Array

15th: Poinsettia Array

22nd: Poinsettia Array

29th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

JANUARY 2025

5th: OPEN

12th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

19th: Renee Bell

26th: Carol Latimer Finethy

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

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Monday - Wednesday

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

Unless otherwise noted

2024 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

August 27th - September 2nd

October 8th - 14th

November 26th & 27th

December 24th, 25th & 31st - January 1st

Please contact office to update records (via email) or to be added or removed from any calendars



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 invited to join our fellowship time



We have a group cleaning stones in our cemetery. Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or Wendy Welch

Happy Birthday August September

Bobby Thomas	1	Manning Bramlett Lloyd	4
Billy Clyburn	6	Paul Terrell III	8
Leila Ethel McCutchen	7	Jeff Varn	8
Edie Varn	8	Betty Heriot	10
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9	Julie Cothran	12
Brittany A. Hyman	11	Caroline Welch	13
Steven Frazier	12	Charlie Ipock	14
Grayham Geddings	13	Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20
Matt Bramlett	15	Suzanne Simon	21
Mary Laney	18	Bert Cousar	22
Jennifer Bailey	22	Lindsay Simon	22
Lydia Conway	22	William Frazier	24
Ernie Muldrow	22	Ansley Nesbit	24
Debra Welsh	25	Patrick Parnell	24
Diane McElveen	26	McKinnon Logan	26
Sidney Easters	27	McCants Lloyd	29
Victoria Ipock	28	Wendy Welch	29
Benji Harrington	30		
Sara Abbett Kirven	30		



Annual Church Picnic

August 11th

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

At the home of Reese & Melinda Atkinson (225 Roundup)

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: November 10, 2024 ... Small change creates BIG change!



"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.

Parking Lot Donations

Are still Welcome

We have completed the paving of our parking lots, but we're still accepting donations. Please note "parking lot" on all gifts

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. **2024 collection dates: Sept. 29th & Dec. 29th**

Team Football Camp and the NBA Draft

We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and support. We could not be seeing lives changed without your incredible partnership!



July 2024

Carroll and Pam Baker
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Irmo, SC 29063
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To give online:
My.fca.org (search for Baker)

It was another incredible week at FCA Team Football Camp. Over 1100 players and coaches descended on the Presbyterian College Campus for a hot week of 7 on 7 and linemen competition and of course incredible worship and a challenge to surrender their lives to Christ. And God was certainly at work. During the week, over 400 made commitments to Christ. So many now have a testimony and a spiritual birthday. Teams came together to worship and hear from God's Word. Teams that didn't know each other, prayed together. Smaller schools competed against bigger schools and they experienced football brotherhood and brotherly love in Christ.



Coach Daniel Sisk has been an assistant coach at Camp for 15 years. Now as a head coach at North Central High School, he's made FCA Team Camp a priority the past 2 years. In fact, last year when he was hired, he immediately contacted me about coming. His team is really benefitting from Team Camp on the field, in the locker room and in the hearts of his players.



I really enjoy unplanned and impromptu moments with players. Here I'm challenging a few Orangeburg Wilkinson players to allow Christ to impact every area of their lives.

Sometimes, there's even a few moments on the field. At chapel the next day, this player from Spring Valley surrendered his life to Christ. I eventually had a few more minutes the next day to explain the assurance that Christ offers us.



From Player to Coach

Dawson Sams was a Junior at White Knoll High School when he first attended Team Camp in 2017. God was working in his life and he surrendered his life to Christ. God really changed his life! Now he's back, but this time as an assistant coach at North Central for the past 2 years, helping his team grow spiritually!



One of these guys was drafted in the 1st round of the 2024 NBA Draft. It's Dillon Jones of the Oklahoma City Thunder. In 2019 I was able to spend extra time with his Keenan Raiders team here in Columbia. It was amazing to be with them as they won the State Championship! Dillon was a team spiritual leader. He ended up having an incredible career at Weber State and was the 26th pick of this year's draft. He's gone from a boy to a man!!

*We are so thankful for you!!
Together, we are seeing lives changed!*



This is our camp theme for 2024. Athletes are hearing over and over about the being filled with "joy and peace" and overflowing with "confident hope."

Carroll + Pam

August 2024

Mission News

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June 28, 2024

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,
“*This is my father's world / Oh, let me ne'er forget / That though the wrong seems of't so strong / God is the ruler yet.*”

I am so glad that God is in control of the world and our lives. Here in Mérida, we are so glad the rainy season has begun. May was the hottest month on record with daily temperatures ranging from 110-115° for the entire month. The rains came in with a huge thunderstorm, causing loss of electricity and internet, and flooding our living room because of an unknown roof leak! The rain makes it difficult to go to villages on weekends, because driving is dangerous, and people here do not go out in the rain. However, I have been to two Merida mission congregations one where Dave used to be pastor and another belonging to my church, where Mark preached. July 13 I am scheduled to go to Tekom, a village two hours away, where we will have a thanksgiving service for a birthday celebration.

The San Pablo Seminary had its graduation on June 7, with one graduating from the music school and none from the four-year theology course. These were the results of Covid, but enrollment is picking up again. The following evening the seminary hosted a beautiful choir concert featuring the seminary choir, and five other choirs lead by former students presenting a cantata. The master's degree program, an intensive summer program, is currently in progress with 15 studying these next two weeks. They are assigned homework which is due in January when they meet again for another two weeks of intense study.

Debbie's homeschool group also had a high school graduation for three graduates this year. Her school serves missionary families and expats as well as Mexican families who desire a Christian education in English. It is growing and she has enrolled 28 students already for next year in middle school and high school.

Camp Porvenir has begun its summer camp season with church groups renting the property every single day from now until early September. This is a blessing from the Lord and a first since Covid began. Debbie and Daniel will be directing the annual children's camp July 17-20 and Mark together with his wife, Altia, will direct the youth camp July 27-August 1. We are expecting from 150 to 200 participants at each camp. The legal battle for ownership of this property we purchased over 55 years ago continues. We appreciate your prayers for those attending camp, those directing camps, and for the Lord's justice to prevail in regard to the property and title.

Diego is very happy that his third-grade classes have ended. The end of this month he will have an art exhibit with an art class he attends. It will feature his sculptures and paintings completed during this year. He enjoys his English homeschool classes and a Spanish class he attends. Daniel's daughter Alyssa is in Washington DC in a summer internship with the IJM (International Justice Mission) law firm. Her brother Caleb returned home from his semester in Spain and is working in St. Louis before returning to Calvin University in August to continue his studies towards a physician's assistant degree. Daniel and younger son Owen (16) also went to Spain with a group of students from Daniel's school in St. Louis, Westminster Christian Academy, to visit their partner school in Denia, Spain. Mark's daughter, Ellie, together with her husband, Sam, and John, her brother, will be going to Argentina at the end of July to attend a semester-long missions training course. Sam, and Ellie may stay longer as they feel a call to serve the Lord in South America.

I am glad to report I have felt quite well this year. The diabetes is under control, I don't have to take medication for it, and I don't have to return to the doctor until November. I had a lot of pain in my right elbow and found out I have arthrosis there, a degenerative bone disease that wears away bone and cartilage. I use an elbow support and try to do most things with my left hand. This, together with therapy, has helped a lot. I do thank the Lord for all he enables me to do. I am grateful he is in control of my life and will give me the strength I need to serve Him each day.

We thank you for your prayers and faithful support of the ministry here in Yucatan. I am celebrating 57 years of service here and can't think of any other place I would rather be. I did not travel to the US this summer but do want you to know you are in my thoughts. Hopefully next year I will be able to visit some of you and share in person some of the things the Lord is doing here in Yucatan. May your summer be blessed and a time of spiritual refreshment.

Daniel is sending this letter out to you, so I am not able add any personal notes this time around. I so very much appreciate your prayers, letters, and support of the ministry here.

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**JULY
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From the Pastor's Desk... Behold, He is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail at His coming. So it will be. Amen. (Revelation 1.7)

I read a funny-ish book a number of years ago about a little boy in England who - during his Dreams - got sucked into a video game. Sounds like the beginning of a great 1980s movie, right? Thing was, this boy didn't have to save the world from the video game bad guys... No, he had to save the "bad guys" from all the other people like him who were playing this video game.

How'd he do that? He took them to the one place the players couldn't go - to the other side of the "GAME OVER" screen.

In the back of his Bible, my dad wrote the words "Jesus wins!" It makes sense. When everything is said & done, when history comes to an end, Jesus will have completed His divine victory over sin, death, despair, disease, disruption, disunity, destruction - and Satan, the one who first tempted our Father & Mother Adam & Eve to sin will be cast into Hell with all his demons and all unredeemed sinners forever & ever, amen, the end - or, as Johnny Maxwell might have seen it, "GAME OVER".

Now, for us Christians, this fact - and fact it is - should do a couple of things for us. First, it ought to encourage us to know that all things will end. Say what...? Look around - see this world? You think this is really the way it all ought to be? Climate change, political turmoil, disasters, wars, disunity, child sacrifice, child mutilation, gender & sexual confusion, rampant disease, hunger, thirst, pain & suffering, do you really need me to keep going on? This isn't how it ought to be - and in our souls we know it!

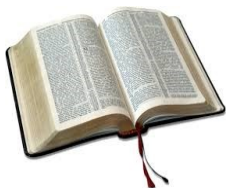
Even non-Christians know this in their souls. Want proof? Look at how we try to change the world, to improve the world, to fix things, to make things easier, more comfortable, more beautiful. Look at advances we push for in medicine, technology, communication & travel. We're doing these things, if only in part, to fix the brokenness that all started back in Genesis 3, where we sinned & were cursed with death & hardship; in Genesis 7, where we sinned & were cursed with natural disaster; in Genesis 9, where we sinned & were cursed with inequality & servitude; and in Genesis 11, where we sinned & were cursed with scattered languages & cultures - which led to war and all that follow after it.

And in the End, when the nations look up and see Jesus coming in the clouds, all those curses will be broken! Everything will be fixed, made new, made the way it ought to have been all along. Christian, that ought make us cry out, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" And yet...

So in John 4, there's this moment when Jesus was with his disciples. They stopped one afternoon in a small town in Samaria. Talk about a place hit hard by all those curses up there! Even though Samaria was just as much occupied by the Romans, Jews from Judea & Galilee turned their noses up at Samaritans - there were cultural, religious, & racial scars, hurts from wars & slavery, hurts from famines & broken families, hurts all around. And while he was there, who did Jesus run into? A woman, so relationally broken she was on her 5th marriage (or affair) and shunned by all the other women in her little village. How did Jesus treat her, then, this woman living out the curse she brought on herself?

Jesus shared the hope of the Gospel with her - with this sinful, adulterous, shameful woman, and transformed her life forever! And when the disciples looked at Jesus, he told them, "The fields are ready to be harvested, the time is right! So pray to the Lord of the Harvest, that He might send more laborers out into His fields." In other words, because we know all things End, and that the end of all things is God's harvest, we ought to pray, "Give us time & give us help to reach those we can, Lord Jesus!" We know he's coming back - we know every eye will see Him on that day. Let's pray that we can help as many as we possibly can be ready to see Jesus.

Blessings! Pastor Chris



7th:

14th:

21st:

28th:

July Sermons & Scriptures

Comfort ... What is it?

Gregg McCutchen III in pulpit

Steven Frazier in pulpit

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Revelation 1:4-11

Revelation 4:1-11

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

We are excited to announce a new Sunday school class for our young adults to begin in late August or early September.

The Holy Sacrament of baptism was administered to Reid King McCutchen on June 9, 2024. Reid is the son of Andrea & Ryan McCutchen.

Rev. Parnell will be on vacation July 3rd - 17th.

We are planning VBS July 28th - 30th.

We are pleased to announce 2 new members to our congregation:

- ♦ Marilyn Adams, was transferred from First Baptist Church, Bishopville
- ♦ Michael Blades joined by Profession of Faith

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***denotes Session devotional responsibilities**



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YTD Expenses disbursed: \$245.91

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I am convinced & convicted that the only Christian works that become - like this song - transcendent are ones which most closely mirror & echo the clear and resounding message of our God's Holy & Unfailing Word, the Bible. For the thousands of Christian songs written every year, how many linger past their "sell-by" date? How many songs persist after 3, 4 generations after they were written? How many of these songs get sung, year after year, translated from language to language to language?

Think about it this way: How many other songs from the 1200s do we sing today? 1300s? 1400s? You get the idea. It's like Christian books - there are bookstores full of them, and there have been since Christianity got started, but only those books that hold closely to Scripture, to God's universal truth will last. This is why we proclaim a nearly 2,000 year-old creed every week - and why we sing 800 year-old songs from time-to-time, but only that handful that have, like "All Creatures..." stood the test of time and mirror God's Word so clearly.

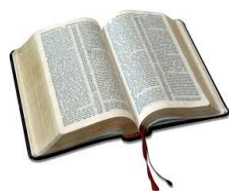
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(1) We should look for & at those things that transcend the ages. What are their qualities, what are their strengths, how do they press into, use, & even transcend the words of Scripture? What are they teaching us - and how do they connect us with Christians around the world, across cultures... and across the Millennia?

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And I suppose we could glean a 3rd lesson from "All Creatures..." durability: What am I doing today that will be like that song and last? What legacy am I leaving with my Christian walk? Will it glorify me - and fade away? Or does it bring lasting glory - hallelujah! -to my God and King?

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June Sermons & Scriptures

2nd:
9th:
16th:
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The Choice
Follow Worthy Things
What Fathers Know
Living by Faith
Called to be Free

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philippians 4:4-9
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Reid King McCutchen, son of Ryan & Andrea McCutchen will receive the Holy Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 9th. The proud grandparents are Jennifer & Perry McCutchen, great-grandparents are Beth McCutchen & the Late Dick McCutchen

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At the end of his ministry, Jesus gives his church our marching orders, orders which can be summed up in two words (one, if you speak ancient Greek): **Make Disciples**. *Love others, raise Godly families, share, worship, pray, fast, meditate, sing, baptize, train, all of these things are part & parcel of that central imperative command to make disciples. So what does it mean to make disciples? It's clearly important to know this, to get it right if Jesus said we have to do this. How do we make disciples?*

So I did some discipling just the other day. My son was going to his prom, had gotten himself a new suit, shirt, tie, & shoes, but he didn't know how to tie his tie. So, even though he was in Rock Hill and I was in Florence at Presbytery, we used our video-phones and I taught him to tie his tie... just like my dad & uncles taught me when I was his age. Tying a tie is disciple-making? No. But passing on a skill from one, more experienced person or generation to another who will then (one day) pass that knowledge on himself? That is absolutely what it means to make disciples.

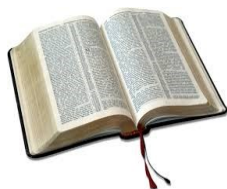
And this is the theme of Paul's letter to Titus. Paul's race is nearly run, his life is almost done, and he has spent his life passing on what he himself learned from Gamaliel, from Peter & John, from Jesus himself to the young people who would come after him... and like me, would one day pass on what they themselves learned from Paul to the generations that would come after them. Titus is getting ready to go to the island nation of Crete, to build up the church there. And Paul makes clear, from the very onset of his letter, that process is making disciples.

Look at what he wrote, just in that sampling of Titus 2:11-13: God's grace appeared, he says, and that grace ought to inspire God's people to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions. In other words, to embrace those fruits of the Holy Spirit that grow & unite churches, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control. God's grace appeared, he goes on, and that grace ought to inspire God's people to watch and wait and preach and share the hope, that most blessed hope, that we might get to see the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ when he returns.

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Maybe it starts as simply as tying a tie or changing a tie or showing a new mom a trick you've learned. Disciple-making takes all kinds of shapes, but it can always be a blessing.

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May Sermons & Scriptures

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 12th: That Special Lady (Mother's Day)
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 26th: The Lord, Mighty in Battle (Trinity)

Proverbs 31:10-31
 John 16:6-15
 Psalm 24

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

CONGRATULATIONS



Ezekiel "Zeke" Smith Gaskins

son of Bill and Meredith Gaskins will graduate from Clemson University on May 10th

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Birthdays, a Retreat, Baseball and a new Fridge

April 2024

Life seems to go by faster and faster. We blink, and wow, the calendar keeps spinning out of control. In the midst of it all, I'm reminded of what Dr. Henry Blackaby said in his incredible study, Experiencing God. He posed the question, "Do you always want to be in the center of God's will?" His answer was so simple. "Just follow Jesus one day at a time!" So that's our responsibility, just keep walking with Jesus. He will take care of the rest!



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Birthday Celebrations

Pam and I both celebrated birthdays in the past few weeks. On my birthday in March, **Michaela** and **Kathryn** were at our house as we returned home from our LifeGroup. They couldn't wait for us to sit down so they could bring out some birthday cake. In the midst of serenading me with "Happy Birthday," **Zac** appeared out of nowhere, all the way from Seattle!!! (He had been hiding in the office.) What a big surprise... it was so special!!

A few days later we had a surprise party for Pam as she celebrated a BIG one... a really BIG one. (I'm not allowed to say which big one.) Many special friends were able to come. She was so surprised and we all had a great time!



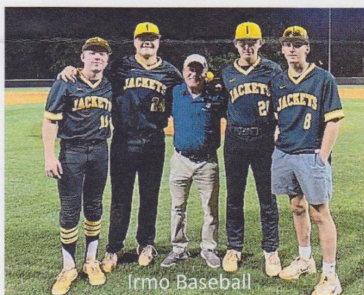
High School Retreat—Garden City Beach



Our High School Retreat is always incredible. What God does in the lives of the students in less than 48 hours, is more than just a fun weekend, but a transformational weekend. Over 100 students made faith commitments and altered their course. They will never be the same, and no one can ever take away what God did in their lives.



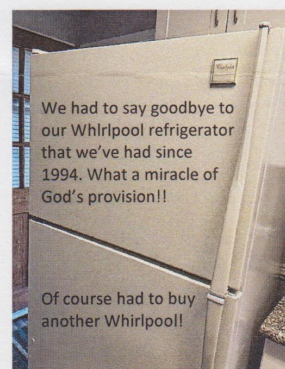
Take me out to ballgame...



I've been able to spend time with players from two schools. I'm at the **Irmo** ballfield several times each week challenging the spiritual leaders to walk with God and live for Him. Also, I meet with athletes at **Lugoff Elgin** each week, including these 3 baseball players as we cover our FCA E3 discipleship study, focusing on ENGAGE, EQUIP AND EMPOWER! We talk often about the impact they can have on their teammates!

Thank you so much for allowing us to have an impact in the lives of these athletes!!

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APRIL 22



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Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor's Desk... "Since you put away lying, Speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, and don't give the Devil an opportunity." (Ephesians 4:25-27, HCSB)

"Pastor, I feel so angry about this - am I sinning? Shouldn't I stop being angry now that I'm a Christian? After all, Jesus didn't get angry..."

Believe it or not, I've had a version of that very question asked me, not once, but several times (I never kept track of how often). I've been asked what does it mean to "not let the sun go down on your anger," I've been asked if anger is "un-Christian" or "un-Biblical", I've been asked what does it mean to "give the Devil a foothold" by being mad at your friend. People wonder about it.

To be honest, we wonder & worry about the question of anger not because of what the Bible actually says, but because of this stereotype of what a Christian should be - sweet, meek, mild, angerless, inoffensive... you know, like Jesus.

Yeah... Well, if you really & truly believe that, then you've got to wrestle with Mark 3:4-5: "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do what is good or to do what is evil, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. After looking around at them with anger and sorrow at the hardness of their hearts, [Jesus] told the man, "Stretch out your hand."

Okay, but that's just once, right? Well... there's Mark 10:14 when he gets angry at the disciples trying to stop the children from coming to him, there's John 2, Matthew 21, Mark 11, & Luke 19 where Jesus wraps up some belts and beats people out of God's temple, dumping their tables in a divine fit of rage, there's John 11:33 where Jesus gets angry at Lazarus' tomb - anger at sin, anger at death, anger at people being helpless about death. And let's not think this still doesn't happen today - in Revelation 2:6 & 15, Jesus lays out his Godly anger at the false-teachers called the Nicolaitans who are leading his churches astray.

Jesus has anger. Jesus expresses anger. Jesus gets ANGRY - but he never, never, never sins in this divine, Godly anger. So how do I follow the example of my Savior, God, & King and not sin in my anger? How can I be angry... but not sin in my anger and so give the Devil a foothold in my life?

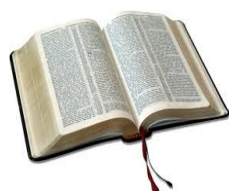
So I had a dear friend & teacher at Erskine Seminary who taught about this very concept on more than one occasion - so, credit where it's due, here's how Dr. Doug White taught me to think about Christian anger:

God feels. God emotes - this is shown to us throughout the Bible. Read just about anywhere in the Bible, Old or New Testament, and you'll see God's emotions. He's proud of his Son Jesus. He's grieved (saddened) by Israel's stubbornness. He feels jealous about his glory & his people - he doesn't feel like sharing them with anybody! He feels joy like a father seeing his long-lost son coming home. **God feels - and one of the ways in which God lets us "bear his image" is by letting us feel, too.**

So how does that connect to our anger? When we get angry, we need to realize that anger is coming from something. Something has provoked this emotional response within us. So we need to ask 2 questions: (1) What's happened that makes me feel angry? And (2) What do I need to do about it? In other words, I feel anger - but I connect that anger to the thing, the person, the event that made me feel that way, but not at the people around me that didn't provoke the anger - and I DO something about it. Maybe I need to address the situation. Maybe I need to let it go. Maybe, just maybe, this is something that needs me to step up & stand up. Maybe, just maybe, this is something out of my hands - and I need to pray. Maybe I'm mad at the wrong person. Or maybe, I'm really mad at myself.

We feel that anger, yes. It's a God-given emotion. But we don't let it sit idle - we don't just "be mad" like kids can be. We examine it. We do something about it - even if all we do is shake our heads, shake out our clothes, brush the dust off our feet and move on. But we don't cling to the anger. As Dr. White would say, **It's a warning light - not a flashlight.**

Jesus feels it. And he does something about it. God our Father feels it. And again he does something about it. And sometimes, just sometimes, what he does is forgive. I hope this helps! --Pastor Chris



April Sermon Series: Christian Spiritual Disciplines

7th:	True Worship
14th:	Powerful Prayer
21st:	Right Sacrifice
28th:	Be Still and Know God

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met March 10th @ 8:30 am.

Elder, Ryan McCutchen gave our opening prayer & devotional.

Can you believe that Easter has come & gone! We really had a busy March - MOC supper; B.A.R.K. fundraiser; Maundy Communion, Easter Sunrise service, Living Cross & breakfast ...

Our parking lot pavement should begin soon. We have begun work on the cemetery ditch & fence line and stones are being cleaned in the cemetery. If anyone would be able to help with the cemetery stones, or need a head or foot stone cleaned, please contact the Church office

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

Love in Christ, Gregg McCutchen III,
Clerk of Session

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APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL

*Gregg McCutchen & Reese Atkinson

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

PARKING Donations

We're accepting donations to have our parking lots paved. Please note "parking lot" on all gifts. Thanks in advance for your support!

March 2024 Statistics (1st Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 66 Sunday School: 27

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$15,862.10

YTD Income received: \$41,842.70

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$51,339.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$25,382.16

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$52,696.25

Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$46,797.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Parking Lot Funds)

MTD Income received: \$400.00

YTD Income received: \$3,050.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$25.32

PW Circle: Monday, April 15th @ 7 pm

Host: Kathryn Welch

Men of Church: Wed., Apr. 17th @ 7 pm

Host: Billy Clyburn

Bible Study

Sunday's @ 4:30 p.m. in Session Room

All are invited to attend

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7th: Carol Latimer Finethy

14th: OPEN

21st: Renee & Crues Bell

28th: Family of Sarah McCutchen

MAY 2024

5th: Kathryn Welch

12th: Lila Mae Welsh Family

19th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

26th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

JUNE 2024

2nd: William Welsh Family

9th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family

16th: Crues & Renee Bell

23rd: Gregg McCutchen III

**JULY 2024**

7th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock

14th: Henry & Harriett Watson Family

21st: William & Pat Monroe Fields

28th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

AUGUST 2024

4th: Bert Cousar

11th: Debbie & Bill Tindal

18th: Bill Welsh Family

25th: OPEN

SEPTEMBER 2024

1st: John & Kay Gentry

8th: Ryan & Andrea McCutchen

15th: Crues & Renee Bell

22nd: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen

29th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

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

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Monday - Wednesday

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Unless otherwise noted

2024 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

May 14th - 21st & May 27th

July 3rd

August 27th - September 2nd

October 8th - 14th

November 26th & 27th

December 24th, 25th & 31st - January 1st

Please contact office to update records (via email)
or to be added or removed from any calendars



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 invited to join our fellowship time



We have a group cleaning stones
in our cemetery. Anyone with any
objections or interest, please con-
tact the Church office via email or
Wendy Welch

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



“Blessing Box” Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Quarterly Daily Breads, and Bibles. They are 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

Happy Birthday

April May

Cyndi Eckley	1	Madison Bramlett	7
Gwen Steinmeyer	2	Zeke Gaskins	7
Melinda Atkinson	3	Jimmy McCutchen	3
Kerry W. Frazier	3	Terri Ann T. Belk	13
Kathryn Welch	4	Beth McCutchen	17
Reneé Bell	13	Ricky McCutchen	23
Doris Bell	14	Virginia Kerr Beard	28
Kathryn Hart	19	Debbie Tindal	28
Tyner B. Logan	20	Tim Kirven	31
Caroline McCutchen	20		
Devin Atkinson	22		
Susan Hilditch	23		
Ryan McCutchen	25		
Gregg McCutchen III	27		

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Thank You



Thank you to everyone that helped make our annual Easter Sunrise service & our gorgeous Living Cross such a big success! We also thank the Worship Committee for providing our breakfast. We pray that everyone had a very good Easter.

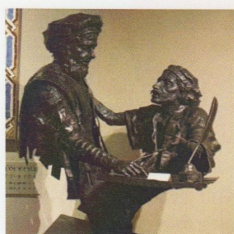
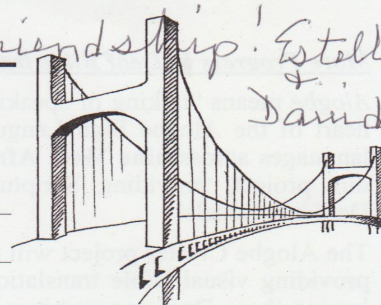
All 5th Sunday loose offerings are placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund. Please note “Kids4Christ” on gifts outside this timeframe. Make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence. **2024 collection dates: June 30, September 29, December 29**

Bishopville Pres. family -
Thank you for your support and friendship! Estelle
& David

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

March 2024



Bronze bust of Mesrop Mashtots (on the right) with his bishop, in the Museum of the Alphabet at JAARS

Bible translation shapes history

Bible translation has continued on a steady pace throughout the last eighteen centuries. Some of the earliest translations of the Bible were done in various dialects of **Coptic** in Egypt in the **third century**. Many other translations for other languages followed.

Ulfilas translated the Bible for **Goths** in the **fourth century**. He created a Gothic alphabet derived mostly from Latin and Greek. **Jerome** and his colleagues translated the Bible into **Latin** between AD **383 and 404**.

Mesrop Mashtots was the secretary of the king of Armenia, writing decrees in Persian and Greek for the king. He created an alphabet and did the first Scripture translation for the **Armenian** language in AD **434**. Later **that same century** **Frumentius** developed a writing system for the **Ge'ez** language of **Ethiopia** and translated the New Testament into Ge'ez.

In the **9th century** brothers **Cyril** and **Methodius** created a **Slavic** alphabet for translating the Bible and liturgical literature. (The Russian Cyrillic alphabet was derived from that alphabet by their disciples.)

Although there had been many translations of portions of the Bible into English over the centuries, theologian **John Wycliffe**, working from Latin, was the first to translate the entire Bible into **English**. This was done in the **14th** century. As with various other translation projects before Wycliffe, this one was also a team effort.

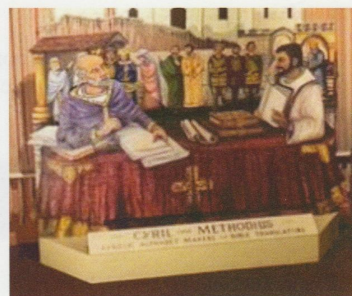
In the **16th century** **Martin Luther** translated the New Testament into **German**. This translation work was also a team effort. Luther traveled around to neighboring towns, listening to people speaking German in the market places so that he could be sure to use words that they were familiar with. This German translation caused literacy to spread in Germany, helping to make German a literary language and contributing to the formation of High German spoken today.

Also in the **16th century** **William Tyndale** did his **English** translation from the Greek and Hebrew texts. Shortly after that **Miles Coverdale** did the first complete English translation, drawing on the work of Tyndale before him. The Coverdale Bible was a basis for several subsequent translations, one of which was the King James Version.

Bible translation exploded in the **20th century**, due in large part to the work of **Cameron Townsend**, founder of Wycliffe Bible Translators, Summer Institute of Linguistics (now SIL), and JAARS. Members of the Wycliffe US division are now working in 1,633 languages, but many others are also at work. We are engaged with over 1,200 partners around the world – mission organizations, churches, and various others, because there are still about 1,336 languages that need a Bible translation.

In the first 18 centuries of the church it was scholars and missionaries who translated the Bible. But in the 20th century mother-tongue speakers began to be involved more and more in the translation programs, such that now virtually all Bible translation projects are primarily carried out by them, with help from expatriate linguistic and translation consultants.

Most of these mother-tongue translators will remain unknown to people outside their own ethnic group. But they are changing their world, just as Bible translators have done throughout history.



Cyril and Methodius exhibit at JAARS' Museum of the Alphabet.

More Progress in Deaf Bible translation—African Cluster Projects

Alogbe means “talking or speaking with hands,” which conveys the heart of the Alogbe Sign Language Cluster project. Fourteen sign languages across **nine West African** countries will be impacted by this project, providing Scripture access to more than 460,000 Deaf individuals!

The Alogbe Cluster project will accelerate Deaf Bible translation by providing visual Bible translation training to Deaf participants, allowing these Deaf communities to see the love of Jesus on display for them in a way that captures their hearts.

Recently some Bible translation partners held a training workshop that launched the **Liberian** Sign Language Bible translation projects. This workshop came together after months of prayer and work on behalf of Deaf church leaders and community leaders, and God answered their prayers — 100 Liberian Deaf people gathered to be trained to translate the Bible into their sign language! These individuals had been recruited by their churches and committed to serve as volunteer Bible translators. As far as we know, never before in the history of Bible translation have 100 people committed to work as translators in one language!

The **Tanzanian** Sign Language Cluster project is a collaborative three-year project involving 13 organizations. It aims to translate Scripture into sign language for approximately 290,000 people in Tanzania's Deaf community.

These cluster projects represent more than a quarter of a million Deaf people who have not had the opportunity to see the Word of God come alive in their own signed languages.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For the many faithful partners who have supported us financially and through prayer for 37 years
- For the progress that is happening in Bible translation for the Deaf, especially in Africa
- For relief from the headaches that had bothered me for much of last year

Please pray...

- For health and strength for Estelle, who has also been having headaches
- For God's provision. Our supporters have been generous, but our cars seem to stay hungry for more and more repairs
- For more members for our research team doing Exegetical Summaries for Old Testament passages, which can be quite challenging

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From the Pastor's Desk... What is your favorite DAY of the year? Is it your birthday? Your kid's birthday? Is it Christmas? Is it - perhaps - Flag Day (my own favorite federal holiday)? Is it June 31st?

Yes, I know, no such date as June 31 exists. But none of these, not even Flag Day, are my favorite day every year, for every year, even though it lands on different dates, my favorite day is always a Sunday, and it is that very special Sunday we call Easter.

John Mark, whose mother was Salome, wrote this:

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so they could go and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?" Looking up, they observed that the stone - which was very large - had been rolled away. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; they were amazed and alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he told them. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been resurrected! **He is not here! See the place where they put Him.**"

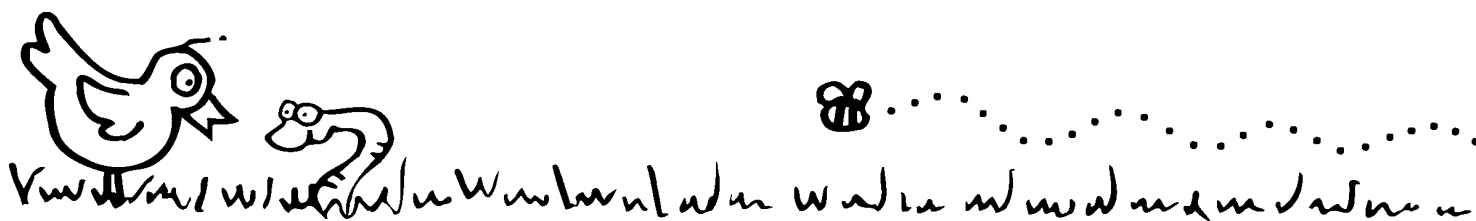
I get a chill, a thrill, a smile on my face and a glad tear in my eye every time I read those words, hear those words again: He is not here! See the place, and I'm sure the angel grins when he points, because it's empty!

Christianity is defined by Easter - that means we are an Easter people. Because of that empty place in the tomb, because Jesus is not there, that means Jesus is here, with us, alive & well, guiding, protecting, cleansing and leading us, His Church. Because that grave is empty, we have been given God the Holy Spirit by the risen Lord Jesus. We have gifts, spiritual fruit, love and connection, hope and peace, restoration with God and healing, all because of Easter. Without Easter, there is no Pentecost, no Nicaea, no Reformation, no Bishopville PC! Without Easter, as Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 15, we are the most miserable people on this planet! Without Easter, there is NO forgiveness of sins.

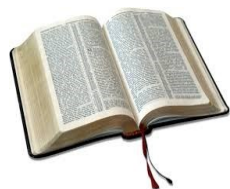
How can I say that? Because if Christ Jesus did not raise, if His place in the tomb was still occupied, if He was still there & then instead of here & now... then He failed. His mission would have died with Him, and been lost forever. If He died and stayed dead, then our sins would still be alive, for how could He pay for my sin, for your sin if He failed?

But Christ Jesus did not fail, and so our sins were nailed to His Cross. Christ Jesus did not fail, and so our death is just a stepping stone - from one phase of our walk with Him into another. Christ Jesus did not fail, and so He lives, and because of Him, we will live and live forever with Him and our friends, the saints in glory. We are an Easter people, hallelujah!

So maybe, just maybe, Easter ought to be all our favorite day. After all, it's the day our Savior won, and because of that, we, too, as the old, old song sings, have "Victory in Jesus!" Blessings!
Pastor Chris



March Sunday Sermons



3rd:	Betraying Jesus	Mark 14:1-11
10th:	Jesus Prays	Mark 14:32-44
17th:	Testify!	Mark 14:53-64
24th:	Bullseye!	Mark 11:1-11
28th:	At the Cross (Maundy Thursday)	Mark 15
31st:	Jesus Lives (Easter)	Mark 16:1-9

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met Feb. 11th @ 8:30 am.

Elder, Renee Bell gave our opening prayer & devotional.

We welcomed into Church membership, by letter of transfer, Lt. Col Timothy & Annie McIlhenry, from Westminster PC, Fort Walton, FL.

The Session approved a resolution for Elder, Dick McCutchen, which was signed by all Session members and will be placed in our minute book.

The Session thanks the Christian Ed committee & the Kids for Christ for the luncheon on February 11th.

Can you believe it is already Lenten season, which means that Easter is coming fast.

We are pleased to announce that new locks have been placed on the courthouse side of the education building.

If the Session or I 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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MTD Expenses disbursed: \$13,790.35

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$27,314.09

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$28,046.00

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(Cemetery, Building, Parking Lot Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,105.00

YTD Income received: \$2,650.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$61.16

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$73.82

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17th: Louise McCutchen

24th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

31st: Lian Latimer

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MAY 2024

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Thank You

The family of **Nathan Joshua Thomas** thanks everyone for all your thoughts, messages, and most of all your prayers, during this difficult time in their lives. Please continue to keep his parents, Darasa & Bobby Thomas, and Nathan's children, Lollah, James, & Carson in your prayers, as well

Dear Women of the Church, Thank you so much for the exam Care package. I thoroughly enjoyed everything inside especially during the very long study hours prepping for my exams. I am so thankful to have grown up surrounded by such strong and faithful women role models like yourselves. I would not be where I am today without all of you. I am so grateful for all the big and small things you all do for me. Thank you so much for the care package and for being such amazing role models, Sincerely, Brooke Welch

Happy Birthday

March April

Bo Simon	2	Cyndi Eckley	1
Louise McCutchen	3	Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Carol Latimer Finethy	4	Melinda Atkinson	3
Emmett Kerr	5	Kerry W. Frazier	3
Katie Ellen	7	Kathryn Welch	4
Bill Gaskins	8	Reneé Bell	13
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Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10	Kathryn Hart	19
Lena McCutchen	10	Tyner B. Logan	20
Meredith Gaskins	12	Caroline McCutchen	20
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Stella Lynch	27		
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**Community Maundy Thursday**

Communion Service

Thursday, March 28th

6:00 pm @ BPC

Communion Elders: Jimmy McCutchen & Cindy Welsh

Please join us as we host the last Lenten

Lunch on March 20th @ 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by the BPC Women

Everyone is invited to attend



Sunrise Services

Community Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31st

7:00 am

Breakfast & Living Cross

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With Spring approaching, we will have a group cleaning selected stones in our cemetery.
Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or by phone



We have Coffee Time on Sunday's in-between Sunday School & Church @ 10:30 am
Anyone who wishes to host, please sign up on the calendar (s) in the kitchen. Everyone is invited to join our fellowship time

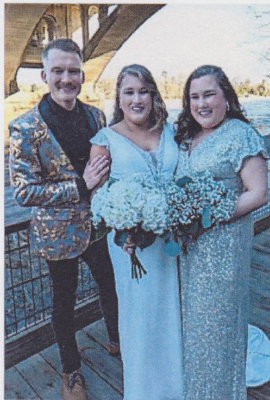
When your little girl gets married!

February 2024

What a way to end a year... Yes, our **Kathryn** got married! We started the final weekend with the rehearsal dinner, then the wedding on New Years Eve. Most of the wedding party stayed up late to shoot some fireworks and watch the ball drop! **Kathryn** was so beautiful! She is now **Mrs. Calvin Bryan Vacchio Jr.**

The 27 years for **Kathryn** and **Michaela** have flown by. How can it be? I guess that means that Pam and I are officially old!! (Anybody else feel that way?)

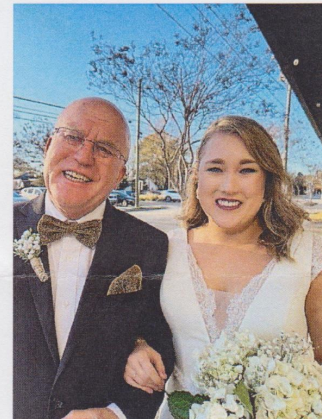
Bryan works with **Zero Gravity**, a local production company. He shoots and edits videos. He'll even be doing a local commercial that will air during the Super Bowl. Later this month, Kathryn will be taking a new job as the employee health nurse with the **Department of Mental Health**.



Zac, Kathryn and Michaela



The Bakers and Vacchios



Final moments with
Miss Kathryn Baker



<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>

Welcoming 2024 with Prayer

We have hit the ground running in 2024. Thanks for praying for us!!

First of all, I will be meeting with spiritual team leaders at **Lugoff Elgin** for the next few months covering our E-3 Discipleship Bible Study. The main emphasis is to Engage/Equip/ and Empower students and coaches. As I cover the material, I will be encouraging them to begin to consider who God might have them begin to pray for and meet with to share the gospel and eventually disciple.

Secondly, I will be meeting often with the **Irmo Baseball** team this year. I will begin by asking the players to fill out a survey where they will be able to share their interest in spiritual things. This will be a great place to start. Pray that I will be diligent to contact those who are interested, and for them to be open to the gospel. I am also trusting that many of these players will be able to attend our High School retreat March 22-24.

Finally, pray for Pam as she is still recovering from Mohs surgery to remove a small cancerous spot on the bridge of her nose. After it was removed and repaired in November, it has been a little slow to heal. Pray for good and quick healing.

Much thanks to our Home Team partners who gave extra as we closed out 2023. We have the greatest team! Your faithful and prayerful support is such an encouragement to us!



Carroll + Pam

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From the Pastor's Desk... "What does it mean that God is sovereign?"

There I am, just the other Friday evening, and my phone buzzes. It's a text from my middle daughter, off at college, asking me that very question - not just as her dad, but also as her pastor. So how did I respond?

It's really interesting to me, the word the New Testament translates into either the noun or adjective "sovereign". Just look at Acts 4:24, where the persecuted church prays to "the Sovereign Lord, maker of heaven and earth", and 1 Timothy 6:15, where the persecuted Apostle blesses his successor according to the "blessed and only Sovereign, King of kings, Lord of lords", or finally at Revelation 6:10, where the persecuted saints in heaven cry out, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long, how long...?"

See a pattern? Persecuted people lean into the idea that God is sovereign. But what is this word that can be translated as a noun or adjective as "sovereign"? Where does it come from, what does it mean, and what version of this word has been "shoved into" English, like so many deep & nearly incomprehensible Greek words or ideas in the New Testament have been (like prophet or baptize or martyr)?

That last one is the easiest to answer - because the root word Luke records in Acts, Paul writes in 1 Timothy, and John hears in heaven is the word that gets pushed into English as "dynasty." (If you're curious, the Greek word looks like this: *dunasthV*). It comes from the root word from which we get the English words "dynamic" and "dynamite" or "dynamo". It literally means active or applied power. Okay... So now think about this: What does it mean that God is dynamic?

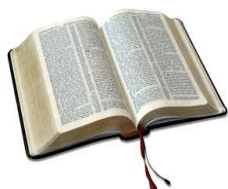
What does it mean that God is the One who has active, applied power - especially to the persecuted Church? It all boils down to this: God's sovereignty means that God is the One who makes things happen. That's why I told my daughter that one of the best ways to understand God's sovereignty was to read through the book of Romans, especially chapters 7 & 8. While Paul doesn't use the word "sovereign," just listen to what he says:

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do, by sending his own Son. (Romans 7:21-8:3a, ESV)

In other words, God is the One who makes things happen - and specifically, for Paul, for you for me, God is the One who makes us saved from sin, saved from condemnation, saved from our own inability to keep ourselves saved, saved from our own shame and doubt, thanks be to God! God is the One who makes things happen, no matter what, and so Jesus can declare his Church is built on a foundation that even every power in Hell or on Earth can shake. Why not? Because God is Sovereign - God is the One who makes things happen.

It's for this reason the persecuted saints of old and the persecuted saints today all look to that aspect of God's nature, his sovereignty. They can't fix their situation, they can't avenge their own deaths or right their own failures; but God can. That's what it means that God is sovereign - and that's why I love that fact about him.

For my daughter, I hope this has been helpful; for the rest of you, I pray that it helps you, too. God bless you! Pastor Chris



February Sunday Sermons

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18th:	Signs of the Times (part 1)	Mark 13:3-13
25th:	Signs of the Times (part 2)	Mark 13:14-29

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met Jan. 14th @ 8:30 am.

Keith Hyman joined our meeting. He affirmed his belief in God and was received into Church membership by Re-Affirmation of Faith.

Elder, Eddie Boykin gave our opening prayer & devotional.

Elders, Cindy Welsh & Wendy Welsh said we would have a Valentine Luncheon after Church on February 11th, hosted by our Kids for Christ.

Bethlehem UMC invites all to their Ash service & Lent lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 14th @ 12 pm

We had our annual Congregational meeting on January 28th and the 2023 Statistical reports were received, as info, and we approved the 2024 Pastor's Term's of Call & the 2024 Budget.

We are planning on the parking lot project to begin in late March.

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(Cemetery, Building, Parking Lot Funds)

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Bethlehem United Methodist Church, hosting

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~ In Memoriam ~

Richard Perry "Dick" McCutchen
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From the Pastor's Desk... For Christmas this year, my daughter gave me the coolest poster - an 80's music "ABC" poster, starting with "A for A-Ha" all the way down to "Z for ZZ Top". Awesome! I thought about doing an "ABC" for Bishopville in 2023 - I even started the year on January 1 with "A Hammer" (based on Romans 5)... but I got jammed up at "B", believe it or not. I guess I could have said, "Believing in the Gideons" on January 22. So instead, I thought I would hit a quick recap instead of our current series on Mark's Gospel.

It all started with an arrow - a metaphor for Jesus through the book of Mark, flying on the sure & straight flight to the bullseye of the cross. We looked at the Gospel, this particular arrowhead - that new teaching with God's power that not only lifts people up, but forgives their sin and gives them life anew with God. We looked at the Old Testament, that Law, those prophets as the body or shaft of the arrow. We saw the fletching (feathers) of God's covenant, and we grasped the bow from which God "fired" the arrow of Christ - the nation/church we called Israel.

From Mark 1, where Jesus arrived, healing & preaching, through Mark 10, where we left off understanding Christ Jesus is our King - and not the other way around (like James & John wanted). He has authority, but leads by serving, and expects us to do the say, by healing, helping, & preaching that same good news he started out preaching: Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and that hand is Jesus', reaching out to pull you home.

So that was 2023. Tools, Galatians, Habakkuk & Zephaniah, and Mark's Gospel. What a year! So where are we going in 2024?

Well, we're picking back up with our Sunday afternoon Bible study (4:30-5:30), talking through the Last Days. Our Ladies' Circle & Men's Fellowship are kicking off again. And we're starting a new Discipleship program that Laura will be leading an intense study of all 66 books of the Bible. And, just as we left off just before Advent, we're starting off again with Mark - and will follow the story of Jesus through Mark's gospel all the way up to Easter Sunday.

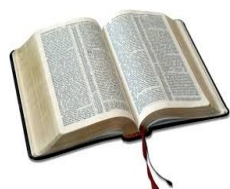
So I challenge you that, if you haven't yet, read Mark's Gospel. If you left off in Mark 10, pick up at 11. There's a lot of meat in there! So ask questions, pray, and study the Gospel story. It's a life-changer - just like learning our "ABC"s were when we were kids.

God bless you & Happy New Year!

Pastor Chris



January Sunday Sermons



7th:	Seeing Jesus	Mark 10:46-52
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NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met Dec. 10th @ 8:30 am.

Reese Atkinson, Renee Bell and Jimmy McCutchen were examined by the Session and installed during the morning worship service. Reese was ordained, during worship.

The new officers for 2024 are:

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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 mail sent to street address

**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

2024 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

January 1st & 15th
March 27th
May 14th - 21st & May 27th
July 3rd
August 27th - September 2nd
October 8th - 14th
November 26th & 27th
December 24th, 25th & 31st

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

Happy Birthday

January February

Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Ann West	2	Hampton Gaskins	15
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3	Martha Kay Hunt	15
Chip Smith	3	Benny Welch III	15
Bill Tindal	3	Patrick Finethy	17
Kody Mills McCutchen	4	Laura Parnell	19
Lila Dow Frazier	9	Bubba Muldrow	20
Will McElveen	9	Myers Varn Floyd	21
Keith Hyman	11	Shirley Wallace	28
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		



1st Quarter Communion, will be celebrated January 7th, during worship.

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Worship services.

Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services.



January Communion Elders: Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen

Thank You

*Thank you to everyone for remembering me this past Christmas.
I pray that everyone has a Very Good 2024! Gwen Steinmeyer*



**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!!!

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 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



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. **2024 collection dates: March 31st, June 30th, September 29th, December 29th**

Mayesville Presbyterian Church invites everyone to their upcoming piano recital by Anna Bogolubova on Sunday, February 4th @ 4:00 p.m. The concert is part of the Church’s Rejoicings Series. Anna is one of Ukraine’s leading concert pianists. She has won 1st prize in multiple international piano competitions and has performed solo concerts worldwide. Mayesville PC is located at 109 W. Sumter Street in Mayesville, SC