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January At A Glance

1st: Happy New Year / Church office closed

6th: Communion / Cents-Ability offering/food collection

Covered-dish Luncheon & Town Hall meeting

13th: Stated Session / PWCT / Congregational meeting

14th: Night Circle

15th: Morning & Afternoon Circles

16th: Men of Church

21st: Church office closed for holiday



Happy New Year!



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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EOC: *Cindy Welsh & Matt Bramlett

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 1st: Church office closed for New Years holiday

Epiphany of the Lord / LCCM food collection Communion & Cents-Ability offering Sunday, 6th:

No Coffee hour

Flowers: Janice Reynolds

12:00 p.m. covered dish lunch & info meeting

Sunday, 13th: **Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Stated Session 9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting Coffee: Beth & Dick McCutchen

Flowers: Carole Scott

Monday, 14th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Betsy Bramlett)

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle Tuesday, 15th:

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle

7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Billy Clyburn & William McElveen) Wednesday, 16th:

Sunday, 20th:

2nd Sunday after Epiphany Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt

Flowers: Carol Finethy

Monday, 21st: Church office closed for holiday

Sunday, 27th: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Coffee: Ann & Nick West Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm Unless otherwise noted

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LCCM January Collection ~ Grits ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, January 6th for our monthly Altar collection





More than a year of study, research, prayer, and discussion reaches its culmination with a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2013. Every active member needs to be present and cast their vote on the Session's recommendation to seek dismissal from New Harmony Presbytery and the PC(USA)

to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The procedure will be to sign in beginning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall during the Fellowship Time. Each active member will be given an envelope with their name on it and with the official ballot sealed inside. At 11:00 we will move to the sanctuary for the congregational meeting and worship service. Representatives from the New Harmony Presbytery Response Team will be present to observe the process and to answer any questions the congregation may have. The plan is to have the congregational meeting and vote first, we can then proceed through the worship service and report the outcome of the vote by the end of the service. If you know that you cannot be present on Sunday January 13, please call the church office and let us know. The more members present and the larger the percentage of the vote in support of the Session's recommendation, the better. My two final requests are that you make every effort to be present on the 13th and that you pray fervently for the Lord's blessing on this whole process. "If the Lord be for us, who can be against us.".

Love in Christ, Ken

January Sermons

Big Decisions in the New Year Colos. 3:17 6th John 1:1 13th What Do We Believe? John 3:16-17 20th First Miracle John 2:1-11 Do You Believe It? Luke 4:14-21 27th



Communion January 6th

Communion is gladly served in OMMUNION the homes of those who cannot attend.

Cents-Ability offering & food donations will also be collected

to help fund the LCCM. We will have a **Town Hall information session**, regarding the dismissal process, and a covered dish lunch following worship, that day. If you have questions that you want addressed, please let Ken or one of the elders know.

2013 Offering Envelopes

11 2013 Offering envelopes are in the South Tower room (Hardee's side). If you wish to receive or discontinue using envelopes, please contact the Church office

Happy Birthday

Robert McCutchen III **Ann West Rhetta Simon Cloyd** 3 Chip Smith Bill Tindal **Kody Mills McCutchen Joseph Hamilton Hicks** 6 John Bell, Jr Will McElveen Kean Scott III Marvis Baker 11 John Crues Bell IV 12 **Bill Conway** 13 Steven Welsh 13 **Ken Cutler** 14 T-Bo Ellen 16 Carole Scott 18 25 Aidan Hilditch <u>26</u> Jean Woodmansee <u>-</u>3 Gavle Kerr **30 Brooke Harrington 30** Amber Harrington

Kayla McCutchen Laura Latimer Harry Woodmansee **Tina Hicks** Lee Hunt **Hampton Gaskins** 15 Martha Kay Hunt 15 15 **Benny Welch III** 17 **Patrick Finethy Bubba Muldrow** 20 Rev. Ewell Black 21 Naomi McCutchen 21 21 **Myers Varn Shirley Wallace** 28



January

6th Ralph DesChamps 13th **OPEN** 20th 27th **Gardner Family**

Josh Kirven

John Latimer

Greeter's OPEN Welcome! 17th

Gaskins Family 10th **Betty Heriot** Dr. Leon Hunt 24th **Kirven Family**

February

Helping Hands January

6th **Brooke Welch** 13th Kayla & Caroline 20th **Devin Atkinson** 27th **Anna Grace &** Sara Abbett



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Brooke Welch Caroline Welch Devin Atkinson Anna Grace &

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February Missy Kirven 6th Cindy Welsh 3rd **Judith Watkins** 13th Meredith Gaskins 10th 20th Wendy Welch 17th **Cindy Welsh** Jill McElveen **Meredith Gaskins** 11th **24th**

News from the Session...

As we begin a new year, I first of all would like to thank the Session for the privilege & confidence that they had in me to serve as Clerk. Many issues of great concern faced the Session in 2012. In the life of our Church, we are in the process of facing one of the greatest decisions in our history. The Session has spent countless hours in meetings and prayers seeking God's guidance and direction in discerning His will. I strongly encourage all our active members to be at our information meeting on January 6th @ 12:00 to voice your concerns and especially to be at the worship service on January 13th to cast your vote. Since this will be my last newsletter, as Clerk, I wish to thank Tyson Eckley, BJ Kerr, Judith Watkins and Nick West for their time & service. They were valuable members to our Session. I look forward to the opportunity of serving with these newly elected elders; Tricia Latimer, Matt Bramlett, Ray Drayton and Jimmy McCutchen. Finally, I would like to thank Gwen Steinmeyer for the outstanding job she does in the day to day operation of our Church.

Yours In Christ, Dick McCutchen - Clerk of the Session, 2012

Next Stated Session Meeting: January 13th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JANUARY

*Cindy Welsh & Matt Bramlett

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics

Month of December, 2012 As of December 30th

Average Attendance: SS - 43, Worship - 88

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$26,062.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$16,780.44 YTD Income received: \$141,746.47 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$163,978.23 **Budgeted YTD Income:** \$149.836.00 \$149,837.00 **Budgeted YTD Expenses:**

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$545.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00 \$14,900.00 YTD Income received: YTD Expenses disbursed: \$20.079.12

Circle Hostesses for January

Betsy Bramlett Night (14th) **Morning (15th)** Diane McElveen Afternoon (15th) **Marilyn Adams**



Men of the Church January 16th 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: William McElveen & Billy Clyburn

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 13th for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of Session to seek gracious dismissal from the Presbytery of New Harmony and the PC(USA) to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It is vitally important for every **active** member to be present to cast your vote. Representatives from our Presbytery Response Team will be present to observe the process and to answer questions you have. If Calendar you or a family member needs transportation to the meeting, please contact the church office at 484-5441 or by email at bylpcusa@ftc-i.net

Congratulations !!!



Sara Myers Varn & **Matthew James Floyd** United in Holy Matrimony December 29, 2012

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Daughter of Edie & Jeff Varn

The Art's Council will honor **Christine Shirley** by displaying her artwork for the entire month of January. You are invited to a reception, in her honor, on January 6th from 4:00 - 5:30 at the Opera House

Dear friends at Bishopville, We want you to know how much we appreciate your faithful support & prayers for the ministry here, in Mexico, during 2012. You are a small congregation and yet you give heartily to the work of the Lord. We could not minister, as we do, without your help. Although we are unable to visit frequently, we picture you in your worship services and classes. We are praying for you as you consider to what denominational group you will belong. Blessings in 2013 – Jean & Dave Legters

I want to thank everyone for the loving support you gave me, Julie and the family during Chip's illness and death. We were touched and comforted by all the thoughtful things you did for us over many months' time. And, most of all, we felt the love of Jesus that was in your hearts. That love and God's faithfulness sustained us. – Dot Cothran

Thank you to all who have showered me with gifts during this Christmas season! I am so grateful to each and every one of you! Love, Gwen

I would like to thank the Session for remembering me this Christmas and for their loyalty to the church. I would like to thank the choir for the beautiful poinsettia and for their undying faithfulness and support. Our music would not happen if it were not for them. This year has not been easy for me, and once again I would like to thank all who stepped up to help our family during Billy's illness and death. I am so grateful for our family and friends. Love you all, Louise McCutchen

Thanks to the Congregation and Session for your many gifts and expressions of love and support. This past year has been eventful and the coming year will prove to be the same. I look forward to discovering together with you the blessings that the Lord has in store for us. Love in Christ, Ken

Thank you to the Session, the choir and everyone else for all the gifts and support during this Christmas season! Love, Bo

Thank you to everyone for all the gifts and support during this Christmas season! Love, Elouise

Our Homebound/Retirement Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home
 Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
 Naomi McCutchen, at her home

- Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville
 Bruce Rogers, at his home
 Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
 George Swearingen, CottonWood Villa
 Lila Mae Welsh, at her home
- Dot Wilson, National Health Care, Columbia

The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Frank Cline Salley Josey Charles William Farmer Claranne "Tinky" McCutchen Bush Gladys Griffin Pridgen Mary Ann Hicks Holden Michelle Watts Ludy

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)





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February At A Glance

3rd: Souperbowl Sunday, Offering & food collection for LCCM

5th: Adult Fellowship "Soup" luncheon

10th: Children's Spaghetti Supper

17th: Stated PWCT

18th: Presidents Day: Church Office closed

19th: Morning & Afternoon Circles

20th: Men of Church

24th: Family Night Supper

25th: Night Circle

EPC Training Wednesday's @ 6:00 p.m.



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Calendar of Events

Saturday, 2nd: **Groundhog Day**

4th Sunday after Epiphany / LCCM food collection Sunday, 3rd:

"Souperbowl" Sunday
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen

Flowers: Iris Thomas

Tuesday, 5th: 12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship "Soup" luncheon

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, 10th:

Coffee: Liz & Billy Simon

Flowers: Dawn & Craig Nesbit

6:00 p.m. Children's "Spaghetti" Supper

Sunday, 17th: 1st Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT

Coffee: Iris Thomas & Jackie Drayton Flowers: Kathryn & Hank Welch

Monday, 18th: Church office closed

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (BJ Kerr) Tuesday, 19th:

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle

Wednesday, 20th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Dick & Perry McCutchen)

Sunday, 24th: 2nd Sunday in Lent

Coffee: Renee & Crues Bell

Flowers: Wendy & Benny Welch 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Witness Committee)

Monday, 25th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)

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LCCM February Collection ~ Canned Soups ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, February 3rd for our monthly Altar collection





What is love? How do you define it? The Bible tells us that God is love. It is an essential element in the nature of God. The Father and the Son are one in love. We are one with Christ in love.

Husbands and wives are one in love. The Church, the Body of Christ, all believers

are one in love. This love is not a soft, sentimental kind of love; rather, it is Agape love. Unconditional love. A love that continues in good times and in bad. This kind of love forgives the wrong and celebrates the right. It "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." There was a chorus from years ago that said, "They will know that we are Christians by our love." May the love of the Lord flow throughout our church family.

The children and youth of our church are planning a Valentine's dinner. It is their gift to the adults of our congregation. Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and love!

Love in Christ, Ken

February Sermons

3rd Use your Gift I Cor. 12:12-31 True Christian Love I Cor. 13:1-13 10th 17th We Need to Talk Romans 10:8-13 24th We are Different Phil 3:17-4:1

EPC Leadership Training Study Wednesdays @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

Covering history, theology, confessions, government, sacraments and essentials of our Reformed faith. This study is open to everyone in our church. Guides are available. Come join us as we learn & grow together.



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Allene Thomas McCoy Jerry Christmas W.A. Mozingo Margaret Drakeford Smith

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- Louisa Frazier, at her home
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Naomi McCutchen, at her home
- Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville
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- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home
- Dot Wilson, National Health Care, Columbia

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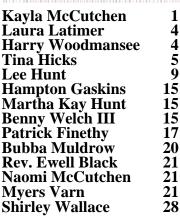
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| Emmie McCutchen | 19 |
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| Bruce Rogers | 23 |
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| Pevton Welch | 27 |
| Carl Frazier | 29 |
| Cindy Welsh | 29 |
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Greeter's **February OPEN** 3rd 10th **Betty Heriot** 17th Dr. Leon Hunt 24th **Kirven Family**



3rd **Dawn Levers** 10th Jennifer McCutchen 17th Jimmy McCutchen 24th Kayla McCutchen 31st Marsha McCutchen

March

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March 3rd **Devin Atkinson** 10th Anna Grace & Sara Abbett 17th **Caroline Welch** 24th Conner Welch 31st **Brooke Welch**

Bell Ringer's February

Conner Welch 3rd 10th Kayla & Caroline 17th **Brooke Welch** 24th Caroline Welch



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March **Devin Atkinson Anna Grace &** Sara Abbett **Conner Welch** 24th Kavla & Caroline **Brooke Welch**

February Nursery Volunteers

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| 17th | Cindy Welsh | 17th |
| 24th | Meredith Gaskins | 24th |
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| Wendy Welch |
| Jill McElveen |
| Missy Kirven |
| Judith Watkins |
| Cindy Bramlett |

News from the Session...

January has been an important month in the life of our Church. On January 13th, our congregation met with 106 of 128 active members present and after months of prayer and contemplation, voted unanimously to seek gracious dismissal from the Presbytery of New Harmony & PC (USA). The Session asks for your prayers as we negotiate the terms of our dismissal and seek to end this chapter in our Church's life.

I would like to personally thank each member of the current Session and those who just rotated off. Each has spent many hours in prayer and in meetings as we sought God's will for our Church. Thanks also to Ken & Gwen for their diligent efforts to guide us through this process.

If I can be of service to any of you, about this matter or anything else in the life of our Church, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session

Due to several called meetings, we will not have a Stated meeting in February

Next Stated Session Meeting: March 10th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY

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Adult Fellowship Annual "Soup" Luncheon Tuesday, February 5th 12:00 noon

Guest speaker: **Rev. Allen Lynch** The Committee will provide the soup. Please bring a

complimentary dish (sandwiches, salad, bread, etc...) and join us for an enjoyable lunch!

Kids For Christ Spaghetti Supper Sunday, February 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

The Children will provide and serve the meal. Please respond to the Church office or sign up in Fellowship Hall, if planning to attend

Statistics

Month of January, 2013

Average Attendance: SS - 45, Worship - 88

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$10,037.00 |
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| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$10,947.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$10,457.66 |
| YTD Income received: | \$10,662.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$10,457.66 |
| MTD Income received: | \$10,662.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

| MTD Income received: | \$90.00 |
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| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$00.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$90.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$00.00 |

Circle Hostesses for February

Morning (19th) BJ Kerr

Afternoon (19th)

Night (25th) Marsha McCutchen

Men of the Church
February 20th
7:00 p.m.
Hosts: Dick & Perry McCutchen



Sunday, February 3rd

Help support the LCCM by dropping a dollar in the soup pot at Church



Dear Church family, Luci and I would like to thank you for your generous gift towards our recent trip to LeBonheur Children's hospital in Memphis. We truly appreciate it along with the prayers, thoughts and messages. We hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Laurie Anderson

Dear friends at BPC: Estelle and I want to thank you for your gifts for our work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. You have been faithful in that for many years and we <u>do</u> appreciate it. In addition to my exegetical Biblical work, I have also been involved in youth ministry here at the JAARS Center, working with missionary kids. Mostly, I work with middle schoolers & some young adults and occasionally high schoolers. Estelle continues to serve as the bookkeeper for one of our departments. God's blessings to you and your ministry - Dave and for Estelle





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Canned food collection for LCCM 3rd:

Session examination by EPC 9th:

Daylight savings begins / Stated Session / Confirmand meeting 10th:

Stated PWCT Night Circle

Morning & Afternoon Circles

Men of Church 20th: **Palm Sunday** 24th:

Maundy Communion / Church office closed Good Friday service @ BUMC 28th:

29th:

Easter Sunrise service, breakfast & living cross 31st:







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EOC: *Tricia Latimer & T-Bo Ellen

Calendar of Events

3rd Sunday in Lent / LCCM food collection Sunday, 3rd:

Coffee: Edie & Jeff Varn Flowers: Cindy Welsh

12:00 p.m. Lenten lunch @ BUMC Wednesday, 6th:

6:00 p.m. Last EPC training session

Session examination by EPC Saturday, 9th:

Sunday, 10th: 4th Sunday in Lent

2:00 a.m. Daylight saving time begins 8:00 a.m. Stated Session

Coffee: Bert Cousar & Jane Huggins

Flowers: Ann & Nick West

Wednesday, 13th: 12:00 p.m. Lenten lunch @ BUMC

Sunday, 17th: 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT

Coffee: William & Judith Watkins Flowers: Jerry & Marilyn Adams

Monday, 18th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Ann Cooper)

Tuesday, 19th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Isabelle McCutchen)

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle (Doris Bell)

12:00 p.m. Lenten lunch @ BUMC Wednesday, 20th:

7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Dick & Perry McCutchen)

Sunday, 24th: **Palm Sunday**

Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen Flowers: Doris & John Bell

6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Witness Committee)

7:00 p.m. Maundy Communion @ BPC / office closed Thursday, 28th:

Friday, 29th: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service @ BUMC

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise service, breakfast & living cross Sunday, 31st:

Coffee: Young Adult SS Class

Flowers: Betty Heriot & Betsy Bramlett

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LCCM March Collection ~ Rice ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, March 3rd for our monthly Altar collection



The dismissal process continues to slowly proceed. We rejoice in the overwhelming unanimous vote to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. That was step one. The second step is for the congregation to approve the terms of dismissal. The terms have not yet been finalized. The Presbytery Response Team

(PRT) met with the Session on January 30 to negotiate the terms. While we did not finish working out the terms. we did agree to the financial elements of the terms.

The PRT met on February 28 to discuss what else needs to be done and to consider the faithful support our church has provided to the Presbytery in the past. While other churches, seeking dismissal, have withheld financial support for years our church has not.

The Session is prepared to meet with the PRT as soon as a date can be set. We will notify all the members of the Congregational Meeting to approve the Terms of Dismissal as soon as they are finalized.

In order to be received by the EPC, the elders and I have to be examined by the EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. I was examined in January and have officially been approved and received. The elders will be examined on Saturday, March 9. The Session has met 6 times to study and prepare for their examination. I am proud of their diligence and their conscientious preparation. I know that they will do well and will pass their examination with flying colors.

It's good that we have already begun the dismissal process because New Harmony Presbytery voted at their last meeting to change the rules governing dismissal. The good news is that we are still governed by the old rules. Keep praying for the PRT, Presbytery and our Church. Pray for God's blessing as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ on Easter.!

Love in Christ. Ken

March Sermons

When Weakness Is a Strength I Sam 17:37-50 3rd Life Changing Friendship **10th** I Sam 18:1-4 17th What Do You Think? Isaiah 55:1-9 24th Our Predicament: His Solution Luke 19:28-41 28th Do You Know What I Have Done? John 13:1-17 31st He Lives! John 20:1-18



Our Homebound/Retirement Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Harold Galloway, at his home
 Louisa Frazier, at her home
 Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
 Naomi McCutchen, at her home
 Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville
 Bruce Rogers, at his home

- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, CharlotteGeorge Swearingen, CottonWood Villa
- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home
- Dot Wilson, National Health Care, Columbia

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| 24th | Judith Watkins | 21st | Jill McElveen |
| 31st | Cindy Bramlett | 28th | Missy Kirven |

News from the Session...

February has gone by in a flash! First of all, I know the entire congregation joins me in thanking the "Kids for Christ" for the delicious Valentine's spaghetti dinner. It is really a blessing to see our youth so excited about activities of service.

Please continue to pray for our Session and the PRT as we seek to agree to the terms of dismissal.

Pray, also, for the many people listed on our prayer list each week. Join me in seeking God's healing and comfort for each of them.

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: March 10th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MARCH

*Tricia Latimer & T-Bo Ellen

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Elder examination of EPC Mid -Atlantic Saturday, March 9th Concord Presbyterian Church 8:30 a.m. Orientation 12:00 Lunch 12:30 p.m. Examination 2:00 p.m. Completion



Children interested in joining the Church, should meet in one of the upstairs classrooms with Ken on Sunday, March 10th, during SS to begin a possible Confirmation class



Schedule

Congratulations to Brian & Lindsay Adams, on the arrival of their daughter, Cana Lynn, born on February 21st. The proud sister is Sage & the proud grandparents are Jerry & Marilyn

Statistics

Month of February, 2013

Average Attendance: SS - 38, Worship - 61

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$19,674.00 |
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| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$21,930.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$19,268.57 |
| YTD Income received: | \$18,927.00 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$8,810.91 |
| MTD Income received: | \$8,265.00 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$435.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00
YTD Income received: \$525.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00

Circle Hostesses for March



Men of the Church

March 20th

7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dick & Perry McCutchen

The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Annette Watson Stokes
Virginia Wallace
Robin Kirkland
Dot Reynolds
Ann Pate

Shelley Rogers Almers

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

Maundy Thursday Communion Bishopville Presbyterian Church March 28th @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service Bethlehem United Methodist Church March 29th @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise & breakfast Bishopville Presbyterian Church March 31st @ 7:00 a.m.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church is offering Lenten lunches and devotions each Wednesday @ 12:00 noon, February 13th through March 20th. A light lunch, music, fellowship and a short devotion will be held each week during Lent. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. A love offering will be collected for sponsored missions. Rev. Ken Hicks will have the devotional on Wednesday, March 6th.

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Dear Prayer Partners:

"Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (2 Cor 15:58)

Although sometimes our physical bodies do get tired, our spirits are rejoicing in all the Lord enables us to do. Our strength is as our days, thanks be to Him. Let me tell you about a recent weekend of service that brought great joy to us, and we trust will be used of the Lord in the lives of the people we touched.

We were invited one Saturday to a thanksgiving service for the birthday of a 3-year old, Scarlett Michelle(!) in the town of Tekom. These services are usually held in the family's yard with friends and neighbors invited who might not go to an "evangelical church." This was no exception. Tables and chairs had been set up, balloons and a piñata were strung, and one light bulb illuminated things. I played my keyboard, as a very meaningful service progressed. The birthday girl fell asleep, but that wasn't important. The people had come to praise and thank God for His blessings, half in Spanish and half in Maya. The 80-year old grandfather sang two songs, as did others. They are simple people with a very evident deep love for the Lord. Dave preached on what it means to be thankful, and at the conclusion one young man, Samuel, came forward to accept the Lord. I sold nearly \$100 dollars worth of Bibles and hymnals, unusual for a small gathering.

From there we went to Valladolid to find a place to sleep, but no room was available as all the city and tourists were celebrating the day of the Virgin of Candelaria. At least 1,000 people were chanting "Madre mía, madre mía" as they marched around the plaza with candles, following an 8-foot high image of the Virgin of Candelaria being carried on men's shoulders. Loud firecrackers were going off, police were trying to direct the traffic, which was chaotic. All hotel rooms were occupied, so we drove 30 miles more to Pisté (near Chichén Itzá) where we found a room.

The following morning, in the village of Tixcacalcupul, I played 30 minutes of hymns before the service began (the people have no one to play hymns, although they do have a keyboard). Six young people made public profession of their faith and became members of the church. Once again it was a very memorable service, with communion served in Maya by Dave. Sitting by the window, I could see the grass roofed house next door and smell the wood fire used for cooking and the aroma of tropical flowers, a very pleasant reminder that we were truly in a Maya village. We were invited to eat, and were served venison soup and handmade tortillas. The daughter of the family has very serious marital problems, so Dave was able to counsel with her.

After a brief nap in the car, we went back to Tekom where I taught an introduction to the keyboard and note reading. They have a lovely new keyboard that no one knows how to play, except try to pick out a few notes and chords by ear. When we return March 9, I'll see if they learned anything, and give them a second lesson. From there, it was back to Valladolid to deliver a study Bible to a teacher who had requested it and the monthly pension from Presbytery to an elderly lady, daughter of a former pastor (Dave is the new treasurer of his Sac-Bé Presbytery!). Then on to Yalcobá for another communion service in Maya. Dave spoke on "What is your goal in life?" Rodolfo and his wife for whom we have asked prayer in previous letters were attentive listeners. We pray the Lord will help them to make a firm decision to accept the Lord and serve Him, and not fall back into the temptation of alcohol. We arrived home at 1 a.m., tired but rejoicing in all the Lord did through us this weekend, and thankful for His protection.

Seminary reopened January 21, and we are once again teaching. Dave has a lighter load, only teaching a course on liturgy and another on the doctrine of the church (ecclesiology). He meets weekly with the 4th year students to counsel and pray with them. He goes to Citilcum every Saturday to teach in the extension seminary there. As Moderator of the Synod, he is also President of the Board of the Seminary. So he has a few things on his plate, and much traveling still.

Dr. Will Ackles, who lives with us Feb-March, is once again teaching, and his wife Nancy is also here for a month, helping Debbie in her English classes at the Seminary and giving lessons on internet for ESL teachers in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Tajikistan and other remote lands. Stan Koster and his wife from Ward church in Detroit are here this week, "seeing what we do" (maybe to check up on us!). Yes, we are encouraged when folks like these come to visit us.

March 15-17 Dave has been invited to give a conference on liturgy in Tabasco, about a 9-hour drive. My church choir is preparing an Easter cantata "Hallelujah, Christ Arose", so I go 2 nights a week to rehearse. We enjoy our weekends, full of activity and service to the Lord, but try to get out to our beach house Mondays to sleep and catch up. We are thankful for good health, allowing us to do these things.

Daniel and his family in the St. Louis area are doing well; all participate in various sports activities. Mark's daughter Ellie will be 16 next week, and John turned 12 in January. Debbie and her husband are fixing up their little rented house, making it into a home. It now looks very nice and cozy. I dog-sit M-F for her cocker, "Maxie."

May 2013 be a year of growth and understanding in your lives as you seek to honor and serve our Lord.

Your servants for Jesus' sake, Jean Legters (for Dave as well)





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April At A Glance

2nd: Adult Fellowship outing

6th: Garden Club plant sale in South parking lot

7th: Canned food collection / Communion / Cents-Ability / Luncheon

14th: Stated PWCT / Ken out of pulpit (Dick McCutchen)

15th: Night Circle

16th: Morning & Afternoon Circles 17th: Men of Church

17th: Men of Church 21st: Stated Session

26th&27th: EPC Presbytery Stated Meeting, Monroe NC

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Sunday Service Schedule

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Dick McCutchen & Carl Frazier

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 2nd: 12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship outing @ Mr. B's Saturday, 6th: Garden Club plant sale in South parking lot

Sunday, 7th: 2nd Sunday of Easter / LCCM food collection

Communion & Cents-Ability offering

12:00 Covered-dish luncheon Flowers: Ann & English Cooper

Sunday, 14th: 3rd Sunday of Easter / Dick McCutchen in pulpit

9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT

Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

Flowers: Dot & Julie Cothran

Monday, 15th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)

Tuesday, 16th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Iris Thomas)

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle (Kathryn Wélch in FH)

Wednesday, 17th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Matt Bramlett & Jerry Adams)

Sunday, 21st: 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Stated Session

Coffee: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven, Melinda Atkinson

Flowers: Isabelle McCutchen

Fri. & Sat. 26-27th: EPC Presbytery meeting @ Benton Heights PC, Monroe NC

Sunday, 28th: 5th Sunday of Easter

Coffee: Margery Jeffords, Doris Bell, BJ Kerr, Lila Mae Welsh

Flowers: Family of Rob McCutchen, Jr.



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Unless otherwise noted

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LCCM April Collection ~ Canned Meat ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, April 7th for our monthly Altar collection





Easter is the central event in the Christian faith. After Jesus was crucified and laid in the tomb, he then was raised from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus Christ should not have been a surprise. He had repeatedly told his disciples that he would rise from the dead. The sacrifice of Jesus was part of God's plan from the beginning. He told his

disciples that "it was for this very reason He came...."

Jesus' willing sacrifice of Himself is one of the most powerful statements that we are loved; infinitely, perfectly loved by God Almighty. The young people who joined the church on Easter Sunday prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and claimed the forgiveness He offers through his shed blood on the cross.

This salvation is available to all who will believe and receive it. We should all be filled with thanksgiving and praise for the fabulous gift that is ours through Christ. May His praise be on our lips and the glad news of the Gospel be part of our daily conversation.

Thanks be to the Lord, our God. Love in Christ, Ken

April Sermons

7th Forgiveness, Doubt, and Faith John 20:19-31 14th Dick McCutchen in Pulpit 21st Salvation in Christ Alone Revelation 5:11-14 28th Glory to God Alone I Cor. 10:31 & Rev. 1:6

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John Leland English **Claudia Nimmons** Jack Shuford **David Legters**

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Remember our Homebound and **Retirement Members**

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden Naomi McCutchen, at her home Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville Bruce Rogers, at his home

- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
- George Swearingen, CottonWood Villa
- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home
- Dot Wilson, National Health Care, Columbia

Adult Fellowship Outing Tuesday, April 2nd 12:00 noon - Lunch @ Mr. B's Please meet in the Church parking lot by 11:15, if you plan to carpool

Happy Birthday



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<u>April</u>

Greeter's

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News from the Session...

On behalf of the Session, I would like to thank each of you for your patience as we have worked through this dismissal process. Your vote on March 17th, on the terms of dismissal, was the final step that we, as the Church, must take. Please pray for a smooth transition as we begin this new chapter in our Church history.

Please also pray for Jean Legters as she begins a new chapter in her life without her lifetime partner, David. We rejoice that he is with our Lord, but are saddened by the loss of one who served God with such devotion.

At this blessed Easter season, may we all have an enthusiast spirit as we seek to find new ways to serve our Lord.

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: April 21st @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR APRIL

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EPC Mid -Atlantic Presbytery Meeting Benton Heights Presbyterian Church 2701 Concord Highway, Monroe, NC April 26th & 27th

Friday

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

5:30 - Supper break

7:30 - Worship

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Meeting 12:30 p.m. - Conclude



Communion Celebration, Canned food donations & Cents-Ability offering Sunday, April 7th

Communion is celebrated in the homes of those who can't attend. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services.

A covered-dish luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish and join us. The Church will provide Mr. B's chicken. Canned food & Cents-Ability offering will help fund the LCCM.



Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, April 2nd 11:30 am to 4:30 pm First Citizens Bank, Bishopville

To schedule a donation time, please call Sandra Snipes @ 803.484.6236

Statistics Month of March, 2013 As of March 26th

Average Attendance: SS - 43, Worship - 96

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$20,239.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$9,730.78
YTD Income received: \$39,166.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$29,270.84
Budgeted YTD Income: \$32,895.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$31,004.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$320.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00
YTD Income received: \$845.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00

> Men of the Church April 17th 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Matt Bramlett & Jerry Adams



Confirmation Class 2013

The following students confirmed their faith in Christ and joined our Church on Easter Sunday March 31st

- Amber Nicole Harrington
- Brooke Taylor Harrington
- Brooke Welch
- Cameron Bryce McElveen
- Caroline Adriana Johnson
- Devin Michelle Atkinson
- Lacie Elizabeth McElveen
- Ezekiel Smith Gaskins





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May At A Glance

2nd: National Day of Prayer (Sanctuary open for prayer)

9th: Church office closed

12th: Stated Session / Mother's Day / Baccalaureate Service 14th: Stated Presbytery of New Harmony @ Camp Pee Dee

15th: Men of Church

19th: Stated PWCT / Elder election / Farewell&Thanksgiving Communion

20th: Night Circle

21st: Morning & Afternoon Circles

27th: Church Office closed (Memorial Day)





The greatest pain in life is not to die, but to be ignored Thank You to all our fallen HEROES!





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Calendar of Events

7:30 am - 6:00 pm Sanctuary open for National Day of Prayer Thursday, 2nd:

6th Sunday of Easter / LCCM food collection Coffee: Anna Welch & Lian Latimer Sunday, 5th:

Flowers: Bert Cousar

Thursday, 9th: **Church office closed (vacation)**

7th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day / BPC Baccalaureate Sunday, 12th:

8:00 a.m. Stated Session

7:00 p.m. REL Baccalaureate @ BUMC Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch

Flowers: Tom English McCutchen

Tuesday, 14th: 9:30 a.m. Stated New Harmony Presbytery @ Camp Pee Dee

Wednesday, 15th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Host needed-contact Jimmy)

Friday, 17th: 7:00 p.m. REL Graduation

Sunday, 19th: Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Elder election) 6:00 p.m. Farewell & Thanksgiving Communion service

Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit Flowers: Meredith & Bill Gaskins

7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Renee Bell) Monday, 20th:

Tuesday, 21st: 12:00 p.m. Morning Circle Spring luncheon

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle (Marilyn Adams)

Trinity Sunday Sunday, 26th:

Coffee: T-Bo Ellen, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh

Flowers: Cathcart Family

Monday, 27th: **Memorial Day - Church Office closed**

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LCCM April Collection ~ Canned Fruit ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, May 5th for our monthly Altar collection



The SCRO



Our church has been working its way through the Hew Harmony Gracious Dismissal process for almost a year. The congregation has formally registered their unanimous desire to be dismissed from New Harmony Presbytery and the PC(USA). The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic of the EPC has examined me and the elders of our church and

approved us all to be received into the EPC. The final step is for New Harmony Presbytery to concur with the Terms of Dismissal approved by the PRT, the Session, and our congregation. This vote will be taken Tuesday, May 14th at the Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center.

You have heard me say many times that prayer is the most powerful tool that the Lord has given us. Use it! Pray that the Lord will continue to pour out His miraculous blessing on our church to bring to completion that which has begun. Following the affirmative vote of New Harmony Presbytery, we will have a farewell service with communion and thanksgiving on Sunday, May 19th at 6 p.m. God has been faithful throughout the years and we have many friends who remain in New Harmony Presbytery. We wish them well. May God make His will plain as we seek to follow in the path He sets before us.

Thanks be to the Lord, our God. Love in Christ, Ken

May Sermons

5th Father, Son, and Holy Spirit John 14:23-29 2 Timothy 1:1-7 12th Mom Said So! 19th A Spirit Filled Church Acts 2:38-47 Service Above Self John 15:13 & Romans 13:7 26th

Offering for SC Presbyterian Communities Resident Aid Endowment will be received on Mother's Day. No SC Presbyterian has ever been made to leave one of our homes due to inability to pay. Your generosity helps those in need!



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Joe C. Heriot, Jr. **Frances Martin** Nancve Lee Farver Christine McCutchen McNeill

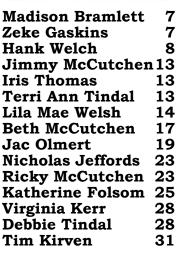
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Remember our Homebound Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Naomi McCutchen, at her home
- Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville
- Bruce Rogers, at his home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte George Swearingen, CottonWood Villa Lila Mae Welsh, at her home

- Dot Wilson, National Health Care, Columbia







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| Kean Scott, Jr. | 16 |
| Hugh Tindal III | 16 |
| Katherine Dickinson | 17 |
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News from the Session...

On behalf of the Session, we would like to welcome our newest members at BPC. These young people are the future of our church and I hope we will all strive to nurture their faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us show them through our words and actions of the Christian love that we have for each other in this church.

In the next couple of weeks, please pray that God will continue to lead us in our dismissal process from PCUSA. We are so close to the completion of this process and I'm sure you are all ready to move on to the next chapter in the life of our church. God has a plan for us and for BPC and I pray that your Session will always seek His guidance in every decision.

As we enter our new association with the EPC, I pray that God will reenergize each of us to do His will in this area and in the world. We are all so blessed and we need to find ways to be a blessing to others.

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: May 12 @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MAY

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Congregational Meeting - May 19th Elder Election C/O 2016

The following names have been submitted from the Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2016 Elders.

- Tyson Eckley
- Steven Frazier
- Perry McCutchen
- Judith Watkins

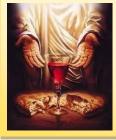
The floor will be open for nominations, for members who discerns that God is calling another person to be elected, other than those nominated by the Nominating Committee. In the event that the nominees are greater than the number of Elders to be elected, the congregation will vote by secret ballot. Please prayerfully consider the persons you elect, as they will help govern our Church.

2013 Nominating Committee

Jerry Adams, Chair
Gregg McCutchen III, Co-Chair
Bubba Muldrow
BJ Kerr

New Harmony Presbytery Meeting Camp Pee Dee May 14th @ 9:30 a.m.

Our dismissal is scheduled to be on the docket



Farewell & Thanksgiving Communion Celebration, Sunday, May 19th 6:00 p.m.

Please join us along with our sister Churches as we bid Farewell to New Harmony Presbytery & PC(USA)

Statistics **Month of April, 2013**

Average Attendance: SS - 38, Worship - 70

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$9,976.75
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$11,626.91
YTD Income received: \$52,897.26
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$45,927.73
Budgeted YTD Income: \$43,860.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$43,012.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,450.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00
YTD Income received: \$2,390.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00

Circle Hostesses for May

> Men of the Church May 15th 7:00 p.m. Host Needed



Thursday, May 2nd

The Sanctuary will be open for 20 minute intervals of prayer from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. You may sign up, on the roster, in the Fellowship Hall.

High School Graduates C/O 2013 Jacob Treywick Johnson

Robert E. Lee Academy May 17th

College plans: undecided (FMU or COC)
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Grandson of Carol & Calbert Johnson

Lindsey Nicole Simon

Lugoff-Elgin High School
June 1st

Plans to attend USC (Capstone Scholar)
Daughter of Bo & Suzanne Simon
Granddaughter of Liz & Billy Simon
Great Granddaughter of Naomi McCutchen

Our Baccalaureate service will be May 12th





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June At A Glance

6th: Church office closed for vacation (tentative)

9th: Stated Session / EPC Welcome Service

13th: Church office closed for vacation

16th: Father's Day / Ken out of pulpit, Mark Seymour in pulpit

20th: Church office closed for vacation (tentative)

23rd: BPC to host 1 Salkehatchie team @ Church & lunch

26th: BPC to host all Salkehatchie teams for lunch 24-28th: Vacation Bible school @ First Baptist Church

30th: Ken out of pulpit

<u>Salkehatchie</u>

BPC will feed 1 Salkehatchie team on June 23rd & all teams on June 26th. Please help if asked!



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Calendar of Events

8:00 am - 12:00 pm B.A.R.K. Yard sale behind Davis Co. Saturday, 1st:

Sunday, 2nd: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection

Coffee: T-Bo Ellen, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh

Flowers: Welsh Family

Church office closed for vacation (tentative) Thursday, 6th:

2nd Sunday after Pentecost / EPC Welcome service Sunday, 9th:

8:00 a.m. Stated Session

12:00 p.m. Covered-dish Celebration meal Coffee: No Coffee Hour, due to luncheon Flowers: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt

Thursday, 13th: Church office closed for vacation

Sunday, 16th:

4th Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day Mark Seymour filling pulpit in Ken's absence Coffee: Beth & Dick McCutchen

Flowers: Dot Wilson

Thursday, 20th: **Church office closed for vacation (tentative)**

Sunday, 23rd: 5th Sunday after Pentecost / Salkehatchie team @ Church

12:00 p.m. BPC to feed a Salkehatchie team

Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt

Flowers: Margery Jeffords

Wednesday, 26th: 12:00 p.m. BPC to feed all Salkehatchie teams

9:00 am - 12:00 pm VBS @ First Baptist Church **Mon-Fri, 24-28th:**

Monday, 27th: **Memorial Day - Church Office closed**

Sunday, 30th: 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Ken out of pulpit

Coffee: Ann & Nick West Flowers: BJ & Gayle Kerr

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LCCM June Collection ~ Canned Vegetables ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, June 2nd for our monthly Altar collection





We have finally reached the end of an almost two year journey. The countless hours spent in research and discussion, the fervent prayers lifted constantly to the throne of God, and the commitment to remain faithful to our reformed tradition have yielded much

We saw the Lord provide two unanimous congregational votes supporting our decision of dismissal from the PC(USA). Even more miraculous was that the Presbytery of New Harmony also voted unanimously in favor of our dismissal.

The Lord consistently provided exceedingly abundantly more than we could ask or think. The elders and I have been examined and approved by the EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. A Commission of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic has been appointed and will join us in our worship and celebration service on June 9th during our 11:00 service, as we become an Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It will be a glorious time of praise and commitment. Please make every effort to be present as the elders and I are formally installed as EPC Teaching and Ruling Elders. A fellowship lunch will follow the service.

This reception service is the launching pad toward a new future together. The Lord has greatly blessed us in the past, but He is not done with us yet. I can hardly wait to see where He will lead us in the days ahead.

With the Lord, all things are possible!!! Thanks be to the Lord, our God.

Love in Christ, Ken

June Sermons

2nd Do You Believe That He Will? Luke 7:1-10 9th EPC Reception - Dr. Howard Shockley preaching 16th Ken out of pulpit - Mark Seymour Preaching Tell the World Luke 8:26-39 23rd: Ken out of pulpit 30th



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Tom McLendon

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Remember our Homebound Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Naomi McCutchen, at her home Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville Bruce Rogers, at his home

- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte George Swearingen, CottonWood Villa
- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home
- Dot Wilson, National Health Care, Columbia





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Greeters

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| 9th | Caroline Welch | 14th | Anna Grace & Sara Abbett |
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News from the Session...

Our church received a wonderful blessing on May 14th when New Harmony Presbytery met and voted unanimously to release us from their organization. It's been a long tedious process but our Lord has brought us through the challenges. Thanks, also, to those who attended the Farewell service. We all have many good memories of New Harmony Presbytery and its members and we should all pray for blessings for them as well. Now it is time for the Celebration as we enter the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Please join us on June 9th as we are received into their organization and unite to serve the Lord with our new brothers and sisters in Christ. The session asks for your continued prayers as we seek new ways to serve our Lord in this new and exciting chapter in the life of the Bishopville Presbyterian

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: June 9 @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JUNE

*Renee Bell & Cindy Welsh

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



Class of 2016 Elders Elect

- Tyson Eckley
- Steven Frazier
- Perry McCutchen
- Judith Watkins

Please keep all current & newly elected Elders in your prayers as they govern & adapt to our new formatted Presbytery

Statistics Month of May, 2013

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Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

\$9.504.00 MTD Income received: MTD Expenses disbursed: \$13.590.65 YTD Income received: \$62,401.26 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$59,518.38 **Budgeted YTD Income:** \$54,825.00 **Budgeted YTD Expenses:** \$53,387.00

> Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

\$265.00 MTD Income received: MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.87 YTD Income received: \$2,655.00 YTD Expenses disbursed:



EPC Welcome Service BPC Sanctuary June 9th @ 11:00 a.m. Preacher: Dr. Howard Shockley. Admin. Director & Stated Clerk of EPC Mid Atlantic Presbytery

Please plan to be a part of this historic event. Bring a dish & join us for a celebration meal after the service. Church will provide chicken.



Graduates C/O 2013

High School

Jacob Treywick Johnson

Robert E. Lee Academy, May 17th

Plans to attend Francis Marion or College of Charleston (undecided) Son of Bill Johnson and Eva & Jamie Gardner; Grandson of Carl Frazier and Carol & Calbert Johnson

Lindsey Nicole Simon

Lugoff-Elgin High School, June 1st with distinguished honors Plans to attend USC as a Capstone Scholar Plans to major in Pre-Med

Daughter of Bo & Suzanne Simon; Granddaughter of Liz & Billy Simon, Great Granddaughter of Naomi McCutchen

Sports/Honors: softball, basketball, cross country, Honor Marshall, National Honor Society President, yearbook editor, member of Student Council, Key Club, and Beta Club

College Ryan Mills McCutchen

Clemson University, August 9th Degree: Bachelor of Science in Accounting Internship @ Elliott-Davis Accounting Firm

Son of Jennifer & Perry McCutchen; Grandson of Beth & Dick McCutchen and Fave McLeod





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July At A Glance Church office closed for holiday 4th:

Canned food collection for LCCM 7th:

Communion / Cents Ability / luncheon

Church office closed for vacation 11th - 15th:

15th: Joint Circle in Fellowship Hall (Speaker: Debbie Calcutt)









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Calendar of Events

Independence Day - Church office closed Thursday, 4th:

7th Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection Sunday, 7th:

Communion / Cents Ability offering 12:00 p.m. Covered-dish luncheon ** No Coffee Hour, due to luncheon ** Flowers: Missy & Tim Kirven

Church office closed for vacation 11th - 15th:

8th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 14th:

Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen Flowers: Harriett Watson family

Monday, 15th: 7:00 p.m. Joint Circle in Fellowship Hall (Debbie Calcutt)

Sunday, 21st: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee: Young Adult Sunday School Class Flowers: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

10th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 28th:

Coffee: Liz & Billy Simon Flowers: Laura Latimer



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LCCM July Collection ~ Cereals ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, July 7th for our monthly Altar collection



The SCROLL



So, what's next? I am working with 16 other pastors on a 9 month online workshop focusing on church growth and revitalization. The instructor is Dr. Ken Priddy. He is one of the full time staff members of EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic whose gift and specialization is church planting and church revitalization. He will be coming to South Carolina

in August to work with the Sessions of our churches to explore how we can more effectively carry out the Great Commission. About 25% of our congregation will be asked to participate in a survey as part of the research that will provide input to determine where we are and where we would like to be. Our Session is going to be at the center of the planning, the communication, and reflection as we look at the overall life of our church.

There are many things our church does very well. We also know there are certain areas that need more attention. As we seek to do God's will in the power of the Holy Spirit, we know that all things are possible. We don't know what the future holds but we know who holds the future in His hands. Pray for the Lord's guidance and direction for our officers and for every member and friend of this church.

With the Lord, all things are possible!!! Thanks be to the Lord, our God.

Love in Christ, Ken

July Sermons7thJudgment of GodLuke 10:1-1114thLessons to LearnLuke 10:25-3721st:Which Are You?Luke 10:38-4228thPray Like ThisLuke 11:1-13

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Ethel Bryson Rosa Lee Riley George Tillman Swearingen Dorothy Workman Wilson Millicent Skinner Munn

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George Tillman Swearingen 7/20/1932 – 6/19/2013

Dorothy Workman Wilson 9/29/1922 - 6/25/2013

Happy Birthday



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News from the Session...

Happy summer to everyone! Let's all remember to pray for God's guidance this summer. Family vacations are such a blessing and are a great way to make memories! Pray also for those who can't travel. We should all make a special effort to visit someone who is shut-in, this summer. It will really brighten & bless their day!

On June 9th, we were officially welcomed into the EPC. We held a beautiful service of celebration and truly felt blessed and reenergized to find new ways to serve God. We also welcomed Bobby Thomas into our fellowship, this past month. We are very grateful for his willingness to get involved in the life of our Church and for the witness that he brings to us!

The Session will not meet in July, but if something arises please call me or the Church office and we can call a meeting,

it necessary.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay cool!

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Communion & Cents-Ability ~ July 7th



Extended Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend. Please contact the Pastor or an Elder to arrange for extended services. The Cents-Ability offering will help fund the LCCM.

NO Coffee Hour on July 7th so we can prepare for the covered-dish luncheon after worship that day. Please bring a dish and join us. The Church will provide Mr. B's chicken.

Remember our Homebound Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
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YTD Income received: \$4,005.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$24.87

No Men of Church, Session, Circles (except joint), Adult Fellowship, or Family Night in July

News From Presbyterian Women

Joint Circle
Monday, July 15th
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Debbie Calcutt will be our Guest Speaker

New Circle Format

Beginning in September, the Afternoon Circle will merge with the Morning Circle and follow a new format for meetings. Each month we will meet together at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. Light refreshments will be served and Martha Kay Hunt will serve as circle chair. This year, we will be studying the Book of John. If you are not a member of a circle, we cordially invite you to come join our fellowship and Bible study.

Dementia Seminar Tuesday, July 23rd 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville

(213 W. Home Ave. Hartsville)

For more info contact: Lee Tillman at 843.307.8040 See flyer on board by Church office





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August At A Glance

1st: Church office closed

4th: Vacation Bible School & Cookout @ BUMC

Canned food collection for LCCM

7th: CE Committee meets / Kids for Christ pack book bags

11th: Session meets / Church Picnic @ Latimer's

18th: Promotion Sunday in Fellowship Hall

19th: Church office closed for vacation

24th: EPC workshop for Elders & Elder's-elect

When we can no longer change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves. - Viktor Frankl



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Calendar of Events

Thursday, 1st: Church office closed

Sunday, 4th: 11th Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bible School @ BUMC 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Cook out @ BUMC

Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton

Flowers: Tom English McCutchen

5:30 p.m. Christian Ed committee meets Wednesday, 7th:

6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ meet to pack book bags

Sunday, 11th: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Stated Session meeting

4:00 p.m. Church picnic @ home of John & Tricia Latimer Coffee: Renee & Crues Bell Flowers: Debbie & Bill Tindal

Sunday, 18th: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday Coffee: Edie & Jeff Varn Flowers: Lila Mae Welsh

Church office closed for vacation Monday, 19th:

Saturday, 24th: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EPC workshop for Elders & Elders-elect

Sunday, 25th: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee: Bert Cousar & Jane Huggins Flowers: Tricia & John Latimer

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The same is true at BPC. It is an opportunity and responsibility that the Session and con-

gregation must handle well. The Christian Education committee has been meeting to develop plans for Sunday School and for Kids for Christ that will be inspirational, educational, and fun for our young people as well as considering new options for adults. The kick-off for the new Sunday School year will be August 18. You can read more about it in an article in this edition of *The Scroll*. In September even more opportunities will be provided for your education and spiritual growth. Pour on the prayer as plans are finalized and as preparations are made that the Lord will pour out His Spirit and bless us all, children & adults, members & friends.

It is going to be an exciting fall!!!

With the Lord, all things are possible!!! Thanks be to the Lord, our God.

Love in Christ. Ken

August Sermons

4th The Lord: The Giver of Life Ezekiel 37:1-14 11th Freed to Live Galatians 4:1-7 2 Tim 2:15 18th: Christian Education Never Stops 25th Whose is it Anyway? Hosea 2:5-13

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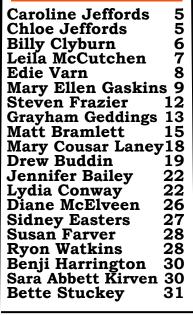
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The Church office will be closed on August 1st &19th







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| Virginia Clyburn Ipock | 20 |
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| William Welsh Frazier | 24 |
| Ansley Grace Nesbit | 24 |
| Crues Bell III | 25 |
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September Greeters August 1st **Gardner Family** 4th **Madison Bramlett Gaskins Family** 8th 11th **Bert Cousar Betty Heriot** 15th Ralph DesChamps Welcome! 18th 22nd Jane & Bavard 25th **Jackie Drayton** 29th

September **Helping Hands** August **Brooke Welch**

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Nursery Volunteers September August

1st Missy Kirven 4th **Cindy Welsh** 8th Melinda Atkinson 11th Meredith Gaskins 15th **Cindy Welsh** Wendy Welch 18th 22nd Meredith Gaskins 25th Jill McElveen 29th Wendy Welch

News from the Session...

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, whether your fun is outside or in the air conditioning. The end of July means that school is right around the corner. Let's pray for a great year for all of our students and teachers.

Over the last month we have mourned the loss of two special members of our congregation, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson and Mr. George Swearingen. They will both be missed and we pray for God's comfort for their families.

Please mark your calendars for our annual picnic on August 11th at the home of Trisha and Johnny Latimer. We thank them in advance for sharing their home with us. Come enjoy a couple of hours in fellowship with our church family. Please don't hesitate to call if you have suggestions or concerns. Your session members welcome your input as we seek to find new ways to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to

call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: August 11 @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR AUGUST *Ray Drayton & Jimmy McCutchen

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "This Little Light of Mine" Sunday, August 4th 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Cookout from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church<u>Classes:</u> 3-5 yrs, 1st-3rd & 4th-6th grades
Adult Class from 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm.

Adult Class from 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm. The cookout includes parents and friends. Helpers are needed for all classes. A teacher is needed for the 4th-6th grade class. If you would like to help or have questions please contact Robin Brunson @ 428-3313. Please make plans now to attend!!!

Dear members of Bishopville Presbyterian Church, Salkehatchie Summer service 2013 was a huge success! Much of the success is due to your involvement in providing a worship location for the youth and adults and a delicious lunch on Sunday, June 23rd and Wednesday, June 26th. Your support sent a message of gratitude and appreciation to the hearts of many of the participants. The lives of 5 homeowners in Lee County were changed during this Salkehatchie week as well as the lives of the youth and adults who came to work. Your ministry aided in the miracles that God performed all week long! May God continue to bless you and your church as you seek to do God's will in this community. Sincerely yours, Marion Carter & Carrie Gass, Salkehatchie Task Force Leaders.

Statistics **Month of July, 2013**

Average Attendance: SS - 36, Worship - 71

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$8,044.50
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12,266.58
YTD Income received: \$82,982.76
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$82,806.59
Budgeted YTD Income: \$76,755.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$78,888.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,070.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$.00
YTD Income received: \$5,335.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$24.87

No Men of Church, Circles, Adult Fellowship or Family Night in August

News From Presbyterian Women

New Circle Format

Beginning in September, the Afternoon Circle will merge with the Morning Circle and follow a new format for meetings. Each month we'll meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Light refreshments will be served and Martha Kay Hunt will serve as circle chair. This year, we will be studying the Book of John. If you're not a member of a circle, we cordially invite you to come join our fellowship and Bible study.

14th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament & Praise Rally August 23rd - 24th

Praise Rally & Dinner Friday, August 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. Alice Drive Baptist Church 1305 Loring Mill Rd, Sumter

> Golf Tournament Saturday, August 24th Sunset Country Club

See flyer & registration forms posted on bulletin board by Church office



Sunday, August 18th 9:30 a.m.

Promotion Sunday
All children & their teachers please meet in
the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School



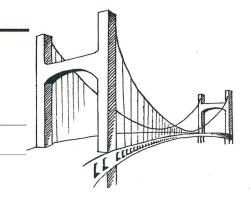
Church Annual Picnic Sunday, August 11th Home of John & Tricia Latimer 301 N. Lee Street Activities begin @ 4:00 p.m. Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for this fun event & please bring a lawn chair.

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

June 2013



The Exegetical Summary of Matthew 1-16

At long last the first volume of my current project, the Exegetical Summary of Matthew, is finished, edited, and is being typeset. By the time you read this it may already be in the process of being printed and also of being added to the Translator's Workplace CD, which is a library full of valuable translation helps on one compact disc. These CDs are distributed to Bible translators all over the world, in any agency that is doing Bible translation. This exegetical summary of Matthew 1-16 will help Bible translators better understand the passages in Matthew they are translating.

Creative approaches to transportation problems—JAARS Maritime Services

You may recall that while my primary focus is with the exegetical summary work, I also work part-time with JAARS Maritime Services. Maritime Services helps provide water safety training and equipment, as well as boats of all sizes—from canoes to ocean-going vessels—wherever water transportation is needed to get the work of Bible translation done. We estimate that about one half of the nearly 2,000 remaining Bible translation projects will need water transportation in some form or other.

Travel to and from translation projects often poses a real challenge for African mother-tongue translators. Usually a motorcycle is the best option, but what about crossing the many rivers and lakes when there are no ferries or bridges? One solution is the Porta-Bote, which is a collapsible craft made of fiberglass, mounted on a collapsible aluminum trailer, and powered by a small gasoline engine called a *peki-peki* (named that because of the sound it makes). The boat weighs about 75 lbs, and the trailer weighs about 50 lbs. When the driver comes to a body of water, he simply takes the boat off the trailer, collapses the trailer and puts it in the boat, and then loads the motor-

cycle in the boat. After crossing the river or lake, he unloads the motorcycle and trailer, puts the boat back on the trailer, attaches the trailer to a trailer hitch on the back of the motorcycle, and heads off.

JAARS Maritime Services has provided several Porta-Botes for service in Ghana to help speed the process of Bible translation by enabling Ghanaian translators to get where they need to be to do their work.



A Porta-Bote being pulled by a small motorcycle at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw.

The WEA report on the divine familial terms issue

You may remember from our previous newsletters and from various reports in Christian news outlets that a very serious controversy had arisen concerning how the terms 'Father', 'Son', and 'Son of God' were being translated in predominantly Muslim language communities due to the Muslim misunderstanding about what it means that Jesus is the Son of God. I had published several papers on the subject, urging a very conservative approach, which is essentially a literal translation of those terms. After several major evangelical denominations and many Christians around the world expressed deep concern over existing translation practices, SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators USA asked the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) to convene a panel of scholars to review the problem and make recommendations, and also agreed to abide by whatever the panel would recommend. After many months of study the panel published their report, which can be viewed at http://worldevangelicals.org/translation-review/.

Estelle and I appreciate the panel's work and report, and our organizations' commitment to translate accordingly.

Family news

After ten years of teaching our daughter **Emily** has left her teaching job and is now preparing to begin a two-year program in social work, focusing on counseling families in crisis. It's a field in which she has had much exposure from her work in inner city schools. She would appreciate prayer for God's blessing on her study program, and for his provision for her needs while she is without a paying job.

Philip came in ninth place out of a field of several hundred runners in a 5K race in Monroe a month ago. He plans to run with Parkwood's cross-country team in the fall, and also play in the marching band. He would appreciate your prayers that he could manage his schoolwork and extra-curricular activities.



David with Philip after the 5K race

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks

- For the resolution of the controversy over translating 'Father', 'Son', and 'Son of God'
- For faithful prayer and financial partners

Please pray

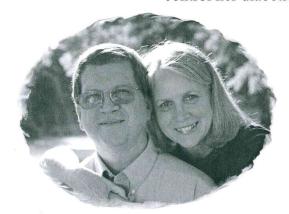
- For addition financial partners to enable us to continue our ministry. We have some serious financial needs
- For better health for Estelle, as she works to control her diabetic condition

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(For financial contributions please enclose a separate note with your check stating that your gift is "for the ministry of David and Estelle Abernathy")





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September At A Glance

1st: Gideon Sunday (Ken out of pulpit)

2nd: Labor Day - Church office closed

8th: Congregational Meeting: special Elder election / Ch. Ed. Meeting /

Canned food collection for LCCM

11th: Prayer Meeting begins (each Wednesday)

15th: Session & PWCT meets

16th: Night Circle

17th: Morning Circle in Fellowship Hall

18th: Men of Church





Church office closed: September 1st in observance of Labor Day

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EOC: *Jerry Adams & Matt Bramlett

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 1st: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gideon Sunday (Jimmy Mixon, Sumter) Ken out of pulpit Coffee: Judith & William Watkins

Flowers: Beth & Dick McCutchen

Labor Day - Church office closed Monday, 1st:

16th Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection Sunday, 8th:

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Special Elder election)

12:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee meeting

Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen Flowers: Judith & William Watkins

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meetings begin Wednesday, 11th:

Sunday, 15th: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Stated Session meeting 9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT meeting Coffee: Meredith, Missy & Melinda Flowers: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen

Monday, 16th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Hostess: Tricia Latimer)

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle in FH (Hostess: Martha Kay Hunt) Tuesday, 17th:

Wednesday, 18th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church in FH (Hosts: Jimmy & Matt)

Sunday, 22nd: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen Flowers: Tom English McCutchen

19th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 29th:

Coffee: Margery, BJ & Doris Flowers: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen

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LCCM September Collection ~ Sugar & Flour ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, September 8th for our monthly Altar collection





The Session had the privilege to participate in a ground-breaking workshop using the Great Commission as a call to action and a focus for all the ministries in the church. The Church does not exist for itself but rather to seek and to save the lost. Touching lives, meeting needs, and being salt and light in the world for Christ is the goal of all we

do. The question is how to do that in our church, with our people, and in our community. The Session is going to start immediately answering that question. The workshop suggested several topics to study and proposed action plans to implement. The workshop leader stated that the very first step was for the congregation to pray. To that end I am issuing a call to prayer for everyone in our church. The book of James says, "You have not because you ask not..." The Lord hears, honors, and responds to the prayers of His people. We will begin a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights starting Wednesday, September 11. Make every effort to come and join in prayer. There is much to do, and this is how we will start.

With the Lord, all things are possible!!! Thanks be to the Lord, our God.

Love in Christ, Ken

September Sermons

1st: **Gideon Sunday**

8th: The Great Promise Matthew 16:13-18

15th: The Great Mission Luke 19:1-10

22nd: The Great Commission Matthew 28:16-20

29th: The Great Multiplication Matthew 24:14

Remember our Homebound Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Naomi McCutchen, McCoy, Bishopville
- Jac Olmert, Woodlands, Greenville
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home



The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. **Gertrude Coates Copeland**

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

Happy Birthday







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Welcome! **Leon Hunt**

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September **Helping Hands Caroline Welch** 1st 8th **Conner Welch** 15th **Brooke Welch** 22nd Kayla & Caroline



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October

September Bell Ringers

Devin Atkinson

1st Kavla & Caroline 8th **Brooke Welch** 15th **Caroline Welch** 22nd **Devin Atkinson** 29th Anna Grace & Sara Abbett



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October

September Nursery Volunteers

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| 29th | Wendy Welch | 27th | Cindy Welsh |

News from the Session...

As summer comes to a close and students return to school, I want to thank everyone who made our annual Picnic a success. A special thanks goes to Johnny and Trisha Latimer for sharing their home with us. Thanks also to everyone who made those wonderful desserts! If you missed the picnic, we hope you will come next year. The children and adults always have a great time.

The new Explorers' class will begin next week. Thanks to Tina Hicks for agreeing to teach for us. I know it will be a

blessing for those who attend.

Your Session is determined to find new ways to serve Christ throughout the coming years. If you are asked to help with a project, please consider it prayerfully. As Ken says, "God uses our availability not our ability and he will provide the tools you will need for any task he puts before you". If you have ideas about how we can become more active in our community, our state, and our world, please share them with us. We can't do everything, but we can always do more!

We ask that you continue to pray for & visit our members who can't worship with us each Sunday. They are still important members of our congregation. They have served faithfully for many years and now it is our turn to minister to them in whatever way we can. Sending a card, baking cookies, visiting, even for a few minutes, can make the day of someone who can't get out. Let us all be the hands of Christ to everyone we meet.

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: September 15 @ 8:00 am ***Please note date change for Stated meeting***

OFFICER DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER

*Jerry Adams & Matt Bramlett

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for September 8th** following
Worship for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill the 2014 seat of Meredith Gaskins.

The Nominating Committee will place in nomination the name of **Bobby Thomas.** The floor will be open for nominations. Please prayerfully consider the person you elect, as they will help govern our Church

Adult Fellowship: Tuesday, October 1st 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Covered-dish

Please bring a dish and join us for good food & good fellowship

Statistics Month of August, 2013

Average Attendance: SS - 45, Worship - 82

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$14,554.90
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$11,393.82
YTD Income received: \$97,537.66
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$94,200.41
Budgeted YTD Income: \$88,975.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$87,720.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$495.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$11.40 YTD Income received: \$5,830.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$36.27



Circle Hostesses for September Night (16th) Tricia Latimer Morning (17th) ... Martha Kay Hunt

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church Wednesday, September 18th 7:00 p.m.

Jimmy McCutchen & Matt Bramlett will host. Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Adult Choir Practice Resumes Thursday's @ 6:00 p.m.

If you're not part of the choir, but would like to be, we would love to have you join us



Congratulations to Lauren Cothran Roach on the arrival of her new daughter, Nora Roach, born August 10th. Nora is the granddaughter of the late "Chip" Cothran and the great granddaughter of Dot Cothran

Please help "Kids for Christ" pack Shoeboxes for Children



Each month we will collect different items for our project. Please place AS your donations in the exhibit boxes in the Fellowship Hall

September: Tovs & Other Items

•October: School Supplies & Other Items

•November: Personal Hygiene & Other Items

ITEM LISTINGS

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jumps ropes, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc...

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps, ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculator, coloring & picture books, etc...

Hygiene Items: Tootbrushes, toothpastes, mild bar soaps (in plastic bags), combs, brushes, washcloths, etc...

Other Items: T-Shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc...

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, items of warfare (such as toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans.

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 10th



NEW Explorer's Sunday School class begins September 8th at 9:30 a.m. upstairs. We will be exploring Matthew so bring your Bible. There will be time for jokes, discussion, questions, prayer, coffee and a snack. Looking forward to seeing you there, Tina Hicks



The PW will purchase round foldable tables for the Fellowship Hall. If you wish to contribute, please give money to Gwen or place it in the collection plate marked "FH tables".

Thanks for balaing with this project!

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New Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings Begins September 11th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



"Walk-Thru-the-Bible" Old Testament workshop - Saturday, November 9th from 9 am - 3:30 pm. Both Clemson and Carolina have open dates that weekend so we hope you'll be able to participate. What makes this event so special is that you'll not only learn a huge amount of inspirational information about the Old Testament, but you'll also be able to remember and recite what you've learned. We'll share much more in the days ahead. For now, put it on your calendar and plan to come, learn, and grow!



August 2, 2013 Yesterday's high: 96° Last night's low: 76° Humidity: feels like 150%

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

In the three weeks since returning home, life has been very busy. My house and yard are a mess, due to the construction of Debbie & Rolando's apartment. Soon they should be able to move into their bedroom and hopefully in a month the living room/school room and the guest bedroom should be finished. We share the laundry room and I do most of the cooking. I am so grateful to have them so close. They celebrated their 1st anniversary on July 27th marveling how God, seeing the future, brought her back home to Mexico to be here.

My trip to the U.S. was unforgettable. I have pictures of almost everyone I saw and often look at them praising and thanking the Lord for His goodness in my life, allowing me to have so many wonderful friends scattered across the U.S. That is a "plus" for those who serve the Lord. I was strengthened, enriched and encouraged by sharing in the lives of so many of you. I had not really wanted to make this trip, but was encouraged by Nancy Ackles, who drove me all over the southern U.S. July 7-17. She knew what I needed! After five weeks I ended my trip in St. Louis with Daniel's family, celebrating the 6th birthday of their youngest son, Owen. When I came home, I did so with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the work we were involved in for 46 years. The Lord supplied my needs and I know He'll continue to do so. The churches I visited while in the U.S. recommitted their support of my ministry.

Thanks to the help of many of you, the Porvenir camps have just concluded with nearly 420 children and young people being reached with the message of salvation. Mark and Altia ran a family camp of about 150 people as well. Please pray for each of these as they are now home and will be faced with the challenge of living out the decisions for Christ they made while at camp. On July 27, the governing board held a ceremony to unveil a plaque commemorating our 46 years of camp service. Debbie, Mark and his family were able to be there and share in that moment. The plaque is now displayed in the main dining hall corridor of the camp property.

During my trip, I enjoyed hearing many of your testimonies about how you are extending the Kingdom in the places where God has put you to serve Him. Upon returning home I was invited to participate in a service in the town of Tepakan. The service was organized by the young people's Christian Endeavor Union of the Sac-Be Presbytery, to which we belong. I received a plaque in recognition of my years of service but as I told them, "To God be the glory, not to me." I have only done what He has enabled me to do.

On August 6, I will have cataract surgery on my right eye, done by a fine Christian specialist here. Later in the month I hope to do the other eye. My vision has deteriorated this year due to the combination of cataracts and macular degeneration. We hope I will be able to read a little better after this surgery.

Seminary classes resume August 19. Debbie's homeschool group, called Merida Christian School, will begin September 2, hopefully in the new apartment next door. I will be visiting the villages of Temax, Chemax, Yalcoba and Maxcanu later this month. On September 8, we have been invited to a special joint service in the town of Carrillo Puerto which is about 3-4 hours away. The service will be attended by various churches in an effort to promote unity amongst the Christians in the area.

Life is very different now, as I look for a new "normalcy". Each day brings different challenges and blessings. We have been without a computer since I returned home, relying on my iPad for e-mail communications. Dave's computer is being repaired and we hope to have it back, along with the magic jack internet phone, in the next couple of weeks

Thank you for your prayers, friendship and gifts. Although separated by a great distance, each of you has a special place in my heart, and I feel honored to call you friends.

Your servant for Jesus' sake, Jean Legters (for the family)

Please share this e-mail update with those who don't receive e-mails. I hope to be able to send some personal e-mails and notes after my cataract surgery





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October At A Glance

Adult Fellowship resumes 1st:

6th: World Communion / Cents-Ability / food collection / Luncheon

EPC - PW Meeting (Concord PC) 12th:

Session / PWCT / Elder exam, ordain, install 13th:

14th: **Night Circle Morning Circle** 15th: Men of Church 16th:





Dr. Howard Shockley will administer communion



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Prayer Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship resumes (covered-dish in FH) Guest Speaker: Rev. Ryan Riley (Elliott Baptist Church) Tuesday, 1st:

20th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 6th:

World Communion / Cents-Ability / LCCM food collection /

Dr. Howard Shockley in pulpit 12:00 p.m. Communion Luncheon

7:00 p.m. Outreach Revival @ First Baptist, Bishopville

No Coffee Hour

Flowers: Peebles Family

8:30 a.m. EPC - PW meeting @ Concord PC Saturday, 12th:

Sunday, 13th: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Stated Session (elder examination)

9:00 a.m. PWCT

11:00 a.m. Elder Ordination & Installation

Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer Flowers: Wendy & Benny Welch

Monday, 14th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Hostess: Jennifer McCutchen)

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle in FH (Hostess: Isabelle McCutchen) Tuesday, 15th:

Wednesday, 16th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church in FH (Host needed)

Sunday, 20th: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch

Flowers: Sherry & Tom Kerr

Sunday, 27th: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee: Kathyrn Welch & Dawn Nesbit

Flowers: Monroe Family

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LCCM October Collection ~ Dried Beans ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, October 6th for our monthly Altar collection





Many of you know that I became very ill before the worship service last Sunday. Waves of nausea, scrambled stomach, and light-headedness came on suddenly. I could not figure out why I was ill. There was no good reason that I could think of. I thank Matt Bramlett, Gregg McCutchen and

Steven Frazier for stepping up to lead the service while I was lying on the floor or sitting on the couch, in the Church parlor. The Lord gave me strength and I was able to preach the sermon. It was only later when talking with one of the elders that it clicked in my mind. I have been preaching for weeks about the Lord's call to renewal and commitment for us individually and together as a church. I have said that we need to pray because we do not battle against "flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers." The battle is not external and logistical, but personal and spiritual. The evil one, Satan himself does not want us to be renewed. He does not want the life of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through us and the Church. Satan will pull every trick he can and he did last Sunday. But "greater is He that is in [us] than he that is in the world." Satan can fight, but he cannot win. He can roar, but Christ is the victor. Paul tells us that in Christ we are more than conquerors. Pray for our church, our Elders, for yourself and for me. Pray for renewal, healing, vision, and those who will be brought to Christ. What a glorious blessing that is in store as we seek the will of the Lord to be done in and through us! With the Lord, all things are possible!!! Thanks be to the Lord, our God.

Love in Christ. Ken

October Sermons

World Communion Dr. Howard Shockley 6th: 13th: Remember to Give Thanks Luke 17:11-19

20th: No Room for Pride Luke 18:9-14 27th: It is Not Just a Job Colossians 3:17 &

Ephesians 6:5-8

Remember our Homebound Members

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her homeLaura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Naomi McCutchen, McCoy, Bishopville
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home

The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dorothy Leigh "Dot" Welsh Jacqueline McCutchen Olmert

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)



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Jacqueline McCutchen Olmert 5/19/1920 - 9/18/2013

News from the Session...

Another month has come and gone and we can look back and see God at work each and everyday. His love and provision never ends.

In September we saw the loss of one of the special ladies in our Church. Mrs. Jac Olmert was such a blessing and inspiration to everyone who knew her. We all know she is celebrating and worshipping God in heaven, completely free from all earthly burdens.

Please continue to pray for the Session and for our Church. September 27th - 28th will the first Presbytery meeting for us as members of the EPC. I pray that everyone who attends will receive a blessing from this gathering.

As always, if you have ideas about how we can serve God better through our witness to others, please share them with your Session. Together we can make a difference!

If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call (428.8170-cell or 428.5693-home)

Yours In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of the Session Next Stated Session Meeting: October 13 @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR OCTOBER

*Carl Frazier & Dick McCutchen

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Congratulations to Bobby Thomas as our newly elected elder, filling the c/o 2014 Session seat! He'll be examined by the Session on October 13th and ordained & installed during worship. Please keep him & all our elders in your prayers.

October 6th

SENDAY Extended communion is gladly served in the homes of those who cannot attend. Please contact the

Pastor or an Elder to arrange for extended services. **Rev. Howard Shockley** will serve communion. **Cents-Ability** offering & food will also be collected to help fund the LCCM. We will have a covered-dish luncheon after the service with Mr. B's chicken



Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall All are encouraged to attend

Bible Study

"Walk-Thru-the-Bible" Old Testament Workshop Saturday, November 9th from 9 am – 3:30 pm

Both Clemson and Carolina have open dates that weekend so we hope you'll be able to participate. What makes this event so special is that you'll not only learn a huge amount of inspirational information about the Old Testament, but you'll be able to remember and recite what you've learned. We'll share much more in the days ahead. But, for now, put it on your calendar and plan to come, learn, and grow!

Statistics

Month of September, 2013 As of September 26th

Average Attendance: SS - 37, Worship - 66

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

| Budgeted YTD Expenses: | \$102,104.00 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted YTD Income: | \$98,685.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$105,090.89 |
| YTD Income received: | \$106,334.68 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$10,890.48 |
| MTD Income received: | \$8,893.42 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

| MTD Income received: | \$515.00 |
|-------------------------|------------|
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$500.00 |
| YTD Income received: | \$6,345.00 |
| YTD Expenses disbursed: | \$536.27 |
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Circle Hostesses for October Night (14th) Jennifer McCutchen Morning (15th) ...Isabelle McCutchen

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church Wednesday, October 16th 7:00 p.m.

Hosts are needed. Please contact Jimmy McCutchen or the Church office if you can host. Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Adult Fellowship: Tuesday, October 1st 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Covered-dish

Our guest speaker will be Pastor, Ryan Riley of Elliott Baptist Church. He is also a Lee County Deputy & Firefighter.

Please bring a dish and join us for good food & good fellowship

Outreach Revival First Baptist Church, Bishopville October 6th - 9th 7:00 pm

Speaker: Adrian Despres, USC Football Chaplain & Kingdom Building Ministries

Special Music: Cedar Creek Quartet, Believers, Cross Anchor Quartet and the Tyners Everyone is invited to attend

Church & Community Events

Please help the "Kids for Christ" pack Shoeboxes for Children



Each month we will collect different items for our project. Please place 1AS your donations in the exhibit boxes in the Fellowship Hall

- •October: School Supplies & Other Items
- •November: Personal Hygiene & Other Items

ITEM LISTING

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, vo-yos, jumps ropes, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc...

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps, ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculator, coloring & picture books, etc...

Hygiene Items: Tootbrushes, toothpastes, mild bar soaps (in plastic bags), combs, brushes, washcloths, etc...

Other Items: T-Shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc...

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, items of warfare (such as toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans.

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 10th

Choral Program
Sunday, November 3rd
Sunday, November 17
4:00 p.m.
Bishopville Presbyterian Church
The choirs of Bethesda Presbyterian Church & Bishopville Presbyterian Church will combine to present a choral program under the direction of Bo Dickinson. Both Church's will host the program and everyone is encouraged to attend both programs program and everyone is encouraged to attend both programs



Harvest Banquet Monday, November 25th @ 6:30 pm Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Ticket and reservation details will be posted soon. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend





Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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November At A Glance

Daylight saving time ends / Choir concert @ BPC / food collection 3rd:

6th:

Admin. Committee meeting (2014 budget)
Walk Through Bible workshop "Old Testament" 9th:

Session / Stan Huie in pulpit 10th:

Kids for Christ pack shoeboxes & pizza party 14th: FILL THEM WITH

PWCT / Choir concert @ Bethesda PC @ 17th:

Men of Church 20th:

Church office closed for vacation 21st:

Harvest Banquet @ BPC 25th:

Thanksgiving / Church office closed 28th:



Daylight Savings ends (a) 2 am on November 3rd Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before bed on November 2nd





Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Prayer Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.) **Key Officers and Staff**

Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session Gregg McCutchen III, Church Treasurer Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer Gwen Steinmeyer, Office Manager

Rev. Ken Hicks, Pastor



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH**

EOC: *Bobby Thomas & Gregg McCutchen

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 3rd: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Saving Time ends / LCCM food collection

4:00 p.m. Choir program @ BPC Coffee Hour: T-Bo Ellen, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh

Flowers: Bell Family

6:00 p.m. Admin Committee meeting Wednesday, 6th:

Saturday, 9th: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. "Walk-Thru-Bible" workshop @ BPC

Sunday, 10th: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Stated Session

11:00 a.m. Stan Huie in pulpit Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett, Betty Heriot

Flowers: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ pack shoeboxes & pizza party Thursday, 14th:

Sunday, 17th: 26th Sunday after Pentecost

12:30 p.m. PWCT

4:00 p.m. Choir program @ Bethesda PC, Camden Coffee: Cindy Welsh & Debbie Tindal

Flowers: Jackie & Ray Drayton

Wednesday, 20th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church in FH (Jimmy McCutchen)

Thursday, 21st: Church office closed

Sunday, 24th:

Christ the King Sunday Coffee: Beth & Dick McCutchen Flowers: Naomi McCutchen Family 6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet @ BPC

Thursday, 28th: Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Unless otherwise noted To receive electronic news, please email the church at bishopvillepc@ftc-i.net. Printed materials are available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed copies.



Monday, 25th:

LCCM November Collection ~ Holiday Non-Perishables ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, November 3rd for our monthly Altar collection





The Bible is the most important book in human history. It is the first book ever printed. We are called to read it, learn it, remember it, meditate on it, and to obey it. The Psalmist wrote, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." and "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." The Bible is

powerful and fresh, even life-changing.

To give you the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and to inspire you with its unity and truth, we have scheduled a Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament Seminar at our church on Saturday, November 9th.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar will begin promptly at 9:00. There is no charge for members of our church. An offering will be taken to help defray the expenses. Please make every effort to attend. It could change your life!

Love in Christ, Ken

November Sermons

3rd: More Blessed to Give Malachi 3:10, Luke 6:38

10th: Stan Huie in pulpit

17th: Remember Me Luke 23:33-43 24th: Let us Give Thanks Psalms 60:30-32

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Naomi Griffin McCutchen JoAnn McCaskill-Hill

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Happy Birthday



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| Maggie Corbett | 15 |
| Tom Kerr | 18 |
| Jennifer McCutchen | 18 |
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November Greeters

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December

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November Nursery Volunteers **December**

| 3rd | Meredith Gaskins | 1st | Melinda Atkinson |
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| 10th | Wendy Welch | 8th | Cindy Welsh |
| 17th | Jill McElveen | 15th | Meredith Gaskins |
| 24th | Missy Kirven | 22nd | Wendy Welch |
| | • | 29th | Jill McElveen |

Naomi Griffin McCutchen 2/21/1916 - 10/6/2013

News from the Session...

On behalf of the Session, I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temperatures this time of year. We will soon enter the season of Thanksgiving when we make a special effort to remember all of the blessings we have been given by God. This is my favorite season because somehow it has not been commercialized like other holidays. We can just enjoy family and friends and remember our blessings. Hopefully, this is not the only time of year when we remember to be thankful!

October saw the passing of another matriarch of our church. Mrs. Naomi McCutchen was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed but we are all blessed for having known her. Her generation sacrificed so much for our country and they should never be forgotten.

BPC welcomed Benji Harrington to our official roles last month. He has been attending with Jane, Amber, and Brooke for a while, but now he is official. It is a blessing to see young families raising their children in the church. Our world seems to work against Christian family values and we should all support Benji, Jane and all of the young families in our church. Please remember to bring food items for the Care Center and other small items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes that the Kids for Christ are collecting and assembling. There are so many people in our area and in our world who have so little and we should all be willing to give a little more.

As always if you need any assistance from the Session, please don't hesitate to call. We are called to be servants to anyone in

need. -- In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session

Next Stated Session Meeting: November 10 @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER

*Bobby Thomas & Gregg McCutchen

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



Finance Meeting

Wednesday, November 6th (a) 6:00 p.m. Finalizing 2014 budget

Project Medi-Share

Christie McCutchen, along with other SC medical professionals, will participate in a one week medical mission trip to Haiti, in December. Tax deductible donations will be accepted through the Church and are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please make your checks payable to BPC, marked "Project Medishare", no later than November 15th. Snacks & small toys to be given to Haitian children are also being accepted. Donation box is in Fellowship Hall

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| YTD Income received: | \$115,189.23 |
| MTD Expenses disbursed: | \$8,365.22 |
| MTD Income received: | \$7,624.05 |

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$2,135.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$11.93 YTD Income received: \$9,285.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$548.20

Men of Church Wednesday, November 20th 7:00 p.m.

Host: Jimmy McCutchen Please join us for good food & good fellowship



Congratulations! Catherine Bell & Blake Smith were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 2nd in our Sanctuary.

Catherine is the daughter of Renee & Crues Bell, the paternal granddaughter of Doris & John Bell and the maternal granddaughter of Thelma Calcutt.

PWCT Sunday, November 17th 12:30 p.m.

Budget planning meeting



Christmas Poinsettias: Please complete the order form in your bulletin or contact the Church office & submit with payment. Plants are \$13.50 each and will adorn the Sanctuary Dec. 8th, 15th & 22nd. Please make checks payable to the church. Order deadline is: November 10th.



Hanging of the Greens December 1st

Come worship with us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights & sounds of Advent and Christmas.



Please help the "Kids for Christ" pack Shoeboxes for Children RISTMAS Please place your donations in the exhibit boxes in the Fellowship Hall

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Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 10th Please meet in the Fellowship Hall on November 14th @ 6:00 p.m. to pack shoeboxes and for a pizza party!

PACKING PARTY

Sunday, November 3rd 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17th 4:00 p.m.

Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Camden

The choirs of Bethesda Presbyterian Church & Bishopville Presbyterian Church will combine to present a choral program under the direction of Bo Dickinson. Both Church's will host the program and everyone is encouraged to attend both programs

larvest Banquet November 25th 6:30 pm Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Tickets are \$6.75 pp and may be reserved through the BPC & BUMC Church offices or at Jared's Ace Hardware. All women are invited. Please make checks payable to PW (Presbyterian Women). Reservation deadline: November 18th. The Women of the Church are deeply appreciative to Betsy Bramlett, Betty Heriot and Diane McElveen for hosting the reception for the family of Naomi McCutchen and the family of Jac Olmert. Many comments were made by friends and family members for the thoughtfulness and kindness shown during their time of sorrow.

We also thank Betsy Bramlett & Tricia Latimer for taking the responsibility of checking into & ordering round tables for the Fellowship Hall. We now have 14 new tables which can be used for coffee hour & other activities in the life of our Church. If anyone wishes to donate to the Fellowship Hall project, your help would be greatly appreciated.

November is National Hospice Month. There are more than 80 hospice organizations in SC. We encourage you to pray for the families & patients currently receiving hospice care and for the members of their hospice team as they work to provide comfort and support. For more info or ways you can help, please call: 803.484.6869



5802 Bob Bullock Loop 20 Building C 18-102 Laredo TX, 78041 October 22, 2013 Yesterday's high: 90° Last night's low: 72°

Dear Prayer Partners and E-mail Friends,

"He knows the way that I take and when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10 NKJV

Since so many have written, I felt the best way to answer was by a prayer letter. I wish I could answer each individually but often time and energy don't permit. Computer problems and frequent internet interruptions don't help either. The computer was repaired but is not 100% and has no magic jack phone connection, which I really miss. I've lately had some mechanical problems with the cars and often have to call Mark or Rolando to rescue me and get me back home. We learn patience here in Mexico!

Debbie is learning it with her mother-in-law, who suffers from dementia and also recently fell and broke her hip. After 2 weeks in a public, government-run hospital, she was released and is now in our home for at least the next month. It was hard on the family having to be with her 24 hours a day, and only a plastic chair to sleep on. We are equipped to care for her here.

San Pablo Seminary re-opened mid-August with 10 new theology students and 11 in music. I teach all the 1st year students and also give 2 private lessons on Saturdays. The cataract surgery improved my distance vision somewhat, but near vision to read is about the same, due to the macular degeneration.

My weekend travels sometimes include Debbie and Rolando, or others to drive and/or preach. September 8th (my 51st wedding anniversary) we were in Carrillo Puerto where Dave lived as a child from 1947-1950. They had a wonderful united service in Spanish and Maya, and we sold nearly \$500 dollars' worth of Bibles, hymnbooks and Christian literature (but didn't get home until 2:30 a.m.)

Debbie and Rolando's living room/classroom was finished on time so the Merida Christian School is in session there from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The carport is finished so we will no longer hear the pounding of the masons. If we are without rain a few days, the exterior will get painted. After 4 months of construction, we will be happy to be free of workmen!

Aside from teaching the MCS students in the mornings, Debbie is also teaching afternoon and evening courses at an after-school program and at the seminary. We are trying to "mesh" our schedules to accommodate everything: my swimming, choir, cooking, weekend ministry, and her various classes. Now, also, we find time for her mother-in-law's care. The past 3 weeks I have had stress-related vertigo, so have had to cut back and with rest and medication I am now better.

Daniel was here September 13-16 with 3 members of his church, Covenant PCA Church in St. Louis, to visit 7 possible construction sites to bring a work group next summer. We covered the state of Yucatan and were exhausted but happy for the brief time together. Generally, every weekend finds me in different villages and congregations, sharing and ministering to old and new brothers and sisters in the faith. I really enjoy it but get tired physically. Birthday 73 is coming up in November, so that may be a reason!

Dave was president of the Peninsular Synod of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, and on November 9th it will celebrate its 25th anniversary. It is made up of different geographical groups of churches and pastors. There are now 7 synods in the country. In 1935 there were none, in 1967 there was only 1. We have experienced tremendous church growth, especially in southeast Mexico, in these nearly 50 years! There will be a large choir made up of at least 12 different choirs which are now all practicing the music. They will get together for rehearsals later this month.

Mark will probably be undergoing surgery in December for a thrombosis in one leg which has been kept under control via medication up to now. Daniel will be returning for a week the end of December to help go through the many boxes of Brainerd's and Dave's papers which are now in storage. I will probably send my Christmas/New Year letter back with him.

Thanks for praying and giving to the ministry here. In the midst of the ways God may be testing you, may the Lord continue to bless you and grace you to come forth as gold.

Your servant for Jesus' sake, Jean Legters (for the family)

P.S. Any gifts to the seminary or our ministry may be sent to:

The Magi P.O. Box 43 Byron Center, MI 49315

Please make your check out to The Magi and include a note on the memo section indicating the designation of your gift.





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December At A Glance

1st Advent / Hanging of Greens service / food collection 1st:

Adult Fellowship outing 3rd:

2nd Advent / Session / Elder examination

3rd Advent / PWCT / Elder Ordination & Installation 15th:

Young Adult & Explorers Christmas party 16th:

4th Advent / Children's pageant / covered-dish luncheon Christmas Eve service @ BUMC **22nd:**

24th:

Church office closed 24 - 30: **Merry CHRISTmas!!!** 25th:

Ken out of pulpit (Rev. James Alexander in pulpit) 29th:



Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Prayer Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.) **Key Officers and Staff**

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Cindy Welsh & Renee Bell

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 1st: 1st Sunday of Advent / Hanging of Greens

LCCM food collection

Coffee Hour: Beth & Dick McCutchen

Flowers: Hanging of Greens

Tuesday, 3rd: 10:45 a.m. Adult Fellowship leaves for lunch @ Hall's

Sunday, 8th: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Stated Session & Elder examination

Coffee: Ann & Nick West Flowers: Poinsettia Array

Sunday, 15th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. PWCT

11:00 a.m. Elder Ordination & Installation

Coffee: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen

Flowers: Poinsettia Array

Monday, 16th: 6:00 p.m. Explorer's & Young-Adult Christmas party @ Oaks

Sunday, 22nd:

4th Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

12:00 p.m. Covered-dish luncheon ***NO Coffee Hour***

Flowers: Poinsettia Array

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service @ BUMC Tuesday, 24th:

Wednesday, 25th: **MERRY CHRISTMAS! Happy birthday JESUS!!!**

Sunday, 29th: 1st Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m. Rev James Alexander in pulpit while Ken is away

Coffee: Liz & Billy Simon

Flowers: Diane & William McElveen

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Unless otherwise noted To receive electronic news, please email the church at bishopvillepc@ftc-i.net. Printed materials are available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed copies.



LCCM December Collection ~ Holiday Non-Perishables ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, December 1st for our monthly Altar collection



The SCROL



I have now completed my tenth year as pastor of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church. As pastor of this church, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Christmas is all about God's blessings rooted in His love for the world and the gift of His Son that all who believe might have abundant and eternal

life. God loves and God blesses. So do you. My family and I have been truly blessed to have been part of this church family. Your many expressions of love and support have enriched our lives. As we move into the New Year, it is with an expectation of growth in faithfulness, service, and outreach. God desires to do a New Thing among us. What will it be? I don't know, but it is going to be wonderful. God has wonderful plans for a future and a hope, for you and for me. Merry Christmas to all!!

Love in Christ, Ken

December Sermons

Ready or Not! Matthew 24:36-44 1st: 8th: Of Vipers & Vitality Matthew 3:1-12 15th: A Life of Total Dedication Matthew 11:2-11 22nd: **Mysterious Joy** Matthew 1:18-25 29th: **Rev. James Alexander in pulpit**



Church Office closed for holidays December 24th - 30th **Merry Christmas & Safe travels!** Email will be periodically checked, when applicable

Adult Fellowship outing Tuesday, December 3rd

Please meet in the Church parking lot, by 10:45 to carpool to Hall's restaurant in Lugoff, for lunch. We would love to have a good crowd join us for lunch!

Please remember our Homebound Members during the holiday season!

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, at her home
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Lila Mae Welsh, at her home

The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Denise "Neecie" Calcutt Norwood Hatfield

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

Happy Birthday



Michael Jeffords Sara Catherine Corbett 6 **Elouise Wright Gordon Eckley** 8 **Becky Crichton** 9 Mike Monroe 13 Janice Reynolds 13 **Boochie Swearingen** 13 **Dawn Levers** 14 Maggie Corbett 15 Tom Kerr 18 Jennifer McCutchen 18 **Billy Simon** 20 **Margery Jeffords** 24 Retta Tindal 24 24 **Brooke Welch Wyatt Frazier** 28 Rena Smith 29



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| Ann West | 2 |
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| Bill Tindal | |
| Kody Mills McCutchen | 4 |
| John Bell, Jr | 9 |
| Will McElveen | 9 9 |
| Kean Scott III | 9 |
| Marvis Baker | 11 |
| John Crues Bell IV | 12 |
| Bill Conway | 13 |
| Steven Welsh | 13 |
| Ken Cutler | 14 |
| T-Bo Ellen | 16 |
| Carole Scott | 18 |
| Aidan Hilditch | 25 |
| Jean Woodmansee | 26 |
| Gayle Kerr | 27 |
| Brooke Harrington | 30 |
| Amber Harrington | 30 |
| Josh Kirven | 30 |
| John Latimer | 30 |

December

1st Steve Monroe 8th **Bubba Muldrow** 15th Dawn & Caroline Janice Revnolds 22nd 29th **Simon Family**

Greeters Welcome!

January 5th **Shirley Wallace** 12th William Watkins 19th Caroline & Wendy 26th MaryAnna Welsh

Helping Hands December

1st **Conner Welch Brooke Welch** 8th 15th Kayla & Caroline 22nd **Devin Atkinson** 29th Anna Grace & Sara Abbett



January 5th Caroline Welch 12th **Conner Welch** 19th **Brooke Welch** 26th Kayla & Caroline

Bell Ringers

December

Brooke Welch 1st 8th Caroline Welch Devin Atkinson 15th 22nd Anna Grace & Sara Abbett 29th **Conner Welch**



5th 12th 19th 26th

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/19th

January

Kayla & Caroline **Brooke Welch Caroline Welch Devin Atkinson**

Nursery Volunteers

December

1st Melinda Atkinson 8th Cindy Welsh 15th **Meredith Gaskins Wendy Welch** 22nd Jill McElveen 29th

January

Missy Kirven 12th Melinda Atkinson **Cindy Welsh** 26th Meredith Gaskins

News from the Session...

Isn't it great that the secular world has left Thanksgiving alone? While we see turkeys and pilgrims as decorations occasionally, Thanksgiving remains a "quiet" season when we can reflect on what God has given us and sometimes what he has not given us. This time of year comes just before the "noisy" season of Christmas when we get too caught up in the shopping and baking and decorating. I enjoy all of that too but don't you agree that it gets out of hand and takes over sometimes?

The scripture for Sunday school last week talked about standing still and waiting and listening for God's direction in our lives. We all need to remember that each and every day. During this season of Thanksgiving, I pray that each one of us will stop and be quiet for a while so we can enjoy time with our Maker and our Savior. He has so much to tell us and show us but we have to listen!! So let's all enjoy the turkey and dressing and all of the "fixings" but let's also make time to just be with God. He will guide us and show us how He will use us in His service if we will just STOP, BE QUIET, and LISTEN!!

Have a joyous and quiet Thanksgiving!

As always if you need any assistance from the Session, please don't hesitate to call. We are called to be servants to anyone in need. -- In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session Next Stated Session Meeting: December 8th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR DECEMBER

*Cindy Welsh & Renee Bell

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Elder Installation & Ordination Sunday December 15th

Elders being installed are:

- Tyson Eckley
- Steven Frazier (ordained also)
 - Perry McCutchen
 - Judith Watkins

Thank you to the following who will be leaving us this year - Renee Bell, T-Bo Ellen, Dick McCutchen, Cindy Welsh

You all did a wonderful job and will be missed!



Children's Christmas Pageant December 22nd 11:00 a.m.

Come out and support our youth!
A covered-dish luncheon will follow the program. Bring a dish and join us!
Church will provide chicken & biscuits



The Kids for Christ are accepting donations for patients @ McCoy Nursing Home. Please place items in drop box in Fellowship Hall, by December 22nd. Item listing: Lap blankets, socks (regular or slipper), roll-on deodorant, under shirts, peppermint & hard candies

Statistics Month of November, 2013

Average Attendance: SS - 46, Worship - 66

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$10,021.53
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$8,206.77
YTD Income received: \$125,210.76
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$122,189.88
Budgeted YTD Income: \$120,615.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$122,753.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$770.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$589.52 YTD Income received: \$10,055.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,137.72



Hanging of the Greens December 1st

Come worship with us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights & sounds of Advent and Christmas.



Dec. 1st: Renee & Crues Bell Family
Dec. 8th: Melinda & Reese Atkinson Family
Dec. 15th: Kerry & Steven Frazier Family
Dec. 22nd: Betsy & Matt Bramlett Family



Christmas Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary Dec. 8th, 15th & 22nd. Please pick up plants after worship on 22nd

Christmas Eve Service December 24th @ 7:00 p.m. Bethlehem United Methodist Church



Everyone is invited to attend



The Church thanks Leila Ethel McCutchen for her donation of several glass serving pieces to the Fellowship Hall!

Please visit the Angel Trees in both Tower rooms and help make a child happy this Christmas by taking a star and returning a gift by **Sunday**, **December 15**th. Please wrap your gift(s) in Christmas

paper and label according to the tag.