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January At A Glance

1st: Happy New Year!!!

5th: LCCM food collection / Communion /

Cents-Ability offering

12th: Session

15th: Men of Church

19th: PWCT

20th: Night Circle / Church office closed for holiday

21st: Morning Circle



Sunday Service Schedule

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

> Thursday Schedule Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)

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Rev. Ken Hicks, Pastor



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EOC: *Matt Bramlett & Jerry Adams

Calendar of Events

2nd Sunday after Christmas / LCCM food collection Sunday, 5th:

11:00 a.m. Communion & Cents-Ability offering Coffee Hour: Crues & Renee Bell Flowers: Will & Jill McElveen

Baptism of the LORD Sunday, 12th:

8:00 a.m. Stated Session **Coffee Hour: OPEN**

Flowers: Dawn & Craig Nesbit

Wednesday, 15th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Billy Clyburn & William McElveen)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. PWCT Sunday, 19th:

Coffee Hour: Edie & Jeff Varn Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy

Holiday: Church office closed Monday, 20th:

7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Margery Jeffords/Jackie Drayton) **Tuesday, 21st:**

Sunday, 26th: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Coffee: Bert Cousar & OPEN Flowers: Janice Reynolds

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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

Office closed for holiday: Monday, January 20th

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LCCM January Collection ~ Grits ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, January 5th for our monthly Altar collection



The SCRO



Another year is finished, and what a year it was. Countless hours of work went into preparing for and working our way through the "Gracious Dismissal" process of New Harmony Presbytery. Having completed that

we have now joined with numerous congregations in the EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic to develop a strategy for church growth and revitalization. A Vision Team has been selected and approved by Session. The members of the team are Diane McElveen, Perry McCutchen, Bobby Thomas, Judith Watkins, and Wendy Welch. They will be working with me in the coming year to solicit your input together with the Session to prayerfully seek ways that the Lord can breathe new life into the Bishopville Presbyterian Church. My role and responsibilities will probably evolve as well as the organization and responsibilities of the Session. Working together with the Lord to bring new life and vitality into our church is not a "spectator sport." It will need the full participation of all of our members and friends. You will be a key component of our success. Pray for the Lord's guidance and direction in the coming new year and rededicate your own life to spirit filled and enthusiastic service together with your brothers and sisters in Christ. May the Lord bless, keep and use us all! Happy New Year! Love in Christ. Ken



Jane & Bayard Huggins 439 Gardners Circle Bluffton, SC 29910

Please remember our Homebound Members

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

Happy Birthday

Robert McCutchen III 2 3 3 3 Ann West **Rhetta Simon Cloyd** Chip Smith Bill Tindal **Kody Mills McCutchen** John Bell, Jr Will McElveen Kean Scott III **Marvis Baker** 11 John Crues Bell IV 12 13 **Bill Conway** 13 Steven Welsh 14 Ken Cutler 16 T-Bo Ellen 18 Carole Scott 25 Aidan Hilditch 26 Jean Woodmansee 27 Gavle Kerr 30 **Brooke Harrington** 30 Amber Harrington Josh Kirven 30 30 John Latimer



Kayla McCutchen	1
Laura Latimer	4
Harry Woodmansee	4
Tina Hicks	5
Hampton Gaskins	15
Martha Kay Hunt	15
Benny Welčh III	15
Patrick Finethy	17
Bubba Muldrow	20
Rev. Ewell Black	21
Myers Varn Floyd	21
Shirley Wallace	28
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January

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

Welcome! MaryAnna Welsh

February

Steven Welsh **Ann West** Nick West Melinda Atkinson

Helping Hands January

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

February 2nd 9h

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Devin Atkinson Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Caroline Welch **Conner Welch**

Bell Ringers

Greeters

January

Kayla & Caroline 5th 12th **Brooke Welch** 19th Caroline Welch 26th **Devin Atkinson**



February

Anna Grace & Sara Abbett **Conner Welch** Kavla & Caroline **Brooke Welch**

Nursery Volunteers January

5th Missy Kirven 12th Melinda Atkinson 19th **Cindy Welsh** 26th Meredith Gaskins



23rd

February Wendy Welch Jill McElveen Missy Kirven Melinda Atkinson

As you receive this newsletter, if you are like our house, you are probably still finishing the shopping, baking, and decorating to prepare for Christmas. May we all put first things first and remember that it is CHRISTmas Day and not just a holiday as so many in our society would have us believe. As we give gifts to loved ones, let us stop to treasure God's ultimate gift, Jesus Christ, born in a manger so long ago. Jesus is the Reason we have the Season.

The Session also prays for a blessed New Year for each of you. We do not know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future. I am thankful for our God who will never leave us nor forsake us and for a praying church family who will lift each member up in good times and bad. We worship God who can and will use all things for His glory. Always remember that your Session is charged to be servants to all. Please contact us if we can be of any service to you in the New Year!

-- In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session Next Stated Session Meeting: January 12th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JANUARY

*Matt Bramlett & Jerry Adams

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics Month of December, 2013

Average Attendance: SS - 42, Worship - 93 As of December 23rd

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$16,549.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,316.03
YTD Income received:	\$141,759.76
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$137,505.91
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$136,332.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$136,332.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$5,015.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$11.93 YTD Income received: \$15,070.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,149.65



Circle Hostesses for January
Night (20th) Marsha McCutchen
Morning (21st) ... Margery & Jackie
*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church Wednesday, January 15th 7:00 p.m.

Hosts are William McElveen & Billy Clyburn Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Communion Sunday January 5th will celebrate communion, along with a

We will celebrate communion, along with a collection of canned foods & Cents-Ability offering for the Care Center. Communion is offered in the homes of those who can't attend. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services

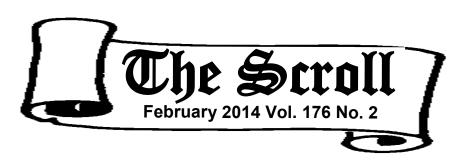


I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the congregation for your generous contributions to "Project Medishare". Your donations made it possible for me to travel to Haiti on November 29th and spend a week assisting with the medical and spiritual needs of these unfortunate people.

In Christian love, Christie McCutchen

Thank you to everyone for the many gifts this Christmas season! It's been such a pleasure getting to know each of you personally! Love, Gwen

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year, and it is so nice to be remembered during this season. Thank you to the Session and the Choir for their many acts of kindness. I pray that God will hold each of you in the palm of His hand. Christmas Blessings to all, Louise





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February At A Glance

LCCM food collection Souperbowl offering **2nd:**

Adult Fellowship "Soup" luncheon Session / FBC Welcome Reception 4th: 9th:

PWCT / Kids for Christ "Valentine" Meal 16th: Night Circle / Church office closed for holiday Morning Circle Men of Church

18th: 19th:



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Calendar of Events

Sunday, 2nd: 4th Sunday after Epiphany/LCCM food collection/Souperbowl

Coffee Hour: William & Judith Watkins

Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon

Tuesday, 4th: 12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship Lunch (Speaker: Bobby Thomas)

Sunday, 9th: 5th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 a.m. Stated Session

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 1st Baptist Welcome Reception @ FBC Coffee Hour: Diane & Jill McElveen

Flowers: Iris Thomas

Sunday, 16th: 6th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. PWCT

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ "Valentine" Supper Coffee Hour: Meredith, Missy & Melinda

Flowers: Edie & Jeff Varn

Monday, 17th: Holiday: Church office closed

7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)

Tuesday, 18th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Ann West)

Wednesday, 19th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Perry & Dick McCutchen)

Sunday, 23rd:

7th Sunday after Epiphany Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen Flowers: Kathryn & Hank Welch

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Office closed for holiday: Monday, February 17th

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LCCM February Collection ~ Canned Soups ~ Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, January 5th for our monthly Altar collection



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February is the month of Love! The kids are once again going to provide a wonderful Valentine's supper for our church. My preaching will focus on Christian love: The love of God, Love in the Family of God, and Love in our human family. Loving our

Christian brothers and sisters can be very hard work. Rick Warren said in his Forty Days of *Purpose*, "To live above with saints we love, that will be true glory. To live below with saints we know, now that's a different story!" But as we all know, loving one another is not optional. Unwavering love is modeled for us by God himself. God's is a self-sacrificing love, an unconditional love, a life changing love. We love because He first loved us. Mav the love of Christ dwell richly in each one of our lives. - - Love in Christ. Ken

February Sermons & Scriptures

The Goal of Faith I Cor. 15:12-19, 51-57 2nd 9th The Love of God Romans 5:8 Love in the Family of God I Cor. 13:4-7 16th 23rd Love in Our Human Sunday Matthew 19:4-6



Kids For Christ "Valentine" Supper February 16th @ 6:00 p.m. The children will provide & serve the meal



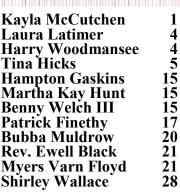
Sunday, February 2nd Help support the LCCM by dropping a dollar in the soup pot at Church

Please remember our Homebound Members

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

Happy Birthday









Graham Couch	2
Bo Simon	2
Louise McCutchen	3
Carol Latimer Finethy	2 3 4 5 7 8
Emmett Kerr	5
Katie Ellen	7
Bill Gaskins	8
William Corbett	9
Izzie Bailey	10
Lena McCutchen	10
Meredith Gaskins	12
Emmie McCutchen	19
English Cooper	20
Tyson Eckley	22
Louis Shirley	22
Jane Huggins	26
Peyton Welch	27
Carl Frazier	29
Cindy Welsh	29
Bill Ťindal, Jr.	30
Lian Latimer	31

February Steven Welsh 2nd 9th **Ann West**

16th **Nick West** 23rd Melinda Atkinson



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March

Helping Hands February

Devin Atkinson 2nd 9th Anna Grace & Sara Abbett 16th Caroline Welch 23rd Conner Welch



March 2nd **Brooke Welch** 9th Kayla & Caroline 16th **Devin Atkinson** 23rd Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Caroline Welch 30th

Bell Ringers February

Anna Grace & 2nd Sara Abbett 9th **Conner Welch** 16th Kavla & Caroline 23rd **Brooke Welch**



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Nursery Volunteers February

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March

Cindy Welsh **Meredith Gaskins** Wendy Welch Jill McElveen 23rd Missy Kirven

The Session wishes to thank everyone who made our youth Lock-In a great success! About 25 children enjoyed games, movies, pizza and most importantly fellowship. The biggest thanks goes to those adults who spent the night, but it would not have been possible without the help of others who brought food, movies, etc...

We are also blessed by the addition of another ministry for our Church. Bobby Thomas has been instrumental in getting our Church involved with the "Soup Kitchen" in Hartsville. Our Church is responsible for providing workers for several months. It has been a blessing to those who have participated. Please contact Bobby if you can help in February.

If you know of a way our Church can serve others, please contact a member of the Session.

-- In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session

Next Stated Session Meeting: February 9th @ 8:00 am

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Statistics Month of January, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 41, Worship - 71

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$7,037.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$9,310.36
YTD Income received: \$7,037.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$9,310.36
Budgeted YTD Income: \$11,858.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$10,343.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$675.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$.00
YTD Income received: \$675.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$.00



February Circle Hostesses
Night (17th) Marsha McCutchen
Morning (18th) Ann West

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church Wednesday, February 19th 7:00 p.m.

Hosts are Perry & Dick McCutchen
Please join us for good food & good fellowship



The Adult Fellowship will meet Tuesday, **February 4th** @ 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall for our annual "Soup" luncheon. The "Committee" will provide the soup. Please bring a complimentary dish (sandwiches, salad, bread, etc...) and join us. **Bobby Thomas** will be our guest speaker



First Baptist Welcome Reception Sunday, February 9th 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

First Baptist Fellowship Hall

You are cordially invited, along with your family & friends, to help welcome Rev. David Knapp & his wife Janie to our Church community. Please keep this family & Church in your prayers as they make this transition



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December 31, 2013 Yesterday's high: 85° / Last night's low: 72°

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Isaiah 43:1b-3 says "I have called you by your name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your <u>Savior</u>."

As 2013 closes and a new year begins, I can only thank the Lord that He has been with us all this year, surrounding and supporting us with His love. It has been difficult for us to accept Dave's absence and to learn to live without him. God understands our grief, because He, too, sent His only Son to be born, to live in our sinful world and die a criminal's death. But He arose victorious, and so shall we.

The Synod celebration in November was well attended by over 5,000 Presbyterians. Daniel translated the attached newspaper article from the neighboring state of Quintana Roo. The governor of Yucatan, also a Presbyterian, spoke at the event and received a commemorative Bible gift. He remembered Dave and greeted me after the event. He also showed support of the seminary's efforts by donating 30 laptop computers for the students' use.

We have just completed the fall semester and have a break until January 20th. Debbie resumes classes on January 7th. She has one new student, a 10th grader. Her Merida Christian School job, combined with her other 2 afternoon teaching jobs, leave her with little free time. Her husband Rolando, who works for a state politician, is waiting to see if he will have work in January. There are several positions being cut and his may be one of them. Debbie's mother-in-law is still with us, slowly learning to walk with a walker. Due to her therapy sessions and the instability caused by dementia, she is not yet able to return home, in the seaport of Progreso.

I was extremely happy on my last visit to Yalcoba. Many of you may remember the prayers we requested for a gentleman named Rodolfo who has struggled with his decision for Christ and his battle against alcohol. While visiting the congregation a couple weeks ago, Rodolfo, his wife and his nephew were leading the praise songs during the worship service. They have formed a praise team called "Nuevo Amanecer," or "New Dawn/Beginning" in English. How joyful Dave would have been to see the way God is working in their lives. I pray they will be kept strong and continue to resist the temptations they face on a daily basis. Another believer there, Don Tino, is in a very difficult situation. He is blind, cannot work, and in one and a half years has lost his wife, sister, father and mother to various illnesses. His sister-in-law doesn't want to "feed another mouth," so we took him some non-perishable food items to keep at his house when no one gives him something to eat. Debbie and her students filled a large box of supplies for him, and when we went to Yalcoba she spoke with one of the elders at the church who will keep her informed of Don Tino's needs and work with others in the church who are willing to help provide meals as able.

The SacBe Presbytery will meet January 6^{th} - 9^{th} in Tekax, nearly 2 hours away. Someone is driving me and my car full of Bibles and books to sell. I have sold quite a few this year in the villages I have visited and also at home to the seminary students and teachers. Mark hopes to set up a small bookstore in his church as well.

I continue to teach piano, play at church and accompany the choir, but my visual problems are an obstacle to my work. The Christmas cantata was one with which I was familiar, but I find it is difficult for my eyes to focus on new music. I had some back pain and the orthopedic surgeon who first operated on my back requested several x-rays. They showed I have severe scoliosis and degenerative osteoarthritis. I started new medication that has helped. I am doing well considering everything! I thank the Lord that I can continue to serve Him in spite of these physical limitations. Weddings, thanksgiving services, concerts and worship services are still a part of my weekends. I'm often looking for available chauffeurs when Debbie or Rolando aren't able to take me.

Our lives have become more organized as new routines are established. We celebrated Thanksgiving with our families here at the house. The Lord has supplied for our needs as He always has, and we are grateful He is an active part of our lives.

My son, Daniel, was here for a week of work helping me sort through some of Dave's books and papers. It's difficult for me because I read so slowly. He will mail the snail-mail letters from St. Louis. I am also sending a newspaper article, that Daniel translated, about Dave called "The Great Absentee".

The whole family wishes you a blessed new year in which you grow to know the Lord better, through the circumstances He permits in your life. "'I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to give you a hope and a future."" -- Jeremiah 29:11

Thanks for your prayers and your continued support. Your servants for Jesus' sake, Jean (for the family) 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" & include a designation note on the memo section for your gift

The Great Absentee

A few days ago, in the city of Mérida, Yucatán, the Synod of the Peninsula of Yucatan which is part of the National Presbyterian Church celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Synod's president was the reverend David B. Legters , Jr., who a few months ago was called to the presence of the Lord. "Bito", as he liked to be called, did much mission work in the Maya zone. He spent his childhood in Xocempich, where he proudly said he was from many times. In the community of Tabi, the place where his father finished the Maya translation of the New Testament, he gave a vibrant sermon just days before passing away. He talked about his remembrances there not knowing that it would be his last sermon in that region.

"Bito", according to pastor Salvador Chan, was very much looking forward to the 25th anniversary service of the Synod. He was not able to fulfill his dream in life, though surely there in heaven, next to his Lord, he felt the emotion as he contemplated his brothers leading the festivities of the anniversary of the Synod that he so much loved and inspired. "Bito" was without doubt the great absentee and the one who many friends remembered dearly and affectionately as an example of tenacity and perseverance in the work of the Lord.

David Brainerd Legters Jr. was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 19th of September, 1937. His mother, Elva McMahon, had been ill and gave birth at John Hopkins hospital, where she had studied nursing. From 1920-1933, his grandfather, Leonard Livingston Legters, had made trips looking for groups who would need the Bible in their own language. This was part of the early beginnings of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, of which he and Reverend Cameron Townsend were founders. When he arrived in Yucatan, he found a Presbyterian church with a great need. In 1935, his son Brainerd (Don David; Bito's dad) came to live in Xocempich and dedicated his life to being a pioneer missionary, translating the New Testament into the Maya language with his wife, Elva. "Bito" grew up in Xocempich and Carrillo Puerto (Chan Santa Cruz) learning to speak Maya, English, and later Spanish. He was homeschooled through middle school and then headed to the United States. In the US he finished High School, College, and a Masters of Divinity from Westminster Seminary (Philadelphia). He never forgot his Mayan roots and he always desired to return and help the church in southern Mexico.

In 1962 he married Jean Edwards in the city of Detroit. They lived five years in Philadelphia, where he was studying, working, and looking for God's will to direct him back to Yucatan. In July 1967, while waiting for the arrival of their first son, Mark, they felt the Lord's call and they left bringing only what could fit in their car. After much prayer, God allowed him to enter the area of Theological Education. He had seen the great need of pastors to lead many different congregations. In 1968 he began the "Itinerant Theological Institute" which eventually had 25 different extension centers using some leaders of the Church as teachers. In 1973 he was invited to be president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Mexico City. While there, two more children arrived, Daniel and Debbie. Returning to Yucatan in 1976 (Rev. Saul Tijerina had accepted to be the president) he was invited by the Gulf Synod to form a seminary for the southeast region. In September 1982, San Pablo Seminary in Merida, Yucatan, opened its doors and five years later the Sacred Music School was established. He was the first president and he taught many of the classes since there were few others adequately prepared to do it.

His vision was to translate materials from English to Spanish since there were not many theology materials in Spanish. He was elected to several positions in the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. He was part of many committees, including ones for the Hymnbook, the Constitution, and the Book of Church Order for the National Presbyterian Church. He was ordained in the Mayab Presbytery in 1970 where he pastored many congregations until he helped establish the SacBe Presbytery which ministers mainly in areas where Maya is still spoken. His greatest joy was to visit towns far removed from the city of Merida who needed pastoral help. For him, no place was too far. He was invited to be conference speaker in many different places in Mexico and Latin America.

His favorite hymn was #503 - "Al servicio siempre estoy de mi Señor, dueño es él de mi existencia" (I'm always in the service of my Lord, He is the owner of my existence). He always said that the Lord called him to serve Him, not to retire. With tireless devotion he was teacher at the San Pablo Seminary, pastor and translator. His life was characterized by his integrity, his humility, his love for all, and his joy. He gave thanks in all circumstances and he found joy in his Lord. His life was completely dedicated to the Lord, a man of God. He was called into the presence of God on the 22nd of March, 2013. We can hear the voice of the Lord saying: "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master"-Matthew 25:21.





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2nd: LCCM food collection

5th: Ash Wednesday / Lent begins

7th: World Day of Prayer

9th: Session / Daylight Saving Time begins

16th: PWCT

17th: Night Circle 18th: Morning Circle 19th: Men of Church

23rd: Congregational Survey & Lunch in Fellowship Hall



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March Calendar of Events

Transfiguration of the Lord / LCCM food collection Sunday, 2nd:

Coffee Hour: Margery Jeffords, BJ Kerr, Doris Bell

Flowers: Ann & Nick West

Wednesday, 5th: Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BUMC

Friday, 7th: World Day of Prayer

12:00 p.m. Community prayer @ Courthouse

Sunday, 9th: 1st Sunday in Lent

2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins 8:00 a.m. Stated Session

Coffee Hour: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer

Flowers: Jerry & Marilyn Adams

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

Sunday, 16th: 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. PWCT

Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch

Flowers: Doris & John Bell

7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Ann Cooper) Monday, 17th:

Tuesday, 18th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (BJ Kerr)

Wednesday, 19th: 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BUMC 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Nick West)

3rd Sunday in Lent

12:00 p.m. Congregational Survey & Lunch Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

Flowers: Kathryn & Hank Welch

Wednesday, 26th: 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BPC

Sunday, 30th: 4th Sunday in Lent

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

Flowers: Dot Cothran

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL: *Jimmy McCutchen & Ray Drayton

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The SCROI



Who can know the will of God? Who can stand before Him in the holy place? Those who have "clean hands and a pure heart." Unfortunately, that does not include any of us. As Paul wrote to the Romans, "There is none

righteous, no not one." "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Then how can we come before the Lord, our God? How do we get "clean hands and a pure heart?" It is not with Oxiclean, Clorox, or a bar of soap!

It is only by confessing our sin and receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior. His shed blood, His sacrifice washes away our sin.

Lent is the season before Easter when we make a special point of confessing our sin to the Lord and receiving once again His forgiveness.

It is a time to repent; to turn away from our sin and turn toward our Savior. We cannot cleanse ourselves. We cannot make ourselves new. Only Jesus can do that, but we must ask Him to do that. We must give Him permission and invite Him to make us new creatures altogether. Will you commit to do that? I pray so! Love in Christ. Ken

March Sermons & Scriptures

2nd You Can't Live Here **Matthew 17:1-9** The Word of Truth Against Lies **Matthew 4:1-11** 9th Born Twice, Die Once 16th John 3:1-17 23rd But You Don't Even Have a Bucket John 4:5-42 How Blind Are You? John 9:1-41 30th

Congregational Lunch & Survey March 23rd 12:00 p.m. **Fellowship Hall** Check your bulletin for more details

Please remember our Homebound Members

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

Happy Birthday





Graham Couch Bo Simon Louise McCutchen **Carol Latimer Finethy Emmett Kerr** Katie Ellen **Bill Gaskins** 9 William Corbett 10 **Izzie Bailey** Lena McCutchen 10 **Meredith Gaskins 12** 19 Emmie McCutchen 20 **English Cooper** Tyson Eckley 22 **Louis Shirley** 22 Jane Huggins 26 **Pevton Welch** 27 <u>2</u>9 Carl Frazier 29 **Cindy Welsh** Bill Tindal, Jr.

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March **Bell Ringers**

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Nursery Volunteers March

2nd **Cindy Welsh** 9th **Meredith Gaskins** Wendy Welch 16th 23rd Jill McElveen 30th Missy Kirven



6th 13th 20th 27th

April Melinda Atkinson **Cindy Welsh Meredith Gaskins** Wendy Welch

First, I want to thank our youth for the wonderful Valentine's Supper they prepared and served in our fellowship hall. It was delicious and entertaining.

We have a great group of young people in our church and it is our responsibility to support and encourage them as they grow in their knowledge of Christ. May they always see Christ in each member of our congregation.

Please make every effort to be at church Sunday, March 23rd. We will have a fellowship lunch after our worship service and we will take a survey that will be used by our vision team. The information will be used to improve the work and life of our church and our church family. Your input is vital so we hope everyone can attend.

The annual Lenten lunches begin on March 5th and will continue each Wednesday until April 9th.

Our church will host the last three this year on March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th. We hope you will be able to come, if possible, as we gather together to anticipate and celebrate the Easter season.

As always, let us all remember our shut-in members. They always appreciate our time and attention

In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session Next Stated Session Meeting: March 9th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MARCH

*Judith Watkins & Tyson Eckley

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics Month of February, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 38, Worship - 63

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$20,286.00
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$23,716.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$19,744.78
YTD Income received:	\$13,654.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$10,434.12
MTD Income received:	\$6,617.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$470.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,145.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$.00



March Circle Hostesses Night (17th) Ann Cooper Morning (18th) BJ Kerr

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church Wednesday, March 19th 7:00 p.m.

Host: Nick West

Please join us for good food & good fellowship



Elder Class of 2017

Nominations are being accepted the entire month of March. Please complete a form and submit it to the Church office or a Nominating Committee member. Nomination forms are in Sunday School rooms and at back of Sanctuary. We are following a new format this year.

NOMINATIONS Nomination Deadline: March 31st

2014 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Jerry Adams, Chair

Tricia Latimer, Co-Chair Perry McCutchen Margery Jeffords Missy Kirven Bubba Muldrow Caroline Welch

If you wish to not serve, please contact a Committee member or the Church office

Thank You

Words can't express the blessing I received last Sunday evening, when I was visited in my home by Ken and the entire Session. I don't wish anyone else to be sick, but seeing their smiling faces was almost worth it. Thank you again for your visit and prayers ~ In Christian love, Christine Shirley

I would like to thank you for your acts of kindness and love during my sickness. The calls, cards and prayers were truly appreciated. You have been a <u>blessing</u> to me ~ Thank You, Lila Mae Welsh





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April At A Glance

2nd: BPC hosts Lenten Lunch 6th: LCCM food collection 9th: BPC hosts Lenten Lunch

13th: Palm Sunday / Session / PWCT

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

17th: Maundy Thursday / Church office closed

18th: Good Friday service @ BUMC

19th: Easter Egg Hunt

20th: Easter Sunrise service & breakfast @ BPC

25th-26th: Stated Presbytery @ Montreat, NC

27th: Ken out of pulpit

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Sunday Service Schedule

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

Thursday Schedule
Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

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

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Rev. Ken Hicks, Pastor

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April Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 2nd: 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch (Speaker: Ann Law Finch)

Sunday, 6th: 5th Sunday in Lent

Can food collection for LCCM

Coffee Hour: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot

Flowers: Bert Cousar

Wednesday, 9th: 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch (Speaker: Coleen Graham)

Sunday, 13th: Palm Sunday

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

Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh & Debbie Tindal Flowers: Meredith & Bill Gaskins

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

Tuesday, 15th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Janice Reynolds)

Wednesday, 16th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Ray Drayton)

Thursday, 17th: **Church Office closed for holiday**

7:00 p.m. Maundy Communion

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ BUMC Friday, 18th:

Saturday, 19th: 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @ Kerry & Steven Frazier's

Sunday, 20th: Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service on lawn 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

Coffee: Young Adult SS Class

Flowers: Family of Rob McCutchen

Fri.-Sat., 25-26th: Stated Presbytery meeting in Montreat, NC (Bobby & Ray)

2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday, 27th:

Ken out of pulpit

Coffee: Beth & Dick McCutchen Flowers: Isabelle McCutchen

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL: *TRICIA LATIMER & CARL FRAZIER

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED: THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ Canned Meats ~

Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on Sunday, April 6th for our monthly Altar collection Please remember those less fortunate



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"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!" These were the words that rocked the world of the disciples. These were life-changing words. These words evolved into the Easter greeting we often use. "He is risen!" "He is risen indeed!"

The angel then gave them some truly astounding instructions, "Tell the disciples and Peter to meet me in Galilee." The Lord Jesus Christ did not hold the disciples' sin against them. Even Peter's three-time denial of Jesus was forgiven by the Lord. Easter is literally the living proof that we are loved and forgiven by God. Make plans to attend Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunrise services. Come and hear again the message of hope, forgiveness, love, and power. "He is Risen!" "He is risen indeed!"

Love in Christ. Ken

April Sermons & Scriptures

Lord, If You Had Been Here... John 11:1-45 13th Giving It All Up For Us Philippians 2:5-11 17th Following the Example of Christ John 13:1-15 20th Sorrow Turned to Jov Matthew 20:1-10 27th Ken out of Pulpit

Holy Week Events



6th

Maundy Communion Bishopville PC April 17th @ 7:00 p.m. **Communion Elders Gregg McCutchen & Bobby Thomas**

Good Friday Service Bethlehem UMC April 18th @ 7:00 p.m.





Easter Sunrise & Breakfast Bishopville PC April 20th @ 7:00 a.m. Bring flowers for the living cross

Happy Birthday



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Madison Bramlett	7
Zeke Gaskins	7
Hank Welch	8
Jimmy McCutchen	13
Iris Thomas	13
Terri Ann Tindal	13
Lila Mae Welsh	14
Beth McCutchen	17
Nicholas Jeffords	23
Ricky McCutchen	23
Katherine Folsom	25
Virginia Kerr	28
Debbie Tindal	28
Tim Kirven	31

Greeters April

Bert Cousar 6th 13th Ralph DesChamps Jackie Drayton Welcome! 20th 27th **Gardner Family**



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May Jill McElveen **Missy Kirven** Melinda Atkinson Cindy Welsh

Dear Friends, For those not in attendance at our congregational meeting March 23rd, the Session recommended that we approve having 9 Elders instead of the current 12. This motion was made, seconded and approved by the congregation. We will begin implementing it this year by electing 3 Elders. In 3 years the Session will be reduced to 9 Elders.

Thanks to everyone who attended our luncheon last Sunday and those who prepared the wonderful casseroles, salads, and desserts we all enjoyed. Thanks also to each one who completed the surveys for the vision team. I'm sure your honest answers about the life of our church will help them seek to discover ways we can grow & change in our mission and ministry to our community and our world.

Remember the Lenten lunches we are hosting this year as well. Last Wednesday was our first and we will host the last two on April 2nd & 9th. We had a great crowd and a wonderful program. Thanks to everyone who participated. These programs would not be possible without you!!

Before the May SCROLL, we'll have celebrated the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and our Easter sunrise service. Each is an important day in our Christian faith and I hope you will be able to attend one or all. You will be blessed!!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Next Stated Session Meeting: April 13th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR APRIL

*Tricia Latimer & Carl Frazier

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics Month of March, 2014 As of March 27th

Average Attendance: SS - 35, Worship - 65

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$33,369.00
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$35,574.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$31,302.57
YTD Income received:	\$22,266.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$11,557.79
MTD Income received:	\$8,612.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

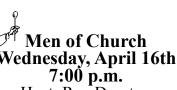
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$875.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$950.00
YTD Income received: \$2,020.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$950.00



April Circle Hostesses
Night (14th) Betsy Bramlett
Morning (15th)Janice Reynolds

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall



Host: Ray Drayton

Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Elder Class of 2017

The Nominating Committee will meet in April to prepare a slate of 3 names to submit to the congregation on May 18th for consideration of Elders c/o 2017

2014 Elder Nomination Committee Members

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Perry McCutchen
Margery Jeffords

Missy Kirven
Bubba Muldrow
Caroline Welch

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Please remember our Homebound Members

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

Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 19th @ 11:00 a.m. Home of Kerry & Steven Frazier 1736 Dog Island Road, Bishopville

Each child should bring 6 candy filled eggs and each family should bring chips, dessert or drinks. Lunch provided by Church. In case of inclement weather, hunt will be cancelled







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May At A Glance

National Day of Prayer (Sanctuary open for prayer) 1st:

LCCM food collection 4th:

Session / Mother's Day / REL Baccalaureate 11th:

PWCT / Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit while Ken is away 18th:

Night Circle

Morning Circle Spring Luncheon

Men of Church

Congregational Meeting (2017 Elder election) Memorial Day - Church office closed

26th:

Church office closed 27th:



Our freedom came with a price Remember those who made the payment



Sunday Service Schedule

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> Thursday Schedule Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

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May Calendar of Events

Thursday, 1st: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary open (National Day of Prayer)

Sunday, 4th: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Can food collection for LCCM

Coffee Hour: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt

Flowers: Meredith & Bill Gaskins

Sunday, 11th: 4th Sunday of Easter / Happy Mother's Day!!!

8:00 a.m. Stated Session

Coffee Hour: Explorer's SS Class Flowers: Tom English McCutchen

Sunday, 18th: 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Štated PWCT Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit Coffee: Ann & Nick West Flowers: OPEN DATE

Monday, 19th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Renee Bell)

Tuesday, 20th: 12:00 a.m. Morning Circle luncheon in Camden

Wednesday, 21st: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Host needed)

Sunday, 25th: 6th Sunday of Easter

Congregational Meeting - Elder Election c/o 2017

Coffee: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen

Flowers: The Cathcart Family

Monday, 26th: Memorial Day - Church office closed

Tuesday, 27th: Church office closed

MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL: *GREGG MCCUTCHEN & BOBBY THOMAS

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

CLOSED: MONDAY & TUESDAY, 26TH & 27TH

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ Canned Fruits ~
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Our Easter celebration was a fabulous event. 121 people joined in worship in our sanctuary. It's always wonderful to see all the family and friends who make the trek to Bishopville to join us on this special day. Together we clearly affirmed that Jesus is truly alive. In the hours and days after His

resurrection, some of his followers struggled with accepting the truth that the Lord Jesus Christ lives. Finally they came to know with confidence that the power of God is stronger than the grave.

In our day and time, some Christians struggle to believe that the Lord not only lives, but is moving and working in our individual and corporate lives. If we are willing to risk taking the Lord at His word, we will find it is in fact true. Jesus told us, "Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened unto you." A confident Christian trusting in our infinitely powerful God will be unstoppable!

Love in Christ. Ken

May Sermons & Scriptures

But We Had Hoped 4th Luke 24:13-35 11th Things Kids Need to Learn from Their Parents John 10:1-10

18th Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit

25th **Obedience** is **Important** John 14:15-21

Offering for the 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!

Please remember our Homebound

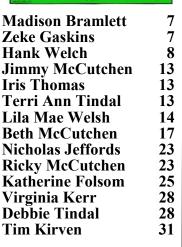
- Harold Galloway, at his home
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- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
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Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts, prayers & the many get well cards while I was sick. God bless each of you. Love, Janice Reynolds

Thank you to everyone for all the birthday wishes & gifts. Thank you also for allowing me to join you at the Lenten lunch, on April 2nd. It was very good. I pray that each of you has a wonderful year ahead! Love. Gwen







Eva "Sissy" Gardner	6
Stephen Welch	6
Rev. Ken Hicks	7
Ray Drayton	8
Cameron McElveen	10
Conner Welch	13
Lacie McElveen	14
Jenny McCutchen	15
Marsha McCutchen	16
Kean Scott, Jr.	16
Hugh Tindal III	16
Katherine Dickinson	17
Patrick Jeffords	23
Patricia Latimer	25
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Gaskins Family 11th **Betty Heriot Kirven Family** Dawn Levers



1st Jennifer McCutchen 8th Kavla McCutchen 15th Marsha McCutchen 22nd Cameron & Jill 29th **Steve Monroe**

June

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Nursery Volunteers June

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I'm sure everyone on the Session joins me in hoping that each of you had a blessed Easter! The surise and Maundy Thursday services were special times of worship as they are every year. I hope that many of you had the opportunity to go to one or both as we celebrated Easter with other Christians in our community. Thanks to each person who helped with these services. They wouldn't be possible without the efforts of many in our church.

The Easter worship service was beautiful and the Easter cross is a symbol of our Risen Lord to all in our town and to those just passing through. Thanks to all who brought flowers to celebrate that our Lord and Savior is alive! Wouldn't it be great if we had a crowd each Sunday like we had on Easter Sunday.

This year our church will host Bible School and I hope you will help if asked. It takes many hands to put this together. We always need teachers, helpers, craft people, helpers in the kitchen, and a variety of other talents. We hope everyone will get involved and make it a great success.

Please contact any member of the Session if you have a need or a concern. We will do all we can to help in any situation.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Next Stated Session Meeting: May 11th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MAY

*Gregg McCutchen & Bobby Thomas

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Congregational Meeting - May 25th Elder Election C/O 2017



The following names have been submitted from the Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2017 Elders.

- Gregg McCutchen III
- Bobby Thomas
- Cindy Welsh

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.

2014 Elder Nomination Committee Members

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Statistics Month of April, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 34, Worship - 76

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$46,204.00
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$47,432.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$44,013.25
YTD Income received:	\$34,960.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,710.68
MTD Income received:	\$8,349.00

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

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MTD Income received:	\$1,215.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,400.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$950.00





Please contact Jimmy or Gwen if you can host Join us for good food & good fellowship



Thursday, May 1st

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



Each Wednesday from 12-1 Bethlehem UM Church

All are welcome to attend. Any person/group able to volunteer

their service or supplies may contact the BUMC office at 484-6037. Thanks in advance



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April 7, 2014

Yesterday's high: 100° Last night's low: 78°

Dear Prayer Partners,

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25

As we enter the Easter season, it is my prayer you are encouraged by the promise of the new life we have in Christ. Three months have gone by since my last letter; three months full of blessings, activities and situations to help us grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord. I enjoyed attending the Presbytery meeting in Tekax this past January where I sold nearly \$1,000 of Christian literature. The fellowship with the pastors, many of whom are former students of ours, is always a blessing. Dave and I attended these bi-yearly meetings for 45 years.

Dr. Will Ackles and his wife, Nancy, came in January. Some of you may remember Nancy from last summer when she drove me around to visit many of you in various parts of south eastern U.S. They have been coming for 15 years during the months of January through March to teach at the seminary. He was here a year ago during and after the time of Dave's home-going and it was good to have him and his wife back this year. It has been such a help for me to have him here for driving, preaching and taking communion to remote congregations. We have visited Chemax, Yalcobá, and Tekom, where he and Dave last ministered communion in February of 2013. It was such a joy to these "forgotten" brothers and sisters to participate.

Another friend of many years, Julie Newton, is also here and has taken me to visit other churches. We were in Carrillo Puerto for the re-installation of Pastor Salvador Chan, who will be serving the church there another 5 years. He is a San Pablo graduate and is doing an excellent job. I was able to take and sell many Bibles and other materials they requested. During the church service, a women's choir from Tabi sang in Maya, bringing back many memories of Dave and his Dad and the early beginnings of that congregation. The following day we visited Don Anastacio in the town of Señor. Dave and I had been there a year ago, conversing in a mixture of Spanish and Maya. We cried, prayed, sang and had a wonderful time together. His keyboard was damaged so I brought it to Merida to see about getting it repaired. Someday I will be able to go out there again and hope to bless them with a working keyboard to accompany their singing.

Camp activities, weddings, teaching, choir rehearsals and cooking make up the hours of my days. Debbie's mother-in-law was able to return home after 6 months of therapy in Merida. They were able to find a person to care for her at her home. Being back in her own home has been good for her and she is doing well.

I am already making preparations for a summer full of activities. Seminary graduation will be held on June 5, and the following day I plan to fly to Florida for a week. My son Daniel will drive me to visit some churches and friends whom I was not able to visit last year. The first week of July I will be at Presbytery meetings again, this time in the town of Cenotillo. Later on in July I hope to travel to a low vision center in Mexico City with either Mark or Debbie. It was highly recommended to me by my ophthalmologist and I would like to know what vision aides might be available there so I can read better. Towards the end of July, Daniel will bring a construction group from his St. Louis church. They will build another classroom in the seminary extension center in Citilcum.

March 22nd was the first anniversary of Dave's home-going. We had a small family memorial service and put a gravestone in place. It was very meaningful to all of us, but a difficult time as well. I had the title of his favorite Spanish hymn engraved on it, "I am always in the Lord's Service" and in Maya "Well done, faithful servant." A year has gone by but it seems like yesterday. I still miss him very much, but thank the Lord for his vast ministry.

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side, Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, In every change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly Friend, Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord; When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

- Catherine VonSchegel, 1697

Thanks for your prayers, letters and gifts. The Lord has supplied for our needs in this year and we give thanks to Him for everything.

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

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

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





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June At A Glance

1st: LCCM food collection

8th: Session / Congregational Meeting

8th - 11th: Vacation Bible School at Bishopville PC

9th - 11th: Church office closed

15th: Father's Day / Trinity Sunday 17th - 21st: General Assembly, Knoxville, TN

22nd: Ken on Study leave (Rev. James Alexander in pulpit)

22nd - 27th: Salkehatchie in Lee County

23rd - 27th: Vacation Bible School @ First Baptist

29th: Communion of Thanksgiving (Ken's last Sunday in pulpit)



BPC will feed 1 team on June 22nd & all teams on June 25th. Please help if asked!





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June Calendar of Events

Sunday, 1st: 7th Sunday of Easter

Can food collection for LCCM Coffee: Young Adult SS Class

Flowers: Welsh Family

Sunday, 8th: Day of Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Stated Session

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Pastoral dissolution)

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School begins @ BPC Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton

Flowers: Wilson Family

8th - 11th: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School @ BPC

9th - 11th: Church office closed

Sunday, 15th: Trinity Sunday

Happy Father's Day!!! Coffee: Crues & Renee Bell Flowers: Margery Jeffords

17th - 21st: General Assembly in Knoxville, TN

Sunday, 22nd: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Salkehatchie team visits

Rev. James Alexander in pulpit

Coffee: Jeff & Edie Varn Flowers: BJ & Gayle Kerr

23rd - 27th: Salkehatchie in Lee County & First Baptist Bible School

Sunday, 29th: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Communion / Ken's last Sunday in pulpit

Coffee: Bert Cousar

Flowers: Missy & Tim Kirven

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL: *PERRY MCCUTCHEN & STEVEN FRAZIER

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

CLOSED: MONDAY & TUESDAY, 9TH & 10TH

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The SCROLL



In November, 2003 when I first came to the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, I was hurt, scarred, and scared. I was not certain that this is where the Lord wanted me to be, but I took the risk of following His call to come serve Him here. One of the first hurtles was that this church had a history of having Session meetings on Sunday mornings. **FROM THE** Admittedly I had never found Session meetings to be a worshipful experience and PASTOR'S DESK questioned whether having a session meeting at 8 AM on a Sunday morning would be a good prelude to worship. To my surprise it worked out and it worked out well!

The second year I was here, we went through a spiritual renewal using the "Forty Days Of Purpose" written by Rick Warren. It was life-changing for me and for many in our church. Many began to say that ministry to and with the kids of this church was vitally important. This desire to find new ways for our children to grow in Christ gave birth to our *Kids for Christ* program. With the help of the kids and Aaron Easters, well over \$10,000 was raised to help those

We began to perceive the need to be part of a denomination that held the fundamentals of our Reformed Faith in as high regard as this church has always done. One that emphasizes the authority of Scripture, the Lordship of Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation, one that focuses on living a life of faithful obedience, and sharing with the world the call of Christ. That two year process culminated in a wonderful service of celebration and welcome as we were received into the EPC. What a glorious time of praise and thanksgiving! Our Session and congregation presented to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic a check for \$5000 as a Thank Offering to God for all of His blessings upon us.

I began working with Ken Priddy together with 15 other pastors, participating in a nine month long online seminar series called Go-Cluster. It focused on Christ's call to go into all the world to make disciples. Ken Priddy also did a workshop for the Sessions of the Concord and Bishopville churches last August. He spoke of the need for our church to form a Vision Team to plan for the renewal and rededication of our church and each member of it! I had the opportunity in January to speak at a presbytery meeting concerning my experience. I shared the excitement I felt in our church as we were now part of the EPC seeking to be the faithful people of God.

Based on that and other events, I've been asked to serve on the South Carolina Administrative Commission for the presbytery to receive new churches into the EPC. My appointment was approved at the meeting in Montreat. On May 12th, I was asked by Ken Priddy to meet him in Rock Hill to discuss a partnership with him and the Go Center. Other requests have also been coming to me through the EPC for service and involvement.

I have been the pastor of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church for 10 ½ years. It has been a truly wonderful blessed experience. You have heard me say that you took a scared and broken pastor and loved him back to health. I give you and the Lord thanks for it. I could not be more proud to have served the Lord together with you in this place. It has been truly special. But the time has come for me to move on to the next chapter of my ministry in service to the Lord. There are doors opening and opportunities available now that were not open to me before. After 34 years of pastoral ministry I have never gone to a General Assembly as a commissioner. Now in the EPC for barely a year, I am going to my first General Assembly! We will not be voting on whether or not Jesus is Lord or whether the Bible is true or whether there is some way of salvation other than through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What we will be discussing is the best way to be Jesus loving, Gospel sharing, Spirit filled, joyfully redeemed, believers in Christ. I do not know what the future holds but I know who holds the future in His hands.

So at my request, the Session of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8, following worship to dissolve the pastoral relationship that exists between me, Kenneth M. Hicks and the Bishopville Presbyterian Church. This will be effective Sunday, June 29, 2014. To be clear, the Congregational Meeting was called at my request with the concurrence of the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. The Ministerial Committee will not allow me to continue to serve as pastor while a search committee is formed to call a full time pastor. My relationship to the church must end first. But as I said earlier, I want and need it to end to allow me to pursue the new opportunities coming my way.

I pray that the Lord will bless you and bless me in the days ahead. The Lord can, will, and has brought all things together for our good and His glory. Thanks be to God!

Love in Christ, Ken

June Sermons & Scriptures 1st Keep on Doing It John 17:1-11 8th With the Holy Spirit and with Fire Acts 1:4-8 15th What Fathers Need to Do Matthew 28:18-20 22nd **Rev. James Alexander in pulpit** 29th Nothing But Christ I Corinthians 2:1-5

As we look forward to the summer, the Session prays that everyone will have a safe and happy family time over the next few months. Most families will travel to some destination and we pray for God's traveling mercies upon each of you. Summer also means "Vacation Bible School" is close and we hope to have a booming crowd. Everyone is invited from the very young to the more seasoned! The dates are June 8-11 and we will have something for everyone. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steven Frazier or Cindy Welsh. It takes many hands to make Bible school a success!!

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On Sunday, May 25th, we honored William Maxcy (Max) Smith, Jr. on his graduation from Robert E.

Lee Academy. I'm sure the whole congregation joins me in praying for God's blessings on Max and whatever his future holds. The greatest gifts we can give a young person are our prayers!! Lastly, please be in prayer for our church! We are entering a new chapter once again and we must seek God's guidance and direction. He has a plan and a purpose for the Bishopville Presbyterian Church and only through prayer will we know his will for us. As always, if someone on the session can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call. We are called to serve the congregation whenever we are needed.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Next Stated Session Meeting: June 8th @ 8:00 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JUNE

*Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier
* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for June 8**th for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Ken Hicks and Bishopville Presbyterian Church, effective Sunday, June 29, 2014

Statistics Month of May, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 35, Worship - 69

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

 MTD Income received:
 \$10,635.00

 MTD Expenses disbursed:
 \$10,057.87

 YTD Income received:
 \$45,595.00

 YTD Expenses disbursed:
 \$54,119.47

 Budgeted YTD Income:
 \$59,290.00

 Budgeted YTD Expenses:
 \$56,307.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$170.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$100.00
YTD Income received: \$3,570.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,050.00



Each Wednesday from 12-1 Bethlehem UM Church

All are welcome. Anyone able to volunteer their service or supplies may contact the BUMC office at 484-6037



Vacation Bible School 2014 June 8 - 11

6 - 8 pm Classes for all ages Adult Bible Study Supper provided

Community welcome!



Class of 2017 Elders Elect

- Gregg McCutchen III
- Bobby Thomas
- Cindy Welsh

Please keep all current and newly elected Elders in your prayers as they govern our Church

It's with great pleasure that we, as a Church body, have the privilege of acknowledging to Dr. Leon Hunt that the members of his Sunday School Class, formerly known as the W.A. Stuckey Men's Bible Class, voted and unanimously elected to rename the class "*The Dr. Leon Hunt Men's Bible Class*".

This request was brought before the Stated meeting of Session in April and was voted on and unanimously passed.

The name change was effective May 11th, with the reading of a letter to him during SS.

We commend Dr. Hunt for his great accomplishment and for standing tall for the truth of God, the Bible and family.

Congratulations from all the members of Bishopville Presbyterian Church!

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CONGRATULATION

Dr. Manning Bramlett Lloyd received a Doctorate in Dental Medicine, D. M. D., from the James B. Edwards School of Dental Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C., on May 16, 2014. Manning is married to Curtis Russell Lloyd, Jr. and they live in Mt. Pleasant, SC. She is the daughter of Matt and Betsy Bramlett and the granddaughter of Ms. Betty Manning Heriot and the late Hugh Richardson Colclough, Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Bramlett, all of Bishopville. During a hooding ceremony for the College of Dental Medicine, Manning received the American Academy of Aesthetics – Student Award of Merit and the Quintessence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Restorative Dentistry. Manning plans to practice dental medicine in Mount Pleasant, SC beginning in July.

William Maxcy Smith, Jr. was graduated from Robert E. Lee Academy on May 16, 2014. Max is the son of Chip and Rena Smith and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clyburn Smith and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alva Kelley of Bishopville. Max plans to attend Florence-Darlington Technical College in the fall

Please remember our Homebound

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

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

Geraldine McLendon Jimmy LaCoste

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 June



Eva "Sissv" Gardner Stephen Welch 6 Rev. Ken Hicks Ray Drayton 8 Cameron McElveen 10 Conner Welch 13 Lacie McElveen 14 15 Jenny McCutchen Marsha McCutchen 16 16 Kean Scott, Jr. **Hugh Tindal III** 16 Katherine Dickinson 17 Patrick Jeffords 23 25 Patricia Latimer Liz Simon 25 **Trev Johnson** 27 Tallon Graham 28



William McElveen 8 **Reese Atkinson Nick West** 8 12 **Betsy Bramlett** 12 **Gregg McCutchen IV** Robin Jeffords 13 **Steve Monroe** 13 **Bob Latimer** 14 15 Allen Corbett 18 Isabelle McCutchen Ashley Latimer 21 Libby Corbett 26 Daphne Dickerson 26 Ralph DesChamps 30 William Watkins 31



June

1st Jennifer McCutchen Kayla McCutchen 15th Marsha McCutchen Cameron & Jill Welcome! 22nd 29th **Steve Monroe**



July **Bubba Muldrow** Dawn & Caroline Janice Reynolds

OPEN

June **Helping Hands**

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



July **Brooke Welch** Kayla & Caroline **Devin Atkinson** Anna Grace & Sara Abbett

June **Bell Ringers**

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



6th 13th 20th Caroline Welch **Devin Atkinson** Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Conner Welch

July

Nursery Volunteers June

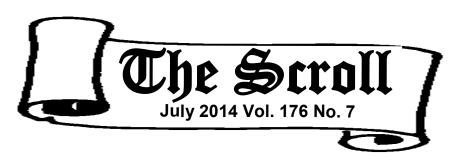
Meredith Gaskins 1st 8th Wendy Welch 15th Jill McElveen 22nd Missy Kirven 29th Melinda Atkinson



6th 13th 20th

27th

<u>July</u> **Cindy Welsh Meredith Gaskins** Wendy Welch Jill McElveen





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July At A Glance

3rd: Church office closed for holiday

6th: LCCM food collection (Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit)

10th: Church office closed for vacation 12th: Kids for Christ outing (Fantasy Lake)

13th: Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit 14th: Joint Circle (Anne Law Finch)

20th: Thomas Shirk in pulpit

21st - 22nd: Church office closed for vacation

27th: James Alexander in pulpit



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July Calendar of Events

Thursday, 3rd: Church office closed for holiday

Sunday, 6th: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Can food collection for LCCM Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit

Coffee: Judith & William Watkins

Flowers: Laura Latimer

Thursday, 10th: Church office closed for vacation

Saturday, 12th: Kids for Christ outing to Fantasy Lake

Sunday, 13th: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit

Coffee:

Flowers: Harriett Watson Family

Monday, 14th: 7:00 p.m. Joint Circle in FH (Anne Law Finch)

Sunday, 20th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Thomas Shirk in pulpit Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen

Flowers: Christine & Louis Shirley

21st & 22nd: Church office closed for vacation

Sunday, 27th: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. James Alexander in pulpit Coffee: Meredith, Missy & Melinda Flowers: John & Tricia Latimer

JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL: *TYSON ECKLEY & JUDITH WATKINS

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ Cereals ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
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June has been busy at BPC. Bible school was a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped in every way. We had those who lead the music, those who taught the lessons, our crafters and our cooks among so many others. It takes many hands, but I know that God's love was evident to all who attended. We also hosted a small Salkehatchie team on the 22nd and provided lunch for the entire group on the 25th. Thanks to all who helped. These are some great young people who come and work in the heat to improve the lives of others. That is truly a special mission.

Lastly, I want to personally and collectively, for the Session, thank Ken for his service to our Church. I know he is looking forward to new endeavors in his work with the EPC and I pray for God's blessings on Ken and his family. The Session asks for your prayers as we seek to find the person that God has already chosen for us to be our minister. The process may not be quick, but we know that God has a plan for us at BPC.

If someone on the session can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call. We are called to serve whenever we are needed.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session **Next Stated Session Meeting: August 10th**

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JULY

*Tyson Eckley & Judith Watkins

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- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, SumterLaura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Christine Shirley, at her home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Statistics Month of June, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 38, Worship - 80

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

\$12,895.00 MTD Income received: MTD Expenses disbursed: \$18,694.57 YTD Income received: \$58,490.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$72,814.04 **Budgeted YTD Income:** \$71,148.00 **Budgeted YTD Expenses:** \$72,122.00

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

MTD Income received: \$380.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$361.93 YTD Income received: \$4,190.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,411.93

Thank You

Thank you to Diane McElveen & her SS class for stepping up & serving Do-nut hour for Crues & me on June 15th. It was such a sweet & helpful gesture. - Renee

Tina and I want to thank all of you for the love, the hugs and kindness you showered on us last Sunday. We will always treasure the silver tray and ice bucket you gave us and remember the long relationship of faithful service to Christ they represent. You have changed our lives for the better and we pray that we have done the same for you. May the Lord's will bless and keep you in all the days ahead.

Love, Ken and Tina

In Loving Memory

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

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) not, I will help you.'

> Lila Mae Privette Welsh 6/14/1923 - 6/11/2014

The "Kids for Christ" are planning a trip to Fantasy Lake in Hope Mills, NC on July 12th. The children's fee has been donated and the adult's fee is \$15. Please rsvp to the Church by July 7th (adults & children) in order to get a group discount.

Everyone will need to bring a picnic lunch. Please contact Wendy Welch with questions

Happy Birthday



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August

Caroline Jeffords	5
Chloe Jeffords	5
Billy Clyburn	6
Leila McCutchen	7
Edie Varn	8
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Steven Frazier	12
Grayham Geddings	13
Matt Bramlett	15
Mary Cousar Laney	18
Drew Buddin	19
Jennifer Bailey	22
Lydia Conway	22
Diane McElveen	26
Sidney Easters	27
Susan Farver	28
Ryon Watkins	28
Benji Harrington	30
Sara Abbett Kirven	30
Bette Stuckey	31

The PW Joint Circle Monday, July 14th 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Guest Speaker: Anne Law Finch

Please join us as Anne speaks about & presents a slideshow of her "Sewing Mission" in Guatemala. This is a very important & informative mission

All circle members are encouraged to attend

Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
July 6th	Brooke Welch	Caroline Welch	Bubba Muldrow	Cindy Welsh
July 13th	Kayla & Caroline	Devin Atkinson	Dawn & Caroline	Meredith Gaskins
July 20th	Devin Atkinson	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Janice Reynolds	Wendy Welch
July 27th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Conner Welch	OPEN	Jill McElveen
August 3rd	Caroline Welch	Kayla & Caroline	Shirley Wallace	Missy Kirven
August 10th	Conner Welch	Brooke Welch	William Watkins	Melinda Atkinson
August 17th	Brooke Welch	Caroline Welch	Caroline & Wendy Welch	Cindy Welsh
August 24th	Kayla & Caroline	Devin Atkinson	MaryAnna Welsh	Meredith Gaskins
August 31st	Devin Atkinson	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Steven Welsh	Wendy Welch





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August At A Glance

3rd: LCCM food collection / Rev. Jimmy Green in pulpit

10th: Church picnic / Called Session / Gideon Sunday

11th-12th: Church office closed for vacation

17th: Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit

21st: Church office closed for vacation

24th: Matt Morrison in pulpit (Youth pastor)

31st: Rev. Thomas Shirk in pulpit



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August Calendar of Events

Sunday, 3rd: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Can food collection for LCCM Pulpit Supply: Rev. Jimmy Green Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen Flowers: Tom English McCutchen

Sunday, 10th: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Gideon Speaker

Coffee: Margery Jeffords, BJ Kerr, Doris Bell

Flowers: Bill & Debbie Tindal

4:00 p.m. Church picnic @ John & Tricia Latimer's

5:00 p.m. Called Session w/Interim Moderator

11th & 12th: Church office closed for vacation

Sunday, 17th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Rev. David Hubbs Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer Flowers: Family of Lila Mae Welsh

Thursday, 21st: Church office closed for vacation

Sunday, 24th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Matt Morrison (Gaston Youth Pastor)

Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch

Flowers: Tricia & John Latimer

Sunday, 31st: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Thomas Shirk

Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit

Flowers: Beth & Dick McCutchen

AUGUST ELDERS-ON-CALL: *RAY DRAYTON & JIMMY MCCUTCHEN

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As we wind down the last weeks of summer, the Session would like to invite everyone to our annual cookout at the home of Johnny & Patricia Latimer on August 10th. Bring a chair and enjoy a hotdog and/or hamburger with us. You can also bring your bathing suit if you want to cool off in the pool.

A new Moderator has been appointed to serve our congregation, until we secure a new minister. Rev. Mark Dickinson, pastor of the McBee Presbyterian

Church will serve.

The Session will meet soon to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of appointing a Pastor Search Committee. Please continue to be in prayer as we seek to find the person that God has already chosen for us.

If any member of the Session can be of service to you at any time, please don't hesitate to call.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Called Session Meeting: August 10th @ 5 pm **Next Stated Session Meeting: TBD**

Statistics Month of June, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 35, Worship - 69

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$84,585.00
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$83,006.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$82,641.95
YTD Income received:	\$69,624.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$9,777.29
MTD Income received:	\$11,134.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$275.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$11.93
YTD Income received:	\$4,465.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$1,423.86

OFFICER DUTIES FOR AUGUST

*Ray Drayton & Jimmy McCutchen

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

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- Christine Shirley, at her home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

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Joy Dozier O'Kelley Carolyn Mathis Sellers Shirley McDaniel Kolb Isiah Commander

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Thank You

Salkehatchie Summer service 2014 was a huge success! Much of the success is due to your involvement in providing a worship location and delicious lunches. Your support sent a message of gratitude and appreciation to the hearts of all participants. The lives of 6 homeowners in Lee County were changed as well as 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 His will in this community. Sincerely.

Salkehatchie Director & Leaders Tommy Wilkes, Marion Carter, Carrie Gass



Sunday, August 10th Home of Johnny & Tricia Latimer Activities begin @ 4:00 p.m. Supper @ 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a lawn chair & join us for this special event. You may also bring a bathing suit, if you wish to take a dip in the pool. The Church will provide all the food & drinks!

Bobby Thomas	1
Caroline Jeffords	5
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Jennifer Bailey	22
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Diane McElveen	26
Max Smith	26
Sidney Easters	27
Susan Farver	28
Ryon Watkins	28
Benji Harrington	30
Sara Abbett Kirven	30
Bette Stuckey	31
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Kate Jeffords	1
John David	2
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Jeff Varn	8
Betty Heriot	10
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Caroline Welch	13
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Reese Atkinson	29
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August Pulpit Supply

3rd	Jimmy Green
10th	Robert "Bob" Pitts, Gideon
17th	David Hubbs
24th	Matt Morrison
31st	Thomas Shirk

Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
August 3rd	Caroline Welch	Kayla & Caroline	Shirley Wallace	Missy Kirven
August 10th	Conner Welch	Brooke Welch	William Watkins	Melinda Atkinson
August 17th	Brooke Welch	Caroline Welch	Caroline & Wendy Welch	Cindy Welsh
August 24th	Kayla & Caroline	Devin Atkinson	MaryAnna Welsh	Meredith Gaskins
August 31st	Devin Atkinson	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Steven Welsh	Wendy Welch
September 7th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Conner Welch	Ann West	Jill McElveen
September 14th	Caroline Welch	Kayla & Caroline	Nick West	Missy Kirven
September 21st	Conner Welch	Brooke Welch	Melinda Atkinson	Melinda Atkinson
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September At A Glance

1st: Labor Day: Church Office closed

7th: LCCM food collection / Nick Tyler in pulpit

14th: Session / Congregational meeting / Glenn Grosick in pulpit

15th: Night Circle resumes

16th: Morning Circle resumes17th: Men of Church resumes

24th: Beth Moore "Breaking Free" Series begins

26th & 27th: Presbytery meeting @ St. Giles Church, Charlotte

28th: Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit / Rally Day



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> Thursday Schedule Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9 am - 5 pm (Mon., Tues., Thurs.)

Key Officers and Staff

September Calendar of Events

Monday, 1st: Labor Day Holiday: Office closed

Sunday, 7th: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Can food collection for LCCM Pulpit Supply: Nick Tyler

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

Flowers: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen

Sunday, 14th: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Glenn Grosick

Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett, Betty Heriot

Flowers: Judith & William Watkins

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting to elect PSC

5:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Monday, 15th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Tricia Latimer)

Tuesday, 16th: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle in FH

Wednesday, 17th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church

Sunday, 21st: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee: Cindy Welsh & Debbie Tindal Flowers: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen

Wednesday, 24th: 3:00 p.m. Beth Moore Bible Study begins in Fellowship Hall

26th & 27th: Stated Presbytery @ St. Giles Church, Charlotte, NC

Sunday, 28th: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit

Coffee: Beth & Dick McCutchen Flowers: Tom English McCutchen

6:00 p.m. Rally Day

SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL: *JERRY ADAMS & MATT BRAMLETT

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ Sugar & Flour ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, September 7th for our monthly Altar collection
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News from the Session...

With the arrival of September, our youth find themselves back in school and working hard with tests and assignments and school activities. We need to pray for wisdom and knowledge as they grow and mature. These children are the future of the church and they need our prayers for their spiritual growth as "we raise them up in the way they should go". We promised at their baptisms to aid their parents in their spiritual growth so we need to take that responsibility seriously.

Please pray for our congregational meeting on September 14th. Pray for the men and women who will be chosen to lead our search for the pastor God has chosen for us. It is a huge responsibility and I know the committee will ask for our prayers as we continue this journey in our church.

As always pray for our sick and shut-in members. Remember them with a card, a phone call, or a visit. We are called to use our hands and feet in God's service as we minister to His people.

If any member of the session can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Next Session Meeting: September 14th @ 5 pm

OFFICER DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER

*Jerry Adams & Matt Bramlett

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



176th Homecoming October 12th

The Worship Committee has been working hard to make this year's HOMECOMING special. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Willis "Will" Gaines, our former pastor Keep checking your bulletins for more details

Please check out the display in the Fellowship Hall. The Worship Committee would like any comments or feedback on past members & friends to help us celebrate

If you know anyone who would like to join us, please leave their name & address on the forms in the Fellowship Hall or send them to the office

Please mark October 12th on your calendar and help us celebrate another milestone in the life of Bishopville PC!

Statistics Month of August, 2014

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\$17,706.00

Average Attendance: SS - 37, Worship - 66

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:

Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$94,978.00
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$94,864.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$97,819.76
YTD Income received:	\$87,330.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$8,115.04

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

MTD Income received:	\$275.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$11.93
YTD Income received:	\$4,740.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$1,435.79

NEW BIBLE STUDY

BREAKING *Free*By Beth Moore

Wednesdays, beginning September 24th 11 weeks (excluding Thanksgiving week)

Bishanvilla Brashytarian Church

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15.95 for a member book Contact Susan Cline at 803-240-1309 to reserve your place and member book

"BREAKING Free" is an in-depth study of freedom in Christ based on the book of Isaiah. This course for women is designed to be completed over 11 weeks through daily & individual study & weekly group sessions

Thousands of women have journeyed with Beth through *Breaking Free*. Through scripture they discover the transforming power of Christian freedom.

God intends for us to know and believe Him, glorify Him, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence. Please come and join us for this wonderful study sponsored by the Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Helping Hands

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September Pulpit Supply

7th	Nick Tyler
14th	Glenn Grosick

In Loving Memory

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

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Please remember our Homebound

- Harold Galloway, at his home
 Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
 Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Christine Shirley, at her home

Greeters

• Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

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October At A Glance

4th: Kids for Christ Yard Sale

5th: Communion / Cents-Ability offering & food collection /

Jimmy Green in pulpit

12th: 176th HOMECOMING - Will Gaines in pulpit

13th-15th: Church Office closed

15th: Men of Church

19th: PWCT / Session / Darren Adams in pulpit

20th: Night Circle

21st: Morning Circle

26th: Nick Tyler in pulpit



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Thursday Schedule
Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9 am - 5 pm (Mon., Tues., Thurs.)

Key Officers and Staff

October Calendar of Events

Saturday, 4th: 8:00 a.m. Kids for Christ Yard Sale

Sunday, 5th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World-Wide Communion / Cents-Ability offering

Can food collection for LCCM Pulpit Supply: Rev. Jimmy Green Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt

Flowers: Peebles Family

Sunday, 12th: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOMECOMING - 176th Anniversary Homecoming Preacher: Dr. Will Gaines 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Registration

11:00 a.m. Homecoming service 12:00 p.m. Homecoming Luncheon

Flowers: Louise McCutchen

13th - 15th: Church office closed

Wednesday, 13th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Steven Welsh & Steven Frazier)

Sunday, 19th: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Darren Adams Coffee: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen

Flowers: Tom & Sherry Kerr

9:00 a.m. PWCT

5:00 p.m. Stated Session

Monday, 20th: 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Betsy Bramlett)

Tuesday, 21st: 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Judith Watkins)

Sunday, 26th: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Nick Tyler

Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton

Flowers: Mike Monroe

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ Dried Beans ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, October 5th for our monthly Altar collection
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News from the Session...

October will be a busy month in the life of our Church. Homecoming will October 12th. Many visitors and former members will be here and we pray that it will be a wonderful, blessed day for everyone in attendance. We hope everyone can come and worship together.

Please pray also for our Pastor Search Committee. These men and women have an awesome responsibility, but God has a plan and a purpose for us, so we must pray for His guidance.

As always pray for our sick and shut-in members. Remember them with a card, a phone call, or a visit. We are called to use our hands and feet in God's service as we minister to His people.

If any member of the session can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Next Session Meeting: October 19th @ 5 pm

OFFICER DUTIES FOR OCTOBER

*Carl Frazier & Tricia Latimer

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Congratulations to the following!!!

Kayla McCutchen: 2014 REL Homecoming Queen

Peggy Corbett: 2014 REL Distinguished Alumnus Award

Louise McCutchen: 2014 REL Distinguished Cavalier

Award

Bill & Corrie Davis Tindal on the safe arrival of their son, William Burns Tindal III, born October 2nd. The proud grandparents are Bill & Debbie Tindal and Jeanie & the late Frank Davis

Statistics Month of September, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 34, Worship - 67

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$12,632.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12,270.53
YTD Income received: \$99,962.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$103,027.52
Budgeted YTD Income: \$106,722.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$109,568.00

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

MTD Income received: \$730.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.17 YTD Income received: \$5,470.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,447.96

October Pulpit Supply

5th	Rev. Jimmy Green
12th	Dr. Will Gaines
19th	Rev. Darren Adams
26th	Nick Tyler

Iris Windham Thomas 5/13/1939 – 9/15/2014

To our brothers and sisters in CHRIST at Bishopville Presbyterian Church Unfortunately, over the past couple of years, our Mother, because of the disease Primary Progressive Aphasia, has not been able to fully articulate to you just how much she loved all of the members and attendees of this Church. Iris Thomas loved many people and many causes, but I would say, as most mothers do, her deepest love and concern was that of her children. When any of you, as was often the case, would inquire as how to how Johnny, Sissy, Susan or I were doing; I think that she literally felt your love flowing from you through and to her very heart & soul. I am not being overly dramatic here, for I definitely believe this! As God has graciously orchestrated my life in a way that has allowed me to spend a lot of time with my mother during the last 2 years of her life here on this earth. She LOVED this Church! And we all know that "The Church" is "The People"; all of you who cared for her, prayed for her, and most importantly to her, prayed for her children. The family of Iris W. Thomas cannot thank you enough for the love and prayerful support you have extended to us over the last couple of weeks. Thank You! Your prayers were all felt by us. May God bless you and keep you and your families!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Bobby Thomas, Johnny Thomas, Sissy Jeffords, Susan Hudson

Happy Birthday ptember

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In Loving Memory

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Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Iris Windham Thomas Peggy Dudley Brand Alvin Hancock Margie Vaughn Brunson Linwood Pate Jenson Stone

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)

Please remember our Homebound

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, CamdenChristine Shirley, at her home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Calendars

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October 5th	Kayla & Caroline	Devin Atkinson	Betsy Bramlett	Meredith Gaskins
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October 26th	Caroline Welch	Kayla & Caroline	English Cooper	Missy Kirven
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November 9th	Brooke Welch	Caroline Welch	Ralph DesChamps	Cindy Welsh
November 16th	Kayla & Caroline	Devin Atkinson	Jackie Drayton	Meredith Gaskins
November 23rd	Devin Atkinson	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Gardner Family	Wendy Welch
November 30th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Conner Welch	Gaskins Family	Jill McElveen



Please plan to attend our 176th HOMECOMING October 12, 2014

We are pleased to have Dr. Archie Willis "Will" Gaines as our Homecoming Preacher and his wife Julia, as our honored guests. Will is a native of Greenville, SC and a retired minister member of the Presbytery of Western NC. After growing up in a Clemson family, he received a B.S. in Pharmacy from USC and, like some of you, follows both. In the 1970's he served as Director of Pharmacy in 2 hospitals in the Charlotte area while also serving an enlistment in the US Army Reserve. In 1986 he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary in VA. Through 23 years

of ministry he served as pastor, associate pastor, chaplain and teacher in rural Linden (greater Fayetteville), NC; Clinton, SC (community, college, and retirement home), this congregation in Bishopville and the West Asheville Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC. While in Bishopville he served from time to time as Moderator of Session at the Mt. Lisbon, Cousar and Mt. Zion Churches. For a number of years he served as President, then Treasurer of the Lee County Cooperative Ministry (LCCM). He also worked as a part time pharmacist in every community where he served. For the past seven years, prior to and after retirement, he worked as part time pharmacist in the Medical Ministry of Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries (ABCCM), a full-fledged doctor's office, dental clinic and pharmacy for underserved people. For 45 years Will has been married to Julia Alice Taylor, a retired school nurse and daughter of Presbyterian Missionaries to Brasil. Several years ago they spent the entire summer with relatives in Julia's hometown in Brasil and look forward to returning next spring.

The Gaines have 3 children, Laura (42) of Black Mountain, NC, Thomas Gaines (41) and Cattleya Burapavong Gaines (43) of Weaverville, NC. Julia and Will live with Thom and Catty and their 3 children Luke (18), Oliver (14) and Thalia (10). They love their family "estate" that covers 10 wooded acres of mountainside, 5 miles north of Asheville. Will and Thom bought a tractor w/attachments, chain saws, weed eaters and log chains to hand saw lumber, tame the wilderness and maintain 1.0-1.25 miles of winding, gravel, mountain road.

Retirement is wonderful. They enjoy grandparent duty and traveling the eastern and Midwestern U.S. to visit family. Look for them at Nance's Creekside Restaurant in Murrells Inlet, SC, any New Year's Eve

Rev. Ken Hicks will have our Homecoming prayer. Ken was born & raised in Florence. He graduated from Clemson and attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. During his seminary years, he was married to Tina Hamilton and together they spent a year in Zaire, Africa as volunteers-in-mission. Ken has served 5 churches in NC, VA and SC. He works at ACS Technologies helping churches fix problems with their computers and networks. In June 2014, he ended 10½ years of service as stated supply pastor of the Bishopville

Presbyterian Church. Since he left, he was appointed by the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic as chair of the SC Administrative Commission and was elected to serve on the PMA Ministerial Committee. He is also the moderator of the Session of First Church Kershaw. He and Tina have two sons and six grand-children



Bo & Ari Dickinson and Rev. David Hubbs will provide our music. Bo & Ari are members of our Church. Bo is our Organist & Choir Director and he & Ari both serve as music Directors at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden. Bo is a graduate of Clemson and both are graduates of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. Both teach music privately and Ari is co-owner of a ballet studio in Camden and they live in Bishopville

David Hubbs has preached here off & on since May and played trumpet on occasion, with our choir. He has a Master of Divinity from **Erskine College and Seminary** and recently transferred from the PCUSA into the EPC. He lives in Florence and enjoys playing & listening to trumpet & piano

Registration @ 10:30 a.m. at each Tower door



Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Dinner immediately following Worship service

Ample seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall and first floor of the Educational building. Meat, biscuits & drinks will be provided by the church. Desserts & side dishes will be brought by local members

Everyone is cordially invited to attend & be a part of our worship & fellowship on this special day





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November At A Glance

2nd: DST ends / LCCM food collection / Rev. Thomas Shirk in pulpit

4th: Church Office closed

9th: Kids Pizza & shoebox packing party / Glenn Grosick in pulpit

16th: PWCT / Session / Gregg McCutchen in pulpit

17th: Harvest Banquet @ BUMC

19th: Men of Church

23rd: Glenn Grosick in pulpit / Thanksgiving service @ FBC

26th-30th: Church office closed for holiday

30th: Hanging of Greens



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Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

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Key Officers and Staff

November Calendar of Events

Sunday, 2nd: Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Thomas Shirk Can food collection for LCCM Coffee: Crues & Renee Bell Flowers: Crues & Renee Bell

2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving time ends (fall back 1 hour)

Tuesday, 4th: Church office closed

Sunday, 9th: Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Glenn Grosick Coffee: Edie & Jeff Varn

Flowers: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ pizza party (pack OCC shoeboxes)

Sunday, 16th: Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Gregg McCutchen Coffee: William & Judith Watkins Flowers: Ray & Jackie Drayton

9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT 5:00 p.m. Stated Session

Monday, 17th: 6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet @ BUMC, Speaker: Paula Watson

Wednesday, 19th: 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Nick West)

Sunday, 23rd: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulpit Supply: Glenn Grosick Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen

Flowers: Naomi McCutchen Family

6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving service @ First Baptist w/reception

26th - 30th: Church office closed for holiday

30th: First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of Greens

OCTOBER ELDERS-ON-CALL: *BOBBY THOMAS & GREGG MCCUTCHEN

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News from the Session...

Fall is such a wonderful time of year. Cooler temperatures, beautiful leaves in all colors, surely God is using His paintbrush once again.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I pray that we all remember each of our blessings. God is so good!

If we put our problems in a pile with those around the world, I think we would gratefully take our back out of the pile! God has blessed this country but we must remember to thank Him. Pray with me that all Americans will turn back to God, who as we know is the Creator and Sustainer of our world.

As always, If any member of the session can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Next Session Meeting: November 16th @ 5 pm

OFFICER DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER

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* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics Month of October, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 32, Worship - 85

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$11,123.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$8,534.94
YTD Income received: \$111,085.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$111,562.46
Budgeted YTD Income: \$118,580.00

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$120,711.00

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

MTD Income received: \$410.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.17 YTD Income received: \$5,880.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,460.13

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 23rd @ 6 pm First Baptist Church

Rev. Larry Watson of Bethlehem UMC will deliver the message. Please plan to attend, along with your family & friends. Reception following the service

November is National Hospice Month

Please pray for hospice families

November Pulpit Supply

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Catherine Bell Smith	12
Anna Turner	12
Judith Watkins	12
Cally Bell	14
MaryAnna Welsh	14
Peggy Corbett	15
Missy Kirven	20
Perry McCutchen	22
Dr. Leon Hunt	23
Jackie Drayton	25
Jane Harrington	27
Sissy Jeffords	29
Lisa Jeffords	30

Michael Jeffords	5
Sara Catherine Corbett	6
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Gordon Eckley	8
Becky Crichton	9
Mike Monroe	13
Janice Reynolds	13
Boochie Swearingen	13
Dawn Levers	14
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Maggie Corbett	
Tom Kerr	18
Jennifer McCutchen	18
Billy Simon	20
Margery Jeffords	24
Retta Tindal	24
Brooke Welch	24
Wyatt Frazier	28
Rena Smith	29

In Loving Memory

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

Ray Everette Frazier Marion Janie Mabry Tisdale All those affected by the Ebola outbreak

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)

Please remember our Homebound

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, CamdenChristine Shirley, at her home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



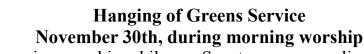
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The Kids for Christ will meet to pack shoeboxes on Sunday, November 9th @ 6:00 p.m. They will celebrate afterwards with a pizza party. Thank you to everyone for all your donations!!!

Harvest Banquet

Monday, November 17th @ 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem United Methodist Church Speaker: Paula Watson

Contact the Church office for reservations. Cost: \$7/pp. Reservation deadline: Nov. 13th



Come enjoy worship while our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sounds of the Advent and Christmas season!





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December At A Glance

7th: Children's pageant / Gratitude gift offering / Christmas lunch

PSC meeting

14th: Nick Tyler in pulpit / Christmas Music program @ BUMC

21st: Rev. Thomas Shirk in pulpit / Elder Installation / Called Session

23rd-29th: Church office closed for vacation & holiday

24th: Christmas Eve service @ BUMC

25th: Merry Christmas! Happy birthday Jesus!!!

Christmas service @ BUMC



Sunday Service Schedule

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

> Thursday Schedule Adult Choir - 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

9 am - 5 pm (Mon., Tues., Thurs.)

Key Officers and Staff







December Calendar of Events

Sunday, 7th: Second Sunday of Advent

Can food collection for LCCM ***NO COFFEE HOUR*** Flowers: Poinsettia Array 11:00 a.m. Children's Pageant

12:00 p.m. Covered-dish Christmas luncheon

3:00 p.m. PSC Meeting

Sunday, 14th: Third Sunday of Advent

Pulpit Supply: Nick Tyler

Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

Flowers: Poinsettia Array 5:00 p.m. Stated Session

Sunday, 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Thomas Shirk

Elder Installation Sunday

Coffee: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven & Melinda Atkinson

Flowers: Poinsettia Array

10:30 a.m. Called Session meeting

23rd-29th: Church office closed for vacation & holiday

Sunday, 28th: First Sunday after Christmas

Coffee: Margery Jeffords, BJ Kerr & Doris Bell

Flowers: Diane & William McElveen

DECEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL: *STEVEN FRAZIER & PERRY MCCUTCHEN

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Unless otherwise noted

For electronic news, email bishopvillepc@ftc-i.net
Printed materials are available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed copies



LCCM Collection for this Month ~ Holiday non-perishables ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, December 7th for our monthly Altar collection
Please remember those less fortunate



\$9,742.00

News from the Session...

As we enter this Christmas season, let us remember that it is CHRISTmas, not Xmas Day or a Happy Holiday! The world may celebrate a holiday from school or work with shiny bows and bright lights, but we celebrate something more special than anything the world can provide. As we give gifts to loved ones, remember to treasure God's ultimate gift, Jesus Christ, born in a manger so long ago.

The Session also prays for a blessed New Year for each of you. We do not know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future. I am thankful for our God who will never leave us nor forsake us and for a praying church family who lifts each member up in good times and bad. We worship God who can and will use all things for His glory.

Remember in prayer our pastoral search committee as we enter the New Year. They have a huge responsibility but we can support them with our prayers which are so powerful! This year will mark a new beginning for our church in many ways and the Session prays that each one of us will work together to keep this church strong for future generations.

Always remember that your Session is charged to be servants to all. Please contact us if we can be of any service to you in the New Year!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session Called Session: December 21st @ 10:30 a.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR DECEMBER

*Steven Frazier & Perry McCutchen

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics Month of November, 2014

Average Attendance: SS - 36, Worship - 68

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$8,627.66
YTD Income received: \$120,827.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$120,190.12
Budgeted YTD Income: \$130,438.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$131,029.00

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

MTD Income received: \$90.00 MTD Expenses disbursed: \$185.33 YTD Income received: \$5,970.00 YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,645.46

Elder Installation Sunday December 21st Elders being installed are:

- Gregg McCutchen III (2nd term)
 - Bobby Thomas (2nd term)
 - Cindy Welsh (1st term)

Thank you to the following who will be leaving us this year - Jerry Adams & Carl Frazier

You did a wonderful job and you will be missed!

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Please remember our Homebound Especially during the Winter & the Holidays

- Harold Galloway, at his home
- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Christine Shirley, at her home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Pastor Search Committee
Meeting
Sunday, December 7th
3:00 p.m.
Session Room

<u>Calendars</u>

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
December 7th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Conner Welch	Betty Manning Heriot	Missy Kirven
December 14th	Caroline Welch	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Kirven Family	Melinda Atkinson
December 21st	Conner Welch	Brooke Welch	Dawn Levers	Cindy Welsh
December 28th	Brooke Welch	Caroline Welch	Jennifer McCutchen	Meredith Gaskins

Happy Birthday

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Robert McCutchen III	2
Ann West	2
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Chip Smith	3
Bill Tindal	2 3 3 3
Kody Mills McCutchen	4
John Bell, Jr	9
Will McElveen	9 9
Kean Scott III	ģ
Marvis Baker	11
John Crues Bell IV	12
Bill Conway	13
Steven Welsh	13
Ken Cutler	14
T-Bo Ellen	16
Carole Scott	-
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Aidan Hilditch	25
Jean Woodmansee	26
Gayle Kerr	27
Brooke Harrington	30
Amber Harrington	30
Josh Kirven	30
John Latimer	30



Church Office Closed December 23rd - 29th



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24th @ 6 pm Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited to attend



Children's Christmas Pageant December 7th

11:00 a.m.
Come out and support our vouth!

Christmas

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



Nov. 30th: Jill & Will McElveen Family

Dec. 7th: Bert Cousar Family
Dec. 14th: Ann & Nick West Family
Dec. 21st: Wendy & Benny Welch Family

December Pulpit Supply

14th	Nick Tyler
21st	Rev. Thomas Shirk



Christmas Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary December 7th - 21st Please pick up plants after worship on 21st

Gratitude Gift offering will be collected in December. This offering will encourage and support retired ministers & missionaries in the EPC



Please visit the Angel Trees in both Tower rooms and help make someone happy this Christmas by taking a tag & returning a gift by Sunday, December 7th. Please wrap gift in Christmas paper and label according to the tag



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Yesterday's high: 82°; Last night's low: 64°

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now, let the poor say 'I am rich,' let the weak say 'I am strong,' Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks."

The words to this praise song sum up the reason for this special season of the year-Thanksgiving and Christmas. We thank God for His blessings, and most of all for His Son. Here in Yucatan the reasons to thank Him are many:

The great rejoicing there will be here and in heaven next month when Rodolfo, for whom we have been praying for nearly 3 years, makes his public profession of faith and is baptized. He and his wife, Elodia, need much prayer because the pull of alcoholism is so strong. His congregation in the town of Yalcobá is growing with new people every time I visit.

The mission church in Chemax rejoices as well this year because of the new roof on their sanctuary, which was made possible by the gift of one of our prayer partners. It still lacks doors, windows, and electricity, but they have begun using it on Sunday mornings for Sunday school and their morning service.

The congregation in Tekom is now considering joining the Sac-Be Presbytery, which was one of Dave's goals when he and I started to visit them each month. They are another small, but growing mission church.

The Followers of Christ mission church in one of the poorer neighborhoods of Merida, and Dave's last pastorate, celebrated its 31st anniversary on October 26th. Cause for rejoicing here is Martín. Dave often shared with him and took him along on trips to other churches so as to have more time to talk. He has also struggled with alcoholism and at one point even left his wife and family, but he recently has returned, is attending church regularly and asked me to get him a Bible.

My 400-member church in downtown Merida just celebrated its 128th anniversary a couple weeks ago. The new pastor, a San Pablo Seminary graduate, is doing an excellent job. The minister of music and his wife are both former students as well.

The San Pablo Seminary also celebrated an anniversary in September; it's 32nd. Since its beginning in 1982, over 800 students have graduated in Theology, Music, Youth Ministry, and Biblical Counseling programs and most of those graduates are actively serving the Lord. I give thanks for the vision and leadership God gave Dave to strengthen the national church by providing well-trained leaders.

As you have noticed, life in Yucatan involves lots of travel to villages and other locations. Many of the churches I visit each weekend are 2 to 3 hours away. In the past 3 years we have added almost 100,000 miles (150,000 km) to our vehicle and I will soon be in need of another vehicle with lower miles. This will probably cost around \$8,000 to \$10,000. Please pray for the Lord's provision in order to safely and reliably continue the work we are doing in those places. Please also pray for ministers to care for the congregations. I often take laymen with me to preach because the churches do not have an ordained minister yet.

In other news, here at home we are all anticipating the birth of Debbie and Rolando's first baby in January. She is doing well, continuing her regular teaching schedule in the mornings and afternoons. Rolando was able to find a new job in May, which is another cause for thanksgiving. They are still able to help with the care of his mother who suffers from diabetes and dementia.

Mark's church is growing as well. Altia, his wife, fell in July and broke a bone in her kneecap. She walks with crutches now and needs 6 more months of therapy. Their daughter Ellie is in 12th grade and praying about the college she should attend. Their son John is in 8th grade this year. They are both Debbie's students at Merida Christian School, the homeschool group housed in our home.

Daniel's family continues to excel in sports and academics in St. Louis. All 3 of his children participate in various sports and their weekends are full with tournaments and games. Owen and Caleb attend the Christian elementary school where Daniel's wife, Debbie, teaches. Alyssa is now a 7th grader and attends the middle school/high school where Daniel teaches and coaches.

We all had birthdays in October and November. My body feels its 74 years but not my spirit! I find I tire easily with each days' activities: church and choir activities, visiting village congregations on weekends, teaching at the music school, meal planning and preparation, grocery shopping, swimming, and trying to read. My vision and spinal column aren't strong, but they aren't totally incapacitating yet. I thank the Lord daily, with a joyful heart, for what He enables me to do.

We will have several visitors during the month of December and Dr. Will Ackles and his wife, Nancy, will be returning in February for a couple of months. It is always a joy to have friends come visit us and participate first-hand in the work the Lord is doing here in Yucatan.

We do not know what the future will bring, but we know in whose hands it is, so we need not fear. We pray blessings for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year upon each of you.

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

Gifts to the seminary, camp, or our ministry may be sent to: <u>The Magi, P.O. Box 43, Byron Center, MI 49315</u>. Please note on the memo section the designation of your gift.