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Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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January At A Glance

- 1st:** Church Office closed - Happy New Year!
4th: Glenn Grosick in pulpit / canned food collection
11th: Communion / Cents– Ability / Jimmy Green in pulpit / PSC meets
12th: Church office closed (Jury duty)
18th: Glenn Grosick in pulpit
19th: Church office closed for holiday / Night Circle
20th: Morning Circle
21st: Men of Church
30th - 31st: Presbytery Meeting @ River Oaks Comm. Ch., Clemmons NC

It is January!



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2015

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

Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session

Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session

Gregg McCutchen III, Church Treasurer

Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer

Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager

BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January Calendar of Events

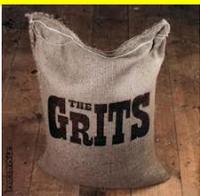
- Thursday, 1st:** HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Church office closed
- Sunday, 4th:** Second Sunday after Christmas
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Church arrangement
11:00 a.m. Glenn Grosick in pulpit
- Sunday, 11th:** Baptism of Lord
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Jimmy Green
Communion & Cents-Ability offering
Coffee: Matt & Betsy Bramlett
Flowers: Will & Jill McElveen
10:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting
3:00 p.m. PSC Meeting
- Monday, 12th:** Church office closed (Jury Duty)
- Sunday, 18th:** Second Sunday after Epiphany
Pulpit Supply: Glenn Grosick
Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
- Monday, 19th:** Church office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 20th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Louise McCutchen)
- Wednesday, 21st:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (William McElveen/Billy Clyburn)
- Sunday, 25th:** Third Sunday after Epiphany
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Craig & Dawn Nesbit
- 30th - 31st:** Presbytery Meeting @ River Oaks Comm. Church, Clemmons NC



JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL: *MATT BRAMLETT & TYSON ECKLEY

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

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ GRITS ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, January 4th for our monthly Altar collection
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News from the Session...

Happy New Year to each of you. As we reflect on the Christmas season, let us all remember God's greatest gift, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ throughout the coming year. This year will bring joy to some and possibly great sorrow for others, but our almighty Father can and will use all things for His glory. Trust Him and look to Him for guidance each day.

I pray that He will use each of us as His hands and feet as we seek ways to serve others in the new year. Pray also for our Pastor Search Committee as they continue their work. Let us also pray for the person who will be chosen to lead our Church.

Please continue to remember & keep the family of Steve Monroe in your prayers, after his untimely death. We will certainly miss him in our Church family and community.

As always, please call any member of the Session if you need anything. We are here to serve. May God bless each of you in this new year!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session
NO January Stated Meeting
Next Stated Meeting: February 8th @ 5:00 p.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JANUARY
 *Matt Bramlett & Tyson Eckley
 * denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Please remember our Homebound
 Especially during the Winter months**

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

Statistics	
Month of December, 2014	
As of December 28th	
Average Attendance: SS - 33, Worship - 66	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$40,453.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,807.00
YTD Income received:	\$161,280.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$133,997.12
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$147,053.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$147,053.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses	
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$570.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$281.11
YTD Income received:	\$6,540.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$1,926.57

Pastor Search Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 11th
3:00 p.m.
Session Room

January Pulpit Supply

4th	Glenn Grosick
11th	Jimmy Green
18th	Glenn Grosick

Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
January 4th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Devin Atkinson	Kayla McCutchen	Wendy Welch
January 11th	Devin Atkinson	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Marsha McCutchen	Jill McElveen
January 18th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Conner Welch	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Missy Kirven
January 25th	Caroline Welch	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Dawn Levers	Melinda Atkinson

Happy Birthday



Robert McCutchen III	2
Ann West	2
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Chip Smith	3
Bill Tindal	3
Kody Mills McCutchen	4
John Bell, Jr	9
Will McElveen	9
Kean Scott III	9
Marvis Baker	11
John Crues Bell IV	12
Bill Conway	13
Steven Welsh	13
Ken Cutler	14
T-Bo Ellen	16
Carole Scott	18
Aidan Hilditch	25
Jean Woodmansee	26
Gayle Kerr	27
Brooke Harrington	30
Amber Harrington	30
Josh Kirven	30
John Latimer	30



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



Church Office Closed
January 1st - Happy New Year
January 12th - ??? (Gwen has Jury Duty)
January 19th (Holiday)



Communion - January 11th
 Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who cannot join us
 Please contact an Elder for extended services
Communion Elders: Judith Watkins & Tricia Latimer
 Cents-Ability offering will also be accepted to help fund the Lee County Cooperative Ministries

Thank you to everyone for the many gifts this Christmas season! It's always a pleasure seeing each of you!
 Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

It is always nice to be remembered at Christmas. Many thanks for thinking of me. It is greatly appreciated. Blessings to all, Louise McCutchen



Congratulations to **Louis & Christine Shirley** on the safe arrival of their great-great granddaughter of Kimberly Reese Carter, born November 30, 2014 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. with black hair

Congratulations to **John & Sarah Eckley** on the safe arrival of their first son, **John Sanders Eckley**, born January 2, 2015. The proud grandparents are **Gordon & Cyndi Eckley**

We rejoice with each of these families on this very happy occasion!



In Loving Memory
 The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to all who have lost family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Stephen Clark Monroe, Jr.
April Bryant
Ronnie Webber
Betsy Josey
Bobby Kirby
Gene Reames

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

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February At A Glance

- 1st: “Souperbowl” & canned food offerings / James Alexander in pulpit
- 3rd: Adult Fellowship “Soup” Luncheon
- 8th: Congregational Meeting / Session / PSC / Matt Morrison in pulpit
- 15th: PWCT / Christopher Greenwood in pulpit
- 16th: Night Circle
- 17th: Morning Circle
- 18th: Men of Church / Ash Wednesday / Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
- 22nd: 1st Sunday in Lent / Family Night / Thomas Shirk in pulpit
- 25th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC

2015

February

GROUNDHOG DAY
FEB. 2



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February 2015 Calendar of Events

Sunday, 1st:

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Pulpit Supply: Rev. James Alexander
“Souperbowl” Sunday offering
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Tyson Eckley, T-Bo Ellen, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Church arrangement**



Tuesday, 3rd:

12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship luncheon

Sunday, 8th:

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Pulpit Supply: Matt Morrison
Coffee: Matt & Betsy Bramlett / Betty Heriot
Flowers: Janice Reynolds
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
3:00 p.m. PSC Meeting
5:00 p.m. Stated Session**

Sunday, 15th:

**Transfiguration of the Lord
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Christopher Greenwood
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Steven & Kerry Frazier
Flowers: Iris Thomas Family**

Monday, 16th:

7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)

Tuesday, 17th:

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Jackie Drayton & Margery Jeffords)

Wednesday, 18th:

**12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday / Lent lunch @ BUMC
7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Matt Bramlett & Jerry Adams)**

Sunday, 22nd:

**First Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt
Flowers: Edie & Jeff Varn**



Wednesday, 25th: 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ BPC

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**LCCM Collection for this Month ~ CANNED SOUPS ~
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Sunday, February 1st for our monthly Altar collection
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News from the Session...

Happy February to all!! The "Kids for Christ" have invited the entire congregation to come to the Valentine's Supper on Sunday, February 15th. It's always a great time of fellowship and fun as well as a delicious spaghetti supper. Our "kids" are the future of the church and we need to support and encourage them whenever we can.

Please continue to pray for our pastoral search committee. This is a huge responsibility and requires a great amount of time from these participants who have generously agreed to serve. I hope you will all join me in praying that when someone is chosen and called by our congregation that we all enter this new relationship positively and with a renewed energy to serve Christ in our church and in our community. It may require some change on our part as a new pastor may have new ideas. Change can be good and we need to avoid the "that's not the way we have always done it" way of thinking. Some change might allow the Holy Spirit to work within us in new and exciting ways that will bring glory to our Heavenly Father!!

As always, please call any Session member if you have a need, whether small or large. We are charged to serve and we want to know how we can help.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session

Next Stated Meeting: February 8th @ 5:00 p.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY

*Jimmy McCutchen & Ray Drayton

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for February 8th for the purpose of reporting the 2014 Statistics & presenting the 2015 budget

Statistics

Month of January, 2015

As of January 29th

Average Attendance: SS - 34, Worship - 70

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$14,572.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$8,897.64
YTD Income received:	\$14,572.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$8,897.64
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$14,796.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$14,796.00

Pastor Search Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 8th
3:00 p.m.



The Kids for Christ will serve a Valentine meal to our congregation on Sunday, February 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

Please come out and support them

February Pulpit Supply

1st	Rev. James Alexander
8th	Matt Morrison
15th	Rev. Christopher Greenwood
22nd	Rev. Thomas Shirk

Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
February 1st	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Brooke Welch	Bubba Muldrow	Cindy Welch
February 8th	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Dawn & Caroline	Meredith Gaskins
February 15th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Janice Reynolds	Wendy Welch
February 22nd	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Shirley Wallace	Jill McElveen

Happy Birthday

February

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



Adult Fellowship Soup Luncheon Tuesday, February 3rd @ 12:00

The Committee will provide the soup. Please bring a complimentary dish (sandwiches, salad, bread, etc...) and join us for an enjoyable lunch



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Souperbowl Sunday February 1st

We'll collect money & food for the LCCM



I came home on December 30th and have plenty of rehab to do. I appreciate the love, prayers, cards and thoughts from everyone. You are contributing so much to my recovery. Love, Janice Reynolds

I want to thank each of you so much for your prayers and love. It is such a comfort knowing that my home-town church is thinking of me and lifting me up in prayer. Thank you again! My leg is healing slowly but surely by the Lord's grace. Joe wants to thank you also for all your prayers concerning him. God bless you all, Irene Black

~ Lenten Lunch Schedule: Wednesday's @ 12:00 noon ~ Bethlehem UMC: February 18th, March 4th & 18th Bishopville PC: February 25th, March 11th & 25th

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. A love offering will be collected



Congratulations to **Manning & Rusty Lloyd** on the safe arrival of their son, **Mills**, born January 28, 2015 weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Proud grandparents are **Betsy & Matt Bramlett** and great-grandmother, **Betty Manning Heriot**. *We rejoice with them on this very happy occasion!*



In Loving Memory



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Mickey Brooks

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



January 8, 2015

Dear Bishopville Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for all your faithful prayers and support for the ministry here in Mexico. The work is growing here.

I'm writing from a Presbytery meeting where about 100 pastors and elders are attending. Most of them are former students of ours. I always enjoy seeing them and learning where they are working.

A bit of news: My daughter, Debbie, gave birth to a baby boy, Diego André, on January 1st. Both are doing well. She goes back to teaching on January 12th and is trying to work out some kind of schedule. She is finding out what it means to be a new mother.

The San Pablo Seminary will re-open on February 2nd and I am planning what music to give to my students.

I am also participating in various village services such as weddings, Church anniversaries, birthday celebrations, etc...

I am grateful for your help to continue ministering here in Yucatan.

Many blessings in 2015,

Jean Legters



As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will

You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it's harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken.

You'll fight with your best friend

You'll blame a new love for things that an old one did

You'll cry because time is passing too fast

You'll eventually lose someone you love

So take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt because every sixty seconds that you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back

Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

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March At A Glance

- 1st: 2nd Lent / Canned food offerings / Glenn Grosick in pulpit
- 4th: Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
- 6th: World Day of Prayer
- 8th: 3rd Lent /Daylight Saving Time begins /Session / David Hubbs in pulpit
- 11th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC (Sharon Green)
- 15th: 4th Lent / PWCT
- 16th: Night Circle
- 17th: Morning Circle
- 18th: Men of Church / Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
- 25th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
- 29th: Palm Sunday



Don't forget to spring forward an hour before bed on March 7th

Sunday Service Schedule

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

Thursday Schedule

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March 2015 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 1st:** Second Sunday of Lent
Pulpit Supply: Glenn Grosick
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Ann & Nick West
Flowers: Church arrangement
- Wednesday, 4th:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
- Friday, 6th:** 12:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer @ Courthouse
- Sunday, 8th:** Third Sunday of Lent
Pulpit Supply: Rev. David Hubbs
Coffee: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen
Flowers: Kathryn & Hank Welch
5:00 p.m. Stated Session
- Wednesday, 11th:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BPC (Speaker: Sharon Green)
- Sunday, 15th:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Wendy & Benny Welch
- Monday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Ann Cooper)
- Tuesday, 17th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Diane McElveen)
- Wednesday, 18th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent Lunch @ BUMC
7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Perry & Dick McCutchen)
- Sunday, 22nd:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Crues & Renee Bell
Flowers: Ann & Nick West
- Wednesday, 25th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent Lunch @ BPC
- Sunday, 29th:** Palm Sunday
Coffee: Coffee & Doughnuts provided by Church
Flowers: Doris & John Bell

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

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News from the Session...

As I write this, the ice and light snow are melting but it is very dreary. Hopefully more bad weather won't come, but isn't it wonderful to know that spring is near! God's creation is always amazing! How He can bring beautiful leaves and flowers from the twigs and barren branches we see today is truly a miracle. Hold on!! Warmer weather is just ahead.

This transition from winter to spring is a great example of how God can bring us through the lowest times in our lives where we have the hope that all things will get better. If you or someone you know is going through a hard time hold on, Pray, and wait for God to work.

The Session would like to thank the "Kids for Christ" for the delicious Valentine's supper they prepared and served. Thanks also to all of the adults who assisted. We are blessed to have a great group of kids in our church and I hope we all pray for them as they grow and mature in their walk with Christ.

Our church will host three of the Lenten lunches this year. These are always a wonderful time of fellowship as we reflect on the wonder of Easter. The resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is the foundation of our faith. Let us all spend time in prayer thanking God for the sacrifice of His Son to save us from our sins!

Please continue to pray for our search committee. They are spending countless hours looking for the person God has already chosen to lead us. We can do our part by praying for them and asking for God's blessing on their search.

If anyone on the Session can be of service to you or someone you know, please don't hesitate to call.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session

Next Stated Meeting: March 8th @ 5:00 p.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MARCH

*Judith Watkins & Tyson Eckley

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**Remember to set
your clocks ahead an
hour on March 8th**

It's that time again!

Statistics	
Month of February, 2015	
As of February 24th	
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Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$8,655.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,207.19
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$30,854.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$27,961.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses	
(Memorial-Building-Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$120.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.17
YTD Income received:	\$280.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.17

March Pulpit Supply

1st	Glenn Grosick
8th	Rev. David Hubbs
15th	
22nd	
29th	

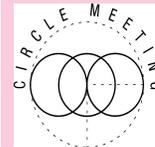
Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
March 1st	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	William Watkins	Missy Kirven
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Happy Birthday



Graham Couch	2	Richard Frazier	2
Bo Simon	2	Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Louise McCutchen	3	Melinda Atkinson	3
Carol Latimer Finethy	4	Kerry W. Frazier	3
Emmett Kerr	5	Zach Scott	3
Katie Ellen	7	Dot Cothran	4
Bill Gaskins	8	Kathryn Welch	4
William Corbett	9	Ollie Broadway	6
Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10	Belle S. Branham	10
Lena McCutchen	10	Reneé Bell	13
Meredith Gaskins	12	Doris Bell	14
Emmie McCutchen	19	Tyner Bramlett	20
English Cooper	20	Caroline McCutchen	20
Tyson Eckley	22	Devin Atkinson	22
Louis Shirley	22	Jamie Gardner	22
Jane Huggins	26	Susan L. Hilditch	23
Peyton Welch	27	Weston Jeffords	25
Carl Frazier	29	Ryan McCutchen	25
Cindy Welsh	29	Sarah McCutchen	26
Bill Tindal, Jr.	30	Gregg McCutchen III	27
Lian Latimer	31		



March Circle Hostesses
Night (16th) Ann Cooper
Morning (17th) Diane McElveen
 *Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall



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

Host: Perry & Dick McCutchen
 Please join us for good food & fellowship

~ Lenten Lunch Schedule ~

Wednesday's @ 12:00 noon
Bethlehem UMC: March 4th & 18th
Bishopville PC: March 11th & 25th
 A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. A love offering will be collected
Speaker: March 11th is Sharon Green

Elder Class of 2018

Nominations are being accepted throughout March. Please complete a form and submit it to the Church office or to a Committee member. Nomination forms are in Sunday School rooms and in the Sanctuary (same format as last year). **Nomination Deadline: March 31st**

2015 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Bobby Thomas, Chair	Matt Bramlett, Co-Chair
Bubba Muldrow	Jennifer McCutchen
Martha Kay Hunt	

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

Dear friends, Asaph and I want to thank you for the financial and prayer support that you continue to provide. We are settling into our new house and have begun meeting new people. The girls are doing well with homeschooling and I (Lynn) have begun studying Urdu more (trying to improve my reading skills). Asaph continues to interact & encourage the cricket clubs. Please continue to pray for Pakistan and our family as we adjust into this culture. With all our love, Lynn & Asaph



In Loving Memory

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

- Johnny King**
- Tommy Teddar**
- O'Kelley Smith Broadway**
- Mary Ellen Bramlett**
- Olin Daniel Price**
- Tina Louise Smith**
- Louis Eckley**

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- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Christine Shirley, at her home
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

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April At A Glance

- 2nd:** Maundy Community Communion Service @ BPC / PSC meets
- 3rd:** Good Friday Service @ BUMC
- 4th:** Easter Egg Hunt @ BUMC
- 5th:** Community Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast @ BPC
Pulpit Supply: Will Gaines
- 9th:** Church Office closed
- 12th:** Session / PSC / Pulpit Supply: Chris Parnell
- 20th:** Night Circle
- 21st:** Morning Circle
- 22nd:** Men of Church
- 24&25:** Presbytery meeting



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

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Gregg McCutchen III, Church Treasurer

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2015 Calendar of Events

- Thursday, 2nd:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion @ BPC
Communion Elders: Gregg McCutchen & Bobby Thomas
7:45 p.m. PSC meets
- Friday, 3rd:** 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ BUMC
- Saturday, 4th:** 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @ BUMC
- Sunday, 5th:** Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Community Easter Sunrise service on BPC S. Lawn
Rev. Larry Watson & Rev. James Jordan
7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dr. Will Gaines
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Young Adult SS Class
Flowers: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot
- Thursday, 9th:** Church Office Closed for Holiday
- Sunday, 12th:** Second Sunday of Easter
12:15 p.m. PSC meets
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Christopher Parnell
Coffee: Jeff & Edie Varn
Flowers: Church arrangement
- Sunday, 19th:** Third Sunday of Easter
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Isabelle McCutchen
- Monday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Jennifer McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 21st:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Martha Kay Hunt)
- Wednesday, 22nd:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Ralph/Leon/Louis)
- Fri & Sat, 24-25:** Presbytery Meeting @ Mebane PC, Mebane NC
Commissioners: Tyson Eckley & Bobby Thomas
- Sunday, 26th:** Fourth Sunday of Easter
Coffee: Judith & William Watkins
Flowers: Family of Rob McCutchen, Jr.

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL: *TRICIA LATIMER & CINDY WELSH

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Unless otherwise noted

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ CANNED MEAT ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, April 5th for our monthly Altar collection
Please remember those less fortunate



News from the Session...

A special thank-you to “Kids for Christ” for the fun Family Night supper. The fellowship and food were great, but having all of the generations in our Church working together on a mission project was a testimony to the service we can provide if we work together. Great job to all who attended!

As we approach Easter, I hope all of you will be able to attend a special Easter service; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise, and Easter Morning Worship. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith. I pray that a renewal of faith comes to all of you during this blessed time of year.

Please continue to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee. Work is beginning on our Manse in preparation for our new minister. A little spring cleaning and refreshing will provide a comfortable home for the one God has chosen for us. I pray that everyone has a positive outlook on this chapter in our Church. God will provide, but we must look to Him for guidance and direction.

As always, please call any Session member if you need any kind of service.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session

OFFICER DUTIES FOR APRIL

***Tricia Latimer & Cindy Welsh**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics

Month of March, 2015

Average Attendance: SS - 31, Worship - 66

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$15,431.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,492.58
YTD Income received:	\$38,658.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$29,699.77
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$46,281.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$44,795.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$775.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,055.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.17

April Pulpit Supply

5th	Rev. Dr. Will Gaines (Easter)
12th	Rev. Christopher Parnell
19th	TBA
26th	TBA

Calendars

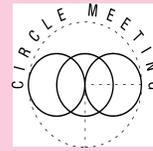
	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
April 5th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Dick McCutchen	Jill McElveen
April 12th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	Jerry Adams	Missy Kirven
April 19th	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Melinda Atkinson	Melinda Atkinson
April 26th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Brooke Welch	Crues Bell	Cindy Welsh

Happy Birthday



Richard Frazier	2
Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Melinda Atkinson	3
Kerry W. Frazier	3
Zach Scott	3
Dot Cothran	4
Kathryn Welch	4
Ollie Broadway	6
Belle S. Branham	10
Reneé Bell	13
Doris Bell	14
Tyner Bramlett	20
Caroline McCutchen	20
Devin Atkinson	22
Jamie Gardner	22
Susan L. Hilditch	23
Weston Jeffords	25
Ryan McCutchen	25
Sarah McCutchen	26
Gregg McCutchen III	27

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



April Circle Hostesses
 Night (20th) Jennifer McCutchen
 Morning (21st) ... Martha Kay Hunt
 *Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall



Men of the Church Wednesday, April 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Host: Ralph DesChamps, Leon Hunt &
 Louis Shirley
 Please join us for good food & fellowship

Elder election for Class of 2018 Sunday May 17th

The Nomination committee will meet in April to prepare a slate of 3 candidates for the congregation to consider.
 Please prayerfully consider serving if asked

~ Holy Week Community Events ~

- Maundy Communion: April 2nd @ 7:00 pm**
 Bishopville PC
- Good Friday Service: April 3rd @ 6:00 pm**
 Bethlehem UMC
- Easter Sunrise & breakfast: April 5th @ 7 am**
 Bishopville PC



In Loving Memory

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

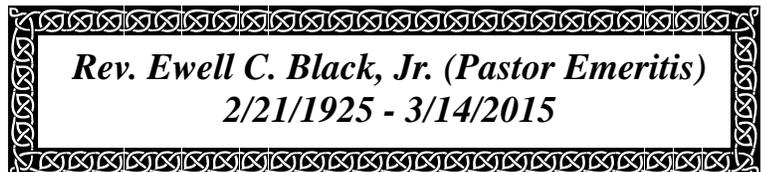
- Dave Merline**
- Beth Weekley**
- Richard "Drake" Semino**
- Bruce Smith**
- Christine DesChamps**

Rev. Ewell C. Black, Jr. (Pastor Emeritis)

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

Please remember our Homebound Especially during the Holiday season

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



Yesterday's high: 99°
Last night's low: 75°

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March 16th, 2015

Dear Prayer Partners,

“There is a time for everything... a time to be born and a time to die... a time to weep and a time to laugh... He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The Lord has brought happiness and new life into our family with the birth of Diego Andre, Debbie and Rolando's first child, born January 1. As you can imagine, grandchild #6 has changed life and routines for all of us in this house, but is dearly loved, a gift from the Lord. Nearly all who see him comment on how much he looks like his grandpa Dave. Although Dave has been with the Lord for two years, we now have his “representative” with us!

The seminary opened in January for students in the master's degree extension program. In February regular classes began and an international group of students working on doctorates in theology met here. My first year piano students are working on their recital pieces and growing both in music skills and in their knowledge of God's word.

In December I purchased a 2009 Chevrolet Aveo with low mileage, which has now covered many new miles. With the arrival of Dr. Will and Nancy Ackles at the end of January (here to teach at the seminary), I have been able to visit many villages to encourage believers and to sell Bibles and Christian literature. Most of these believers want the resources but have no access to them unless I can go to where they are because the distances and costs of getting to a Bible bookstore are just too great for them. For example, in Carrillo Puerto in the state of Quintana Roo, where Dave lived 1947-1950, Will shared two studies on parables and I sold over \$800 worth of books. A lovely Maya couple there shared with us the way they came to faith in Christ. There are now three Christian couples in their nearby town, a community that for the most part practices the old Maya ways. In the town of Señor, a very dear old Maya believer had me play his church's new keyboard while he sang and then prayed for us.

A visit with the believers in Chemax and Yalcobá was very rewarding for all, but I was saddened to learn that Rodolfo, who recently made his profession of faith, has fallen once again to the temptation of alcohol. Please pray for this dear man. In Chemax, God's timing was perfect. That week, Samuel Hoil, who pastors the smaller of the two churches, had a conversation with three young men who had never read the Bible before in their lives. They accepted Samuel's invitation to attend worship, and I was able to give each of them a Bible from the supply I carry. Pray as the word bears fruit.

A youth retreat was held during Mardi Gras. We began the Mardi Gras camp in

1968 to get young people out of the city's often raucous celebrations and to reflect on a God-honoring way to live. I can no longer get to the campground easily, but Will, Nancy and I were able to visit the camp one day and enjoyed a fresh caught dinner in a nearby fishing village.

March 16-23 my son Daniel and his family will be here. We are hoping to have a complete family reunion on the island of Holbox March 20-22. Even baby Diego will be present! We hope to get an updated family photo for you then, before granddaughter Ellie leaves for the states and college this summer.

April 1-3 the Divino Salvador church choir which I accompany is making a tour to Tabasco, about ten hours away. I am looking forward to it since I have many former students, whom I haven't seen in years, serving the Lord there.

On June 19 I have an appointment in Raleigh, NC, with a macular degeneration specialist. He has made special glasses enabling some patients to read again! My plans are uncertain at this point but I will more than likely be in the states until mid-July.

I have opened a new gmail e-mail address and will probably close the Prodigy address in June. Please take note of my new address: jeanlegters@gmail.com. My fine vision is not clear enough to write e-mails, but my granddaughter and Debbie help me. You may have to wait for a reply. I'm sorry this letter was so long in coming but as you can see, life has been very full. The Lord has blessed us abundantly, we are grateful for your gifts and prayers.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Jean Legters (for the family)

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

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Byron Center, MI 49315

Please make your check out to Son Raise Missionary Services (or SRMS) and include a note on the memo section indicating the designation of your gift.

*This is the new name for The Magi ministry.

AN UNTOLD STORY----- WESTMINSTER SEMINARY AND THE GOSPEL IN YUCATAN, MEXICO, by Wayne Brauning.

This is the story of two Westminster Seminary alumni, father and son, David Brainerd Legters, Sr., and David Brainerd Legters, Jr., and of God's unfolding an amazing ministry over three generations. This story comes to us by the kindness of Wayne Brauning (M.Div. '60, D.Min. '93), who compiled and wrote in collaboration with Jean and Daniel Legters, David Brainerd Legters, Jr.'s son, in February 2015.

The Legters' name came out of the Netherlands in the 1800s and survives by a thin line to our day. For the backdrop, meet Leonard Livingstone Legters (L.L. Legters) who worked early in the 20th century with Cameron Townsend to co-found Wycliffe Bible Translators. He served the "Red Race" among the Comanche and Apache in Oklahoma and conducted the funeral service of Chief Geronimo who had become a member of a Reformed Church. L. L. Legters and his wife were given only one son, born in 1908, David Brainerd Legters. Brainerd caught his father's vision for world missions

After training at Moody Bible Institute, Brainerd entered **Westminster Theological Seminary** in Philadelphia and graduated in 1935. He was ordained to the ministry at J.R. Miller Memorial Presbyterian, Upper Darby, PA. In December 1936, Brainerd married Elva McMahon, the valedictorian nurse graduate of John Hopkins. Within a year, they were settled in the Mayan village of Xocempich in Yucatan, Mexico as one of the first Wycliffe missionaries. They learned the Mayan language and maintained a ministry that lasted 44 years for Elva and 66 years for Brainerd.

Today, the Mexican Yucatan Peninsula is best known for the magnificent beaches of Cancun and beyond on its 700-mile eastern coastline and the amazing Mayan temple ruins. Over hundreds of years, a vast, indigenous pagan empire arose that worshiped ancient gods and organized in something like city-states with authoritarian governments and blood-sacrifice religious practices around temples like Chichén-Itzá. Then Spanish efforts to subdue the Yucatan Peninsula along with its Roman Catholicism took about 170 years and that influence is evident widely but was always syncretistic. God was preparing a people for Himself while at the same time He was preparing His ambassadors to bring the Gospel of Hope to the Mayans. As we will see, when the biblical Gospel did come, it found much fertile soil.

Brainerd's passion was for the Mayan people to have God's Word in their own language and to establish local churches for the true worship of the triune God and the training of their families. He almost became a Mayan, living among them for months at a time, sometimes neglecting his own family, translating the New Testament into Mayan, preaching in Spanish and Mayan, founding one village church after another throughout the peninsula. The Mayan New Testament was dedicated in 1960. A Bible society then undertook the translation of the Old Testament. It is difficult to determine which was Brainerd's greatest legacy; this translation of Scripture or the preaching of those Scriptures, and the pastoral care he gave face to face, to thousands and the establishing of numerous churches throughout the land. Brainerd was a single-minded missionary in his devotion to the Mayans. He had such little interest in the United States that even when an all expense trip was provided for him to attend Westminster's 50th anniversary celebration and to receive an honorary doctoral degree, he sent his wife in his place. Westminster's investment in Brainerd's education, at a time when the seminary charged no tuition, has brought vast returns for the Kingdom of Christ and great joy to the Mayans.

Brainerd and Elva had only one child, a son, whom they also named David Brainerd. He was born in September of 1937 at John Hopkins Hospital because his life was at great risk due to Elva's Rh-negative blood. He too grew up among the Mayan, tagging along with his father from village to village and lived among them, almost becoming a Mayan himself. Fluent in English, Spanish and Mayan, he then sensed the call of God to this needy people. In about 1951, his parents sent David to the USA for his high school training. He continued his education at Wheaton and Sterling Colleges. He enrolled at Westminster Seminary, following his father's path and graduated in 1964. In 1961 he met Jean Edwards from Detroit in Yucatan when she came for a mission trip from Wheaton College. They were married in September, 1962. During seminary and for several years after, they assisted in inner-city church ministry in Philadelphia and held various jobs. Their first trip together to Yucatan was in 1963.

Significant financial support for them soon came from several sources and in 1967 they immediately took up residence in Merida, Yucatan. God gave them three children, two of whom still live in Yucatan. Dave and Jean served the Mayan ministry for 46 years together until David's death in 2013. Jean continues her service as her health permits.

Their accomplishments are staggering. David, with Jean's constant help, engaged in many tasks: preaching, teaching, nurturing and organizing many rural and urban congregations; translating numerous Reformed books and articles, such as Edmund Clowney's *Syllabus on Biblical Theology* into Spanish, compiling a Mayan hymnbook and training national pastors personally. They established the *Itinerant Theological Institute* with over 25 training centers for the study of God's Word and preparation of pastors and leaders. David served as president of the National Presbyterian Seminary in Mexico City for three years.

Together David and Jean established San Pablo Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1982 and its respected school of church music in Merida with a well-equipped campus built in 1993.

The National Presbyterian Church of Mexico began to take its stand against the liberal theological and social movements as early as 1970. In 2013, this denomination courageously terminated its relations with the liberal and wealthy Presbyterian Church USA.

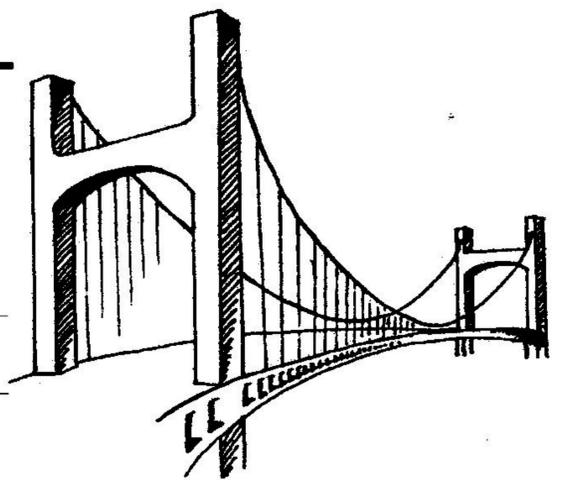
Though it is difficult to evaluate all the factors accurately, there is no doubt that the impact of the teaching of the "whole counsel of God" as provided by the Legters family for over 75 years continues to be a huge influence for good in the Presbyterian church of Maya land and all Mexico.

An examination of recent data over more than seven decades among the Mayans shows God's blessing on the labor of this Legters' father and son Westminster team and those who joined them. It reads a bit like the early chapters of Acts. When Brainerd and Elva Legters began their mission outreach in 1936, *the Presbyterian Church of Southeastern Mexico* recorded 50 unorganized and 12 organized congregations, one presbytery and no ordained Mexican pastors. By 1967, after 31 years of ministry, there were 250 unorganized and 55 organized churches with 7 presbyteries and 30 ordained pastors. By 2011, just 44 years later, there was phenomenal growth with 2,000 unorganized and 500 organized churches, 32 presbyteries and 450 ordained pastors. No matter how we do the math, such growth by the quiet, sacrificial use of the means of grace can only be a supernatural product. Societal benefits also developed as the Gospel spread making the State of Yucatan one of the safest and most stable of all Mexico.

This is a report of the quiet transformation of large numbers of real flesh and blood men, women and children and of the corporate growth of the body of Christ in actual local churches.

Such accomplishments come only as God moves faithful men and women to lay their hands to the plow and not look back. The Legters' family, called of God, educated at Westminster Seminary, became tools in the hand of the Lord of the harvest. Without fanfare, they planted and watered the truths of Scripture that they learned at Westminster Seminary. They brought this "whole counsel of God" to a largely unreached and backward people group, the Mayan Indians of Mexico. All over that land today, these dear people faithfully continue to build Christ's churches, rejoicing in their newfound Savior as did the first church of Christ in Jerusalem upon hearing the reconciling Gospel from the Apostle Peter on Pentecost.

BRIDGES



David & Estelle Abernathy

March 2015

The Jesus film as an auxiliary aspect of Bible translation

When Scripture is translated into a language that has not previously had it, it is very common for the Jesus film, which bases its script on the gospel of Luke, to be produced when the gospel of Luke is translated. It is part of getting the message of Scripture into the hearts and lives of people, and is especially strategic in places where the people cannot read in their own language, or perhaps cannot read at all in any language. The website for the Jesus film project (www.jesusfilm.org) says that “since 1979 more than 100 million men, women and children worldwide have indicated decisions to follow Jesus after viewing the film.”

Here is a testimony of a man who encountered Christ through the Jesus film, as related by a Bible translation consultant who works with indigenous translators in that language:

My name Sreenu, son of Settiah. I used to worship [other] gods. I was a guru swami (head saint) for 14 years. I had been going on pilgrimages to the temple and fulfilling my oath to that god. They did not solve any of my struggles and I did not have peace in my mind and was addicted to alcohol. At that time, my aunt told me to come to watch Jesus Film as it was being dedicated in our language. I went and watched that movie from the beginning to the end and I saw many wonders and miracles, like raising the dead, the wonder of catching fish, feeding multitudes. I felt like, if I believe Jesus Christ, he may deliver me from my struggles and save me. I trusted in Jesus and started attending church every Sunday and took baptism. My struggles went away now. My life is changed and even I changed my name also. Now my name is not Sreenu (which was the name of a god in my religion) but Samson. Therefore please pray for my spiritual growth.



Village audience in Kenya
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Moved to weeping by ancient truth

In a tiny room in the West New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea, a woman approached a microphone. She wore a brightly patterned dress but had removed the colorful strings of beads that usually hung around her neck. All must be quiet for the recording session that was about to begin. In her hand she grasped pages from the book of 2 Corinthians, printed in Mangseng—the language of her heart. Hobson Poka rechecked the sound level, assured himself that the record button had been engaged, and nodded to the woman at the microphone.

In a calm, steady voice she commenced reading from Paul’s letter to the church in Corinth. But as the ancient words and their meaning sank in, her voice faltered, and she began to weep. Hobson paused the recorder and waited for some time, but his deeply moved reader couldn’t stop crying. A crew member quietly removed the headset microphone and told everyone to take a short break while the young woman struggled to compose herself. But the convicting power of God’s Word was so strong, she was unable to continue. Hobson was forced to find another reader and start recording a different book.

(From JAARS’ Rev 7 Summer 2014 publication)

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Pirate attack in Papua New Guinea

The MV Kwadima II is a forty-foot boat that is used to help to move language development and translation teams in Papua New Guinea to and from remote areas, many of which do not have regular maritime travel and are not easily accessible by smaller boats. It will accommodate up to thirty-five passengers and can carry up to fifteen tons of cargo.

You may recall a report in our newsletter from May of last year that a translator couple and four passengers and crewmen who were traveling in a small boat were nearly lost at sea in an accident

last February. The Kwadima, as well as the thirty-one foot fast transport boat that I and others have been working on at the JAARS

Center, can provide much safer, more reliable water transportation in Papua New Guinea than the smaller boats like the one that sank last February.

However, even a larger boat can be subject to safety concerns. Just a few weeks ago the Kwadima was overtaken and boarded by armed bandits who were after money. A shotgun blast fired by one of the pirates destroyed some of Kwadima's electronic equipment and a few of the pellets hit the captain in the arm. He also suffered a bad cut, and a passenger was injured as well. Fortunately no one was badly hurt, though the experience was quite unsettling to all aboard. We would ask your prayer that God would protect our crew members and passengers from pirates, and that our administration and staff there in Papua New Guinea would have wisdom about how best to insure safe boating operations.



MV Kwadima II

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks

- That injuries sustained during the recent pirate attack in Papua New Guinea were not life-threatening
- That our son Stephen now has a job in Charlotte using his degree in Geology

Please pray

- For continued progress in dubbing the Jesus film as part of Bible translation programs worldwide
- For a job in the field of counseling for our daughter Emily when she finishes her master's degree in May

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May At A Glance

- 3rd:** Food collection/Pulpit Supply: James Alexander/Congregational Meeting
- 7th:** National Day of Prayer (Sanctuary open)
- 10th:** Baccalaureate Sunday / REL Baccalaureate @ BUMC / Stated Session / Mother's Day / Pulpit Supply: Christopher Parnell
- 17th:** PWCT / Elder election / Pulpit Supply: Christopher Parnell
- 18th:** Night Circle
- 19th:** Morning Circle
- 20th:** Men of Church
- 24th:** Pulpit Supply: James Alexander
- 25th:** Memorial Day: Church office closed
- 31st:** Pulpit Supply: Christopher Parnell

Our freedom came with a price. Please remember those who made the payment



MAY 2015

Sunday Service Schedule
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2015 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 3rd:** Fifth Sunday of Easter
Pulpit Supply: Rev. James Alexander
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Church arrangement
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting to elect Pastor
- Thursday, 7th:** 7:30 a.m. Sanctuary open for National Day of Prayer
- Sunday, 10th:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Christopher Parnell
Mother's Day
Baccalaureate Sunday
Coffee: New Young-Adult SS Class
Flowers: Thomas English McCutchen
5:00 p.m. Stated Session
7:00 p.m. REL Baccalaureate @ BUMC
- Sunday, 17th:** Seventh Sunday of Easter
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Christopher Parnell
Coffee: Meredith, Missy, Melinda
Flowers: Peggy & Allen Corbett
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting - Elder election
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Renee Bell)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:45 a.m. Morning Circle leaves for lunch w/Laura Latimer
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (HOST NEEDED)
- Sunday, 24th:** **Day of Pentecost**
Pulpit Supply: Rev. James Alexander
Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Dot Cothran
- Monday, 25th:** Memorial Day - Church office closed
- Sunday, 31st:** Trinity Sunday
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Christopher Parnell
Coffee: Church
Flowers: Cathcart Family

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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ CANNED FRUITS ~
Please bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, May 3rd for our monthly Altar collection

News from the Session...

As we enter a new month, I pray that we all count each blessing that our Father has given us. We have just celebrated the greatest gift ever, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us all begin this new month with a renewed energy to seek new ways to serve others.

Our Church is entering a new chapter and we need to pray for God's blessings on every decision we make. We will be calling a new pastor soon and we all need to be ready to give support and love to the person God has led the Pastor Search Committee to choose. We thank them for their time and effort throughout this process.

Let us all open our hearts and minds to God's will as the Bishopville Presbyterian Church begins this new and blessed chapter in the life of our church.

As always, please call any Session member if you need any kind of service.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session

Next Stated Meeting: May 10th @ 5:00 p.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR MAY

***Gregg McCutchen & Bobby Thomas**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



Baccalaureate Service Sunday, May 10th

We will honor our graduating high school seniors, with the traditional presentation of a Bible. Graduates and Honor Marshals are asked to come and be honored at coffee hour and wear graduation attire for the service. We will also recognize College graduates. Please notify the Church office of student awards and honors to be published in the June SCROLL

REL Baccalaureate will be @ 7:00 pm, May 10th, at the Methodist Church

Statistics

Month of April, 2015

Average Attendance: SS - 32, Worship - 84

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$8,756.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,256.72
YTD Income received:	\$50,924.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$41,669.40
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$61,708.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$61,870.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$400.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$16,107.77
YTD Income received:	\$1,455.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,407.03

May Pulpit Supply

3rd	Rev. James Alexander
10th	Rev. Christopher Parnell
17th	Rev. Christopher Parnell
24th	Rev. James Alexander
31st	Rev. Christopher Parnell

May Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
3rd	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Betsy Bramlett	Meredith Gaskins
10th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Madison Bramlett	Wendy Welch
17th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Ann Cooper	Jill McElveen
24th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	English Cooper	Missy Kirven
31st	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Dawn Levers	Melinda Atkinson

Happy Birthday



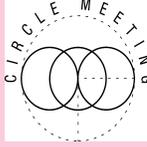
Madison Bramlett	7
Zeke Gaskins	7
Hank Welch	8
Jimmy McCutchen	13
Iris Thomas	13
Terri Ann Tindal	13
Lila Mae Welsh	14
Beth McCutchen	17
Nicholas Jeffords	23
Ricky McCutchen	23
Katherine Folsom	25
Virginia Kerr	28
Debbie Tindal	28
Tim Kirven	31

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
Liz Simon	25
Trey Johnson	27
Tallon Graham	28

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!

May Circle Hostesses

Night (18th) Renee Bell
Morning (19th) ...*Spring Luncheon
***The Morning Circle will meet at 10:45 to carpool to Hall's in Lugoff to have lunch with Laura Latimer**



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7th

The Sanctuary will be open for 20 minute intervals of prayer from 7:30 a.m. - 5:40 p.m. Please sign up, on the roster, in the Fellowship Hall



Men of the Church
Wednesday, May 20th
7:00 p.m.
Host Needed

Please contact Jimmy McCutchen if you can host
 Please join us for good food & fellowship



CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Pastor Election
Sunday May 3rd

The Pastor Nominating Committee will submit their candidate, during Worship, for the congregation to consider

Elder Election
Sunday May 17th

The following names have been submitted from the Elder Nominating Committee to represent the c/o 2018 Elders:

- **Matt Bramlett**
- **Ray Drayton**
- **Dick McCutchen**

The floor will be open for nominations, for those who discerns that God is calling another 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.



In Loving Memory

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Fred Bird

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

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June At A Glance

- 7th: LCCM Food collection
- 14th: Stated Session
- 21st: Father's Day
- 22-24: Church office closed for vacation
- 23-27: General Assembly in Orlando, FL

July At A Glance

- 5th: LCCM Food collection
- 6-8: Church office closed for holiday
- 12th: Communion & Church Luncheon
- 20th: Joint Circle in FH
- 20-22: Church office closed for vacation

Wishing you a...
Happy
Father's
Day!

JUNE 2015

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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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2015 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 7th:** Second Sunday after Pentecost
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Margery Jeffords, BJ Kerr, Doris Bell
Flowers: Family of William Welsh
- Sunday, 14th:** Third Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Family of Dot Wilson
5:00 p.m. Stated Session
- Sunday, 21st:** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Bert Cousar
- Monday, 22nd:** Church office closed for vacation
- Tuesday, 23rd:** Church office closed for vacation
- Tues-Sat, 23-27:** General Assembly in Orlando, Florida
- Sunday, 28th:** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Meredith & Bill Gaskins

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



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**LCCM Collection for this Month ~ CANNED VEGETABLES ~
Please bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, June 7th for our monthly Altar collection**



Food Collection



News from the Session...

Happy Summer Everyone! As school is ending and vacations are starting we pray for safe travel and good family time for everyone. It will be time for school to begin again before you know it so enjoy the time off!

This summer we will welcome our new minister and his family. The Parnell's will be in Bishopville soon so we all need to make them an instant part of the BPC family. Renovations on the manse are continuing and will make a great home for this young family. God has plans for us which are bigger than we can imagine! Let's all trust Him and look to Him for guidance in the coming months as we begin this new chapter in our lives.

As always the Session is available at anytime if you need assistance. Please call one of us if you need our help.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session
Next Stated Meeting: June 14th @ 5:00 p.m.

Statistics	
Month of May, 2015	
As of May 28th	
Average Attendance: SS - 30, Worship - 69	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$17,513.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$10,636.52
YTD Income received:	\$64,927.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$52,305.92
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$77,135.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$74,982.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses	
(Memorial-Building-Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$335.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,460.30
YTD Income received:	\$1,790.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$29,867.33

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JUNE
 *Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier
 * denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Class of 2018 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



B.A.R.K. YARD SALE

Saturday, June 6th

Please call Wendy Welch if you can donate any items

<u>June Calendars</u>				
	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
7th	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Bert Cousar	Cindy Welsh
14th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Brooke Welch	Ralph DesChamps	Meredith Gaskins
21st	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Jackie Drayton	Wendy Welch
28th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Gardner Family	Jill McElveen

Thank You

The family of Christine Shirley wishes to thank everyone for all your thoughts & prayers, phone calls, cards, food, flowers and memorials during her illness and passing. We are very blessed to have such a gracious Church Family, during our time of need. We covet your continued prayers

Thank you to everyone who helped with the reception for the family of Christine Shirley Blessings, BPC Bereavement Committee

Happy Birthday



- 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
- Liz Simon 25
- Trey Johnson 27

- William McElveen 5
- Reese Atkinson 8
- Nick West 8
- Betsy Bramlett 12
- Gregg McCutchen IV 12
- Robin Jeffords 13
- Bob Latimer 14
- Allen Corbett 15
- Isabelle McCutchen 18
- Ashley Latimer 21
- Libby Corbett 26
- Daphne Dickerson 26
- Ralph DesChamps 30
- William Watkins 31



CONGRATULATIONS

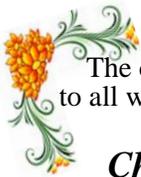


Aubra Elizabeth Corbett was graduated from Robert E. Lee Academy on May 15, 2015. Libby is the daughter of Allen & Peggy Corbett and the maternal granddaughter of Louise and the late William "Billy" McCutchen and paternal granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Corbett. Libby plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall

Kayla Elizabeth McCutchen was graduated from Robert E. Lee Academy on May 15, 2015. Kayla is the daughter of Dawn & Craig Nesbit and Johnny & Ann McCutchen and the maternal granddaughter of Brad & Dolly McCutchen and paternal granddaughter of Louise and the late William "Billy" McCutchen. Kayla plans to attend Central Carolina in the fall

Caroline Louise McCutchen was named 2015 Honor Marshall from Robert E. Lee Academy. Caroline is the daughter of Johnny & Ann McCutchen and Dawn & Craig Nesbit and the maternal granddaughter of Brad & Dolly McCutchen and the paternal granddaughter of Louise & the late William "Billy" McCutchen

Vacation Bible School
 Calvary Baptist Church
 June 22nd - 26th
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



In Loving Memory

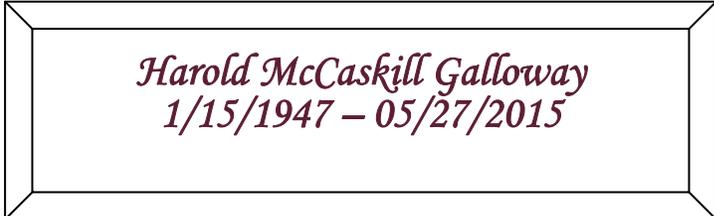
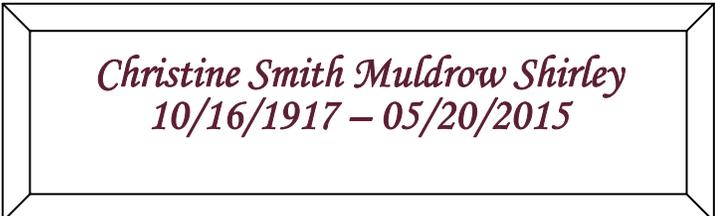
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- Christine Smith Muldrow Shirley**
- Harold McCaskill Galloway**
- Charles Grosick**
- Douglas Green**

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- 5th: LCCM Food collection
- 6-8: Church office closed for holiday
- 19th: Communion & Cents-Ability (tentative date)
- 20th: Joint Circle in FH
- 20-22: Church office closed for vacation

August At A Glance

- 2nd: LCCM Food collection
- 9th: Stated Session
- 13-17: Church office closed for vacation



JULY 2015

Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday Schedule

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July 2015 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 5th:** Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: T-Bo Ellen, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Family of Harriett Watson
- Monday, 6th:** Church office closed for vacation
- Tuesday, 7th:** Church office closed for vacation
- Friday, 10th:** Called Presbytery Meeting @ River Oaks, Clemmons NC
- Sunday, 12th:** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee:
Flowers: Church Arrangement
- Sunday, 19th:** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Flowers: Louis Shirley
Communion & Cents-Ability offering
- Monday, 20th:** Church office closed for vacation
7:00 p.m. Joint Circle in FH
- Tuesday, 21st:** Church office closed for vacation
- Sunday, 26th:** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt

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



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LCCM Collection for this Month ~ CEREALS ~
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Food Collection

News from the Session...

Happy Summer to All!!! There are two celebrations around us this month.

First, Happy Independence Day! This country enjoys so much freedom that most of the world can't imagine. With that freedom comes great responsibility and I am wondering if we are living up to that responsibility. In light of recent events in our country, it is time for Christians to stand for what we believe and make our voices heard. We must do this in Christian love and not with the hate we see and hear so often in our society. It seems that today the rights of Christians are the only ones that aren't important!!

The second celebration is the arrival of The Parnell family in Bishopville. They are a blessing to us all and we welcome them with open arms. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the renovations of the manse and with the "pounding" of the manse. This is their home now and we want them to feel like a part of our BPC family!!

Look for more information about our church picnic later this summer. It is always a fun time for all!!

As always, if anyone on the Session can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to contact us. It is our mission to serve the body of Christ!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session
Next Stated Session Meeting: August 9th

OFFICER DUTIES FOR JULY

*Tyson Eckley & Judith Watkins

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics

Month of June, 2015

Average Attendance: SS - 28, Worship - 66

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$10,008.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,232.28
YTD Income received:	\$79,286.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$66,785.51
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$92,562.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$99,342.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$3,160.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$5,498.29
YTD Income received:	\$5,585.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$36,165.62

**Communion
& Cents-
Ability
July 19th**



Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Church. Please contact an Elder for extended services

July Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
7th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Gaskins Family	Missy Kirven
14th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	OPEN	Melinda Atkinson
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28th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Brooke Welch	Dawn Levers	Meredith Gaskins

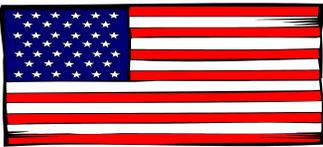
Thank You

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Salkehatchie Summer Camp this summer, it was a wonderful success!!!

Happy Birthday



William McElveen	5
Reese Atkinson	8
Nick West	8
Betsy Bramlett	12
Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Robin Jeffords	13
Bob Latimer	14
Allen Corbett	15
Isabelle McCutchen	18
Ashley Latimer	21
Libby Corbett	26
Daphne Dickerson	26
Ralph DesChamps	30
William Watkins	31



Bobby Thomas	1
Caroline Jeffords	5
Chloe Jeffords	5
Billy Clyburn	6
Susan Cline	7
Leila McCutchen	7
Edie Varn	8
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Steven Frazier	12
Grayham Geddings	13
Matt Bramlett	15
Mary Cousar Laney	18
Jennifer Bailey	22
Lydia Conway	22
Diane McElveen	26
Max Smith	26
Benji Harrington	30
Sara Abbett Kirven	30

CONGRATULATIONS



On June 4, 2015, "Harrison Blake Smith" was born to Blake & Catherine Bell Smith, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. The proud grandparents are Crues & Renee Bell and great grandparents, John & Doris Bell

**Called Meeting of Presbytery
of Mid-Atlantic
Friday, July 10th**

12:00 noon

**River Oaks Community Church
1855 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd
Clemmons, NC**

**Rev. Christopher Parnell will be
examined & approved to transfer
his call from the ARP to the EPC
to be accepted as Pastor of our
Church**



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Betty Atkinson

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- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Yesterday's high: 90°
Last night's low: 74°
June 15th, 2015



5802 Bob Bullock Loop 20
Building C 18-102
Laredo TX, 78041
Home Phone: 011-52-999-316-3657
U.S. Magic Jack Phone: (314) 774-0853

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1-2)

I trust the Lord’s presence has been evident in your life as it has in mine these past few months. Although at times I feel overwhelmed with the demands of the ministry, physical limitations, and all the everyday problems I encounter, He indeed is the strength of my life.

Each month I continue to visit the congregations we have been ministering to in Chemax, Yalcoba, Tekom and Followers of Christ here in Merida. There are several lay ministers who regularly go with me to preach while I play the keyboard during worship. I find my weekends fill up fast between traveling to the villages to minister, accompanying the church choir, and being church pianist.

The end of March we had a family reunion/vacation on the island of Holbox. During our time there we remembered the 2nd anniversary of Dave’s call to heaven. On our last day together we gathered in the patio of some good friends who had also recently lost their son. It was a meaningful bilingual time of sharing how the Lord has given us strength and the ability to carry on.

At Easter time the church choir took a short trip to the state of Tabasco (10 hours away) to sing in various congregations. The choir also sang at churches near and far in the Merida area. I enjoyed accompanying the choir with an Easter cantata I know well. My participation with the church choir has become a challenge as I have found it increasingly difficult to read unfamiliar music.

On June 19 I have an appointment with a macular degeneration specialist in Raleigh, NC. This doctor has helped some of his patients to be able to read again. How wonderful it would be if my eyesight could be helped- it affects every area of ministry and my life.

The seminary graduation was June 5, with 2 graduating in sacred music, 8 in theology, 23 in Biblical counseling and 2 in the master’s program. We are grateful to the Lord for these new “Servants for the love of Jesus” that have prepared to enter a field ready to be harvested. God is supplying well-trained leaders for His church, here in Mexico as well as Belize and Guatemala. Classes will resume August 24.

I will be in the US June 17 to July 14. Apart from my eye exam, I will also be visiting some supporting churches and friends during my time in the US. It is always good to be able to personally share what God is doing among His people here. My plans are to be in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Missouri. While I am in the US, I will have a temporary phone number: (336) 938-6408. It would be great to hear from you while I am there!

4 days after returning home, Daniel will arrive with a work group from his church to continue the construction of the Presbytery property they began last year. They will also be helping with a week-long VBS in the village of Citilcum. The construction project they are helping with will enable the Presbytery to have classrooms for the extension seminary that meets there on the weekends, as well as a retreat center for churches in that area.

Camp Porvenir will be in progress every week of the summer. Our governing board runs a camp for children July 18-24 and then one for young people July 25-31. The cost of camp will be \$60 per person, including transportation. Mark’s church is also organizing a family camp August 2-7. My grand-daughter, Ellie, who graduates from high school this year, will be leaving after camp to travel to Harrisburg, PA. She will be continuing her studies in the field of physical therapy.

Below is a family photo taken in March. Daniel, his wife Debbie and their family is on the left. Debbie, Rolando and Diego are in the middle, and Mark, his wife Altia and their family is on the right. Also, a recent picture of my youngest grandson, Diego, who is now 5½ months old. You can decide who he looks most like!

I mentioned in my last letter that I was changing my e-mail address. I had been in the process of doing so when I discovered that my old e-mail address had been used to send out spam and phishing messages to all my contacts. This made the switch to the new address much more urgent. A capable seminary student has been working on the tedious job of transferring e-mail addresses and setting up my groups. Please make a note of the new e-mail address: jeanlegters@gmail.com and do not use the prodigy address any longer.

Any gift for the ministry, the seminary, or camp may be sent tax-deductible to the address below. The Son Raise Missionary Services organization, previously called The Magi, will not be acknowledging receipt of each individual gift as they did before, but I will send you a note when I receive it. They will still be sending out the end-of-the-year contribution statements for tax purposes.

May the Lord be the light, strength and salvation of your life

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

If you would like to send a tax-deductible gift, you can mail it to:

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Please make your check out to Son Raise Missionary Services (or SRMS) and include a note on the memo section indicating the designation of your gift.



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August At A Glance

- 2nd: LCCM Food collection
- 2nd-4th: Vacation Bible School @ BUMC
- 9th: Stated Session
- 13th-17th: Church office closed for vacation

Bible School
August 2nd - 4th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Bethlehem United
Methodist Church



Sunday Service Schedule
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2015 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 2nd:** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Can food collection for LCCM
Coffee: Ann & Nick West
Flowers: Tom English McCutchen
6:00 p.m. VBS begins @ BUMC
- Monday, 3rd:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Tuesday, 4th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Sunday, 9th:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt
Flowers: Debbie & Bill Tindal
8:30 a.m. Stated Session
- 13th - 17th:** Church office closed for vacation
- Sunday, 16th:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee:
Flowers: Family of Lila Mae Welsh
- Sunday, 23rd:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee:
Flowers: Church arrangement
- Sunday, 30th:** Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Coffee & Doughnuts provided by Church
Flowers: Margery Jeffords

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



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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings from me and my family to all of you, the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Bishopville, and grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I praise our Lord and Savior for the opportunity to serve the Bishopville Church and Community, and I thank him – and all of you – who, since our arrival here, have made us feel not only welcome, but truly, “at home.” As my wife has said many times since our coming here, we feel like this is our hometown, that we’ve been here all our lives.

You’re probably curious about your new minister, so I’m glad for this opportunity to introduce myself and my family to you. I’m originally from Iva, a little town in Anderson County in the upstate. I went to Erskine College for my first degree in English, and that’s where I met my wife, Laura. After she finished her degree from Erskine, we got married that June and moved to Rock Hill, where I went to work for what was then the INA Bearing Company (it’s changed names a couple of times since). We found a church to serve in and thought that was that.

The Lord, of course, had a different set of plans for us. He first began drawing us to the church that would one day send me to seminary, and he blessed us with children. Doesn’t that change everything? We needed to find a good church home in which to raise our family, and we found that home at Rogers Memorial ARP Church, where I would eventually become a ruling elder.

Shortly after coming to Rogers, however, the Lord began to impress on me that he had a different plan for my life than I did. You see, I thought I was going to sell bearings for INA forever; God wanted me in a different sort of “industry” altogether! And so I went back to Erskine, to the Seminary, where I studied to become a minister. And from there, I took two churches in North Carolina before being called here – back to the Great State of South Carolina – to be your minister.

I tell Laura we shouldn’t be surprised at what God did in our lives; after all, my mom named me Christopher, which means “One who carries Christ”. I guess I should have known...

Family names are important to us; Laura is named for two of her aunts. Our oldest child, Claire, is named for Laura’s mom, Mary Katherine for her great-aunt (one of the aunts for which Laura herself was named), and Patrick has a family name for his middle name. We like to carry on this tradition as a family to honor the foundation laid for us by godly parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who helped to show us the importance of faith in Christ Jesus.

Our Lord himself has given us a family name, as well. In Acts 11:26, we hear that, in Antioch the disciples of Jesus were first called Christians. What the people of Antioch meant as a jab or a joke – “look at them, the little-Christ!” – God used to identify his people, to mark us with a special and amazing identity, a family name like no other. We have the privilege and honor to carry his name as we carry his work, his message, and his love all over Bishopville and the world!

**Please remember our Homebound
Especially during the summer months**

- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



In Loving Memory

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

Dustin Shuler

Lorene Starnes

Ann Humphries Merline

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

August *Birthday's* **September**

Bobby Thomas	1	Kate Jeffords	1
Caroline Jeffords	5	Manning B. Lloyd	4
Chloe Jeffords	5	Kirk McCutchen	6
Billy Clyburn	6	Steven Terrell III	8
Susan Cline	7	Jeff Varn	8
Leila McCutchen	7	Betty Heriot	10
Edie Varn	8	Julie Cothran	12
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9	Caroline Welch	13
Steven Frazier	12	Solomon Eckley	18
Grayham Geddings	13	Virginia C. Ipock	20
Matt Bramlett	15	Sherry Kerr	21
Mary Cousar Laney	18	Suzanne Simon	21
Jennifer Bailey	22	Bert Cousar	22
Lydia Conway	22	Lindsay Simon	22
Diane McElveen	26	William Frazier	24
Max Smith	26	Ansley Nesbit	24
Benji Harrington	30	Patrick Parnell	24
Sara Abbett Kirven	30	Cruces Bell	25
		Clarke Monroe	26
		Reese Atkinson	29
		Wendy Welch	29

News from the Session...

Can you believe school will start soon? I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer with friends and family. I pray that each of our youth has a great school year full of learning and fun!! I pray that each student will make a new friend this year and will be kind to those who may not have as many friends. Our children can be great missionaries for Christ right in their schools!!

Last Sunday it was a blessing to see Rev. Chris Parnell installed as our new minister. Chris and his family have already become a part of our family and we look forward to having them here for a long time!! Chris will be here to support and minister to us but we need to support him as well. I pray that everyone will get involved with a renewed spirit in our church activities and that together we find new ways to serve others in this church, in our community, and in our world.

Pray for Chris and for Bishopville Presbyterian Church! God has plans for us when we seek His will!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett Clerk of Session

Next Stated Session Meeting: August 9th at 8:30 am

OFFICER DUTIES FOR AUGUST

***Jimmy McCutchen & Ray Drayton**

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics

Month of July, 2015

Average Attendance: SS - 34, Worship - 75

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$14,269.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$16,144.07
YTD Income received:	\$93,555.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$82,929.58
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$107,989.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$116,297.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$255.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$288.36
YTD Income received:	\$5,633.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$36,453.98

Vacation Bible School "Cross Roads"
Sunday thru Tuesday, August 2nd - 4th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
 Kindergarten through Adult, with supper
 Nursery provided for those in attendance
 We hope to see you there

August Calendars

	Helping Hands	Bell Ringers	Greeters	Nursery
2nd	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Jennifer McCutchen	Wendy Welch
9th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Kayla McCutchen	Jill McElveen
16th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Marsha McCutchen	Missy Kirven
23rd	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Melinda Atkinson
30th	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Dawn Levers	Cindy Welsh

The family of Harold Galloway wishes to thank everyone for all your thoughts & concerns, phone calls, cards, food, flowers, memorials, etc..., during his illness and passing. We are very blessed to have our gracious Church Family, during our time of need. We covet your continued prayers

Thank you to all who helped with the reception for the family of Harold Galloway – BPC Bereavement Committee

Thank you so much for all your concerns and prayers offered on my family's behalf after the tragic loss of my great-nephew, Dustin Shuler. The family covets your continued prayers. Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Thank you for your concern during the past weeks. I don't remember a lot of the first 4 days, but I remember some of the visits, the many cards and felt the many prayers for me and my family. Please know how much you mean to me – this is a wonderful congregation and I'm privileged to be a part of it for so many years. In Christ's Love, BJ

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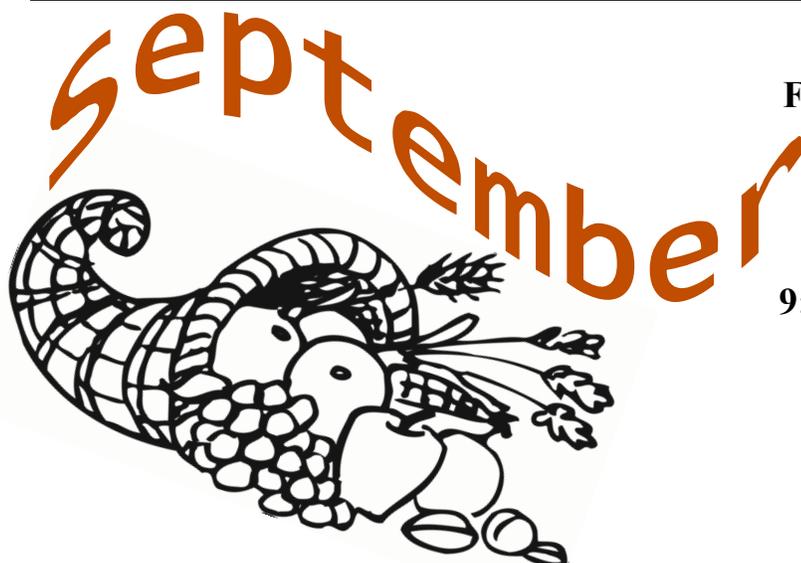
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September At A Glance

- 1 - 3: Office closed
- 6th: LCCM food collection
- 13th: Session / PWCT
- 14th: Night Circle resumes
- 15th: Morning Circle resumes (outing)
- 16th: Men of Church resumes
- 19th: Bishopville EMS Health Fair in Fellowship Hall
- 20th: Kids for Christ Bake Sale during Coffee hour
- 25-26: Stated Presbytery @ Lake Forest PC, Huntersville, NC
- 27th: Rally Day (Christian Ed. Committee)



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

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

Key Officers and Staff

Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session

Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session

Gregg McCutchen III, Church Treasurer

Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer

Gwen Steinmeyer, Office Manager

Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Gregg McCutchen & Matt Bramlett

Calendar of Events

- Mon.-Thurs. 1-3:** Gwen out of office
- Sunday, 6th:** 15th Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: BJ & Gayle Kerr
- Sunday, 13th:** 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: William & Judith Watkins
Flowers: William & Judith Watkins
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
- Monday, 14th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle resumes
- Tuesday, 15th:** 9:15 a.m. Morning Circle leaves for Morning Side, Camden
- Wednesday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church resumes
- Saturday, 19th:** 10 am - 1 pm Bishopville EMS Health Fair in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, 20th:** 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Missy & Tim Kirven
10:30 a.m. Kids for Christ Bake Sale at Coffee Hour
- Fri. & Sat. 25-26:** Stated Presbytery @ Lake Forest PC, Huntersville, NC
- Sunday, 27th:** 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Meredith, Missy & Melinda
Flowers: Thomas English McCutchen
6:00 p.m. Rally Day

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

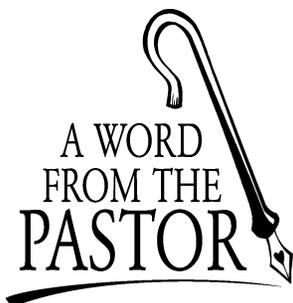
Closed: Mon.-Thurs., 1st-3rd (Open Friday, 4th)

To receive electronic news, please email the church at bishopvillepc@gmail.com. Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed materials



LCCM September Collection ~ Sugar & Flour ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, September 6th for our monthly Altar collection





One of the questions I often get asked is about Bible translations. There seem to be more and more of them every day (as of 2010, there were more than 20!), and we can get bogged down with trying to figure out which one is good to use – especially when we start thinking about giving a Bible to a family member. If you go to the bookstore or the Christian bookstore, what should you look for? What Bible should you buy?

Before I wade too deep into this, let me clarify that there are a LOT of good books, online resources, and articles on this topic and these books have been written by people with a LOT of skills, training, information, and expertise. I myself have found *The Complete Guide to Bible Translations* (Rhodes, 2009), to be an invaluable resource, as well as James White's and D.A. Carson's books on English translation debates.

To begin with, the Bible was given to us originally in several languages: the Old Testament in Hebrew (with a smattering of Aramaic in Daniel), and the New Testament in Koine Greek. These languages were then translated by committees of Bible and language scholars. If you'd like to see either the Hebrew or Greek texts, I have several published editions in my office, along with some translation and textual tools.

One thing I was interested to learn about when I started my own Bible classes was *translation philosophy* and its importance; that is, these committees of scholars, while working to be faithful to the original Greek and Hebrew texts, have to make certain decisions about how to translate from one language into another. So they have to decide, do we translate word for word, or do we translate thought for thought? The main difference between most English translations is where they fall on that spectrum between a literal, word-for-word or a more dynamic thought-for-thought scale. But what does this mean for you and me?

Here's the best illustration I've seen, and it's French, which I studied for years: A Frenchman says to you: *j'ai un chat dans ma gorge*. Literally, or word-for-word, he's saying, "I have a cat in my throat", but his meaning dynamically could be rendered, "I have a frog in my throat." In other words, "Hey, my voice is scratchy, I've got a cold." So when you translate the Bible, you have a couple of options of how to express it in English.

So which way is right? Honestly (and I hate to say it this way), it depends.

Isn't that wonderful? You come for a simple answer and get, "it depends." But let me further muddy the water and tell you some of the things it depends on: Your reading ability – some translations, such as the NLT (New Living Translation) are, by design, easier to read than others. Sometimes word-for-word translations, because of the structure of the underlying Greek or Hebrew sentences, are more awkward to read. Your theology can influence your choice, as well. Many people in the Reformed tradition prefer the ESV (English Standard Version) because of its ties to the RSV and (*going waaaay back*) the Geneva Bible.

I would also factor cost into your decision; some of the newer versions, such as the HCSB (Holman Christian Standard Bible) are printed by large-scale Christian publishers and are often less expensive to buy. The King James Version, for instance, has what's considered a public domain text and will often be the least expensive of any and all Bibles, while the New King James, printed exclusively (for now) by Thomas Nelson, is sometimes more expensive than even Crossway's ESV or Zondervan's NIV. All the ones I've listed are in my office, and I've found them all helpful and decent translations. If you have any specific versions or questions about any of these, feel free to ask me about them, any time!

All that being said, there are some Bibles to be wary of: not all translations are as good as others, and some are attached to cults. There are two cultic Bibles that are especially prevalent in our region. The so-called "Inspired Version" is a Mormon alteration of the King James that looks to promote their "prophet" Joseph Smith and the book of Mormon. The NWT (New World Translation) is the Jehovah's Witnesses' re-writing of the Bible.

It's my hope that I've been a help to you. This is a question we've all, myself included, dealt with, and something we want to be as certain about as we can. Blessings to you! - Pastor Chris

Happy Birthday



Kate Jeffords	1	Bayard Huggins	1
John David	2	Louisa Frazier	2
Manning B. Lloyd	4	Sherian McLendon	4
Kirk McCutchen	6	Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Steven Terrell III	8	Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Jeff Varn	8	Caroline Johnson	10
Betty Heriot	10	Mary Katherine Parnell	12
Julie Cothran	12	B. J. Kerr	17
Caroline Welch	13	Marilyn Adams	19
Solomon Eckley	18	Gordon Wayne Eckley	20
Virginia C. Ipock	20	Dawn Watson Nesbit	24
Sherry Kerr	21	Gloria Broadway	25
Suzanne Simon	21	Betty Ann Cooper	25
Bert Cousar	22	Johnny McCutchen	28
Lindsay Simon	22	Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28
William Frazier	24	John Hampton Cloyd	29
Ansley Nesbit	24	Bo Dickinson	29
Patrick Parnell	24	Brenda Flowers	30
Crues Bell	25	Anna Grace Kirven	30
Clarke Monroe	26	Dick McCutchen	30
Reese Atkinson	29		
Wendy Welch	29		

Statistics	
<u>Month of August, 2015</u>	
Average Attendance: SS - 34, Worship - 74	
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$12,482.38
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,050.11
YTD Income received:	\$106,037.38
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$96,497.93
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$123,416.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$125,764.00
<u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u>	
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$315.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.17
YTD Income received:	\$6,155.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$36,466.15

OFFICER DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER
 *Gregg McCutchen & Matt Bramlett
 * denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Morning Circle will travel to Camden to have lunch with Laura Latimer on Tuesday, September 15th. Please meet in the South parking lot so we can leave by 9:15 a.m.

Men of Church
Wednesday, September 16th
7:00 p.m.
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Rally Day & Family Night Supper
September 27th @ 6:00 p.m.

 **Congratulations to Mary Anna Welsh, who graduated from Clemson University in August!!!**



Kathryn Hart & Laura Parnell were received into Church membership by transfer of membership on August 9th. We are very happy to have them as part of our Church family! Please make them feel welcome



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

Andy G. Wise
Liston Truesdale
Jay Salmon

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)

HEALTH FAIR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
 Lee County EMS will be checking glucose, blood pressure, etc... Several vendors and area health care facilities will also be on site. Please plan to attend. For info: Contact Tim DuBose at 803.428.4219

Please remember our Homebound Members

- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



Please help "Kids for Christ" pack Shoeboxes for Children

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

- **September: Toys & Other Items**
- **October: School Supplies & Other Items**
- **November: Personal Hygiene & Other Items**

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

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

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

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

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

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are also needed

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

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 15th

	CALENDARS			
	HELPING HANDS	BELL RINGERS	GREETERS	NURSERY
September 6th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Brooke Welch	Bubba Muldrow	Meredith Gaskins
September 13th	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Dawn Nesbit & Caroline	Wendy Welch
September 20th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Janice Reynolds	Jill McElveen
September 27th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Shirley Wallace	Missy Kirven
October 4th	Kayla & Caroline	Conner Welch	William Watkins	Melinda Atkinson
October 11th	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline	Caroline & Wendy	Cindy Welsh
October 18th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett	Brooke Welch	MaryAnna Welsh	Meredith Gaskins
October 25th	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Steven Welsh	Wendy Welch



August 28th, 2015

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Home Phone: 011-52-999-316-3657
U.S. Magic Jack Phone: (314) 774-0853
Yesterday's high: 93°, Last night's low: 75°

Dear Prayer Partners and E-mail Friends,

"... the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." (Psalm 33:11)

His plans for the summer were not always what I expected, but I know they have a purpose. Leaving home June 17th, I had an appointment with the low vision specialist in Raleigh, NC. I already knew little could be done for the macular degeneration, but he was able to fit me with telescopic lenses which now enable me to see words on a screen and the pastor or the people who stand on the platform at the front of church. The near vision could only be fitted for the right eye. The lenses magnify sufficiently but are hard to adjust to. I am still learning to use them for reading print and music. It is very slow, only a couple of words or notes at a time, but thus far they have helped me read more than I could. I continue to practice with them.

Further travels included Greensboro, Charlotte, the Philadelphia and Harrisburg areas, Detroit and St. Louis. I was on the plane to Wichita but bad weather cancelled the flight. I had my fill of airplanes and traveling alone, but the Lord's hand of blessing was very evident everywhere I went, renewing and deepening ministry contacts and friendships. Debbie, Rolando and baby Diego traveled to St. Louis while I was there. We had a good visit with Daniel's family and the four of us returned home together. I arrived exhausted but glad for all that was accomplished.

We got back just in time for my granddaughter Ellie's high school graduation. It was a very special time with Mark's family. Ellie will leave in just a few days for Harrisburg, PA, where she will be involved in a three-month discipleship course that will also serve as a period of adaptation to life in the United States.

Three memorable camps were held in July and August. Our children's camp had about 100 and youth camp had nearly 200 young people in attendance, many of whom are un-churched. A large number of them made a decision for the Lord or renewed their commitment to Him during the conferences and camp activities. The kids who attend camp also form strong friendships that will continue long after camp is over. Mark's church led another youth camp that welcomed about 270 young people. The Lord did great things at this beautiful campsite on the Gulf of Mexico. My in-laws began it in the 1940's after having been involved at the Keswick conference grounds in Whiting, NJ. Keswick's motto is also true at camp Porvenir as it continues to be a place "where God speaks to hearts."

This fall the ministry calendar is filling up with commitments at area churches as well as the congregations I usually visit in the more remote regions of the state of Yucatan. This past Sunday morning a Hawaiian missionary and another friend from my church sang together "How Great Thou Art" in three different keys and three different languages. It was a joy to accompany them, worshipping our God in Spanish, English and Hawaiian.

This coming weekend I will visit the village congregation of Tekom, and then the San Pablo mission church on the outskirts of the city of Merida. I will be selling Bibles, hymnbooks and other Christian literature at both congregations after the services. August is known as the month of the Bible in Mexico and a special offering is sent to the Bible Society by all the Presbyterian churches.

On September 6th Mark and I will be delivering a love offering to the church in the town of Maxcanú for their building needs. This gift was sent from brothers and sisters in a church in the Detroit area who have worked at this town in partnership with the church. Later on in September I will be visiting the villages of Chemax and Yalcobá. The church in Chemax now has a beautiful cedar door and half of the window protectors (metal bars that are placed around windows here to keep thieves out.) Once all the window protectors are in place, they will be able to work on getting electricity. They don't want the cables and lights stolen! On the last Saturday in September I have been asked to play at a special service in the city of Valladolid. Emmanuel Church will become an organized church with elders and deacons that evening.

When you receive this, the seminary will be in session again, and the church choir will also have resumed its regular activities. My mornings are occupied cooking and helping care for Diego while Debbie homeschools five students at Merida Christian School (in her living room next door.) Dieguito is a delight and privilege to care for such a sweet and happy baby. He will be 8 months old on September 1st, and already weighs twenty three pounds! He has large hands and feet like his grandpa Dave.

I covet your prayers for my health as I have been battling shoulder pain from pressed nerves because of scoliosis as well as a slight (and temporary, I hope!) hearing loss due to a severe cold I had in July. I will be receiving therapy two times per week for the shoulder pain and I will be having eardrum studies to determine the extent of the damage and what assistance the specialist might be able to provide.

Thanks for your prayers and gifts for the ministry- they are much appreciated! Opportunities for more direct involvement also abound if you or your church would like to participate through church building, camp Porvenir, summer VBS next year, or just come for a visit. There are many ways you can help with the work we do here. As the Lord gives strength for each season, we will continue in His service.

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." (Psalm 33:20-22)

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

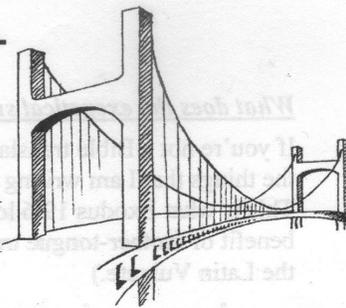
If you would like to send a tax-deductible gift, you can mail it to: Son Raise Missionary Services
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Please make your check out to Son Raise Missionary Services (or SRMS) and include a note on the memo section

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

July 2015



Why Maritime Services?

JAARS Maritime Services exists for the same reason all our other services exist, which is to facilitate the work of Bible translation so that people of every language in the world will be able to read or hear the Word of God in a language they understand well. To further that work JAARS has been providing air transportation for years in many parts of the world so that Bible translators can go to where they need to be to do their work. But we are also providing water transportation for travel over rivers, lakes and open ocean. That's the job of Maritime Services.

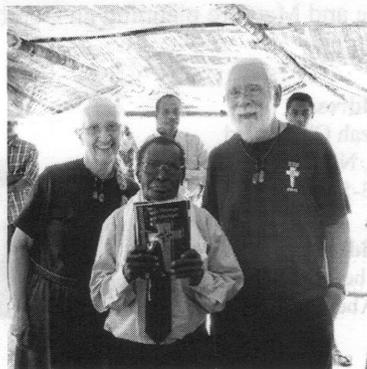


Sudest Island is in the far southeastern part of Papua New Guinea (lower right corner of the map)

For example, on July 5, Mike and Thera Anderson dedicated the Sudest New Testament on Sudest Island in Papua New Guinea—thirty-one years after beginning their translation project. The island is a twenty-seven hour, non-stop trip from the mainland by boat. Thera candidly admits that she seriously contemplated resigning from their translation project **each time** they faced a boat trip out to their island. Traveling in small motorized boats operated by local people the trip would take several days due to the many stops along the way. Sometimes they would wait for months even to find a boat that was going. That has all changed now that the Kwadima II is in service in that region (see photo below). The boat that I (David) have been working on at JAARS will serve in a similar capacity farther to the north (upper right corner of the map), enabling translators to get to their language areas.



The Kwadima II prepares for the 28-hour trip to Sudest Island for the New Testament dedication



The Andersons with a local man at the Sudest New Testament dedication

What does the exegetical summary of portions of Exodus look like?

If you're not a Bible translator this may not appeal to you. But you might want to see some of the things that I am writing and that translators can use in preparing to translate Biblical texts. This is what Exodus 19:6 looks like in the exegetical summary. (The Latin is included for the benefit of mother-tongue translators who are Roman Catholic and want to see the passage in the Latin Vulgate.)

וַאֲתֶם תִּהְיוּ-לִי מִמְּלֶכֶת כֹּהֲנִים וְגוֹי קָדוֹשׁ אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּדְבַּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

Et vos eritis mihi regnum sacerdotum et gens sancta. Haec sunt verba, quae loqueris ad filios Israel.

'And^x-you(mp) will-be^a-to^b-me (a)kingdom(-of)^c priests^d and-(a)- holy^e -nation;''^f these (are) the-words^g that you(ms)-shall-speak^h to-(the)sons(-of)ⁱ Israel.

LEXICON—a. **And-Obj-you(mp) will-be-to-me**

2mp Qal *yiqtol* יהיה *hyh* [HALOT p. 243], [TWOT 491]: 'be' [most vc], 'become' [VH].

b. **And-Obj-you(mp) will-be-to-me**

prep. - לָ *la-* with 1cs suff. [HALOT p. 507], [TWOT 1063]: 'to (me)' [most vc], 'for (me)' [NIV, NRSV], not explicit [TEV]. לִי *li* 'to me' is translated 'my' [NCV].

c. **(a)kingdom(-of) priests and-(a)- holy -nation**

sg. constr. of מְמַלְכָה *mamalākā* [HALOT p. 595], [TWOT 1199f]: 'kingdom' [most vc], 'royalty' [VH]. The phrase מְמַלְכַת כֹּהֲנִים *mamaleket kōhānim* 'kingdom of priests' is translated 'you will serve me as priests' [TEV].

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks

- That Paul has a job now with Citi Bank
- That some generous extra gifts have helped ease some recent large expenses and lower income months
- That Katherine has become engaged. She and Matt are planning an October wedding

Please continue to pray

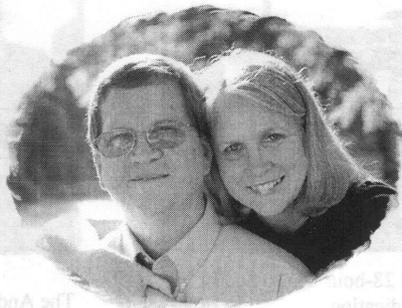
- For a job in the field of counseling for Emily and for her mission trip to Bolivia in August
- For continued progress on the transport boat and the work in Exodus
- For David's mom's upcoming move to the Charlotte area to be nearer to family. She is 83 years old now

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Kathryn Hart's bio
"The Enchanted Cottage"
By: Beth Grant

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How does a baby bird build a nest for its mother?

Following the death of my stepfather, 7 years ago, my sisters and I began a campaign to bring our mother back to SC from Virginia. After several failed attempts we began to lose hope this would ever happen.

Recently a small house at the farm became available and I approached Momma again about moving to SC. To my surprise (and my sisters') she said yes! Over a year ago my Mother learned she has Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia and she shared though she is doing very well, she felt it was time to make the move. Imagine our surprise when she put her condo in Yorktown on the market and it sold in 3 days! It seems that God has been orchestrating this as everything began to fall into place so perfectly.

Once the house on the farm was vacant Don and I faced the harsh reality of the actual condition of the house. Realizing we had only a month to get the house move in ready for Momma, Cypress quickly became a buzz of activity! Everyone tirelessly worked through the SC heat and humidity coupled with a couple of days of heavy downpours, all threatening to hamper our efforts.

We all refused to be defeated and give up on our goal of being ready for her arrival. You see, the reality of the move was beginning to set in with Momma, and I could tell how difficult it was for her to change nests at 82. Her nest in Virginia was comfortable and she had so many friends to leave behind. My sisters and I became cheerleaders and tried to make it seem more like an adventure than a challenge.

So, how "do" you prepare a home for your mother? I started by asking her, "how do you want your home to feel, Momma?" Without hesitation she said, "I would really love for it to feel like an enchanted cottage." She then described a 1945 movie in which a honeymoon cottage later became a haven for some very special people who needed love. Though the movie (which I purchased and watched) did not give me the decorating tips I desired I did come away with what I thought Momma "felt" as she watched the movie.

After the major repairs were made to the house, I could then begin to visualize how my mother's furniture could be used in the spaces. I wanted her to feel comforted by her things but I also wanted her to feel that new life had been breathed into them. My vision and my efforts became centered on developing a space that she could *start* a new life in, *rather* than a place to finish in.

I still cannot believe how well her furniture fit right into the house, seeming as though it was meant to be there. As each picture was hung and all of her belongings were carefully placed, I watched her as she slowly began accepting this was her new home. The house is filled with tiny reminders of her life and everything in it has a purpose or a story behind it. Don and I made sure to hang bird feeders as we hoped our enjoyment of bird watching would rub off on her. Soon her front gate will be adorned with a sign reading, 'The Enchanted Cottage', at her request!

For the woman who brought me into this world and nursed me, dressed me, and loved me, the most difficult part of it all was deciding when enough was enough. I kept thinking how blessed I am to be able to show love for my mother in such a wonderful way. The excitement and energy was contagious as the workers seemed to share in the anticipation of her arrival. My sisters and our families shared in the process of "feathering" Momma's nest and it has made for some lovely memories.

My Mother's return to the South has been a blessed one. She marvels at how the clerks at Wal-Mart are courteous and helpful. Everyone has been so warm and welcoming and she enjoys 'owning' the road as she learns her way around with little-- if any-- traffic!

I am now blessed to have both of my parents in South Carolina, home of beautiful places and smiling faces!!

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October At A Glance

- 4th:** World Communion, Cents-Ability
LCCM food collection
- 11th:** Session
- 12 - 14:** Office closed
- 18th:** PWCT
- 19th:** Night Circle
- 20th:** Morning Circle
- 21st:** Men of Church



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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 4th:** 19th Sunday after Pentecost / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon
World Communion / Cents-Ability / food donations
Communion Elders: Jimmy McCutchen & Matt Bramlett
- Sunday, 11th:** 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Margery Jeffords & Doris Bell
Flowers: Peebles Family
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
- Mon.-Wed. 12-14:** Gwen out of office
- Sunday, 18th:** 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Tom & Sherry Kerr
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
- Monday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Hostess: Jennifer McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 20th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle in FH (Hostess: Beth McCutchen)
- Wednesday, 21st:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Host: Chris Parnell)
- Sunday, 25th:** 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Mike Monroe

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Unless otherwise noted

Closed: Monday - Wednesday, 12th - 14th

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Food Collection

LCCM October Collection ~ Dried Beans ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, October 4th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk

498 years ago, on October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg (in what would one day become Germany) a law-student turned priest named Martin Luther nailed to the chapel door his 95 Theses and sparked what would be known throughout history as the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation would be defined by what it rediscovered about Christianity, and these rediscoveries flowed from a commitment by the Reformers to study and know the Word of God. Accordingly, the Reformation saw the translation of the Bible into the common languages of the peoples of the Church: German for the Germans, English for the English, and so on. At the same time, the nature of the church itself was redefined. Instead of communion being the central element of worship, the promises of the Gospel which underlie communion – in the Bible – are the central element of Protestant worship. And the church would move from a centralized monolithic organization intricately linked to European politics to a localized resource for families and communities to be gathered and be trained and be energized for ministry.

What does this mean for us?

The key to the Reformation is the Church's commitment to focus on the Bible's authority rather than man's authority in defining what it means to be a Christian. As a Reformed church, we must make our first commitment to the authority of God's Word, and we must let what God says have precedence over everything we do as his church. As a Reformed people, we've got to do the same in our daily lives as well; we let the Bible be its own best interpreter, we let the Bible define how we govern and behave as Christians and Church, and we let the Bible show us what is right and wrong. This principle, known at the time of the Reformation by its Latin name, *Sola Scriptura*, has to be the defining characteristic of a Reformed Church. We commit ourselves, as did the Reformers, to hearing God speak to us through His Word.

As we do this, as we listen to God's voice, we hear the other great creeds of the Reformation in it: We learn that it is by believing, putting our faith in the work of Christ Jesus that we are saved, not by human effort, not by perfect obedience, not even by rituals, rites, and the permission of priests. Like Abraham, we trust in God's promises, and this is accounted to us as righteousness. We learn that our salvation is the free gift of God, given to us, who by no means deserved or merited it. God so loved us that he gave us freely His Son, our Savior. We learn that Jesus Christ alone is the Mediator, the Priest-King who alone stands in the gap between us and God, paying the price for our sins, absorbing God's wrath, and giving us an eternal home. We learn that all of these "onlys" these *Solas*, as God says in the Bible, bring Him glory – and to God alone belongs all the glory.

So this October, as we enjoy the changing season, the harvests, the feasts, the fun, and the upcoming holiday season, let's not let this anniversary of the Reformation pass us by without remembering – and recommitting – to the principles which have helped to shape not only our church, but our lives, and the life of our nation, especially that great commitment to God's Word.

Blessings to you! - Pastor Chris



NEWS from the Session...

Happy October! I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temperatures with which God has blessed us. Fall is a special time in an agricultural community. The cotton and beans are getting ready for the harvest and the wheat will be planted soon. The corn crop was disappointing for many but we are still so blessed. May we always focus on our blessings and not our problems.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Kids for Christ Bake sale either by baking or buying or BOTH!! It was a great success. Our “kids” are getting involved with mission work here in

Bishopville and in other areas and we need to support them as they do God’s work. It’s important to raise them in the church and to involve them in the church so that when they are older they will have knowledge of Christ and His redeeming love for us!!

To update everyone on the Sanctuary: Be assured that work is being planned, even if it seems slow. Repair work has to be done before repainting can be done and as with any older building, it takes time and knowhow! Hopefully we will see progress and completion soon.

Please join me in Prayer for our community, state, nation, and our world. There are many people suffering at the hands of others and we need to constantly pray for God’s provision for them.

Please contact a member of the Session if you need any assistance. We are called to serve others and we take that charge seriously.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: October 11th @ 8:00 a.m.

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Statistics	
Month of September, 2015	
Average Attendance: SS - 30, Worship - 64	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$12,466.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$20,356.94
YTD Income received:	\$118,503.38
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$116,893.83
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$138,843.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$144,789.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses	
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$170.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Income received:	\$6,325.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$36,466.15

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4th

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

Communion Elders: Jimmy McCutchen & Matt Bramlett

Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services. Cents-Ability offering & canned food donations will also be collected to help fund the LCCM

Jewish Voice Ministries International

Kids for Christ donated \$919.00, from the bake sale & donations received, to the Jewish Voice Ministries. But they didn't stop there. They are now asking anyone willing to help this ministry grow to please pick up a “Kids For Christ Original” bank from the Fellowship Hall to collect loose change. Please return banks no later than January 17, 2016.

All proceeds donated to Jewish Voice Ministries
 Thanks in advance for your support!
 To learn more visit:
www.JewishVoiceToday.org



Happy Birthday



Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
Louisa Frazier	2	Jerry Adams	4
Sherian McLendon	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey V	8
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Maddie Varn	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Jill McElveen	9
Caroline Johnson	10	Eddie Boykin	10
Mary Katherine Parnell	12	Catherine Bell Smith	12
B. J. Kerr	17	Anna Turner	12
Marilyn Adams	19	Judith Watkins	12
Gordon Wayne Eckley	20	Cally Bell	14
Dawn Watson Nesbit	24	MaryAnna Welsh	14
Gloria Broadway	25	Peggy Corbett	15
Betty Ann Cooper	25	Missy Kirven	20
Johnny McCutchen	28	Perry McCutchen	22
Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28	Dr. Leon Hunt	23
John Hampton Cloyd	29	Jackie Drayton	25
Bo Dickinson	29	Jane Harrington	27
Brenda Flowers	30	Sissy Jeffords	29
Anna Grace Kirven	30	Lisa Jeffords	30
Dick McCutchen	30		

Congratulations!!!

Stephen & Amanda Welch were united in marriage on Saturday, September 12th by Rev. Chris Parnell



Ann Finch, our Guatemala Sewing mission partner, has a new granddaughter, **Helen Kathryn Russell**, born August 31 @ 7 lbs, 12 ozs. Mother and baby are doing well



Men of Church
Wednesday, October 21st
7:00 p.m.

Host: Rev. Chris Parnell

Join us for good food & good fellowship!

October Circle Hostesses
Night (19th) Jennifer McCutchen
Morning (20th) Beth McCutchen
*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall



Thank you to everyone for helping me with the memorial service for my husband, **David Jeffreys**, on August 22nd. I hope to attend Church services with you all soon. Sincerely, Zelle McLure Jeffreys

Thank you to everyone who cooked, served, donated, cleaned, etc... with the Kids for Christ Bake Sale! It was a huge success. **We collected over \$900 for our Israel Mission project!!!**

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers and concerns for my mother-in-law, while she was in the hospital and now in assisted living. We covet your continued prayers - Gwen Steinmeyer

Please remember our Homebound Members

- Louisa Frazier, Morningside, Sumter
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



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

- Jesse Jackson**
- Linda Martin**, Hank Martin's wife
- Cyndy McLeod Pitcher**, Jenny McCutchen's cousin
- Andy Exum**
- Keisha Slater**

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 help "Kids for Christ" pack Shoeboxes for Children

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

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

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

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

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

Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, toothpastes, mild bar soaps (in plastic bags), combs, brushes, wash-cloths, etc...

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

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are also needed

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

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 15th

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added or changed from any of these calendars

	CALENDARS			
	HELPING HANDS	BELL RINGERS	GREETERS	NURSERY
October 4th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	William Watkins	Melinda Atkinson
October 11th	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Caroline & Wendy Welch	Cindy Welsh
October 18th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Brooke Welch	MaryAnna Welch	Meredith Gaskins
October 25th	Caroline Welch	Caroline Welch	Steven Welch	Wendy Welch
November 1st	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Ann West	Jill McElveen
November 8th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Nick West	Missy Kirven
November 15th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	Jerry Adams	Melinda Atkinson
November 22nd	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Melinda Atkinson	Cindy Welsh
November 29th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Brooke Welch	Crues Bell	Meredith Gaskins

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November At A Glance

- 1st:** Daylight Saving Time Ends, LCCM food collection
- 3rd:** Adult Fellowship
- 8th:** Session
- 15th:** PWCT
- 17th:** Shoebox packing party w/supper
- 16th:** Harvest Banquet in Fellowship Hall
- 18th:** Men of Church
- 22nd:** Thanksgiving Service @ First Baptist
- 25 - 27:** Office closed - Thanksgiving holiday
- 29th:** Hanging of Greens & 1st Advent

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NOVEMBER



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Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 1st:** All Saints Day / LCCM food collection / Baptism
Coffee Hour: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Crues & Renee Bell
Baptism Elder: Judith Watkins
- Tuesday, 3rd:** 12:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship
- Sunday, 8th:** 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Laura Latimer
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
- Sunday, 15th:** 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot
Flowers: Ray & Jackie Drayton
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
- Monday, 16th:** 6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Host: Nick West)
- Sunday, 22nd:** Christ the King Sunday
Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: Naomi McCutchen Family
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ First Baptist
- Wed. - Fri. 25-27:** Gwen out of office
- Sunday, 29th:** 1st Sunday of Advent / Hanging of Greens Service
Coffee Hour: Church provided
Flowers: Hanging of the Greens

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Closed: Wednesday – Friday, 25th - 27th

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LCCM November Collection ~ Holiday Non-Perishables ~
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From the Pastor's Desk

As a boy, I used to love to go to the movies. One of my favorite movies was *Back to the Future*, from 1985. I loved the adventure, the characters, the humor (even if I didn't get some of the jokes until I'd grown up), and the overarching theme that a person can have a profound effect on his or her own story. I still love *Back to the Future* as an adult, and I find that my enjoyment of the film comes now from an appreciation of how well it was written and put together, from the depth of its allusions to the humor of its rather paradoxical title: How exactly does one go "back" to a place that doesn't yet exist (the future)?

And so it might surprise you that this paradox, this theme of the movie, is a theme derived from, of all places, the Bible. The writer of Hebrews in chapter 11, verse 10 says, "*For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*" He's looking *forward* to a city that goes *back*, all the way back to the beginning. And, as Hebrews' writer notes, Abraham's not alone in this journey to the future that goes back – this is a journey all of us as followers of Jesus are making. What does that mean?

You might put it this way: as Christians, we should be *looking back to see the future*.

Unbelievably, 2015 is coming to a close soon. You may or may not know, but the sequel to *Back to the Future*, its "Part 2" was set, for the most part, in 2015! As this year comes to a close (and what a year it was!), we can't help but begin to think about where we're going and what we're doing in the year to come, in 2016. What is our vision for the future, both as individual followers of Jesus and as his church here in Bishopville? What will our vision for 2016 look like, and what will we do in order to make that vision happen? And what impact will that vision have on what we're already doing and where we're already serving as a church?

This is the tension Hebrews 11:10 drives home for us. We're looking forward, but what we're looking forward to has its foundations in the past, the future whose designer and builder is God. Like Abraham, we're looking for what God is building through his Church in terms of his eternal kingdom, and we're, like Paul says to the Corinthians, looking to help him build it on its incorruptible foundation, the foundation of Christ Jesus' Gospel. As we look *back* to the Gospel, we see the *future* – our future destiny, destination, and home. And this vision of the Gospel and its destiny give us reasons to thank God and helps guide us as we look to where God is taking us, our vision of the future. We're seeking the city to come, as the old song says.

So how do we move ourselves "back" to our future? We start by holding fast to that firm foundation, that anchor in our past: the Gospel. We then look at how the Gospel manifests, where it goes, and what it does; in other words, we look for the tracks God's Church has left. From there we look at how God *is* working in the "here and now" of Bishopville today: what are the gifts, resources, passions, and abilities of the people he's drawn together to make up our church. Finally we put these elements together, built on that foundation, using where we've been and what we have as his church in order to grow with our Lord into the vision he's cast for us through the Gospel. It's exciting times. Let's get back... back to our future!

I will be starting 2 classes at the beginning of the year:

- **A catechism class** for youth interested in becoming a part of the fellowship of the church or interested in learning more about our church, denomination, and faith. Course materials will be provided, along with light refreshments. **Please RSVP by January 2, 2016**, if interested
- **A theology study**, with a Q&A format, on Sunday afternoons. This class is open to all church members, their friends, family, neighbors and anyone who wishes to participate. If you would like to submit questions for this class in advance, please email them to parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text them to [\(803\) 459-6800](tel:8034596800)

Blessings to you! - Pastor Chris

NEWS from the Session...

Even though we are blessed throughout the year, November is a special time when we should slow down and reflect on the many gifts we have been given by our Father in Heaven. Thanksgiving celebrates the struggles of our founding fathers and the gratitude they showed God even in the midst of difficult times. We need to do the same for God uses the hard times in our lives to mold us and shape us into the people He would have us to be. Regardless of your temporary situation, every member of this church is blessed in more ways than we can count and this month gives us the opportunity to return thanks to God.

There are many activities going on this month and I hope you will get involved in as many as possible. The Kids for Christ are active with Operation Christmas Child and the Jewish Voice Ministries and need our support. Our Presbyterian Women will host the Harvest Banquet on the 16th and the Methodist ladies will join them. The LCCM continues to have needs each month. The Men of the Church will meet on the 18th. This is always a good time so come out and join them! The community Thanksgiving service is on the 22nd at First Baptist. It would be great to see more people attend this special event to praise God for all of the many blessings we have been given. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the 1st. During this service, we vow as a congregation to help raise each child in the body of Christ. This is an oath we should take very seriously.

As always if a member of the session can help you in any way, please contact us! It would be our pleasure to serve you!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of Session
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$133,160.63
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$154,270.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$158,538.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$25,150.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$30,430.85
YTD Income received:	\$31,475.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$66,949.12



Harrison Blake Smith,
 son of Blake & Catherine
 Bell Smith will be baptized

on November 1st. The proud grandparents are
 Crues & Renee Bell & great-grandparents John
 & Doris Bell

No November or December Circles

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Wednesday, November 18th
7:00 p.m.

Host: Nick West

Join us for good food & good fellowship!

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Happy Birthday



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Jerry Adams	4	Sara Catherine Corbett	6
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey V	8	Elouise Wright	7
Maddie Varn	8	Gordon Eckley	8
Jill McElveen	9	Becky Crichton	9
Eddie Boykin	10	Mike Monroe	13
Catherine Bell Smith	12	Janice Reynolds	13
Anna Turner	12	Boochie Swearingen	13
Judith Watkins	12	Dawn Levers	14
Cally Bell	14	Maggie Corbett	15
MaryAnna Welsh	14	Tom Kerr	18
Peggy Corbett	15	Jennifer McCutchen	18
Missy Kirven	20	Billy Simon	20
Perry McCutchen	22	Margery Jeffords	24
Dr. Leon Hunt	23	Retta Tindal	24
Jackie Drayton	25	Brooke Welch	24
Jane Harrington	27	Wyatt Frazier	28
Sissy Jeffords	29	Rena Smith	29
Lisa Jeffords	30		



CONGRATULATIONS

Mia Kathryn Welch --born October 27 -- 7 lbs. 8 oz. Parents: Amanda and Stephen Welch; Brothers: Conner and Peyton; Grandparents: Kathryn & Hank Welch and Jeff & Cynthia Steen



Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia's

Order forms are in bulletins and in Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary **December 6th - 20th**. Make checks payable to the church

Deadline: November 8th

ORDER
YOUR
POINSETTIAS

The Adult Fellowship will meet Tuesday, November 3rd @ 12:00 for a covered-dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. **Bo Dickinson** will be our special music guest. Please bring a dish and join us



2015 Harvest Banquet Monday, November 16th 6:30 p.m.

Bishopville PC Fellowship Hall

Contact the church office for reservations, Cost is \$8/pp. Please make checks payable to Back Porch Catering. We would love for all the ladies to join us. **Reservation Deadline: November 12th**



Thank you for your prayers and cards for me recently. They always help!! Love, Janice Reynolds



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**Graham Drayton, Sr.
Billy Baskin**

Kim McCutchen Jordan

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)



Hanging of Greens
Sunday, November 29th
Please join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights & Sounds of the Advent season

Please remember our Homebound Members

- Louisa Frazier @ Tuomey in Hospice
- Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



Please help "Kids for Christ" pack Shoeboxes for Children

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

- **November: Personal Hygiene & Other Items**

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

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

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

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

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

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are always needed

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

Last day to drop off items in Fellowship Hall is November 15th



Shoebox Packing Party

Tuesday, November 17th @ 6:00 p.m.

Please meet in the room across from the Church office to pack shoeboxes. We will have supper afterwards

Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added or changed from any of these calendars

	CALENDARS			
	HELPING HANDS	BELL RINGERS	GREETERS	NURSERY
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November 8th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Nick West	Missy Kirven
November 15th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	Jerry Adams	Melinda Atkinson
November 22nd	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Melinda Atkinson	Cindy Welsh
November 29th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Brooke Welch	Crues Bell	Meredith Gaskins

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December At A Glance

- 4th:** Called Presbytery meeting
6th: 2nd Advent, Children's Pageant, Christmas Luncheon, LCCM food collection, Bruce McCathern concert @ First Baptist
13th: 3rd Advent, Session, Elder Installation
20th: 4th Advent, Ipock Baptism
23 - 28: Office closed - Christmas holiday
24th: Candlelight Service @ Bethlehem UMC
25th: Christmas morning Service @ Bethlehem UMC

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

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

Key Officers and Staff

Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session

Ray Drayton, Assistant Clerk of Session

Gregg McCutchen III, Church Treasurer

Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer

Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager

Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

December
2015



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 6th:** 2nd Advent / LCCM food collection / Children's Pageant
Poinsettia Memorial/honoraria array
No coffee hour
12:00 p.m. Covered-dish Christmas luncheon
6:00 p.m. Bruce McCathern concert @ First Baptist Church
- Sunday, 13th:** 3rd Advent
Poinsettia Memorial/honoraria array
Coffee Hour: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
11:00 a.m. Elder Installation service
- Sunday, 20th:** 4th Advent / Baptism
Poinsettia Memorial/honoraria array
Coffee: Ann & Nick West
- Thursday, 24th:** 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service @ Bethlehem UMC
- Friday, 25th:** 10:00 a.m. Christmas morning service @ Bethlehem UMC
- Wed.-Mon. 23-28:** Gwen out of office
- Sunday, 27th:** 1st Sunday after Christmas
Coffee Hour: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: Church arrangement



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

Closed: Wednesday – Monday, 23rd - 28th

To receive electronic news, please email the church at bishopvillepc@gmail.com. Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office or an Elder for printed materials



LCCM December Collection ~ Holiday Non-Perishables ~
Don't forget to bring canned items to Church on
Sunday, December 6th for our monthly Altar collection

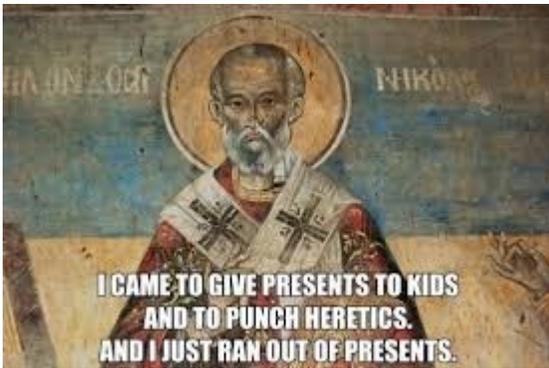


From the Pastor's Desk

I love the old English poem “A Visit from Saint Nicolas” which I, like most of us, recognize by its first line, “’Twas the night before Christmas.” It’s filled with wonderful language, delightful style, and such well-written rhyme and rhythm that it’s been, for hundreds of years, a staple of Christmas celebrations in English-speaking nations all over the world.

I sometimes wonder, though, if the poet Moore, would have been so eager to see Santa, as he writes, “out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter” if he had read the Monk Damaskinos’ testimony regarding the events of the Council of Nicaea (AD 325).

The good monk writes, “The emperor [Constantine] was sitting on his throne, flanked by 159 bishops to his left and 159 to his right. [Arius] was presenting his views with great vigor and detail. As Saint Nicholas observed the scene, the bishops listened to Arius in complete silence and without interrupting this discourse. Outraged, and prompted by his saintly vigor, he left his seat and walked up to Arius, faced him squarely and slapped his face.”



Wow. Jolly old Saint Nick, indeed!

What happened at Nicaea that caused the bishop of Myra, St. Nicholas, to react so strongly? To understand, we go back in time, way back past AD325 to the 40s & 50s, when Apostle Paul, on his missionary journeys, plants a church in Patara, a key seaport in the Roman region of Lycia. In that city, in that very church planted by Paul, some 200 or more years later, a couple gave birth to a son they named Nicholas, the very same Nicholas who would grow up to become the bishop of Myra and attend the First Nicene Council. What a heritage – he grew up in a church planted by Paul himself! Now let’s go back to Nicaea, to this august assembly of bishops

presided over by the Roman Emperor Constantine himself, to where a bishop named Arius “was presenting his views with great vigor.”

What were Arius’ views? What about his views provoked the “saintly vigor” of St. Nick? Arius’ main point was that Jesus, while special, while unique, while uniquely powerful, and while the exclusive redeemer of mankind, that Jesus was a *created being*. *In other words, in Arius’ view Jesus is less than God while greater than the creation. Jesus was, like you and me, just another created being, not the unique and only Son of God. Arius wanted to redefine Jesus, to make Him something less than Scripture reveals.*

The thing is, Arius’ views were gaining appeal throughout the Church – just as they still exist today in modern cults that de-emphasize Jesus, attempting to make him something less than fully human, fully God, and fully exclusive as our mediator.

So there’s Arius, and he’s denying the divinity of Christ Jesus. There’s the silence of the church, seeming to allow this false teaching to go forward. And there’s Nicholas, having grown up in a church planted by Paul, who had written the words of Colossians 1:16-20: “By Him [Christ Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.”

So, of course, Nicholas has to act, even though his actions landed him in prison (for the night). There are just some things you can’t do in front of a Roman Emperor. But sometimes a stand needs to be taken, even if taking a stand costs something – like a night in jail. So, as we come to this time of year when we celebrate, if indirectly, the ministry of Saint Nicholas, let’s ask if we have his same passion for the truths of the Scripture. Are we willing to take and make the same kind of stand he made, to be as bold for the truth of the Gospel as he was? Are we willing to pay the price for that boldness? What will we do, who, like Nicholas before us, have inherited the great gift of a strong foundation in the faith? That’s something for all of us to think about this holiday season. Blessings to you! - Pastor Chris

NEWS from the Session...

The Christmas season is here!!! Hanging of Greens is November 29th and the Children's Pageant is December 6th. Our Chrismon tree is up and the poinsettias will arrive on the 6th. The Christmas carols will tell of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and we will be filled with Christmas Joy. Right?? Well, not everyone! Many people in our world are suffering and I pray that each one of us shows compassion to someone in need this season.

Last December, we were requesting prayer for our Pastor Search committee. That prayer has been answered and Chris, Laura, Claire, Mary, and Patrick are a special part of our church family now. Surely, God has great things in store for BPC in 2016!! If you kept a prayer journal for the past 11 months, you can see many of your personal prayers have been answered also. My prayer for this year is that we all try to be "content" with what God has given us.

Max Lucado's devotional book, Grace for the Moment, has as part of the message for November 22nd, *Content. That's the word. A state of heart in which you would be at peace if God gave you nothing more than he already has.* Let's all be Content in 2016 with where God has placed us and what he has given us!!

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the 20th. During this service, we vow as a congregation to help raise each child in the body of Christ. This is an oath we should take very seriously.

As always if a member of the session can help you in any way, please contact us! It would be our pleasure to serve you!

In Christ, Matt Bramlett - Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: December 13th @ 8:00 a.m.

OFFICER DUTIES FOR DECEMBER

*Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier

* denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Statistics**Month of November, 2015, including transfers**

As of November 23rd

Average Attendance: SS - 29, Worship - 78

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$9,810.25
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$11,645.48
YTD Income received:	\$142,219.63
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$144,806.11
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$176,897.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$172,845.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$135.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14.67
YTD Income received:	\$31,610.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$66,963.79

**C/O 2018 Elder Installation Sunday
December 13th, during worship**

Elders being installed are:

- **Dick McCutchen (1st term)**
- **Matt Bramlett (2nd term)**
- **Ray Drayton (2nd term)**

Thank you to the following who will be leaving us this year - **Tricia Latimer & Jimmy McCutchen**

You did a wonderful job and you will be missed!

Two new classes to start in 2016

- **A catechism class** for youth interested in becoming a part of the fellowship of the church or interested in learning more about our church, denomination, and faith. Course materials will be provided, along with light refreshments. **Please RSVP by January 2, 2016**, if interested
- **A theology study**, with a Q&A format, on Sunday afternoons. This class is open to all church members, their friends, family, neighbors and anyone who wishes to participate. If you would like to submit questions for this class in advance, please email them to parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text them to **(803) 459-6800**

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ are asking anyone willing to help this ministry grow to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" bank in the Fellowship Hall to collect loose change. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries. Please return banks by January 17th. Thank you in advance for your support! To learn more visit: www.JewishVoiceToday.org

Happy Birthday



Michael Jeffords 5
 Sara Catherine Corbett 6
 Elouise Wright 7
 Gordon Eckley 8
 Becky Crichton 9
 Mike Monroe 13
 Janice Reynolds 13
 Boochie Swearingen 13
 Dawn Levers 14
 Maggie Corbett 15
 Tom Kerr 18
 Jennifer McCutchen 18
 Billy Simon 20
 Margery Jeffords 24
 Retta Tindal 24
 Brooke Welch 24
 Wyatt Frazier 28
 Rena Smith 29

Robert McCutchen III 2
 Ann West 2
 Rhetta Simon Cloyd 3
 Chip Smith 3
 Bill Tindal 3
 Kody Mills McCutchen 4
 John Bell, Jr 9
 Will McElveen 9
 Kean Scott III 9
 Marvis Baker 11
 John Crues Bell IV 12
 Bill Conway 13
 Steven Welsh 13
 Ken Cutler 14
 T-Bo Ellen 16
 Carole Scott 18
 Aidan Hilditch 25
 Jean Woodmansee 26
 Gayle Kerr 27
 Brooke Harrington 30
 Amber Harrington 30
 Josh Kirven 30
 John Latimer 30

No December Circles
 or Men of Church

Bruce McCathern Concert
 December 6th @ 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Sanctuary
 In memory of Graham Drayton,
 Christine Shirley & Bruce Smith
 Everyone is invited to attend



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Mary Kluge Parnell

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December 13th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Madison Bramlett	Jill McElveen	
December 20th	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Ann Cooper	Missy Kirven	
December 27th	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Conner Welch	English Cooper	Melinda Atkinson	
January 3rd	Devin Atkinson	Kayla & Caroline McCutchen	Dawn Levers	Cindy Welch	
January 10th	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Brooke Welch	Bert Cousar	Meredith Gaskins	
January 17th	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Jackie Drayton	Wendy Welch	
January 24th	Conner Welch	Devin Atkinson	Gaskins Family	Jill McElveen	
January 31st	Brooke Welch	Anna Grace & Sara Abbett Kirven	Betty Manning Heriot	Missy Kirven	



Thank you to everyone who purchased Poinsettia's to adorn the Sanctuary during Advent. Please remember to pick up your plants after the worship service on December 20th



**Church Office Closed
December 23rd - 28th**



**Children's Christmas Pageant
December 6th**

11:00 a.m.

Come out and support our youth!

A covered-dish luncheon will follow the program

Bring a dish and join us!

Church will provide chicken & biscuits



Covington Epps Ipock,

son of Charles & Virginia Clyburn Ipock will be baptized on December 20th.

The proud grandparents are Billy Clyburn, Jane Clyburn and

great-grandmother, Sara Sutherland



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

Everyone is invited to attend

Gratitude Gift offering will be collected December 6th - 20th. This offering will encourage and support retired ministers & missionaries in the EPC



Remember those who are less fortunate



Please visit the Angel Trees and help make someone happy this Christmas by taking a tag & returning a gift by **Sunday, December 13th**. Please wrap gift in Christmas paper and label according to the tag

**A Christmas Celebration
December 1st @ 7:00 p.m.
West Hartsville Baptist Church**
1003 W. Carolina Ave.
Presented by Hartsville Community Chorus
Directed by Dr. James Beaumier
With Hartsville Children's Chorale
Directed by Sandra Howard
Accompanied by Elaine Dickinson
This is a free concert. Donations accepted
Hartsvillecommunitychorus.org



Advent

Advent Lighter Schedule

- November 29th:** Reese & Melinda Atkinson Family
- December 6th:** Choir members
- December 13th:** Steven & Kerry Frazier Family
- December 20th:** Jerry & Marilyn Adams Family