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January At A Glance

- 1st: Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit / LCCM Food donation
- 2nd: Church Office closed for holiday
- 8th: Stated Session / Communion & Cents-Ability offering
- 11th: Women's Prayer group resumes
- 15th: Stated PWCT
- 16th: Church Office closed for holiday / Night Circle
- 17th: Morning Circle
- 18th: Men of Church
- 22nd: Youth Sunday
- 29th: Annual Congregational meeting / Family Night supper



January



2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 5 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

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

Key Officers and Staff

Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

JANUARY



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: *Matt Bramlett & Gregg McCutchen*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 1st:** First Sunday after Christmas / LCCM food collection
11:00 a.m. Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit
Coffee Hour: Church provided
Flowers: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen
- Monday, 2nd:** Church office closed for holiday
- Thursday, 6th:** Epiphany
- Sunday, 8th:** Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
11:00 a.m. Communion & Cents-Ability offering
Coffee Hour: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt
Flowers: OPEN
- Wednesday, 11th:** 5:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group resumes
- Sunday, 15th:** Second Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: OPEN
- Monday, 16th:** Church office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)
- Tuesday, 17th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Jackie Drayton/Margery Jeffords)
- Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Billy Clyburn/William McElveen)
- Sunday, 22nd:** Third Sunday after Epiphany/ Youth Sunday
Coffee Hour: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
- Sunday, 29th:** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
11:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
Coffee Hour: Church provided
Flowers: OPEN

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed: 2nd (holiday) & 16th (holiday)

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LCCM January Collection ~ GRITS ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, January 1st for our monthly Altar collection
Please remember those less fortunate



From the Pastor's Desk

As many of you know, last year my little branch of the Parnell family were getting acclimated to the newest “member” of our little family, a tiny black puppy named Cocoa Puff. I have to confess: I’m the only one who actually calls her that; everybody else just calls her Cocoa. It made for an interesting year, having to tend to, care for, clean up after, and not step on a puppy running around the house. I guess I’d forgotten how much work a new dog can be! However, a year later and none of us (especially me) can imagine our house without her. Change can be an amazing, challenging, and sometimes wonderful thing.

In the same way, 2016 was a year for some amazing, sometimes challenging, but overall wonderful changes and blessings for us at Bishopville EPC! From hosting VBS to hosting missionary speakers, from hurricanes to the Solid Rock class (no connection, I’m sure), from prayer groups to new elders, 2016 was an incredible year for change for us—and let me say as your pastor, I have been impressed beyond measure at how well we as a church have not only “rolled with” but have embraced all that’s gone on here!

The thing is, we should be both grateful and humbled by how amazing 2016 was for us: grateful because we know that God Himself has trusted us with these blessings, and humbled because we know that God Himself has trusted us with these blessings.

This is God’s pattern; He gives blessings to His people in order to both bless them and to challenge them: How will they respond? Will they rise to the occasion, trusting God in everything like Abraham with Isaac? Or will they be like King Saul, not trusting in God and looking for some neat trick to fix his problems instead? How do we respond? In Matthew 9, Jesus says, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”* Starting in January, we’re going to start looking at the things Jesus said, particularly those very interesting (and sometimes hard-to-understand) stories he told. So the sermons will all be titled, “Jesus said what?!?”

In this case, though, what Jesus says is pretty straightforward, and I’m proud to say, it can be used to describe how we – as a church – have responded to what God’s sent our way: God provides more abundantly than we could ever expect or handle, and God, loving us like He does, gives us the means to handle those blessings. The disciples witnessed this in their own lifetimes; Jesus provided the incredible reality of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit drew masses of people to the Church through the Gospel, and God gave the disciples the right people at the right times and the right places to handle God’s blessings.

So what do we look forward to in 2017? Our good Lord willing, more of the same! We should be praying for more opportunities to stretch ourselves and our faith, personally and as a church. We should be praying for eyes to see the opportunities—and the realities connected with those opportunities (read: challenges)—and for a spirit willing to follow God even through those challenges.

Again, I thank God that He’s given me a church that has shown itself willing to put its faith in Him, to follow Jesus into His story as they—as we—lead our community closer and closer to Him.

Thank you for trusting God!

& Blessings for 2017!

Pastor Chris

January Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

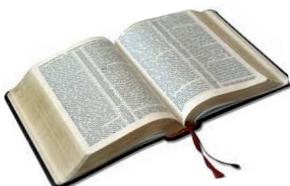
1st:

Hannah’s Prayer

I Samuel 2:1-10

Rev. David Hubbs in pulpit

8th: **Begin Sermon Series on “Jesus said What?”**



NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on December 11th. We examined Elder-elect, Wendy Welch, who was installed on December 18th. We thank the following, who are rolling off the Session this year, for a job well done; Tyson Eckley, Steven Frazier, and Judith Watkins.

A special election will be held on January 29th to fill one of the 2019 seats, that was declined. We will also have our Annual Congregational meeting on the 29th, to report the 2016 financial & membership statistics and to present the 2017 budget & Pastor's Terms of Call for approval.

Communion is set for January 8th. This time of year we look forward to a New Year. What will 2017 bring to us?... A new job, retirement, a new baby or a chance to serve the Lord in a different way, etc... We all have certain talents and ideas on how to grow our Church.

Let's begin 2017 with a desire to do God's will in our lives. Happy New Year!

If I can help you in any way, please call me at 803.229.5307 or the Church at 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: January 8th @ 8:00 am

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Matt Bramlett & Gregg McCutchen**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 29th** for the purpose of; reporting the 2016 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2017 budget and 2017 Pastor's Terms of Call, and to elect a replacement for the unfilled 2019 Session seat of Tyson Eckley. The Nominating Committee will place a name in nomination, as soon as one has been secured. Please prayerfully consider who you elect, as they will help govern our Church



January 8th

COMMUNION

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

Communion Elders: Matt Bramlett/Gregg McCutchen

December 2016 Statistics

As of December 29th

Average Attendance: SS - 51 Worship - 95

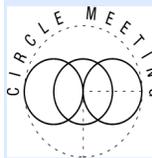
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$18,267.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$23,004.32
YTD Income received:	\$224,339.25
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$201,188.01
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$212,863.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$212,863.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$6,080.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$6,014.49
YTD Income received:	\$33,051.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,703.49



Circle Hostesses for January

Night (16th) Debbie Tindal

Morning (17th) - Margery Jeffords & Jackie Drayton

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall



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

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

Please remember our HOMEBOUND members

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

JANUARY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
1st	OPEN	Kerry Frazier
8th	Ann Cooper	Ipock's
15th	English Cooper	Meredith Gaskins
22nd	Bert Cousar	Wendy Welch
29th	Jackie Drayton	Jill McElveen

Happy Birthday

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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
Ruby Nell Bailey	20
Aidan Hilditch	25
Jean Woodmansee	26
Gayle Kerr	27
Brooke Harrington	30
Amber Harrington	30
Josh Kirven	30
John Latimer	30

February

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



A Catechism class will begin in January for youth interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church, faith and denomination. Course materials provided, with light refreshments. Keep checking for date/time

Church Office Closed
January 2nd - New Year Holiday
January 16th - MLK Holiday

Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 5:00 p.m.
Resumes on January 15th
Please meet in the Session room



Bible Study

We will resume sometime in January
Sunday's @ 5:30 pm
 Open to anyone who wishes to participate
 Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com or
 text 803.459.6800
 Keep checking for date/time



Thank you to everyone for the many gifts received this Christmas season! Thank you to everyone who stops by and/or calls frequently to check in on me or lends a helping hand. There are so many who do so much and expect so little in return. It is a blessing and pleasure to witness! Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

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

Thank you to everyone for all the Christmas gifts and prayers this past year. Love, Elouise Wright

Thank you to the members of the Congregation and Session for all the Christmas gifts I received. I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Bo Dickinson

To all those who graciously gave us gifts this holiday season, the Parnell family offers our sincere thanks. We are blessed to serve such a wonderful church and community, and we look forward to many years of service here. God bless you all! Rev. Chris & Laura Parnell

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

David Heath Jeffords
Thomas G. Geddings

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)



YOUTH SUNDAY
Please come and show your support as our youth conduct the worship service on January 22nd

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- 5th:** Souperbowl Sunday / LCCM Food donation
- 6th:** Confirmation Classes begin
- 12th:** Stated Session / Kids for Christ "Valentine" Meal served
- 15th:** Men of Church
- 19th:** Stated PWCT
- 20th:** Night Circle
- 21st:** Morning Circle

No Adult Fellowship or Finance Meetings in February

February
2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Wendy Welch & Ray Drayton

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 5th:** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / LCCM food collection
Souperbowl offering
Coffee Hour: Jenny McCutchen, Margery Jeffords, Jackie Drayton
Flowers: OPEN
- Monday, 6th:** 5:30 p.m. Confirmation classes begin
- Sunday, 12th:** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Valentine banquet
NO BIBLE STUDY
Coffee Hour: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- Wednesday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Jimmy McCutchen/John Muldrow)
- Sunday, 19th:** Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
Coffee Hour: William & Judith Watkins
Flowers: Family of Iris Thomas
- Monday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 21st:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Laura Parnell)
- Sunday, 26th:** Transformation of the LORD
Coffee Hour: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: OPEN

Special Functions

- Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study, unless having an evening function**
Monday's @ 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes (10 week course)
Wednesday's @ 4:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

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

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LCCM February Collection ~ CANNED SOUPS ~
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From the Pastor's Desk

I'm going to borrow a little bit from Frank Herbert (*Dune*): If you're reading this sometime in the far-reaches of the future, know that the year is 2017 and that for the past 3-4 months, Facebook Live has been a "thing."

If you're (as likely as not) unfamiliar with the concept, "going live" means that a person attached to one (or more) of your social media outlets has decided to "livestream" or make immediately available a video they're taking, usually of themselves, at that moment. Sometimes those videos are "archived", which simply means the video is available to be watched at a later date, but mostly they're not. I don't know about what your social media "feed" looks like, but I hardly go a day without some Facebook or Twitter "friend" of mine "going live."

Interestingly, all this "live" video business has got me thinking about that famous quote (or misquote) attributed to Andy Warhol: that everybody gets 15 minutes of fame. Somehow his acerbic witticism about people's misguided quest for fame & fortune has been transformed from being a quest for fame into some sort of "right" to have 15 minutes of fame! So when I see my social media lit up with so many people "going live" I have to wonder if some of that isn't coming from our cultural obsession with celebrity, with being associated with or having this thing we call "fame."

The Bible says a lot about the drive, the obsession that seeks fame when it speaks of pride and humility. And while I could spend a lot of time looking at what the Bible warns about pride or how the Bible encourages a Christ-like humility, I instead find myself thinking about one of the most powerful sections in the Bible on the idea of what we now call "celebrity culture." Here's the thing: whether it's "going live" or it's "making a spectacle of yourself" or it's the latest ten-dozen articles on what some Hollywood actress is (or isn't) wearing, our culture is quite literally obsessed with knowing and becoming "celebrity." And no place in the Bible deals with the idea of "celebrity" in the church like 1st Corinthians 1:12-17:

*"...each one of you says, 'I follow Paul,' or 'I follow Apollos,' or 'I follow Cephas,' or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I don't know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, **lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.** (ESV, bold-text emphasis is mine)*

What Paul criticizes is a culture already obsessed with celebrity: I'm more important than you because of who I know, or who I follow, or who I like; you're less important than me because of who you know, etc. This is a culture that wants to define people based on levels of importance, based on levels of "fame". So they form little "tribes"—some of them are excited about Apollos, the new guy; others prefer Paul, the previous guy; and others want to hear from Peter (Cephas), a guy they've never met but have heard about... sound familiar? Even close to 2000 years ago, the church also was dealing with the issue of being or following celebrities.

So how should we respond? By being like the "I follow Christ" gang at Corinth, looking down our noses at the celebrity-hounds? By turning away from culture and forming our own, insulated enclaves? Or is Paul suggesting we handle fame—and those people we know who are hooked on it—in a different way?

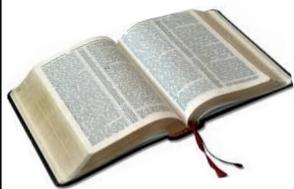
Yep; he's going somewhere else with this. Paul advocates that the Corinthians, and the churches that live in "Corinthian" type cultures need to focus on something else altogether: **On the power of the message of the Cross.** The Cross isn't about fame; it's where all the sin & shame we have was put on our Savior. The Cross isn't about you or me or some celebrity; it's about a God who so loves His creation that He will give Himself utterly for them. The Cross is where we meet our Savior and where He makes us family with him. It's not about fame; it's about the Cross of Jesus and the Jesus of the Cross.

So, as we have the opportunity, let's use the tools and language our culture gives us to share that powerful, overarching message: the Message of the Cross and the Salvation it brings!

Hallelujah & Blessings! Pastor Chris

February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

Sermon Series: *Jesus said What?...*



5th:	"about forgiveness"	Matthew 18:21-35
12th:	"about invitations"	Luke 14:15-24
19th:	"about resources"	Luke 16:1-9
26th:	"about time"	Matthew 24:14-30

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on January 8th. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

We were given the old Bishopville Manufacturing Company property @ 124 Gregg Street. We would like to thank Charlie Ipock for helping us make this transaction happen.

The Session has a lot of plans for 2017. If you are asked to serve as an officer or on a committee, please prayerfully consider serving.

Chris has resumed his Theology study on Sunday afternoons. This is a very informative study.

If you are not attending Sunday school, please considering joining us. We have 3 Adult classes and some really Great teachers.

If I can help you in any way, please call me at 803.229.5307 or the Church at 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
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FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Wendy Welch & Ray Drayton**

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Souperbowl Sunday

February 5th

We'll collect money & food for the LCCM

**Please remember our
 HOMEBOUND members**

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte



The Kids for Christ will serve a Valentine meal to our congregation on Sunday, February 12th @ 6:00 pm

Please come out and support them

January 2017 Statistics

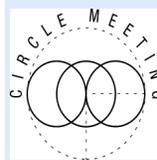
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Budgeted YTD Income:	\$17,461.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$15,014.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$425.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41
YTD Income received:	\$425.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41



**Circle Hostesses for February
 Night (20th) ... Marsha McCutchen
 Morning (21st) Laura Parnell**

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall



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

Hosts are Jimmy McCutchen & John Muldrow. Please join us for good food & fellowship

**Community Ash Wednesday Service
 Bethlehem United Methodist Church
 March 1st @ 6:00 p.m.**



Lent Begins
 Ash Wednesday

~ Lenten Lunch Schedule: Wednesday's @ 12:00 noon ~

BUMC: March 1st, 15th & 29th

BPC: March 8th & 22nd, & April 5th

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend. Love offering will be collected for missions

FEBRUARY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
5th	Easters Family	Missy Kirven
12th	Steven Frazier	Debbie Tindal
19th	Gaskins Family	Cindy Welsh
26th	Betty Manning Heriot	Betsy Bramlett

Happy Birthday

March



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 p.m.
 Please meet in the Session room

February

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

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

Bible Study

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Confirmation

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 beginning February 6th
 for youth interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church, faith and denomination. Course materials provided, with light refreshments. The class will last 10 weeks



Steven Welsh was elected Elder to the c/o 2019

Please keep all Elders in your prayers as they govern our Church



Joshua Everhart, son of Marian Kerr Pearsall and grandson of BJ & Gayle Kerr was awarded 2016 Tech of the Year from Pelham Medical Center

Congratulations to **Virginia & Charlie Ipock** on the safe arrival of their second son, **William Clyburn Ipock**, born January 26, 2017
 Proud grandparents are **Billy Clyburn and Jane Clyburn**

We rejoice with them on this very happy occasion!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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- Johnny Hewitt**
- Mary Gaye Carnes**
- Sara McLendon Sutherland**
- Ruby Brown Davis**

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)

The Pre-Teen SS classes are accepting donations for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes all year long. Items needed: Empty pill bottles, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry. Please see the exhibit in the Fellowship Hall, as needed items change

Thank you to everyone for keeping me in your prayers over the last few months. I am still a WIP "Work In Progress". I covet your continued prayers. Much love, in Christ, Lena McCutchen

MISSION NEWS

GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM PREPARES TO LEAVE



On January 18th, the Guatemala Mission Team embarks on an exciting and rewarding journey.

Anne Finch and Regina Whitaker will be part of a team of ten individuals who are all deeply involved in the work of the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, a group of hard working indigenous women who struggle to improve the lives of their families. The team will be representing two denominations, three states, and five churches. Some of the projects include water filters, stoves for cooking, micro-loan programs, latrines, health promotion, prayer partners, as well as the sewing mission. The

purpose of the trip is to learn more about the programs and determine ways that we can assist them in their work. We will spend time each day in bible study and prayer with our Guatemala sisters and brothers.

We will be taking with us :

Funds donated to purchase sewing machines for the graduates of the two schools.

Over 100 baby caps that were made by members of a senior citizen group that Regina met this summer at the beach, knitted caps made by Mary Taylor, and baby caps from the Agape Kids Clothing Sale.

Over 100 neck warmers made by Julie Cothran of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church in Bishopville, SC.

Drawings from 38 children in Aldersgate Sunday School Classes and the After School Program. The drawings are being coordinated by Evelyn Johnson.

A gift from the Aldersgate Youth Group to a Guatemala Youth Group to purchase Sunday School supplies.

A prayer shawl made by members of the Aldersgate Prayer Shawl Ministry for a woman who is suffering from a chronic illness.

20 letters including pictures from Aldersgate Prayer Partners to their Guatemalan Prayer Partners.

Framed photographs for the walls of the new sewing school in Las Barrancas. The photos include a picture of Jesus surrounded by children, the first and second sewing school graduation classes, and photos of Aldersgate & Guatemala prayer partners.

The women and their families are most appreciative for the support of this church. Please pray for us during this spiritual journey that we might carry with us the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His Name

Anne & Regina



Yesterday's high: 94°
Last night's low: 71°

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January 14th, 2017

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

“You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance.” (Psalm 65:11)

As I look back over 2016, it is with a heart of gratitude and praise to the Lord. As I look forward to 2017- which marks 50 years of service in Mexico- I know the Lord who brought me here will continue to be my guide. Although vision and mobility are not what they once were, I still feel blessed to be useful in service to Him.

The changes I have witnessed in 50 years are many. Merida is a sprawling city of over a million people. There are more than 50 Presbyterian congregations in Merida, not to mention many other denominations. Health and education are top government priorities that have opened the doors to better quality of life and employment opportunities. But the greatest changes are what God is doing in individual lives.

Rodolfo, from Yalcoba, has overcome his alcohol dependency, and although he still serves as the town's Justice of the Peace, he has entered extension seminary and is thinking about serving the Lord full time. A modern day miracle! Martin has returned to his family, purchased a Bible, and is attending church regularly. Walter, who many years ago was reticent to accept the Lord into his life, was ordained an elder in my church on January 8th. All of these are a direct result of Dave's patient counsel and prayer. He would rejoice to see what God has done in their lives.

The seminary Dave founded in 1982 will celebrate its 35th anniversary this year, and the music school 30 years. Big celebrations are being planned, hoping to encourage prospective students. Perhaps I will be teaching 1st year piano again, if new students enroll for the spring semester in the music school. The economic situation is deteriorating and this will continue affecting the seminary. Political corruption is rampant and the economy in shambles. Everything is going up in price- gas, electricity, food- but the minimum wage is still only \$4 dollars a day. There have been many demonstrations against the government throughout the country of Mexico, but thankfully in the state of Yucatan these demonstrations have been peaceful for the most part.

The camp has not escaped these problems either. Property taxes rose 400% as the government wants to develop the Yucatan Gulf coast into a resort area. The camp governing board is considering renting the far end of the property (which spans a distance of just over two miles) to a shrimp hatching industry. This would show it is not being used for tourism and it would avoid being zoned as a tourist resort for tax purposes. The other end of the camp could be an ecological preserve, because sea turtles come up on the beach to lay their eggs each year. Although the government wants to develop the coast, it is also interested in preserving the wildlife and natural

resources. Using the property in both these ways would help to avoid the exorbitant tax rates that resort owners are being charged up and down the coast of Yucatan. The camp is also celebrating its 50th anniversary at the present site. Many meaningful decisions have been made in all these years, resulting in the growth of the church in Yucatan. The blessing of the Lord is evident in every area of ministry with which we have been involved because He has been faithful.

On Christmas Eve I accompanied the choir and some soloists, and played for the service at my church where over 400 were in attendance. I have decided to accompany the choir until Easter because they are doing a John Peterson cantata I know well. My vision is deteriorating too much to read notes in music with which I am unfamiliar. I have been learning everything by memory, listening and struggling to clearly read what I can. I will, however, continue to serve as church pianist and accompany soloists as often as possible after Easter.

I spent the Christmas holiday with Mark's family and the next day the Lord permitted me to travel to the states for a week and celebrate Christmas again (on the 26th) with Daniel and his family as well as Debbie and her family who had been visiting her husband's relatives in the Chicago area. I enjoyed seeing a little snow and breathing cooler air- Merida has had weather above 90 degrees for many days! Once again, I thank the Lord for the wonderful family he has given me, all serving Him in some way.

On January 4-7 I attended the meeting of the Sac-Be Presbytery in the city of Ticul. I was there selling books, Bibles and hymnbooks for the Christian bookstore and sold almost \$1,000 USD worth of materials. Pastors, elders and church leaders attend, getting together for prayer, fasting and taking care of presbytery business. Those days are like a retreat for me, with a joyful time of fellowship with friends I don't get to see very often. On February 6th, Dr. Will Ackles arrives for his annual teaching in the seminary. He has also graciously volunteered to be my chauffeur on the weekends when we have invitations to visit village congregations. It is a blessing for these congregations to have him preach as well as serve communion.

With so much for which to be thankful, I can only praise God for His care for me. He has given me purpose and hope for the future and has supplied all my needs. My prayer for you is that you may also find in Him all you need in 2017.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Jean Legters (for the family)

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

Son Raise Missionary Services
P.O. Box 43
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. Thanks so much!

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March At A Glance

1st: Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
Ash Service @ BUMC
3rd: World Day of Prayer
5th: LCCM Food donations
8th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
12th: Session / Daylight Savings begins
15th: Men of Church
Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
19th: Stated PWCT

20th: Night Circle
21st: Morning Circle
22nd: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
26th: March Family Night Supper
29th: Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
31st: Mary Wilkinson graveside

Confirmation Classes
Monday's @ 5:30 pm

No March Finance Meeting, unless needed.
Next mtg: April 25th @ 3:30 pm

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

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March
2017



Spring
Is in
the Air
Daylight Saving Time
Begins: March 12th
Spring forward



BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*EOC: Steven Welsh & *Ray Drayton*

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, 1st:** 12:00 p.m. 1st Lenten lunch @ BUMC
6:00 p.m. Community Ash Service @ BUMC
- Sunday, 5th:** First Sunday of Lent / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven, Melinda Atkinson
- Wednesday, 8th:** 12:00 p.m. 2nd Lenten lunch @ BPC
- Sunday, 12th:** Second Sunday of Lent
2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins (forward 1 hour)
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
Coffee Hour: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
- Wednesday, 15th:** 12:00 p.m. 3rd Lenten lunch @ BUMC
7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Chris Parnell)
- Sunday, 19th:** Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
Coffee Hour: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
- Monday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Ann Cooper)
- Tuesday, 21st:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle @ Laura Latimer's
- Wednesday, 22nd:** 12:00 p.m. 4th Lenten lunch @ BPC
- Sunday, 26th:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
*** NO Bible Study ***
- Wednesday, 29th:** 12:00 p.m. 5th Lenten lunch @ BUMC

The Flower Calendar is OPEN for the entire month of March

Special/Ongoing Functions

Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study, unless an evening function is planned
Monday's @ 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes (10 week course, ends April 10th)
Wednesday's @ 12 pm Lenten lunches & @ 4 pm Women's Prayer Group
Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

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

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LCCM March Collection ~ RICE ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, March 5th for our monthly Altar collection
Please always remember those less fortunate



From the Pastor's Desk "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" Matthew 25:23

March will officially begin our Lenten season here in Bishopville. So it made me wonder again - what is "Lent"?

"Lent" is a liturgical season devoted to fasting in preparation for a particular celebration of the Church (to paraphrase the dictionary). This is a carryover from Catholic traditions; in fact, Catholics have, or had, two main seasons of Lent. We know the one before Easter; can we guess the other. (Hint: It has to do with the pink Advent candle) The thing is, as Protestants - and I can explain that term in great detail if you like - in fact, as a "Reformed" church, why do we, or why should we practice Lent?

To put it another way, what does Lent *do*? How does it, or does it even help us in our relationship with God? Does it help us "get ready for Easter"? How? After all, that's the stated purpose for Lent in the first place. Is there a Biblical call or cause for a season of Lent?

While it would be possible to answer these questions from within the tradition or history of the Church itself, I think it's better to go back to the source: back to what God says to us. Jesus Christ, in Matthew 25, told the story of a man who goes on a long journey and leaves behind resources for his people. This is, of course, the "Parable of the Talents" - one servant, given 5 talents returns with 10; another, given 2, returns with 4; finally the last, given a single talent, returns with nothing more, nothing less than (*quite literally, since he buried it*) a single dirty talent, unused and unappreciated.

Yes, talent is a word that refers to 10-years wages for a day-laborer. Yes, talent is a word brought over into English which has become connected with our idea of a "unique ability." But what does this have to do with Lent?

Jesus' point in this parable can be boiled down to 2 sentences, two statements the talent-giving master makes: "Well done, good & faithful servant!" and "You thought you knew me!" (*vss. 23 & 26, my translation*). The first statement he makes to the two servants of his who go to work, who invest in his kingdom, who build up and add to what has been given them - in other words, to those who know him and respect what he's doing, those who show their respect by using what he's given them to do what he needs doing.

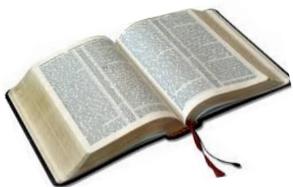
Lent is about getting to know the Master who invests us with His talents, His resources, His earth, His lost sheep, His pasture, & His Church. Lent is a deliberate choice to put us (rightly) in second place, and to signify that by way of fasting from something we would otherwise need or routinely use for ourselves. Lent is getting to know Him and getting focused on His work, His doings. It's using one of our key talents (time & time-management) for Him.

To be honest, this is the only reason I would ever sacrifice anything for Lent - to specially focus myself on the Master & His Church, to give up something important to me in order to focus more on Him. Any other reason at all, whether tradition, liturgy, duty, or whatever, seems to fall so short of what Lent could & should be for us. As Jesus told us, Sabbaths & Sabbath practices are for our benefit - to get us close to Him.

So we don't want to fall into the trap the last guy did, who thought he knew the Master, but didn't really. He presumed, he assumed, and the result was bad for him. He wasted the Master's time & talent. God has been incredibly good to us; He gives us abilities, He invests everything in us. Let's use Lent, and let's use every season, to honor what He's given us!

Blessings! Pastor Chris

March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



5th:	"Setting Off"	Jonah 1
12th:	"Not a Hero"	Jonah 2
19th:	"A Second Chance"	Jonah 3
26th:	"What's stopping you?"	Jonah 4

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on February 12th. All members were in attendance.

Steven Welsh was examined, at the meeting, and installed on February 19th to the c/o 2019. Thank you, Steven, for your willingness to serve.

We received a report from Elder, Dick McCutchen, on the Presbytery meeting he attended in January at Eden PC in Eden, NC

We will alternate hosting Lenten lunches, with Bethlehem UMC, on Wednesday's, during Lent. (See Lenten schedule, on next page)

Please note that we have different committees, within our Church. If you have an idea or suggestion, please contact a committee chairman (listed on back of Worship bulletin).

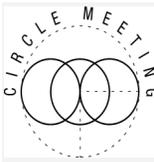
Please continue to pray for our officers and our pastor, as we make decisions for our Church.

If we can help in any way, please call me at 803.229.5307 or the Church at 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: March 12th @ 8:00 am

February 2017 Statistics	
Average Attendance: SS - 45 Worship - 64	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$12,160.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,731.90
YTD Income received:	\$22,407.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$29,010.03
Budgeted YTD Income:	\$34,922.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$30,191.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$790.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,215.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41



Circle Hostesses for March

Night (20th) Ann Cooper
Morning (21st) @ Laura Latimer's

***Note: Morning Circle will leave @ 9:15 to travel to Camden for our March meeting @ Laura's. Please meet in the Church parking lot to carpool**

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL
***Ray Drayton & Steven Welsh**
 *denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



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

Host: Chris Parnell
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Elder Class of 2020

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**

2017 Elder Nomination Committee Members

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Cindy Welsh, Chair | Wendy Welch, Co-Chair |
| T-Bo Ellen | Betsy Bramlett |
| Marilyn Adams | Devin Atkinson |

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



Visit
the Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND members

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

MARCH HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
5th	The Kirven Family	Kerry Frazier
12th	OPEN	Cindy Welsh
19th	Jennifer McCutchen	Meredith Gaskins
26th	Jimmy McCutchen	Wendy Welch

Happy Birthday

March

April

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	Kathryn Hart	19
English Cooper	20	Tyner Bramlett	20
Tyson Eckley	22	Caroline McCutchen	20
Louis Shirley	22	Devin Atkinson	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		

LENT 2017



Community Ash Service
Bethlehem UM Church
March 1st @ 6:00 pm
Everyone is invited

~ **Lenten Lunch Schedule** ~
Wednesday's @ 12:00

BUMC: March 1st, 15th & 29th
BPC: March 8th & 22nd, & April 5th
 A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend. A love offering will be collected for missions

Thank You  *Thank you for all your prayers and concerns for my cousin, Gaye Carnes, during her illness and subsequent death. Our entire family thanks the Women of the Church who prepared refreshments for us, after the graveside service. I'm so grateful to be a part of such a loving, kind, and caring body of believers. -- Yours in Christ, T-Bo Ellen*

Thank you for your continued prayers & concerns for my great-nephew, Jared Winburn. He was born with, and will continue to have, heart issues, but knowing that he can count on your prayers is a relief for our family. -- In Christian Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Family Night Supper

March 26th at 6:00 p.m.
Bring a covered-dish and join us!

Bible Study

Sunday's @ 5:30 pm, unless we have an evening program scheduled
 Open to anyone who wishes to participate
 Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com
 or text 803.459.6800



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 p.m.
Please meet in the Session room

Confirmation

Confirmation Class
Monday's @ 5:30 p.m.
 beginning February 6th
 for youth interested in becoming members or to learn more about our church, faith, denomination
 Course materials & light refreshments provided
 The class ends on April 10th

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Justin Medlin
Rev. Dr. Joseph Whitner Kennedy
Annie Green

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)

The Pre-Teen SS classes are accepting Operation Christmas Child shoebox donations
 Needed: Empty pill bottles, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes
 Please see Fellowship Hall exhibit, as needs change

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April At A Glance

1st: Kids for Christ Yard Sale
2nd: LCCM Food donations
5th: Last Lenten Lunch @ BPC
9th: Palm Sunday / Session
 Confirmands join Church
13th: Maundy Communion @ BPC
 Church office closed
14th: Good Friday service @ BUMC
15th: Easter Egg hunt (BUMC hosts)

16th: Easter Sunrise & breakfast
 Confirmands presented
17th: Night Circle / Office closed
18th: Morning Circle
19th: Men of Church
25th: Finance Meeting
28-29: Presbytery mtg @ River Oaks
 Confirmation Classes
 Monday's @ 5:30 pm



April 2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
 Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
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BISHOPVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EOC: *Dick McCutchen & Cindy Welsh

Calendar of Events

- Saturday, 1st:** 7:00 a.m. Kids for Christ Yard Sale @ BPC
- Sunday, 2nd:** Fifth Sunday of Lent / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Kerry & Steven Frazier Family
- Wednesday, 5th:** 12:00 p.m. Last Lenten lunch @ BPC
- Sunday, 9th:** Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Stated Session (w/confirmands)
Coffee Hour: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
- Thursday, 13th:** Church Office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Maundy Communion Service @ BPC
- Friday, 14th:** 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service @ BUMC
- Saturday, 15th:** 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @ Dawn Ellen's (BUMC hosts)
- Sunday, 16th:** Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise service & breakfast
Coffee Hour: Young Adult SS Class
Flowers: Isabelle McCutchen
- Monday, 17th:** Church Office closed for vacation
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Jennifer McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 18th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Susan Cline)
- Wednesday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 23rd:** Second Sunday after Easter
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett/ Betty Heriot
- Tuesday, 25th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- April 28-29th:** Stated Presbytery meeting @ River Oaks PC, Clemmons NC
- Sunday, 30th:** Third Sunday after Easter
Coffee Hour: Church supplied
Flowers: Family of Rob McCutchen, Jr.

The Flower Calendar is OPEN April 9th and April 23rd

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed: April 12th - 17th for holiday & vacation

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Ignatius, the pastor of the church at Antioch, had been convicted under the Roman Emperor Trajan for being a Christian. He was transported from Syria to Rome, where he would meet his end facing the “wild beasts” of the Colosseum.

During his travel to Rome, he stopped in Smyrna, where he was visited by the pastor & leaders of the church at Ephesus. Ignatius wrote a letter to the Ephesian Church, in which he included a beautiful poem about Jesus:

*“There is only one Physician –
 Very flesh, yet Spirit, too;
 Uncreated, and yet born;
 God-and-Man in One agreed,
 Very-Life-in-Death indeed,
 Fruit of God and Mary’s seed;
 At once impassible and torn
 By pain and suffering here below:
 Jesus Christ, whom as our Lord we know.”*

Maybe these were the words of an ancient hymn, or maybe Ignatius was a talented poet. Whichever the case, when I read this story, I was struck by the attitude of my fellow pastor. He’s on his way to die. He’s under a death sentence for professing his faith in Jesus rather than submitting to the god of Rome, the Emperor. And yet his entire letter centers not on his own situation, but instead focuses on taking care of the churches & pastors with whom he serves. Even on his way to die, Pastor Ignatius just wants to be a pastor.

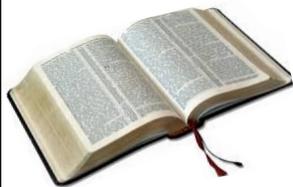
Ignatius & his church lived in very dangerous times to be Christian. In those wild days between the deaths of the last Apostles and the conversion of Emperor Constantine, the Church faced frequent threats and challenges. There were always outsiders who hated the Church, pagans and religious people who viewed the Christians as a strange kind of threat to their lifestyles. There was the Roman Emperor’s cult, a sort of government-worship where the authority of Rome itself was worshipped as god. Then, of course, there was that ancient spiritual enemy at work, Satan, who influenced people to try and corrupt the Church’s beliefs.

In a lot of ways, we’re incredibly blessed to live in a very different day and age from our post-Apostolic brothers & sisters. But we must never forget that, like Ignatius and his church, we too have enemies. There are atheists, pagans, & followers of false religions who love nothing more than to tear the Church down and celebrate the failings of Christians and their ministers. Just read any article written about a celebrity pastor’s fall. There are those who believe—rather sadly—that government is the most important “god” or savior. They look to the government and its power for answers first, rather than to God. But above all else, never forget the reality of that ancient spiritual enemy Satan, still hard at work today.

The Apostle Peter, another pastor through & through, says, *“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed”* (1 Peter 4:12-13). But how can we do this? How can we rejoice in persecution or suffering? How can we help each other—like so many of our brothers and sisters today who are persecuted? What can we do?

Pastor Ignatius, under a Roman death-sentence for his faith, says to the Ephesians and indeed, to us, too: *“embrace His present grace”*. Take what Jesus has given you—His love, His sacrifice, His power, His Cross, His family—and live in that in whatever situation you find yourself. Like the Ephesians, go to and pray for those under active persecution, praising God for their own peace, while asking for peace for their brothers and sisters, and using their resources to better the lives of those they can. Embrace His present grace; live in the Savior, rejoice and be glad—and He is glorified. *Hallelujah! - - Pastor Chris*

April Sermons & Scriptures



2nd:	<i>“Climbing & Watching”</i>	Psalm 130
9th:	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Matthew 2:1; 1-11
13th:	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	John 13
16th:	<i>Easter</i>	Matthew 28:1-10
23rd:	<i>“Sealed With the Spirit”</i>	Ephesians 1:3-14
30th:	<i>“Access to the Spirit”</i>	Ephesians 2:11-22

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on March 12th. This was the first day of Daylight Saving time and it was also snowing! All but 2 members were in attendance.

The Elder Nominating ballots are in each SS class, Church office and Sanctuary. Nominations are accepted through March 31st. If you do not want to be considered, please contact the office

We approved the Kids for Christ to hold a yard sale at the Church on April 1st and the Garden Club to use the parking lot, for a plant sale, on May 6th.

If the Session can help you, in any way, please call me at 803.229.5307 or the Church at 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: April 9th @ 8:00 am

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL
***Dick McCutchen & Cindy Welsh**
 *denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Confirmation

2017 Confirmation Class

- Avarie Grace Easters
- Claire Ashley Parnell
- Mary Katherine Parnell

We are proud to announce that these 3 girls will be joining our Church family on Palm Sunday, just in time for their 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday, and will be presented to the congregation on Easter Sunday. Please keep them in your daily prayers!

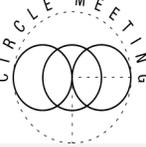


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Our HOMEBOUND Members

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

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Average Attendance: SS - 37 Worship - 66	
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$15,169.10
YTD Income received:	\$37,576.10
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$52,383.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$19,516.69
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$48,526.72
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$50,265.00
<u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$550.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,765.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
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Circle Hostesses for April
Night (17th) ... Jennifer McCutchen
Morning (18th) Susan Cline
 *Note: Morning Circle meets in FH



Men of Church
Wednesday, April 19th
7:00 p.m.
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Please contact the Church office if your child will be graduating from high school or college this year

Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 25th
3:30 p.m.



APRIL HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
2nd	Kayla McCutchen	Jill McElveen
9th	Marsha McCutchen	Missy Kirven
16th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Debbie Tindal
23rd	Bubba Muldrow	Betsy Bramlett
30th	Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen	Charlie & Virginia Ipock

Happy Birthday



Gwen Steinmeyer	2	Madison Bramlett	7
Melinda Atkinson	3	Zeke Gaskins	7
Kerry W. Frazier	3	Hank Welch	8
Zach Scott	3	Jimmy McCutchen	13
Dot Cothran	4	Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13
Kathryn Welch	4	Beth McCutchen	17
Ollie Broadway	6	Nicholas Jeffords	23
Belle S. Branham	10	Ricky McCutchen	23
Reneé Bell	13	Katherine Folsom	25
Doris Bell	14	Virginia Kerr Beard	28
Kathryn Hart	19	Debbie Tindal	28
Tyner Bramlett	20	Tim Kirven	31
Caroline McCutchen	20		
Devin Atkinson	22		
Susan L. Hilditch	23		
Weston Jeffords	25		
Ryan McCutchen	25		
Sarah McCutchen	26		
Gregg McCutchen III	27		



Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

~ Community Events ~

- Maundy Communion: April 13th @ 7 pm**
Bishopville PC
- Good Friday Service: April 14th @ 6 pm**
Bethlehem UMC
- Easter Sunrise & breakfast: Apr. 16 @ 7 am**
Bishopville PC

Kids for Christ Mission Yard-Sale Saturday, April 1st 7:00 a.m.



Please come out to the Church and show your support for our children as they grow and share in Christ, through all their Mission works

Happy Easter!



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15th 11:00 am

Home of Bob & Dawn Ellen
88 Ellen Circle, Bishopville

The church will furnish hotdogs and each family is asked to bring chips, dessert or drinks and each child should bring 1 dozen candy filled eggs. The hunt will be cancelled in case of inclement weather
Hosted by Bethlehem United Methodist Church



Sunday's @ 5:30 pm, unless we have an evening program scheduled
Open to all who wishes to participate
Email questions to:
parnellcm@yahoo.com
or text 803.459.6800



Kids for Christ Annual Bake Sale
Sunday, April 9th, at coffee hour
Coin jars will be collected @ worship service. All donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

William Boyd "Bill" Simon, Sr.

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)



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 p.m.
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Needed: Empty pill bottles, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes
Please see Fellowship Hall exhibit, as needs change

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May At A Glance

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| 3rd: VBS training @ BUMC | 16th: Morning Circle |
| 4th: National Day of Prayer | 17th: Men of Church |
| 6th: Garden Club plant sale
eVideo Bible Study in FH | 19th: REL Graduation |
| 7th: LCCM Food donations / Baptism | 21st: Session Meeting
Elder election - C/O 2020 |
| 9th: Finance Meeting | 24-29: Church Office closed |
| 10th: UDC service in FH & cemetery | 29th: Memorial Day |
| 14th: Mother's Day / Baccalaureate | |

MEMORIAL DAY



Mother's Day

MAY
2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

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

Key Officers and Staff

Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Matt Bramlett, Assistant Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



Bishopville Presbyterian Church
 EOC: *Gregg McCutchen & Matt Bramlett

May Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, 3rd:** 5:30 p.m. VBS training @ Bethlehem UMC
- Thursday, 4th:** 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Sanctuary open for National Day of Prayer
- Saturday, 6th:** Garden Club Plant Sale in South parking lot
 9:00 a.m. eVideo Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, 7th:** Fourth Sunday after Easter / LCCM food collection
 11:00 a.m. Rawlinson Crues Smith baptism
 Coffee Hour: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt
 Flowers: Lila Mae Welch Family
- Tuesday, 9th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, 10th:** 3:00 p.m. UDC ceremony in FH & Cemetery
- Sunday, 14th:** Mother's Day - Fifth Sunday after Easter
 11:00 p.m. Church Baccalaureate Service
 Coffee Hour: Young Adult SS Class
 Flowers: Thomas English McCutchen
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Susan Cline)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Leon Hunt)
- Friday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. REL Graduation
- Sunday, 21st:** Sixth Sunday after Easter
 8:00 a.m. Stated Session
 11:00 a.m. Elder election c/o 2020
 Coffee Hour: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
 Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- Thursday, 25th:** Church Office closed for vacation
- Sunday, 28th:** Seventh Sunday after Easter
 Coffee: Aaron & Kim Easters
 Flowers: Cathcart Family
- Monday, 29th:** Church Office closed for Memorial Day holiday

Flower Calendar OPEN: June 18th & 25th; July 16th & 30th; Aug. 27th; Sept. 3rd & 17th
Please contact the Church office if you wish to have one of these dates

<p>Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed: May 24th - 29th for holiday & vacation</p>	<p>Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office for printed materials</p>
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LCCM May Collection ~ CANNED FRUITS ~
 Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, May 7th for our monthly Altar collection
 Please always remember those less fortunate



From the Pastor's Desk



I often joke with my wife that I've become a little 'superstitious' about my laptop. After all, it's survived 3 moves, 3 kids, 3 churches, 3 operating systems, and 1 major car wreck - I can't even wear the same shoes after all that! So I put up with my laptop's little quirks and issues. One of the smallest quirks I've noticed about it is, after so many years, sermons, articles, and so on, I've got some rather "worn-looking keys" on the keyboard. Just look at my poor worn-out spacebar, for instance; I must bang on that thing all day long! Now, some keys on my & on every keyboard get used more than others - it's just that we don't always keep a computer long enough to see how it happens.

Sometimes we notice the same thing happening in places other than keyboards. Sometimes, in fact, we might feel like we're that lonely letter 'q', all the way up in the top corner, unnoticed, unappreciated, & unused. We look around the church and see others doing what they do & being applauded for it, and we feel like our contributions are so... insignificant. 'I'm not doing *that*,' we think, 'so what I'm doing must not be so important for the church.' We might even feel like just hanging it up and not doing anything at all. We might feel like we shouldn't speak up or we should simply sit & warm a pew and nothing else. But is that what God wants for us? Is that what our church needs from us? What should we do?

In his first sermon after Jesus' ascension, Peter one of the most-used & best known of Jesus' 1st Church says something curious. He quotes from the Old Testament about God's plan: "*But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy'*" (Acts 2:16-18). God's plan, Peter tells us, incorporates both the young & old, the important & unimportant, the great & the small. God's plan, Peter says, is to send out & use every member of His Church!

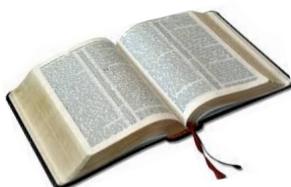
Now my fear is, we've become so acquainted with the stories of the Bible that we've lost a little of the wonder of what's happening there outside the Temple in Acts 2. What Peter (& Joel before him) declares is that when God pours out His Spirit on His Church, He pours it out on each & every person who makes up that Church - therefore each & every person in the Church has an important, Holy-Spirit empowered job to do! In Joel's day, as in Peter's, certain people were considered more valuable than others. Yet God, throughout the Bible, is shown to use those "less valuable" people all the time to do incredible things!

Think about it - 12 untrained nobodies from Redneckville, Israel found an organization that lasts thousands of years! A farmer's youngest boy kills a giant & becomes the king! A braggart little kid whose own brothers can't stand him saves not only his own family, but an entire country! An unloving preacher rescues a major city from certain doom! You couldn't sell these stories to Hollywood, but this is the history of our faith!

This is something the Church has affirmed & reaffirmed throughout its history: "*[The Holy Spirit] calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God*" -Westminster Confession of Faith, 34.4 (EPC Modern Language Version). To put it plainly, God has equipped every single Christian in the Church - no one is left out, and no ministry goes unequipped, and no Christian is unneeded for his or her church!

So what does that mean? It means that **you** can do what God makes you & calls you & equips you to do! And the wonder of it all is that, no matter who 'you' are, you're called, equipped, & created by God to do something you alone can do for His Church! Listen to Peter & Joel - you're never too young or old, too male or female, too rich or poor, too free or enslaved. God has poured His Spirit on you! And so we as the Church are deliberately connected; we're like a body, or like my keyboard. We need each other, and without each other, we're not the Church we can be. So let's notice each other and appreciate how God has brought each of us into our fellowship and our ministries. We each have a role to play, and a God who equips each of us and all of us for the incredible work - work we can't even imagine - that He'll be accomplishing through us & our Church. Blessings! - - *Pastor Chris*

May Sermons & Scriptures



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| 7th: | <i>"Strength From the Spirit"</i> | Ephesians 3:14-21 |
| 14th: | <i>"Walking In the Spirit"</i> | Ephesians 4:1-16 |
| 21st: | <i>"Life In the Spirit"</i> | Ephesians 5:11-21 |
| 28th: | <i>"The Sword Of the Spirit"</i> | Ephesians 6:10-20 |

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on April 9th and we had the pleasure of receiving three new confirmands into our Church: Avarie Easters, Claire Parnell and Mary Parnell. Rev. Parnell asked them several questions which they all answered correctly. All three girls were presented to the congregation and received a new Study Bible, signed by all Session members, during the morning worship service on Easter.

I couldn't help but remember 60 years ago, when I was almost 7, that I joined the Church on an Easter morning.

We approved the baptism of two infants; Rawlinson Crues Smith, son of Blake & Catherine Bell Smith and William Clyburn Ipock, son of Charlie & Virginia Clyburn Ipock.

If the Session can help you, in any way, please call me at 803.229.5307 or the Church at 803.484.5441.

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: May 21st @ 8:00 am

MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Gregg McCutchen & Matt Bramlett**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Congregational Meeting
 Elder Election c/o 2020**

Sunday, May 21st



The following names have been submitted from the Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2020 Elders:

- **Aaron Easters**
- **Steven Frazier**
- **Charlie Ipock**

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

2017 Elder Nomination Committee

Cindy Welsh, Chair T-Bo Ellen
 Wendy Welch, Co-Chair Marilyn Adams
 Betsy Bramlett Devin Atkinson

**April 2017 Statistics
 As of April 27th**

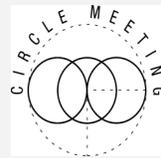
Average Attendance: SS - 41 Worship - 82

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$10,418.00
YTD Income received:	\$47,994.10
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$69,844.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,724.16
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$66,250.88
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$68,385.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$761.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,625.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41



Circle Hostesses for May

No Night Circle in May

Morning (16th) Susan Cline

***Note: Morning Circle meets in FH**



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

Dr. Leon Hunt will host
 Join us for good food & fellowship



Our HOMEBOUND Members

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

MAY HELPER CALENDARS

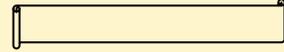
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
7th	Janice Reynolds	Kerry Frazier
14th	Shirley Wallace	Cindy Welsh
21st	Judith Watkins	Meredith Gaskins
28th	William Watkins	Wendy Welch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY May June

Madison Bramlett	7	Harrison Blake Smith	4
Zeke Gaskins	7	Stephen Welch	6
Hank Welch	8	Ray Drayton	8
Jimmy McCutchen	13	Cameron McElveen	10
Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13	Conner Welch	13
Beth McCutchen	17	Lacie McElveen	14
Nicholas Jeffords	23	Rev. Chris Parnell	14
Ricky McCutchen	23	Jenny McCutchen	15
Katherine Folsom	25	Marsha McCutchen	16
Virginia Kerr Beard	28	Hugh Tindal III	16
Debbie Tindal	28	Katherine Dickinson	17
Tim Kirven	31	Patrick Jeffords	23
		Patricia Latimer	25
		Liz Simon	25



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to **Rawlinson Crues Smith, on Sunday, May 7th**. Rawlins is the son of Blake & Catherine Bell Smith and brother of Harrison Smith; the grandson of Crues & Renee Bell and Jake & Mary Willa Smith; and the great-grandson of John & Doris Bell



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to **William Clyburn Ipock on Sunday, June 4th**. William is the son of Charlie & Virginia Clyburn Ipock and brother of Covington Ipock; the grandson of Billy Clyburn & Jane Clyburn; and the great-grandson of the late Sara Sutherland

Church Office Closed
May 25th - Vacation Day
May 29th - Memorial Day



Thursday, May 4th
 The Sanctuary will be open for 20 minute prayer intervals from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, if interested



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unless an evening program is scheduled
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 text to: 803.459.6800

Jewish Voice Ministries International
The Kids for Christ Ministry raised \$701.00 from their bake sale & coin jar collection! Donations were sent to Jewish Voice Ministries. Through our support, indigent people in many countries receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, if needed, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Yeshua (Jesus). Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people



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Tues. May 9th @ 3:30 p.m.



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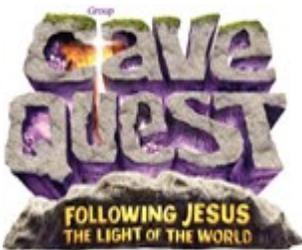
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Our April Visitors
Gene & Claire Williamson
Phillip & Teresa Jordan
Timothy & Ann McIlhenny

Vacation Bible School



Sunday - Wednesday
JUNE 11th - 14th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Registration is Sunday, June 11th @ 5:30

We will have a training Session for all leaders on Wednesday, May 3rd @ 5:30 p.m. at BUMC in the Atkinson Center. Leaders are still needed. Please contact Cindy Welsh with any questions

Feed My Starving Children
Benefit Concert
Mayesville PC
Thursday, May 11th
7:00 p.m.



Baccalaureate Service **Sunday, May 14th**

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 & wear graduation attire. We will also recognize our college graduates. Please notify the Church office of student awards and honors to be published in the June SCROLL.

2017 BPC High School Graduate

- **Anna Grace Kirven**
 Robert E. Lee Academy
 May 19th

Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
 Granddaughter of Diane & William McElveen

REL Baccalaureate: May 14th @ 7:00 p.m.
 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church

REL Graduation: May 19th @ 7:00 pm in the REL Gymnasium

Re-Live the Priscilla Shirer eBible Simulcast
Saturday, May 6th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
BPC Fellowship Hall

The cost is \$10/pp and can be paid at the door. Please RSVP, before May 5th, by contacting Susan Cline (803.240.1309) or Bert Cousar (803.484.5232)
 We hope to see you there

A Confederate Memorial Day service will be held on **May 10th @ 3:00 pm**. A brief dedication service and refreshments will be in our Fellowship Hall with grave markings to follow. Everyone is welcome to come honor our heritage and ancestors

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for all the birthday wishes, gifts, and for my beautiful flowers and plant. I pray that each of you has a wonderful year ahead! Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Many, Many, Thanks to everyone for all the prayers on behalf of my sister, Esther Norris. She is finally at home and recuperating. With Love, Jackie Drayton

FOUND: A silver bracelet, during Easter. Please contact the Church office, with description, to claim



April 16th, 2017

Dear Supporting Churches,

As the Easter season ends, may the truth that Jesus is alive encourage us and give us joy as we serve Him. The choir cantata "Hallelujah, Jesus Lives," which I just played with the choir, always stirs my emotions. His resurrection gives us hope and strength for each day and for the future.

I am writing this letter specifically for our supporting churches, but I will also include some of this information in the general letter that will be going out soon. This letter is being sent to you all because an immediate need has come to our attention, but we are also seeking to assist the San Pablo Seminary in a long-term capacity. We are seeking to help the Seminary form partnerships that will come alongside it and enable it to continually offer more possibilities to those who would like to train to serve the Lord as pastors or music ministers here in Yucatan and the rest of Mexico.

Most of you are aware of the exponential growth the Presbyterian Church has experienced in Mexico and especially our southeastern state of Yucatan. We often share of the difficulty in meeting the needs of the churches as most pastors have anywhere from two to four churches or congregations to tend to. There simply are not enough leaders and trained ministers to meet the needs of the growing church. At the same time, many of the churches are in remote village areas that are extremely poor and are scarcely able to support a trained pastor or to help someone within their community receive training to serve in their churches. I have mentioned in my recent letters that the San Pablo Seminary has reached a crisis situation. The declining economy of Mexico is the leading factor in the low number of incoming students- only 2 in the School of Theology and none in the School of Music. This has placed a terrific strain on the seminary's finances. Regular expenses like payment of salaries, maintenance and food can barely be met. In addition to this, the seminary property was rezoned last year from an agrarian communal property to a residential property. The re-assessed property taxes more than tripled what they used to be. Because the seminary was unable to pay the property tax bill at the end of last year, a fine has been imposed on the combined bills for last year and now this year. We fear that if something is not done to help the Seminary cover this debt, the entire property- including that upon which our home is built- will be lost. The Seminary board has begun the process of legal recognition as a "religious, non-profit association" which would lower future taxes significantly, but at this point they still owe approximately \$15,000 USD in fines and taxes.

Our family is planning to take out a loan to cover as much of this cost as possible, but we are sharing the situation with you in case you are able and feel led to help in some way. The immediate need is to help the seminary recover from the debt resulting from property taxes. The long-range need, however, is for churches and individuals to help us set up a scholarship fund in order to be able to offer scholarships to students who desire to receive training for ministry but lack the necessary funds to study and/or live here in Merida during the time they are studying. As full and partial scholarships are able to be offered, the Seminary would once again be able to meet its financial needs.

Daniel's church in St. Louis, MO, has agreed to be the conduit for any funds sent to assist the Seminary in this matter. They will not withhold any percentage for handling charges and will issue tax-deductible receipts. Any gifts sent to this address, with a note on the memo line stating "Merida, San Pablo," will aid with the property tax situation and begin a scholarship fund:

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2143 North Ballas Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

I will be visiting some of you in June, specifically in the Detroit and Philadelphia areas, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter. We are looking to the Lord to direct us and show us His will in this situation and all it entails. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for all you do on behalf of our ministry and that of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico.

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

NOTE- For general missionary support to our family, Son Raise Missionary Services will continue to be the organization to which gifts may be sent

April 18th, 2017
Yesterday's high: 105°
Last night's low: 79°



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

“When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!”

The heat has caught up with us after a very warm winter, the hottest on record. It has been above 100 degrees for days. Since there is no rain, everything is extremely dry and easily catches fire. The wind caused a tree branch to touch the electric lines just outside of the Seminary and a spark landed on the grass and burned a large portion of it before it could be contained. Thankfully, no one was injured and the fire department was able to stop the fire before it reached the neighboring properties.

The School of Music is preparing for a 4-day music/liturgy conference to be held June 5th-8th with a 100-voice choir of current students and alumni. Graduation will follow on June 9th. We are praying there will be a larger incoming class in August. There were about 10 students who had expressed a desire to start their studies this year, however, when classes started in August there were only two new students in the School of Theology and none in the School of Music. The leading reason for this lack of enrollment is the declining economy that makes it difficult for students to pay tuition and living expenses while studying. The students who were able to enroll are from larger churches in cities where more jobs are available. The students from smaller villages and more remote areas are able to receive little, if any, financial support from their sending churches. The need for a scholarship fund to be set up through the Seminary is critical so that total or partial scholarships are able to be offered to those who need it. The lack of incoming students to the Seminary has put a tremendous strain on the Seminary. They are finding it difficult to pay teacher salaries, regular maintenance, and food for those who live on-campus. In addition to this, property taxes have tripled and have not been able to be paid since last year.

The Seminary is facing a debt of about \$15,000 USD in property taxes and fines, and we are seeking ways to pay it while helping to bring a long-term solution. We hope to start a regular scholarship fund that would enable students to enroll and finish their theological or music studies. The Seminary is also seeking legal status as a “religious, non-profit organization” in order to reduce their tax rates. Daniel’s church has been actively participating in this crisis. They have agreed to be a conduit for assistance sent to help cover the property taxes and/or to start a scholarship fund. The church will issue tax-deductible receipts without charging a handling fee. Gifts designated to this cause could be sent to:

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2143 North Ballas Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

Please note Merida, San Pablo, on the memo line



We have enjoyed the visit of Dr. Will Ackles the past two months. He has been here teaching two courses at the Seminary and helping in so many ways- chauffeuring, preaching, and serving communion to remote village churches. Since I now only drive to places that are less than a mile from home, his willingness to take me to stores, banks and places I am not easily able to get to was so appreciated.

The choir presented the Easter Cantata "Hallelujah, Christ is Alive," by John Peterson, in various churches near and far. I struggled to re-learn it because note-reading is practically impossible. A year from now, plans are being made to do a choir tour to the neighboring state of Chiapas (8-10 hrs. away) with the same cantata. I made the commitment to accompany the choir on that trip.

During the month of June I will be traveling to Michigan (June 10-19) and Pennsylvania (June 19-28) to visit supporting churches and friends. On July 15th, the camp Porvenir will celebrate 50 years at its present location. My son Daniel will be here with Alyssa, his 15 year-old daughter, as well as Mark and his family, and Debbie with hers. Daniel will be at home one week, and then a group of about 25 people from his church will be arriving to continue a construction project and assist with VBS in the village of Citilcum.

My life has been different this school year with no first year piano students to teach. It is amazing how quickly one's schedule fills up, though, and my days have been filled with oversight of the house, preparing simple instant oatmeal or cereal breakfasts for the seminary students, caring for Diego and taking him to nursery school, setting up for the evening suppers of on-campus seminary students, going to choir practice twice a week, playing the piano at church and also visiting village congregations on weekends. Debbie continues teaching in Merida Christian School (homeschool co-op) in the mornings, at Schoolhouse teaching English in the afternoons, and preparing suppers for 11 students in the evenings. Mark's church continues to grow. Ellie is doing well in her studies in PA, and John has joined a Bible School that meets at Mark's church on Saturday mornings. Daniel and his family in St. Louis also stay busy with school and sports schedules for my three grandchildren: Alyssa, Caleb and Owen. Daniel serves on the missions committee and as an elder at his church. It is a joy to see God's faithfulness to our children and their children, all serving Him through every activity in which they are involved.

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of our arrival in Mexico in 1967. Looking back over the years, I can see how God has sustained His work here, and caused it to expand. We place in His hands the solution for the Seminary and Camp and the sudden rise in property taxes for both. We know His kingdom here in Yucatan is growing tremendously. To Him be the glory and praise.

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

If you would like to send a tax-deductible gift to our ministry (separate from those designated for the Seminary concerns I mentioned), please make your check out to SRMS with a note on the memo section and mail it to:

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June At A Glance

4th: LCCM Food donations / Baptism
Day of Pentecost
5th: Finance Meeting
11th: Trinity Sunday / Stated Session
Vacation Bible School begins
11-14: Vacation Bible School
15th: Church Office closed
18th: Father's Day

19-23: General Assembly, California
20-26: Chris & family in California
25th: Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit
Salkehatchie team luncheon
26th: Office closes @ 12:00
28th: Salkehatchie all teams lunch
June 28th - July 5th: Office closed
Vacation & holiday

**Vacation
Bible
School**

June 11th
register @ 5:30

June 12th - 14th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bethlehem United
Methodist Church

**June
2017**

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

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

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JUNE

Bishopville Presbyterian Church
EOC: *Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch

June Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 4th:** Day of Pentecost / LCCM food collection
11:00 a.m. William Clyburn Ipock baptism
Coffee Hour: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: William Welsh Family
- Monday, 5th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Sunday, 11th:** Trinity Sunday
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
5:30 p.m. VBS Registration
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Joint Vacation Bible School @ BUMC
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen, Jackie Drayton, Margery Jeffords
Flowers: Dot Wilson Family
- Monday, 12th:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- Tuesday, 13th:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- Wednesday, 14th:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- Thursday, 15th:** Church Office Closed
- Sunday, 18th:** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day
Coffee Hour: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
- 20th - 23rd:** General Assembly in Sacramento, Ca.
- Saturday, 24th:** Salkehatchie teams in Lee County, until July 1st
- Sunday, 25th:** Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit / Salkehatchie visitors
12:00 p.m. Feed 1 Salkehatchie team
Coffee: William & Judith Watkins
- Monday, 26th:** Church Office closes @ 12:00 noon today (for appt.)
- Wednesday, 28th:** 12:00 p.m. Feed all Salkehatchie teams
- Thursday, 29th:** Church Office closed for vacation

Rev. Parnell out of office: June 6th - 10th and June 19th - 26th

Flower Calendar OPEN: June 18th & 25th; July 16th & 30th; Aug. 27th; Sept. 3rd & 17th
Please contact the Church office if you wish to have one of these dates

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9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed: June 15th &
June 29th - July 5th for holiday & vacation

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LCCM June Collection ~ CANNED VEGETABLES ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
Sunday, June 4th for our monthly Altar collection
Please always remember those less fortunate



From the Pastor's Desk

I can still remember the blizzard of 1988: I was in Starr-Iva Middle School at the time, and for Christmas I'd gotten a GI Joe snowmobile toy that I desperately wanted to try out on 'real' snow. I got my wish & then some; it snowed on & off for a full week that year, and the snow stayed on the ground another full week. My cousin and I were able to roll a snowball from our yard down the hill into the woods that stayed there until almost April! We were out of school both those weeks. Of course, we paid a price for all that time off in winter—we had to go to school until June 10 that year. I think this is why some people say that no good thing goes unpunished.

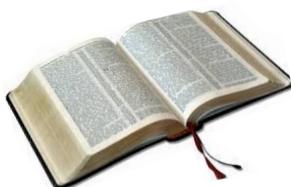
There's something special about summer break, something so special that we hate to let go of it, even for a few days. I think it's part of our shared experience growing up & going to school, and being kids who ourselves looked forward to the freedom and fun of summer. Who didn't love summer trips to the pool (or pond), hanging out with friends to all hours, sleeping in, or going to the beach with family & friends? The idea of "summer" is more than just a hot time of the year—it's a symbolic or cultural symbol, in many ways. Summer is fun, summer is free, and we appreciate summer all the more because of the time we spent away from it before it happened.

Paul makes an interesting statement to the Galatian church in the first sentence of chapter 5 of his letter there: "*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery.*" This is perhaps one of the most beautiful verses in the Bible. David Platt says, "Paul wants his readers to live free. Christ has saved them 'to be free,' and in that freedom they are called to live" (*Christ-Centered Exposition; Exalting Jesus in Galatians*, 2014). What Paul is telling us is that Jesus' goal in freeing us from sin & death is to enable us to live free from sin & death.

It's like the difference between summer vs. winter: In the summer, the world is open, active, alive, warm & welcoming; in the winter, everything is closed, sleeping, dead, cold & barren. CS Lewis illustrated this beautifully in *The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe* by contrasting the world of Narnia before and after the arrival of the Christ-figure Aslan. Before he comes, Narnia is a world of everlasting winter, and afterwards, it comes to life, filled with birdsong, activity, joy, and freedom from tyranny. In some ways, we've lost the sense of difference between the seasons, given our protections from the effects of the cold & winter—and maybe we've lost a little of the wonder of summer, too. But for the Galatians, the contrast would be remarkable. Winter is bondage & darkness; summer is freedom to go, to do, to live in the light.

And this is what Jesus wants for each & every one of us. He wants you and me to live our Christian lives in a sense of remarkable freedom. We're not bound to religious rules or enslaved to religious traditions that exist to protect us from the wrath of an angry God. No, instead, we're given liberty to live free from shame, from death, from despair, and from the misery of a life bound to sin. We're given the freedom to walk in the summer garden of life with God. We're given the freedom to make the right choices, to be forgiven for our wrong choices, and to be allowed to make corrections – and apologies – as the opportunities come to us. We don't have to obey God to save us from His wrath; we can love him & show that love by honoring Him as our Father.

So how do we appreciate the summer of our faith in Christ? The same way we appreciate the summers he gives us after the long winters in our lives. We get out in that life and live it; we "glorify and enjoy" God. And we invite family and friends, neighbors and coworkers to taste the freedom that Jesus gives us—freedom from sin, freedom from wrath, freedom from the winter of the soul. And this sort of freedom is the thing that will thaw out any blizzard. Hallelujah! - - *Pastor Chris*

June Sermons & Scriptures

4th:	<i>"David's Hallelujah"</i>	Psalm 9
11th:	<i>"A Divine Duet"</i>	Psalm 32
18th:	<i>"How Great is My God"</i>	Psalm 150
25th:	Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit	

NEWS from the Session...

The Session would like to congratulate our 2017 graduates: Anna Grace Kirven, high school and Tyner Bramlett, college. We are very proud of both of you!

We would also like to congratulate Aaron Easters, Steven Frazier and Charlie Ipock on being elected as Elders to the class of 2020.

Our Church will be joining Bethlehem United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School on June 11th - 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All ages are welcome & encouraged to attend.

Rev. Parnell will be out of the pulpit on June 25th and Dr. Leon Hunt will fill the pulpit in his absence.

The Session has approved the Nursery for infants through 1st grade, during worship services.

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

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated Meeting: June 11th @ 8:00 am

May 2017 Statistics	
As of May 25th	
Average Attendance: SS - 47 Worship - 81	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$14,604.55
YTD Income received:	\$66,335.65
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$87,305.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,593.12
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$78,844.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$83,173.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses	
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$1,825.00
YTD Income received:	\$4,450.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 p.m.
Please meet in the Session room

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL
***Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch**
 *denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Church Office Closed
June 15th: Vacation Day
June 29th - July 5th: Vacation & Holiday

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, calls and concerns for my brother, Ervin Hayden, who had a difficult quadruple heart bypass. It was through all your love & prayers that God reached down & pulled him through, safely! Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

*Thank you to everyone for all the many prayers, calls, cards, and concerns while I've been in & out of hospitals and rehab. I am just getting on my feet and you don't know how much you miss walking until you've been unable to walk for months. I am so very blessed and humbled by all your love and prayers, you've sent my way and also to the Session members, for taking up my slack, while I'm away. I can't express just how much I REALLY appreciate you all!
 God Bless - In Christian Love, Bobby Thomas*

Visit the Homebound
Our HOMEBOUND Members
Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

JUNE HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
4th	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Jill McElveen
11th	Charlie & Virginia Ipock	Missy Kirven
18th	MaryAnna Welsh	Debbie Tindal
25th	OPEN	Betsy Bramlett

HAPPY BIRTHDAY June July

Harrison Blake Smith	4	William McElveen	5
Stephen Welch	6	Reese Atkinson	8
Ray Drayton	8	Covington Ipock	8
Cameron McElveen	10	Frank Tindal	8
Conner Welch	13	Kim Easters	11
Lacie McElveen	14	Betsy Bramlett	12
Rev. Chris Parnell	14	Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Jenny McCutchen	15	Robin Jeffords	13
Marsha McCutchen	16	Avarie Easters	14
Hugh Tindal III	16	Bob Latimer	14
Katherine Dickinson	17	Allen Corbett	15
Patrick Jeffords	23	Isabelle McCutchen	18
Patricia Latimer	25	Ashley Latimer	21
Liz Simon	25	Libby Corbett	26
		Daphne Dickerson	26
		Ralph DesChamps	30
		William Watkins	31



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to **William Clyburn Ipock**, on **Sunday, June 4th**. William is the son of Charlie & Virginia Clyburn Ipock and brother of Covington Epps Ipock; grandson of Billy Clyburn and Jane Clyburn and great-grandson of the late Sara Sutherland



c/o 2020 Session

- ◆ Aaron Easters
- ◆ Steven Frazier
- ◆ Charlie Ipock

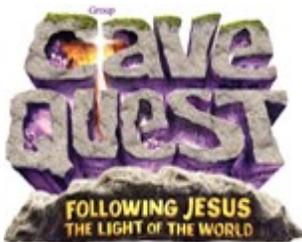


Provided, during worship service, for infants up to 1st grade
Thank you to all our wonderful Nursery volunteers, each Sunday!!!

Vacation Bible School

Sunday - Wednesday
JUNE 11th - 14th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Registration is Sunday, June 11th @ 5:30



First Baptist VBS
June 5th - 9th
9:00 am - 12:15 pm

FOUND: A silver bracelet. Please contact the Church office, with a description, to claim

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Anne McLean Stoudenmire

Tony Southard

John Chappell Beard

Dolly Davis Watson McCutchen

Lloyd McLendon Sutherland

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)

Student/Teacher Awards/Honors will be announced in the July edition of the SCROLL
Please send your info to the Church office (preferably by email)
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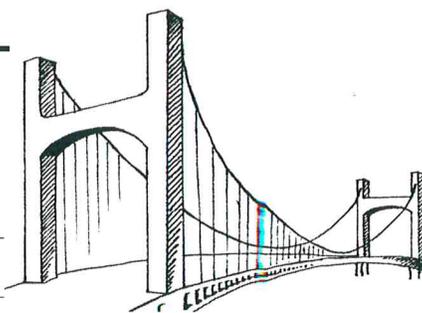
Our Sunday Bible Study will be Postponed until Fall

The Pre-Teen SS classes are accepting **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox donations
Needed: **Toys**, bobby pins, barrettes, costume jewelry and shoeboxes. Drop off in Fellowship Hall

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

May 2017



Recap of 30 years of ministry in the world-wide task of Bible translation

In July 1987 Estelle and I and our five children went to Dallas, Texas to begin our training for ministry in Bible translation. A year later, in 1988, we went to **Tucson, Arizona** to work a one-year internship with our Mexico branch.



In 1991 we went to the small town of Mitla in the state of **Oaxaca** in southern **Mexico**. There we oversaw the administration of our translation study center and the maintenance of apartments, cars, and offices. Then in 1993 we came to **Waxhaw** to work at the **JAARS Center**, where we served in public relations and international shipping.

In 1997 I began doing in-depth exegetical research, preparing **exegetical study helps** for Bible translators in the field, working in 1 Peter, followed by 2 Corinthians, and Romans 1-8. During this time I also completed a Master's degree in Biblical studies at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.



We moved to **Nairobi, Kenya** in 2005, where I taught Biblical Greek and Hebrew, Biblical exegesis, language program planning, sociolinguistics, and Biblical cultures. It was a great experience for our family, just like our time in Mexico had been.



Then in 2007 we returned to **Waxhaw**, where I resumed exegetical research, completing the second volume on Romans (covering chapters 9-16), and two volumes on Matthew's gospel. From 2009 to 2011 I made five trips to **Nigeria** to work in three-week long translation workshops focusing on the Gospel of Luke. During this time Estelle has served as a bookkeeper in our housing office.

In 2013 I began dividing my time between exegetical research and working in **Maritime Services**, helping to get a boat ready for service in the islands east of **Papua New Guinea**. Things took a new turn in 2015 when I began doing **Old Testament** exegetical research, helping prepare exegetical study aids for translators focusing on the Old Testament lectionary readings. This enabled me to use my Hebrew and Latin skills, in addition to Greek, all of which I really enjoyed. In 2016 I discontinued work on the boat, devoting my efforts full-time once again to Biblical exegesis. Now I divide my time between the book of Acts and the Old Testament lectionary project. Researching both Old and New Testament texts gives me some variety in the work, which helps keep me energized for each day's tasks.



In every one of our **thirty years of ministry** we have been supported by the gifts and prayers of partners who want to have a part in touching the world through this ministry. **Thank you for how you have enabled us to do what we do!**

Analyzing 'One like a Son of Man' in Daniel 7:14

As I was studying Daniel 7:14, which was written in Aramaic some five and a half centuries before Christ, I found that it has deep theological significance, as it introduces the title by which Jesus referred to himself more than any other. The Aramaic particle ܐܢܟܐ *kā* 'like' indicates both that he is *like* a man, but also that he is not *just* a man. 'Coming on the clouds of heaven' shows that he is deity, because in over seventy passages in the Old Testament it is God alone who comes on the clouds. Jesus explicitly said that he, the Son of Man, would come in clouds of glory to judge mankind (Mark 13:26, 14:62; Matthew 19:28, 26:64).

That the 'one like a Son of Man' in Daniel 7:14 is deity is confirmed by the fact that he will have an eternal kingdom that will not pass away, which in the Bible is only said of God, and also by the fact that all people will 'serve' him. The Aramaic verb פלח *pālāh* 'serve' is used like the Hebrew verb עבד *avad* and the Greek verb λατρεύω *latreuo*, each of which can be translated either as 'serve' or as 'worship'. When Jesus referred to himself as 'the Son of Man,' he was making an unmistakable claim to deity.

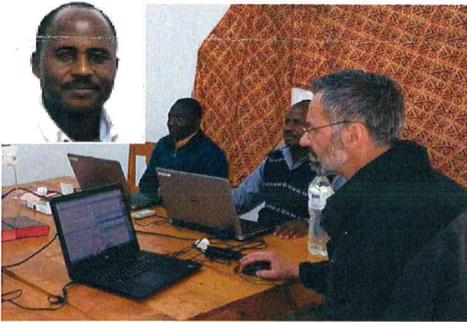
Bible translation – a justice issue

Have you ever thought of Bible translation as addressing an injustice, as righting a wrong? We can say it is a justice issue because it everyone in the world should have access to God's truth in a language that they love and understand best. We should look at it as a basic human right. For too many years large segments of the world's population have had no vernacular scripture available to them. That picture is changing, and God is at work in many places around the world and using many people to right that wrong, but it will still be years before everyone has mother-tongue scripture available, whether in print format, or in audio or video format for those who don't read.



Where are they now?

When I was Nairobi I taught Hebrew, Greek, and Biblical exegesis to students from six African nations. Some of those are working in Bible translation today. Zachayo Swallo and Saul Lwilla (below, at right) are Lutheran pastors working in the Kinga translation project in Tanzania. Safari Mbughi (below, at left) is a Moravian pastor translating in the Kindali language of Tanzania.



Safari (center and inset) working on
the epistle of James

Safari has told me that the income available to him for his translation work is not meeting his family's needs. If you are interested in making a contribution for his work or in ongoing support of that translation project, please let us know and we'll tell you how to do that.



Zachayo (left) and Saul (right) at the
translation desk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

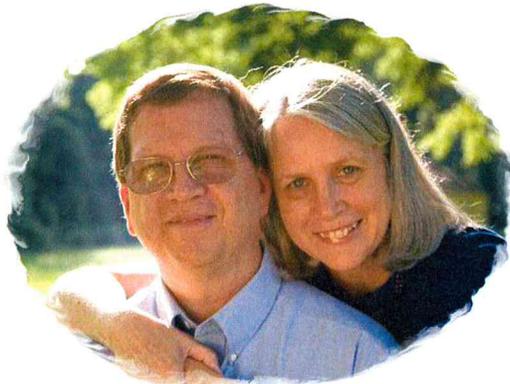
- For the privilege of working in this ministry
- For new financial partners over the last year and a number of special gifts in the last eight months

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Please continue praying...

- For additional financial partners
- For jobs for Jonathan and Emily, and summer employment for Philip



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July At A Glance

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- 2nd: LCCM Food donations
- 3rd - 5th: Church Office closed (holiday)
- 9th: Communion & Cents-Ability
- 16th: Anne Finch speaking in FH
- 17th: Joint Circle (Anne Finch)
- 25th: Finance Meeting (tentative)

August At A Glance

- 13th: Annual Church Picnic
Hosted by Welsh/Frazier's



July 2017



- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship & Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
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July Elders-On-Call: Cindy Welsh & Gregg McCutchen (2nd, 9th, 16th) & Matt Bramlett (23rd & 30th)

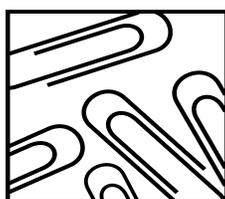
July Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 2nd:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / LCCM food collection
Coffee Hour: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Harriett Watson Family
- Mon-Wed, 3-5:** Church Office closed for holiday/vacation
- Sunday, 9th:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion (Communion Elders: Ray Drayton & Perry McCutchen)
Coffee: Open
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- Sunday, 16th:** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee Hour: Presbyterian Women
9:30 a.m. Guatemalan meeting in FH (Speaker: Anne Finch)
- Monday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Joint Circle meeting in FH (Speaker: Anne Finch)
- Sunday, 23rd:** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- Tuesday, 25th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Sunday, 30th:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Church provided

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Sunday Bible Study
Postponed until Fall



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE



Please contact the Church office if you'd like to be added or changed from any of the Church calendars or Circle groups

Found: A silver bracelet (@ Easter)
Contact the office, with a description, to claim
Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed

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Closed: July 3rd - July 5th for holiday & vacation

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LCCM July Collection ~ CEREALS ~
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Please always remember those less fortunate



From the Pastor's Desk “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” –Matthew 1:1

Someone once asked, “Why do so many of the books of the Bible include genealogies? Why does it matter who begat whom, and that so-and-so is the father of some other person? Why does God want us to know about this sort of stuff? Does it really matter?”

Okay, I confess. It was me, quite a few years ago, admittedly. But I don't think I'm alone in having asked that question about the Bible. Take Numbers, for instance, 4th book of the Bible; its first half is a census report! Flip over to the New Testament, to the stories about Jesus we call Gospels: both Matthew & Luke include lengthy (and very different) lists of Jesus' ancestors. All throughout the Bible there are these interludes, these lists of families, these begats and begottens—what should we do with this information? Most of it refers back to the Old Testament anyway, so why should we bother reading or studying it anyway?

To tell the truth, these are the sections of the Bible that often ‘get’ people who try to read through the Bible over the course of a year. I personally wonder how many well-intentioned Christians' New Years' resolutions have come crashing down every February when they hit the book of Numbers—especially after plodding through the hundreds of laws and statutes in Leviticus. What's the point?

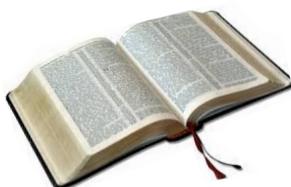
Yes, I know, we've all had preachers who, over our lifetimes, have told us these genealogical charts are beneficial in showing God's love & plan across entire generations of time. These charts also show us our own connections, both to history and to God's working throughout human history. It gives us comfort to see that God is always faithful, to our ancestors, to our parents, and—we can trust—to us, too. I've even *been* a preacher who's taught these very things! But what if there's something more God tells us through these genealogies... There's a great literary technique known as *foreshadowing*, and the reason this is a great literary technique is because it echoes so precisely our own experience with things. How many times has something happened to us, and we look back and can clearly see how that ‘something’ happened? How many times do we say to ourselves, “Of course, I should have known this was going to happen, look at everything that built up to it!” Writers capitalize on this real-life phenomenon and call it foreshadowing—showing what's going to happen by showing the build-up to that happening.

So when we read Jesus' genealogy and read he's the “son of Abraham” we can remember Abraham putting on his ‘only begotten’ son Isaac's back the wood on which he will surely die. When we read that he's the “son of David” we look back on how David's friends and subjects rejected him, and how lonely he was as he walked through the gates of Jerusalem. We see the echoes of Jesus' life & ministry throughout the pages of the Old Testament, from Ruth's faithfulness to Perez' surprising birth. And as far as those seeming ‘nobodies,’ those names not associated with any actual histories, in them we can see how Jesus' story encompasses *everybody*—from the great & powerful King Solomon to the humble Nazareth carpenter Joseph.

So as we come to this month, a month steeped in the history & traditions of our own great nation, let's make some time to look back over the story of the people of the Bible. They aren't just names to God any more than we're just names to Him. They're the lives for whom Jesus did his work. They're the foreshadowing of the great ministry of the Greatest Missionary—Christ Jesus himself. Those who went before us show how we, too, are and will be an ongoing part of Jesus' eternal ministry; and to that we say, “Hallelujah!”

God bless you all –Pastor Chris

July Sermons & Scriptures



2nd:	<i>“The Father of our Nation”</i>	Genesis 12:1-9
9th:	<i>“The First King-Priest”</i>	Genesis 14:17-24
16th:	<i>“Interceding for Whom?”</i>	Genesis 18:17-33
23rd:	<i>“What God will Provide”</i>	Genesis 22:1-8
30th:	<i>“Ready for the Change”</i>	Genesis 24:1-9

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met on June 11th.

We are very excited to announce that Susan Cline has volunteered to offer a summer movie night for teenagers and adults! Schedule TBA

Rev. Parnell and his family attended the 37th General Assembly meeting in Sacramento, Ca., in June. Dr. Leon Hunt filled the pulpit on June 25th, while Chris was away.

We will serve communion on July 9th. If anyone wishes to have communion delivered to their home, please contact the Church office, the pastor or an Elder.

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JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL
 Cindy Welsh &
 Gregg McCutchen/Matt Bramlett



**Communion &
 Cents-Ability offering
 Sunday, July 9th**

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who cannot attend Church. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services. Cents-Ability offering will help fund the LCCM

**July Communion Elders:
 Ray Drayton & Perry McCutchen**

**Church Office Closed
 July 3rd - July 5th: Vacation & Holiday**

**Finance Meeting: Tuesday, July 25th
 3:30 p.m. (Tentative)**

Visit the Homebound
Our HOMEBOUND Members
Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Isabelle McCutchen, Covenant Place, Sumter
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

June 2017 Statistics	
Average Attendance: SS - 48 Worship - 74	
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$15,612.00
YTD Income received:	\$83,190.20
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$104,766.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,019.06
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$99,841.10
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$106,808.00
<u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$50.00
YTD Income received:	\$4,750.00
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**Presbyterian Women Joint Circle
 Monday, July 17th
 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**
 Our guest speaker will be Anne Finch, our Guatemalan Mission partner. Please join us!



**Women's Prayer Group
 Wednesday's @ 4:00 p.m.**
 Please meet in the Session room

JULY HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
2nd	Jerry Adams	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
9th	Melinda Atkinson	Kerry Frazier
16th	Crues Bell	Jill McElveen
23rd	Betsy Bramlett	Meredith Gaskins
30th	Madison Bramlett	Wendy Welch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY July August

William McElveen	5	Bobby Thomas	1
Reese Atkinson	8	Caroline Jeffords	5
Covington Ipock	8	Chloe Jeffords	5
Frank Tindal	8	Billy Clyburn	6
Kim Easters	11	Susan Cline	7
Betsy Bramlett	12	Leila McCutchen	7
Gregg McCutchen IV	12	Edie Varn	8
Robin Jeffords	13	Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Avarie Easters	14	Steven Frazier	12
Bob Latimer	14	Grayham Geddings	13
Allen Corbett	15	Matt Bramlett	15
Isabelle McCutchen	18	Mary Cousar Laney	18
Ashley Latimer	21	Jennifer Bailey	22
Libby Corbett	26	Lydia Conway	22
Daphne Dickerson	26	Diane McElveen	26
Ralph DesChamps	30	Max Smith	26
William Watkins	31	Benji Harrington	30
		Sara Abbett Kirven	30

BPC & Mt. Zion members will meet jointly in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 16th at 9:30 am to hear Anne Finch speak about her recent Guatemalan visit to the two sewing schools that she established. She'll present a 4-minute video and answer any questions, you may have. The program should last about 40 minutes. Our Presbyterian Women will provide coffee hour. BPC and Mt. Zion both provide prayer and financial support for the two schools

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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**Gloria Davidson Broadway
George Rembert Beasley, Sr.
Margaret Cousar Tooke
Martha Jane Grantham
Alford D. Elmore**

Dr. Julian Ryan Buddin, Todd Buddin's father
Dr. James Allerton Cross, Ari Dickinson's father
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)



2017 Robert E. Lee Awards & Honors

Laura Parnell

- ◆ 2017 Teacher of the Year

Caroline McCutchen

- ◆ Honor Marshall
- ◆ Senior Class President
- ◆ Anchor Club President
- ◆ Highest average in Algebra III
- ◆ Columbia College certificate
- ◆ Junior Scholar, USC Upstate
- ◆ Junior Scholar, Converse College
- ◆ Junior Scholar, PC Fellows

Daughter of Johnny McCutchen and Dawn Nesbit
Granddaughter of Louise McCutchen

Zeke Gaskins

- ◆ Highest average in HS History
- Son of Meredith & Bill Gaskins
Grandson of Diane & William McElveen

Mary Parnell

- ◆ Most Improved in Bowling
- Daughter of Rev. Chris & Laura Parnell

Sara Abbett Kirven

- ◆ Honor Marshall
- Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
Granddaughter of Diane & William McElveen
Granddaughter of Anne & Gary Tyner

Caroline Welch

- ◆ Junior Scholar, USC Upstate
- Daughter of Benny & Wendy Welch
Granddaughter of Hank & Kathryn Welch

Junior Scholar programs recognize some of the best high school juniors in the state
Requirements for Junior Scholar's:

- ◆ USC Upstate: SAT 1100, GPA 3.0
- ◆ PC Fellows: SAT 1100, GPA 3.5
- ◆ Converse: SAT 1020, GPA 3.0

2017 High School Graduating Class

Anna Grace Kirven

- Robert E. Lee Academy, May 19th
- ◆ Plans to attend Clemson in the Fall
- Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
Granddaughter of Diane & William McElveen
Granddaughter of Anne & Gary Tyner

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?” Mark 8:36

What does it profit a coach if he wins every game, but his players lose out on eternal life?

Carroll and Pam Baker
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063
cbaker@fca.org
June, 2017

High school coaches have an unenviable job. To keep their jobs, they must win games. To win games, they have to depend on 14-18 year-olds to follow their instruction, stick to the plan and come together as a team. Yet, there is a higher calling for a coach who has surrendered his life to Christ. Yes, winning games is still important, yet coaching the whole athlete is even more important. We are helping our coaches to go beyond just the X's and O's of coaching. We want them to go further than even seeing their athletes growing bigger, faster and stronger. We hope that our coaches make a difference in the lives of their athletes that will last for an eternity.

That is why we are excited for what will be a record number of teams attending one of our team camps this summer. **We will have 6 football teams and one basketball team!**



Jermaine Derricott
Eau Claire HS
30 players and 5 coaches



Brian Rimpf
Camden HS
40 players and 10 coaches



Dustin Curtis
Westwood HS
48 players and 8 coaches



Jason Bush
Columbia HS
40 players and 5 coaches



Rodney Barr
Lower Richland HS
70 players and 10 coaches

Be praying for these head coaches. They represent over 250 players and nearly 50 coaches who will attend Team Camp this summer. Pray for all the details of taking their team, funding for each player, safe transportation and a life-changing and eternity altering experience at camp!



Matt Campbell
Lugoff Elgin HS
40 players and 7 coaches



Garrett Knight
Lugoff Elgin Basketball
10 players and 2 coaches

Meanwhile at home...



Kathryn has completed her sophomore year at **Midlands Tech** and plans to graduate this December with her Associate Degree of Nursing. Then she will take the NCLEX to receive her RN. The classes are really hard and she is actually taking one of the hardest courses this Summer. We are so proud of her effort with her studies. She is also a wonderful hostess at **Alodia's**, an incredible Italian Restaurant here in Irmo.

Michaela finished her sophomore year at **USC** and has enjoyed being a **Resident Mentor** in her dorm. She did a great job of helping her ladies, most of them freshmen. Sometimes like a mom, sometimes like a sister, and sometimes like a friend, she was there to encourage. She is continuing to work at the School of Journalism this Summer.



You are such an encouragement to us! Your prayers for our family and ministry are vital. Your generosity as you faithfully stand with us is such a blessing.

To Give:
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Hosted by Welsh/Frazier's

21st: **Total Eclipse - Office closed**

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Women's Prayer program in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday's from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

September At A Glance

4th: **Labor Day - Office closed**

10th: **Session, PW Installation**

17th: **PWCT resumes**

18th: **Night Circle resumes**

19th: **Morning Circle resumes**

20th: **Men of Church resumes**

24th: **Rally Day**

Women's Prayer program in Fellowship Hall
ends on September 5th or 12th

Church Wide



AUGUST
2017

August 20th

4:00 Activities

6:00 Supper

Churchwide Picnic



Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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August Calendar of Events

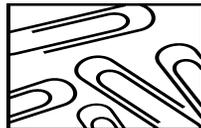
- Tuesday, 1st:** 5:30 p.m. Women's Prayer pgm begins in Fellowship Hall (6-7 week program)
- Saturday, 5th:** Fellowship Hall reserved
- Sunday, 6th:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / LCCM food collection
6:30 p.m. Movie Night "Courageous"
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Debbie & Bill Tindal
- 7th - 13th:** Rev. Parnell on vacation
- Sunday, 13th:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee Hour: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Tom English McCutchen
Rev. Thomas Shirk, Pulpit Supply
- Sunday, 20th:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Family of Bill Welsh
4:00 p.m. Church Picnic Activities @ Welsh/Frazier
6:00 p.m. Church Picnic Supper @ Welsh/Frazier
- Monday, 21st:** Total Solar Eclipse - Church Office closed
- Sunday, 27th:** Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Tyson Eckey & Steven Welsh
- Tuesday, 29th:** 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (tentative)

Flower Calendar OPEN: Aug. 27th; Sept. 3rd & 17th

Please contact the Church office if you wish to have one of these dates



Sunday Bible Study
Postponed until Fall



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE



Please contact the Church office if you'd like to be added or changed from any of the Church calendars or Circle groups

Found: A silver bracelet (@ Easter)
Contact the office, with a description, to claim

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed August 21st

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office for printed materials



LCCM August Collection ~ PEANUT BUTTER ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, August 6th for our monthly Altar collection
Please always remember those less fortunate



From the Pastor's Desk When I was a little boy, one of my very favorite toys (just after my He-Man collection) was a box of those little green toy soldiers, or as I called them "Army Men". I think I enjoyed them so much because they were (and still are) an incredibly adaptable toy. You could use them with matchbox cars, having them direct traffic, or fight them against toy dinosaurs (I wonder if that's what inspired *Jurassic Park?*), or maybe put them on building-block forts. No matter what other toys I had out, those little "Army Men" could adapt. We've been in Bishopville now for 2 full years - Wow! As we think about our 2nd anniversary here, we can't help but think about all the ways we've adapted to each other. Me & my family have adapted to flat, straight roads, a somewhat "warm" climate, and just a few drops of rain every now and then. You, our church family, have adapted to my style of preaching, my "quirky" sense of humor, and my indulgence & enjoyment of the many, many great cooks we have here in our church family. Isn't being adaptable a great thing?

When I was in school they taught us that adaptability was one of the indicators that a creature would be able to survive. A plant or animal that could readily adapt to changes in its home or climate would outlast one that couldn't. I still remember the picture of the moth in my old science book that adapted to blend into tree bark that had been scorched by fire compared to a moth that didn't - it really stood out. I'm sure the birds in that region called those un-adapted moths "dinner".

Adaptability is, believe it or not, critically important for the Church, too. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, says, "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."

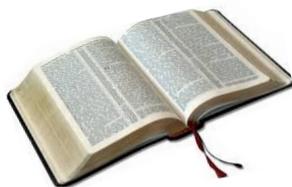
Did you catch that? "I have become all things to all people." In other words, Paul says, "I adapted." Now this begs some very good questions. How did Paul adapt? What did Paul adapt? Why did Paul adapt? The "how" of Paul adapting is what we might call "culture" or "style". He fit his message to his target audience. This should be something we're all used to - businesses have been adapting messages this way for decades. You can watch commercials for the same product on 3 different TV shows - let's say, for toothpaste. On the kid's TV show, the toothpaste is the "awesome-est!", on a soap-opera, it'll help you get a kiss from Mr. Right, and during the news, the toothpaste advertises its facts. 3 different settings, 3 different approaches, but 1 message: "Buy this toothpaste." This is what Paul does with the Gospel.

This leads to the "what" - Paul only adapts how he preaches Jesus Christ & Him crucified. He *does not change* the message. Paul adapts the message so that his audience will understand that their sins will only go away, their broken self-God relationship will only heal through the work of Jesus on the Cross. Paul doesn't water it down, but he changes his approach to accomplish the purpose for which he says he was called to preach & adapt the Gospel for the people to whom he's preaching & adapting the message.

So "why" does Paul adapt the Gospel message to the different audiences to whom he preaches? Why is he "Jewish" to Jews or "law-bound" to legalists or "Roman" to Romans or whatever else fits into "all things for all people"? This is easy: Paul adapts the Gospel so that Jews, legalists, Romans, and all other types of people out there will hear the Gospel, and some of them will respond and be saved.

So how can we adapt? We need to follow Paul's example - don't waver or change the Gospel, but change how we're preaching it. We need to reconsider the words, the tone, or the style we're currently using, and see how well it's doing - and how we can adapt & improve on what we're doing. Jesus adapted to us, and He gives us a great opportunity to share Him, His story, and His amazing, grace-filled love with people who, Lord willing, will adapt & love Him like we do.

Blessings! -Pastor Chris



August Sermons & Scriptures

6th: "Doxology" Jude 17-25

13th: Rev. Thomas Shirk in pulpit

20th: "Unshakable, part 1" Hebrews 1:1-12

27th: "Unshakable, part 2" Hebrews 2:1-12

NEWS from the Session...

The Session did not meet in July.

We acknowledge, with regret, that our Church family lost two longtime & faithful members from our congregation. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Richard Gayle Kerr and Sarah Roberta McCutchen.

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Called Session

Monday, August 7th	Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, August 29th
Several items on Agenda	3:30 p.m. (Tentative)

Hospital Update

We've had several members in the hospital and/or rehab lately. Please continue to keep them all in your daily prayers

- ◆ **Lena McCutchen** is home. She completed chemo treatments and is scheduled to begin radiation treatments soon. She still has ongoing [TEE Cardioversion](#) heart treatments
- ◆ **Bobby Thomas** is currently in rehab at National Health Care in Sumter, with ongoing edema, hand, and back issues
- ◆ **Hugh Tindal** is home after an extensive stay in critical ICU & rehab



Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday's (pgm in FH) 5:30 - 7:00
Wednesday's Prayer @ 4:00 p.m.

Annual Church Family Picnic
 Sunday, August 20th
 At the home of Steven & Debra Welsh
 (1736 Dog Island Rd)
Activities begin @ 4:00 pm
Supper @ 6:00 pm

Please bring a covered-dish and join us for this fun event. Please bring a lawn chair & a bathing suit, if you wish to take a dip in the pool. The Church will provide the drinks, meats & all the fixings!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY August September

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Caroline Jeffords	5	Steven Terrell III	8
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Billy Clyburn	6	Betty Heriot	10
Susan Cline	7	Julie Cothran	12
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Please help shape the Future of tomorrow



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August 6th @ 6:30 p.m.



Our final movie "*Courageous*" will air in our Fellowship Hall. We hope you can come out and join us. Pizza, popcorn & drinks will be available

Monday, August 21st, all of North America will experience a **total solar eclipse** of the sun. Anyone within the [path of totality](#) can see this awe-inspiring sight. This path, where the moon will completely cover the sun and the sun's [corona](#) - can be seen from Lincoln Beach, OR to Charleston, SC. The eclipse begins in our area at 1:13 p.m. with totality beginning at 2:41 and ending at 2:44 and eclipse ending @ 4:06



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In Memoriam

Richard Gayle Kerr
 01/27/1931 – 06/30/2017

Sarah Roberta McCutchen
 04/26/1961 – 07/03/2017

The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want...

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September At A Glance

- 4th: Labor Day - Office closed
- 7th: Choir practice resumes
- 10th: Session, PW Installation
- 17th: PWCT resumes
- 18th: Night Circle resumes
- 19th: Morning Circle resumes
- 20th: Men of Church resumes
- 24th: Rally Day & Family Night
- 29-30: Presbytery @ Siler EPC, Wesley Chapel, NC

October At A Glance

- 1st: World-Wide Communion / LCCM food & Cents-Ability Bible Study resumes
- 2-8th: Rev. Parnell on vacation
- 8th: Steven Frazier - Pulpit Supply
- 9th: Church office closed (holiday)
- 15th: Session, PWCT, New members
- 16th: Night Circle
- 17th: Morning Circle
- 18th: Men of Church
- 22nd: Milly Hyman baptism



Bring a covered-dish & join us for this fun event



September 2017

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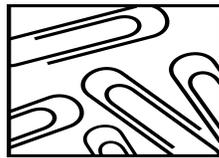
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September Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 3rd: Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/LCCM food collection
Monday, 4th: Church Office closed for Labor Day
Thursday, 7th: 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice resumes
Sunday, 10th: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 17th: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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29th - 30th: Presbytery Meeting @ Siler EPC, Wesley Chapel NC

Flower Calendar OPEN: Sept. 3rd, 17th, 24th; Nov. 12th, and Dec. 31st
Please contact the Church office if you wish to have one of these dates

Sunday Bible Study
Will resume October 1st



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE



Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday's (pgm) 5:30 - 7:00
Wednesday's Prayer @ 4:00 pm



Find us on Facebook

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed



Found: A silver bracelet (@ Easter)
Contact office, with description, to claim

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed: September 4th, for Labor Day holiday

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request. Contact the Church office for printed materials



LCCM September Collection ~ SUGAR & FLOUR ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, September 3rd for our monthly Altar collection
Please always remember those less fortunate





So I passed this car the other day that had one of those provocative bumper stickers - you know the type, the kind of message that provokes “knee-jerk” responses. In this case, the sticker said, “God’s not a Republican” and you & I both know the 2 sorts of immediate replies that person’s sticker gets. It’s either someone yelling, “Yeah, you tell them!” or, just as likely, “Oh yeah, well He sure isn’t a Democrat, so there!”

My kids will tell you, I’m not a big fan of bumper stickers of any sort, not political, not humorous, not even religious. I guess I come by this honestly—Daddy used to tell us, “There’s no better way to wreck the trade-in value of your car.” You know, I don’t really know if he was citing facts, or if he was just telling us that to keep me & my siblings from decorating his cars...

Getting back to that bumper sticker about God’s or Jesus’ potential political affiliations, I got to thinking about something Jesus said in John 18. There He is, standing before the representative of the most powerful authoritative force the world had ever known at that time, and he says to that representative, that brutal, authoritarian governor Pilate, “My kingdom? My kingdom doesn’t belong to this world.”

That takes a little “unpacking”: It could be that Jesus is simply saying He doesn’t affiliate with any earthly nation or power. It could be that Jesus is saying He is the ruler of a nation that transcends the world itself or it could be that Jesus is saying a little bit of both - and that there’s an overlap between the two.

Here’s what Jesus says: He’s the King of a Kingdom that exists both in Heaven and on Earth. That means that the people who make up His Kingdom are both in Heaven and on Earth—they’re dual citizens, people of 2 worlds at the same time. This makes perfect sense, as Jesus Himself, in His perfect humanity and His perfect divinity, is the King of both this world and the world to come, or what we call Heaven. Jesus’ kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, a permanent kingdom, a kingdom greater than any power that’s limited simply to this world - even the most powerful nations that have ever existed, whether we’re talking about ancient Egypt, Rome, or modern-day America or China. Nothing stacks up to the power and the nation over which Jesus is King.

So what does that mean for us?

Peter, in his first letter, a man who himself sat at the feet of the King to learn what it meant to be a citizen of both Heaven and Earth, writes this: “*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people He claims as His own in order that you will shout His excellence—for He called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*” Think about what Peter’s saying. This is a man who’d been a blue-collar fisherman, a nobody in a nowhere backwater place. This is a man who’d failed, and failed big in not just one instance, but several times. This is a man who was imperfect and knew it.

But he knew he’d been chosen by the God-King Jesus - personally.

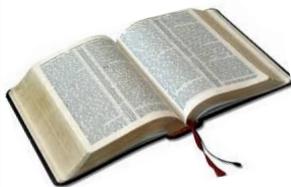
He knew he’d been given a clear purpose to bring people into the God-King’s love & kingdom.

He knew that he’d been made holy by the God-King himself - in other words, that all his mistakes, all his failures, and all his imperfections were erased by Jesus.

And He knew that what the God-King Jesus had done for him, for Peter, he would do for anyone & everyone who looked to this King & Kingdom that are greater than any political party, power, nation, tribe, family, or people. Jesus offers hope, love, reconciliation to everyone, no matter who they are, where they’ve come from, or what they’ve done. Who knows - that might be worth a bumper sticker after all.

God bless you all!

Pastor Chris



September Sermons & Scriptures

3rd:	<i>“Unshakable, part 3”</i>	Hebrews 3:1-12
10th:	<i>“Unshakable, part 4”</i>	Hebrews 4:14-5:6
17th:	<i>“Unshakable, part 5”</i>	Hebrews 6:13-20
24th:	<i>“Unshakable, part 6”</i>	Hebrews 10:1-10

NEWS from the Session...

The Session held a Called meeting on August 7th. We approved a request from the Ladies Bible class to renovate their SS room, removing piano and selling old desk. We also approved a request from Rev. Parnell to help with a start-up "Young Life club" & Chapel at Robert E Lee Academy.

The new officers of the Presbyterian Women will be installed September 10th, during worship. When September arrives, we realize Fall & school is not far behind. Please remember to pray for all our students, teachers, and school leaders.

If the Session can help you, in any way, please call the Church or my cell @ 803.229.5307

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Next Stated meeting: September 10th @ 8:00 am

SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL
Matt Bramlett & *Gregg McCutchen



September 24th
6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered-dish and join us for this fun event

Hospital Update

We've had several members in the hospital (inpatient & outpatient) and/or rehab lately. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers

- ♦ **Lena McCutchen** is home. Cardio issues are under control and chemo treatments are completed. She will undergo 6.5 weeks of radiation treatments (5 days/week) soon
- ♦ **Bobby Thomas** is scheduled to come home on Friday, September 1st. Please keep him in your prayers as he adjusts to home life
- ♦ **Hugh Tindal** had surgery on August 18th & 22nd for a foot infection, at McLeod hospital
- ♦ **Mia Welch** had Adenoid, tonsil, ear tube surgery on Aug. 22nd @ Palmetto-Richland



Our HOMEBOUND Members

Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Isabelle McCutchen, Covenant Place, Sumter
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

August 2017 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 35 Worship - 65

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$19,175.00
YTD Income received:	\$119,037.70
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$139,688.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$23,851.20
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$138,715.64
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$138,880.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$350.00
YTD Income received:	\$7,160.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$49.64

September Circle Hostesses
Night (18th) Tricia Latimer
Morning (19th) Martha Kay Hunt



Men of Church
September 20th @ 7:00 p.m.
Host: Steven Frazier

Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Thank You Thank You to Steven & Debra Welsh for opening up your home and for all those who helped make our annual picnic such a huge success.
for your kindness **Everything was perfect!**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Frank Brigman Laney
Carl Shannon Whetzel

May McGee, Rev. Parnell's cousin

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)

SEPTEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	Easters Family	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
10th	Steven Frazier	Kerry Frazier
17th	Gaskins Family	Meredith Gaskins
24th	Betty Manning Heriot	Cindy Welsh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY September October

Kate Jeffords	1	Bayard Huggins	1
Steven Terrell III	8	William Burns Tindal III	2
Jeff Varn	8	Sherian McLendon	4
Betty Heriot	10	Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Julie Cothran	12	Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Caroline Welch	13	Mary Katherine Parnell	12
Solomon Eckley	18	Aaron Easters	16
Charlie Ipock	14	B. J. Kerr	17
Virginia C. Ipock	20	Marilyn Adams	19
Suzanne Simon	21	Gordon Wayne Eckley	20
Bert Cousar	22	Dawn Watson Nesbit	24
Lindsay Simon	22	Gloria Broadway	25
William Frazier	24	Betty Ann Cooper	25
Ansley Nesbit	24	Johnny McCutchen	28
Patrick Parnell	24	Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28
Crues Bell	25	John Hampton Cloyd	29
Reese Atkinson	29	Bo Dickinson	29
Wendy Welch	29	Anna Grace Kirven	30
		Dick McCutchen	30

☼ ☼ ☼ THANK YOU ☼ ☼ ☼

Thank You for all the prayers, visits, cards, food, and encouragement during my recent illness. I could not have recovered without your prayers and support. I would also like to thank my wife who was by my side throughout this ordeal, and who would not allow me to give up. I have a long rehabilitation ahead of me, but with your continued prayers and God's will, I will recover. Thank you. In Christ, Hugh Tindal

Our family would like to thank all of our friends who overwhelmingly wrapped us in love during Brig's illness and our loss. The outpouring of concern for us demonstrated through prayers, calls, visits, cards and food, touched our grieving hearts in a way that cannot be expressed in words.

With deepest gratitude, the Brig Laney Family

Dear Church family, Thank you for all the love and support you have shown Sarah and us through your thoughts and prayers, visits to our home, cards, food and your presence at the Celebration Service of her life. Sarah loved God and her Church family. You have expressed your love for Sarah & us in a beautiful way. Love, Leila, Lena, Robert, Julie, Jay, Amy Beth

Kid's for Christ "Israel Mission"

Grab a bank from the Fellowship Hall and help our ministry. **Banks will be collected every 6 months, beginning Nov. 12th.** All donations will help support various causes that share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to indigent Jewish people in Israel and around the world



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

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jumps ropes, Slinkys, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light or make noise (with extra batteries), 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), washcloths, combs, brushes, hair accessories (Bobby pins, hair clips & barrettes), etc...

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

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

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are always needed

Last day to drop off items is November 12th.

***** Shoebox packing party w/supper will be November 14th @ 6:00 p.m. *****





August 7, 2017
Yesterday's high: 95° / Last night's low: 74°
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Dear Prayer Partners,

On a warm July day in 1967, having been commissioned in the Ward Presbyterian Church in Detroit, David and I started our drive to Yucatan, Mexico, ready to serve the Lord in whatever way He would lead. We had no idea how or where God would use us, but trusting in Him, and seeing the great need for pastors, we decided to dedicate our lives to train and educate the leaders of the growing national Presbyterian church of Mexico in theology and music. Today, fifty years later, I can say with Samuel, "The Lord has helped us all the way." (1 Samuel 7:12)

The San Pablo Seminary, celebrating 35 years since its founding, has graduated hundreds of pastors and music ministers. This year was a low point, but it appears there may be at least 15 new students entering mid-August. We have begun to see a response to our prayers for a scholarship fund that would enable many who lack the monetary resources to be able to come and begin their ministerial training. The gifts received for this purpose have been a leading factor in the increased enrollment for the upcoming year and we are thankful for all who have made it possible through your prayers and also through your giving. Tuition is about \$100 per month, as is their room and board. On-campus students only receive their noon meal as part of their room and board, so Debbie is once again lining up support to help offer these students an evening meal at our home. The cost of the dinners is about \$1.50 per student and there will probably be between 10 and 15 on-campus students this coming semester. Debbie is seeking those who would volunteer their time, or be willing to donate food or even money towards the preparation of the evening meals. The property taxes still loom over us. We have until the end of this calendar year to pay the \$15,000 owed, and we have secured about \$7,000 toward that goal up to now. Thanks again for your part in helping us reach this goal!

On July 15th, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of camp Porvenir at its present location. I remember sitting on the sand dunes, expecting our 1st child Mark (born in November of 1967) and wondering about the future. The camp has been greatly used by the Lord to speak to hearts, to confirm calls to serve Him, and to present Jesus to people of all ages. I could never have imagined all that God was going to do in these 50 years. Mark has a group at camp this week of about 250 people. Many decisions are being made each day. In the upcoming weeks, the camp board will host two more camps: one for children and one for young people. We look to God to supply the many needs camp presents. He has been faithful time and time again to provide what was needed in every season.

My son Daniel and his 15 year-old daughter, Alyssa, were here until last week. They arrived in time for the camp celebration where he was one of the speakers. Last week he led a group of 24 from his church in St. Louis who were doing construction work at our Presbytery's retreat center in the village of Citilcum. This is their fourth summer helping with this project and it looks so different from when they began!

My trip to the U.S. in June was a good break from activities here, and an opportunity to see old friends and visit some supporting churches. I thank the Lord for enabling me to get everywhere without problems, and for all the wonderful experiences I had. I re-live each moment when I look through my photos. The trip home was very tiring - 20 hours from the time I got up in Pennsylvania until I was in my bed here in Merida. As much as I enjoyed my time away, it was good to be home again.

When I arrived home, I hit the ground running. The Sac-Be Presbytery meeting was held July 4th to the 6th, in the town of Sudzal (about an hour from Merida.) I was able to sell \$500 of books and Bibles and enjoyed the food and fellowship with everyone there. Upon returning, however, I developed a terrible headache that seems to be the result of bad sleeping posture on my folding cot while I was away at the Presbytery meetings. This caused strained ligaments and pressure on the nerves in the cervical vertebrae, and the pain was so severe I was hardly able to move. After visiting the doctor, and couple weeks of medication to reduce swelling and pain in my neck, I am doing much better now. I guess hammocks as well as cots are out of the question for me when I travel.

In all this, as I said at the beginning, the Lord has led us all the way these 50 years. I know He is faithful and will continue to do so.

*If we could see beyond today, as God can see. If all the clouds would roll away, the shadows flee.
O'er present griefs we would not fret, each sorrow we would soon forget, For many joys are waiting yet
For you and me.
If we could see, if we could know, we often say. But God in love, a veil doth throw across our way.
We cannot see what lies before and so we cling to Him the more, He'll lead us 'till life is o'er,
Trust and obey.*

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

Gifts to the camp or our ministry may be sent to:

Son Raise Missionary Services - P.O. Box 43 - Byron Center, MI 49315

Gifts for the Seminary (scholarship fund or property tax assistance) may be sent to:

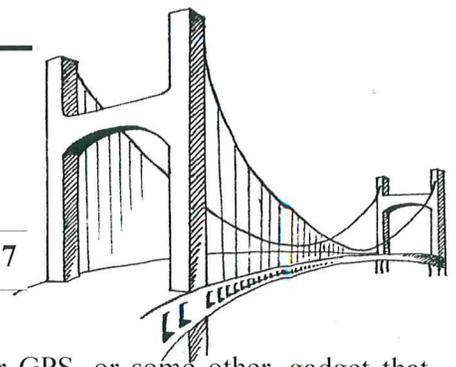
Covenant Presbyterian Church - 2143 North Ballas Rd. - St. Louis, MO 63131

*Please note on the memo line the designation of your gift. Thank you!

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

August 2017



Technology – friend or foe?

Have you every been frustrated by your computer, your smart phone, your GPS, or some other gadget that seemed to have a mind of its own? Many of us have had those moments, and some of us routinely seem to have a less-than-satisfying relationship with electronic gadgets. But however frustrating these devices may be to people who are less technically inclined, they have enabled a great leap forward for the work of Bible translation.

The Digital Bible Library—A Gutenberg Moment

Those of us working in Bible translation ministry are committed to the goal of ending Bible poverty. We believe that it is unjust for people not to have access to the Bible in a language they understand well and which touches them emotionally – in other words, in the language of their heart, their mother tongue.

But how can we speed up the pace of getting the Bible to those left waiting? Over 1 billion people don't have access to God's word in their own language, either because it has not been translated for over 2,000 languages, or because people don't have access to it for other reasons. While there may be Bibles or Scripture portions in a particular language, some people still might not be able to read it, either because the printed Scriptures are not available in the area where they live, or possibly because they are not able to read in their own language. It could also be because their cultures primarily use oral communication, or even because of blindness.

The good news is that due to **new technology**, much progress is being made. As part of the effort to end Bible poverty, the **Digital Bible Library** has been developed in a joint effort by several organizations as a repository for all digitized forms of translated Scripture. This library makes it possible for Bibles from around the globe to be digitized and stored in one place. Now ministries anywhere can access all this material, making Scripture easy to print, easy to release to audio or video, and easy to put on mobile devices.



Dogon men in West Africa at a translation workshop earlier this year. Of the seven pictured, two are reading their Bibles in print form, and five are reading it digitally on their cell phones or tablets.

The Digital Bible Library now hosts 590 Bible texts, but by next year over 1000 texts should be available. It is hoped that within twenty years Scripture in every language on earth will be there.

When Johannes Gutenberg invented a printing press with moveable type, that new technology made the Bible available in a way undreamed of before. The message of the Bible crossed borders, shifted power structures, and transformed cultures. Now because of the Digital Bible Library, the next Gutenberg moment is right in front of us.

Our Gutenberg moment means that God's word will become available for every heart in every tribe in every nation.

To learn more about this explosion of access to the word of God through the Digital Bible Library, visit the **Every Tribe, Every Nation** website at <http://www.everytribeeverynation.org/>

More on technology—the Translator’s Workplace

The Translator’s Workplace is a rather large library on CD with multiple translation tools, including Bible commentaries, Hebrew and Greek Scripture, and many versions of the Bible in various majority languages spoken around the world. Linguistic and exegetical resources are also available with the click of a mouse. The six volumes of exegetical summaries I have authored have been included on Translator’s Workplace as well, providing translators in the field with instant access to a summary of a substantial cross-section of commentary opinion. Nearly all Bible translators around the world from all translation agencies make use of Translator’s Workplace. In this tool we find that technology has been a tremendous friend and ally.

One more graduate

Philip has now graduated from Parkwood High School, joining his seven siblings and one sister-in-law who are also Parkwood alumni.

Next on the agenda is to have his military physical. If he passes that, he will be given a date to go to Marine Corps basic training.

Michael is beginning his last year in a graduate study program in Music Performance at Appalachian State University. We would appreciate prayer for him in that endeavor, and that God would guide him about what to do when he graduates next spring.



Emily and Philip on graduation day

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For the way the explosion of digital technology has increased the pace of Bible translation
- For good summer employment for Philip and Michael

Please continue praying...

- For additional financial partners
- For success for Jonathan in his ongoing job hunt
- For progress for Emily in becoming fully licensed and employed as a Social Worker and Counselor

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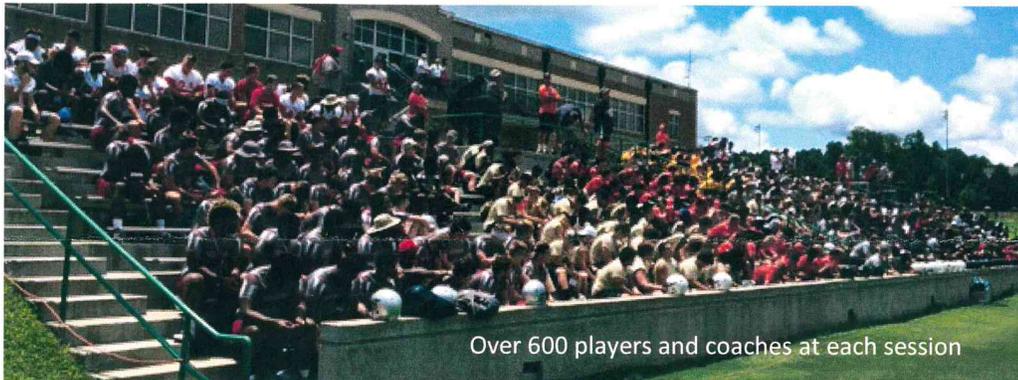
(For financial contributions please enclose a **separate note** with your check stating that your gift is “preferred for the Wycliffe ministry of David and Estelle Abernathy”)

Reflections on Team Camp and Unity...

Carroll and Pam Baker
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This summer at our **Team Football Camp** at USC-Upstate, we had over 1200 athletes and coaches attend. There were over 180 faith commitments and each team returned home as a closer knit family. Plus, each player received a new Bible, for some, the first Bible they've ever had to call their own.

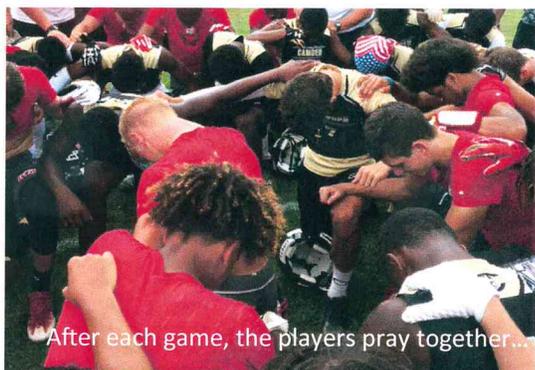
Because of your faithful prayers and giving, over 250 players and coaches from my schools attended a team camp this summer. Plus, I know of at least 3 other teams who are already seriously considering camp in 2018!



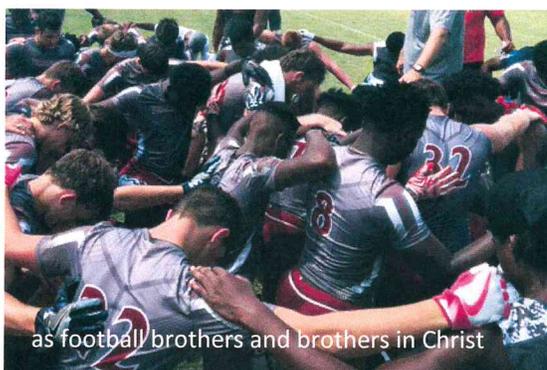
Over 600 players and coaches at each session

Unfortunately, there is one sad note... One of my local coaches posted a job opening with the words, "man of faith" in the qualifications. Somehow, that was seen by the "Freedom from Religion" group and he felt it best that he not return to FCA camp...for now. We are fighting a spiritual battle! (Ephesians 6:12)

With all that we've seen in the news these past few days, I couldn't help but reflect on what we normally see at our FCA Team Camps each summer. Teams battling on the field in a spirited football scrimmage; then circling up after the game to pray for each other. Black players, white players linking up as One, to honor God. What a difference! How appropriate that our theme is **ONE** this year!



After each game, the players pray together...



as football brothers and brothers in Christ

ONE
PHILIPPIANS 1:27

Together, we are making a difference. Thanks for joining with us!

By the way, due to a printing error on the receipts, some of our support, didn't reach us in time the last few months. A few donors had their envelopes returned because the full address was not printed. The problem has been fixed by our staff at our National Support Center in Kansas City. They do a great job for us!

To support FCA...
FCA—Carroll Baker
121 Executive Center Drive, Suite 113
Columbia, SC 29210

The easiest and quickest way to give is to use our on-line giving. Just go to <https://my.fca.org> and search for "**Carroll Baker**". Many of our donors have found this very convenient. The month of August brings us to the close of our fiscal year. Your extra gift now would help us catch up and be a blessing to start the new school year!!

Carroll + Pam

²⁷ Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with **one spirit and one purpose**, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. *Philippians 1:27 New Living Translation*

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October At A Glance

1st: World-Wide Communion /
LCCM food & Cents-Ability
Bible Study resumes

2-8th: Rev. Parnell on vacation

7th: Garden Club Yard Sale
Solid Rock Yard Sale

8th: Steven Frazier - Pulpit Supply

10th: Finance Committee meeting

15th: Session, PWCT, New member

16th: Night Circle

17th: Morning Circle

18th: Men of Church

22nd: Milly Hyman baptism

22nd: Kids for Christ OCC bake-sale

WORLD
COMMUNION

October
2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

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

Key Officers and Staff

Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Matt Bramlett, Assistant Clerk of Session

Ray Drayton, Church Treasurer

Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer

Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager

Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

October

Bishopville Presbyterian Church

October Elders-On-Call:
Cindy Welsh & Dick McCutchen

October Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 1st:** Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / LCCM food collection
Cents-Ability offering / World-Wide Communion
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon
5:30 p.m. Bible Study resumes
- 2nd - 8th:** Rev. Parnell on vacation
- Saturday, 7th:** 8:00 a.m. Solid Rock Yard Sale for Hurricane victims
- Sunday, 8th:** Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee Hour: Jenny McCutchen/Jackie Drayton/Margery Jeffords
Flowers: Family of Christine Shirley
11:00 a.m. Steven Frazier in pulpit
5:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Tuesday, 10th:** 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee begins working on 2018 budget
- Sunday, 15th:** Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Peebles Family
8:00 a.m. Stated Session (Brittany Hyman joins Church)
9:00 a.m. PWCT
5:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Monday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle
- Tuesday, 17th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle
- Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 22nd:** Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Charlie & Virginia Ipock
10:30 a.m. Kids for Christ bake sale for "OCC"
11:00 a.m. Millie Hyman baptism
5:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, 29th:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Church provided
Flowers: Mike Monroe
5:30 p.m. Bible Study



Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed



Flower Calendar OPEN: Nov. 12th, & Dec. 31st.
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request, through office

Dried beans



LCCM October Collection ~ DRIED BEANS ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, October 1st for our monthly Altar collection





Here's a quick question: How many of you really, really love speed limits? Okay, how about zoning regulations? How many of you rush right out to the library to read the latest city ordinances, savoring every detail of them more than you would any novel or book? Huh... I seem to hear crickets chirping in my office.

Have you ever read Psalm 119 (*which is not only the longest psalm, an acrostic covering all 22 Hebrew letters, and is also the longest chapter in the entire Bible at 176 verses*) and wondered who in the world would write a love song about the Law?

Of course, we understand the important distinction between laws, speed limits, ordinances, zoning regulations and God's Law. Of course, we know that God's Law is vastly more important, farther reaching, longer lasting, and significant than any & all human laws. But the question still remains, do we love God's Law, really & truly - particularly to the extent that we'd write the Law a 176 verse-long love song? Why would anyone do that?

The thing is, Psalm 119, while the longest, is definitely not the only place in the Bible where someone talks about their love for God's Law - Paul does in Romans 7, and David himself does in Psalm 40. There he sings, "*I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.*" God's Law, he sings, is both his delight and his love. David celebrates the Law.

What's important for us to understand is why - why does David celebrate the Law so poetically? Why does Paul? Why does God expect his people to sing about his Law? To fully understand how we could & should love God's Law, we need to understand what the Law truly is - and this is where the Bible, as usual, is its own best interpreter. To truly understand the purpose & nature of the Law, we turn to Hebrews chapter 10. There, we find the Law is a shadow of the good thing that has come - Jesus Christ.

I bet I'm not alone in this: Do you remember grade school art, the day we all stood in front of that lamp and made shadow portraits, or silhouettes? Our faces would cast a shadow, and the teacher or someone else would trace our features onto the pages, and do you remember how proud your mom was to get that picture of you?

For David, for Moses, for Abraham, and for the people of the Old Testament, the Law served as a silhouette, a shadow portrait cast by the light of Christ Jesus. Using the Law, they could see the character, the nature, the sacrifice, and the love of a Savior who *would appear* hundreds, and in some cases thousands of years prior to his arrival. The Law was a shadow revealing the Savior to come - and so when they delighted in the Law, they were really delighting & loving the portrait of the Christ to come.

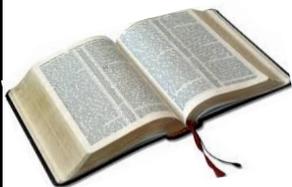
For Paul - and for you & me - the Law serves a similar, but different function. The Law is still a shadow portrait, but for us it outlines or emphasizes the Savior who *has appeared*. It shows us his full participation in our humanity, and the depths of his perfect obedience to God's expectations. The Law also gives us an outline to seek after - a way we can echo Jesus. It's like that old game show "Hole in the Wall." Jesus has gone through before us, and we can follow his way.

So maybe we should look for ways we, like David & Paul, can wax poetic and maybe even sing about God's Law. After all, like us, it's the product of the light that our Savior Christ Jesus projects for us.

Blessings!
Pastor Chris

**Sunday Bible Study resumes October 1st @ 5:30 p.m.
Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall!**

October Sermons & Scriptures



1st:	<i>"Unshakable, part 7"</i>	Hebrews 11:1-16
8th:	Steven Frazier in pulpit	
15th:	<i>"Jesus teaches Discipleship"</i>	Matthew 6:1-8
22nd:	<i>"Jesus teaches Missions"</i>	Matthew 10:1-16
29th:	<i>"Jesus teaches Community"</i>	Matthew 18:10-20

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met September 10th and approved 2 children baptism request's. It is always exciting to see children baptized in our Church.

The Kids for Christ will have a bake sale, and collect coins, during coffee hour on November 12th, to raise money for their Israel Mission.

Ray Drayton & Wendy Welch were approved to represent us at the Presbytery meeting September 29-30 at Siler PC, Wesley Chapel, NC.

We will celebrate Communion on October 1st. If anyone wishes to have communion served at their home or hospital, please call the Church office.

We look forward to having Steven Frazier fill our pulpit on October 8th

If the Session can help you, in any way, please call the Church or my cell @ 803.229.5307

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: October 15th @ 8:00 am

OCTOBER ELDERS-ON-CALL
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September 2017 Statistics

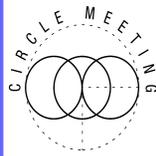
Average Attendance: SS - 41 Worship - 59

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$8,289.00
YTD Income received:	\$127,226.70
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$157,149.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,464.60
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$160,180.24
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$162,131.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$3,225.00
YTD Income received:	\$10,385.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17.22
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$66.86



October Circle Hostesses

Night (16th) Betsy Bramlett
Morning (17th) Diane McElveen

Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th @ 4:00 p.m.

To begin working on the 2018 budget



Men of Church

October 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host: Needed

Please join us for good food & good fellowship



WORLD COMMUNION Sunday October 1st

We will celebrate Communion, collect canned foods & Cents-Ability offering, for the LCCM. Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Church. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services.

Communion Elders: Gregg McCutchen/Wendy Welch



On Sunday, October 15th **Brittany Atkinson Hyman** will enter into full Church Communion, by Affirmation of Faith. Brittany is the daughter of Reese & Melinda Atkinson. We are very thrilled to have this young family as part of our Church family!



On Sunday, October 22nd, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be delivered to **Amelia "Millie" Reese Hyman**, daughter of Brittany & Keith Hyman, and granddaughter of Reese & Melinda Atkinson

OCTOBER HELPER CALENDARS

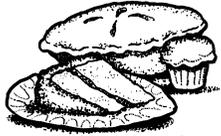
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
1st	Kirven Family	Wendy Welch
8th	OPEN	Jill McElveen
15th	Jennifer McCutchen	Betsy Bramlett
22nd	Jimmy McCutchen	Missy Kirven
29th	Kayla McCutchen	Debbie Tindal

Bible Study

Sunday's @ 5:30 pm

Open to anyone who wishes to participate

Email questions to:
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Bake Sale

Bake Sale

October 22nd, during coffee hour

Please help our “Pre-Teens” raise money to offset shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Donations should be in kitchen, no later than 9:00 a.m.

Thank you, in advance, for donating & purchasing items for our bake sale!



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Small change creates big change!

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MISSION YARD SALE

Saturday, October 7th

8:00 am - BPC S. parking lot

Our “Solid Rock” High School class is accepting yard sale donations to raise funds for the recent Hurricane victims.

**Donations can be left in room across from office
Youth need to arrive by 7:30 a.m. for set-up**



Emmanuel Baptist Church

Judgement House

October 7-8 & 14-15

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

949 N. Marquis Hwy, Hartsville

Free Admission. Donations welcome



PACKING PARTY

**Shoebox packing party
w/supper**

November 12th @ 6:00 p.m.

Please help our “Pre-Teens” 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: Personal Hygiene & Other Items**
- **November: School Supplies, Toys, Personal Hygiene, Other Items**

ITEM LISTING SUGGESTIONS

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

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

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

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

Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are always needed

Last day to drop off items is Sunday, November 12th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October November

Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Jerry Adams	4
Sherian McLendon	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Maddie Varn	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Jill McElveen	9
Mary Katherine Parnell	12	Eddie Boykin	10
Aaron Easters	16	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
Anna Grace Kirven	30	Sissy Jeffords	29
Dick McCutchen	30	Lisa Jeffords	30

Monday
November 20th
6:30 pm.

Harvest Banquet

Bishopville PC Fellowship Hall



Mark your calendars... to attend the
2017 Harvest Banquet

Guest Speaker: Michelle Hunt, daughter-n-law of Dr. & Mrs. Leon Hunt

The meal is \$8/pp. Reservations can be made in the BPC or BUMC offices. Please make check payable to Bishopville PC or BPC, marked "Harvest Banquet"

Reservation Deadline: Nov. 14th



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm



Found: A silver bracelet (@ Easter)
Contact office, with description, to claim

Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Laura Latimer**, Morningside, Camden
- Isabelle McCutchen**, Covenant Place, Sumter
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte

Please remember to call, write, and/or, visit our homebound members especially during the holidays

Hospital Update

We've had several members in the hospital (inpatient & outpatient) and/or rehab lately. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers

- ◆ **Lena McCutchen** is currently undergoing radiation treatments (5 days/week x 6.5 wks)
- ◆ **Bobby Thomas** had neck/spine surgery on 9/20 and is in the Trama Unit @ McLeod hospital, under traction and tubulation
- ◆ **Hugh Tindal** is home
- ◆ **Dot Cothran** was recently hospitalized for a few days, but is now home, recuperating

NEWS from our Pakistani EPC Missionaries

We arrived back in Pakistan middle of August and have settled in nicely. Lynn and the girls are underway with the next year of homeschooling and seem to be off to a great start. The weather is still in the high 90's during the day and that means that our AC is still running non-stop. We are thankful that the nights are cooler and we enjoy time together as a family sitting out under the stars and occasionally a good game of hide and seek!

Next week we will travel to London, to co-host a group of PMA pastors for a short-term mission trip (Oct 3-11). The emphasis is on giving them a "Taste of Pakistan...in London" With the security situation currently in country, it is not advisable to host a group of western folks here, but since London has a Pakistani expat community of 1.2 million, it makes it a nice location to give our churches a little taste of what we experience (culture, food & language) working within this community. Our focus for this time together will be to deepen the relationship between us (field team) and the PMA (home team). We are grateful for the PMA getting behind us in such a way and making this effort to be with us. Our prayer desire is that the vision to reach the Punjabi people will go beyond Pakistan into the UK and US (both have large Punjabi populations). For this vision to be accomplished, the Lord has provided dear brothers like Alvin Kallicharran, the former West Indian cricket captain to come along side us. Alvin will accompany us in the UK.



Asaph continues investing in the cricket club leaders. This week we have had 4 leaders here in Lahore for a time of fellowship. These guys were so happy to be together with Asaph again. This year, Asaph bought them each a new pair of athletic shoes from the US, the joy on their faces was indescribable. One of the guys said that he was saving his pair to wear for Christmas!



This coming year we expect to see the ongoing development of the Serve Pakistan cricket field in Clarkabad. Newly planted trees and plants have made a nice boundary around the playing field and the more the boys water the field, the greener it gets. We are thankful that we have a place for all 9 of the Serve Pakistan cricket clubs to play and host matches. Serve Pakistan clubs are co-hosting a major tournament between PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) registered teams in Faisalabad during the month of October. Also a Serve Pakistan junior tournament is taking place in late September in Lahore. Please pray for both of these events.

Prayer Requests

- Will you pray with us that our time together with the PMA pastors would be mutually beneficial, that we would grow in our relationship.
- Pray for our time leading this group and sharing in depth about the work.
- Pray for the physical health and safety of the group (Don and Dorethea Neighbors, Bill Catoe, David Beaty, Phil Thrash, Alvin Kallicharran, Asaph and Lynn Din, Leah and Emma Din)
- Pray for the logistics of the trip....flights, rental cars, hotel, travel in London, meetings and outings with the group.
- Pray for opportunities to meet and interact with South East Asian community.
- Pray for little to no rain...this is a rainy time of year.



Asaph is an ordained Teaching Elder in the EPC. He is the son of a Presbyterian pastor and comes from a family that accepted Christianity in Central Asia four generations ago. He is discipling young men through sports clubs (cricket). His prayer is for a strong indigenous church that will be a light in a dark place. Lynn has previously served as a medical missionary in Central Asia. That is where Lynn and Asaph met. They have two daughters, Leah and Emma. Lynn is homeschooling their daughters as well as consulting with several Christian hospitals in the area of public health outreach.

Financial Update: We need your help!

According to our TOC (terms of call) for 2017, we need to receive donations totaling \$11,439 per month to stay fully supported. This includes our living and work related expenses (support of nine clubs, camps, tournaments). Unfortunately over the last year, we have not been meeting this goal and have been using a reserve amount that we had built up in our WO account. As of June 2017, our reserved amount has depleted. **We are asking our supporting churches if they will increase their monthly giving and possibly make one-time contributions to help replenish our support account.** We are praying to have a little buffer in the account to help when we experience months of lean giving.

Our mailing address, for financial support, is:



Office of the General Assembly

5850 T.G. Lee Blvd Suite#510

Orlando, FL 32822

Please note: "Fund #308"

Online giving: <https://secure-q.net/Donations/EPCLivonia/11480>

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November At A Glance

1st: All Saints Day
5th: LCCM food collection,
Daylight Saving Time ends
12th: Session, New member,
Israel coin collection,
Operation CC packing party
14th: Harvest Banquet deadline

15th: Men of Church
19th: Thanksgiving Offering
1st Baptist Thanksgiving service
Poinsettia order deadline
20th: Harvest Banquet @ BPC
21-24: Office closed for holiday
26th: Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER

2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee time - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

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

Key Officers and Staff

Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Matt Bramlett, Assistant Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



Bishopville Presbyterian Church
November Elders-On-Call:
Gregg McCutchen & Perry McCutchen/Matt Bramlett

November Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 5th:** **Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time / LCCM food collection**
Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall back 1 hour)
Poinsettia Orders accepted
Coffee: Church provided
Flowers: Crues & Renee Bell
5:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, 12th:** **Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Poinsettia Orders accepted
Coffee Hour: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven, Melinda Atkinson
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
10:30 a.m. Israel coins collected @ coffee hour
5:30 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Operation Christmas Child packing party & supper
- Tuesday, 14th:** **DEADLINE for Harvest Banquet reservations**
- Wednesday, 15th:** **7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Dick & Perry McCutchen)**
- Sunday, 19th:** **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
Flowers: Ray & Jackie Drayton
Presbytery "GO Center" offering collected
DEADLINE for Poinsettia orders
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving service @ First Baptist
- Monday, 20th:** **6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet in Fellowship Hall**
- 21st - 24th:** **Church Office closed for holiday/vacation**
- Sunday, 26th:** **Christ the King Sunday**
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Naomi McCutchen Family
Presbytery "GO Center" offering collected
5:30 p.m. Bible Study



Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed



Flower Calendar OPEN: Nov. 12th, & Dec. 31st.
 Please contact office if you want one of these dates

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
 Printed materials available, upon request, through office



LCCM November Collection
~ Holiday Non-Perishables ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, November 5th for our monthly Altar collection





It's November - What are you thankful for?

I bet you remember having to write your answer to that question back when you were in elementary school. I know I did (at least once every year), and I know my kids have. As the comedian James Gregory says, "It might be a law, I don't know." Maybe it's because Thanksgiving is called (very often) a uniquely American tradition & holiday that we (culturally speaking) want to teach our kids to practice, well, giving thanks. It's important, it's tradition, &, in a powerful sense, it's Christian.

The reason I say that is that we, as Christians, are a part of God's ongoing relationship with human beings, a relationship that started at our creation, & developed through the people of the Old Testament. Now, I noticed something interesting about that relationship that seems to contradict what I said in my first paragraph there - I said that Thanksgiving is often called a uniquely American tradition. The thing is, when we study the Bible we find out that it's not "uniquely" American at all. Thanksgiving is a part of our connection with God, & has been since the very beginning. As a matter of fact, God gives His people a tradition for Thanksgiving all the way back in Leviticus 7 - that's the 7th chapter of the 3rd book of the Bible, so we're going wa-a-ay back, thousands of years ago.

"And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offering that one may offer to the Lord" (Leviticus 7:11; the passage goes on, through verse 18).

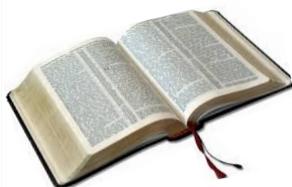
Leviticus tells us there are 3 types of these peace offerings: Thanksgiving offerings, Vow offerings, and Freewill offerings. The way God's people made these offerings was to bake some bread & some cookies (or *wafers*), and take it, along with a meat-offering, to the priest. Then, that person would either eat the cooked meat & bread with the priest that very day, or would save part of it until the next day (for the vow & freewill offerings). Sound familiar? Now, to understand the mechanics of this, you wouldn't just run up to the priest, out of the blue, to make this kind of offering - you'd work it out with family (at a bare minimum), possibly even your extended family. You'd be eating meat & bread, with plenty of oil, and you'd be eating it with your church family, as well. Meat, stuffing, family, church, & overeating? Sure sounds like Thanksgiving to me.

What's the point? The reason for this type of offering, this "Peace" offering of thanksgiving, was to celebrate that God had given you the peace & the material possessions (crops for bread, herds for meat, & so on) that you had been, were, and were going to enjoy. Now, stop & really think about it - when Moses writes Leviticus, God's people didn't have those things yet. They were pilgrims. They were wanderers, exiles from the land they'd once known, all because of their faith. And yet, God, in giving them this Law about this peace offering is doing something incredible - He's telling them, "Look! You don't have it yet, but one day you'll be in such a position to sit around your table in peace, with your friends, family & fellow believers, and you'll have plenty to eat, plenty to enjoy!"

So this November, when you & I sit around our tables, when we see family & friends, delicious foods piled high and plenty, will we remember Leviticus 7? Will we remember to be thankful for & to the God who gives us the peace to have a whole day of Thanksgiving? I think we will.

Happy Thanksgiving! – Pastor Chris

November Sermons & Scriptures



5th:	<i>"Re-Formed"</i>	Deuteronomy 5:1-11
12th:	<i>"Re-Formed Family"</i>	Deuteronomy 5:12-16
19th:	<i>"Re-Formed Community"</i>	Deuteronomy 5:17-22
26th:	<i>"Christ the King"</i>	Revelation 1:10-20

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met October 15th and received into Church membership, Brittany Atkinson Hyman.

The Presbyterian Women will be working on a Pictorial Directory for our Church.

The Administration/Finance Committee has been working on the 2018 budget. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please also remember our newly elected officers, in your prayers, as they prepare to take office in January; Aaron Easters, Charlie Ipock, and Steven Frazier.

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NO Circle meetings in November



Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia's

Order forms are in bulletins and in the Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary **December 10th - 24th**. Make checks payable to the church. Cost is \$14/ea.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Order Deadline: November 19th



Men of Church

November 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host: Dick & Perry McCutchen

Please join us for good food & good fellowship



**Community Thanksgiving Service
 November 19th**

6:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church
 Everyone is invited
 Reception after service**

Thanksgiving Service

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Thank you to everyone for the calls, texts, emails, cards, pm's & especially your prayers & support for my family after the tragic loss of my brother-in-law, Bobby Steinmeyer. Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Greetings from Lahore! Asaph & I want you to know how much we appreciate your support to World Outreach for us and the work in Pakistan. Thank You! Please continue to pray for us. Blessings, Lynn & Asaph Din

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Sunday School Class for Young Adults



We are very excited to offer a new Sunday school class for our Younger Adults (20+)

With the leadership of Paster Parnell and many young members of the church, we will discuss and analyze topics and issues pertinent to Younger Adults, such as: marriage, parenthood, work/life balance, and will study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world.

In addition, we will have monthly dinners, outside of the Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.

Thank you to our Solid Rock HS students and all who helped with our recent yard sale, by donating, participating or purchasing items. We have collected over **\$570**, so far. Proceeds will be sent to Samaritan's Purse "Hurricane Relief". We're very proud of our youth for helping those in need. We still have items available, if anyone is interested

I was Dying

First, I was dying to finish high school and start college.

And then I was dying to finish college and start working.

And then I was dying to marry and have children.

And then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school, so I could return to work.

And then I was dying to retire.

And now, I am dying ... and suddenly I realize I forgot to live. - anonymous

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Plastic shoeboxes w/tops are always needed

Last day to drop off items is Sunday, November 12th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Ari Dickinson	3	Michael Jeffords	5
Jerry Adams	4	Sara Catherine Corbett	6
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	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 Shearer	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		



**Monday
November 20th
6:30 pm.**

Harvest Banquet

Bishopville PC Fellowship Hall

2017 Harvest Banquet

Guest Speaker: Michelle Hunt, daughter-n-law of Dr. & Mrs. Leon Hunt
The meal is \$8/pp. Reservations can be made in the BPC or BUMC offices. Please make check payable to Bishopville PC or BPC, marked "Harvest Banquet"

Reservation Deadline: Nov. 14th

Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm

Found: A silver bracelet (Easter)
Contact office to claim

NOVEMBER IS
National
Hospice
Month

Please pray for families & patients receiving hospice care and their Hospice teams



Thanksgiving offering Collected November 19th - 26th

To help fund the Go Center (World Outreach Family Gathering). Every 4 years, all World Outreach global workers gather for 6 days of fellowship, worship, and renewal. The 2018 Family gathering will be held in Greece

Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran, at her home
Laura Latimer, Morningside, Camden
Isabelle McCutchen, Covenant Place, Sumter
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Please remember to call, write, and/or, visit our homebound members especially during/over the holiday season

Hospital Update

We've had several members in the hospital (inpatient & outpatient) and/or rehab lately. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers

- ◆ **Lena McCutchen** completed her radiation treatments
- ◆ **Bobby Thomas** is in rehab @ Health South
- ◆ **Hugh Tindal** is home
- ◆ **Dot Cothran** is on our Homebound list
- ◆ **Ansley Nesbit** is home after an extensive hospital stay & hip surgery
- ◆ **Steven Welsh** is recovering from a farming accident

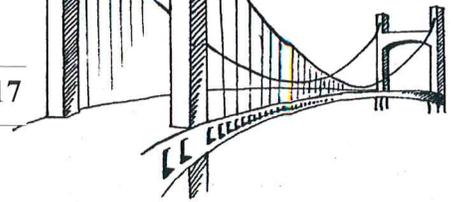
Thank you again for your love & support!

David & Estelle

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

October 2017



Storm and shipwreck in Acts 27

For part of the last month I have been doing the exegetical summary of **Acts 27**. That chapter contains an intriguing and fairly detailed account of a prolonged storm at sea that ended in shipwreck for Paul, Luke, and 274 other people on board a ship bound for Rome. The account actually begins many chapters before that with Paul's friends begging him not to go to Jerusalem because of what they expected would await him there. And sure enough, Paul was mobbed in the temple, then he was the object of an assassination plot, and then he spent two years in prison in Caesarea, plus two more in Rome awaiting an eventual acquittal on the charges against him. But in between Caesarea and Rome was this sea voyage.

From a **literary standpoint** Luke's account of the two-week long storm and the shipwreck make for a gripping story. From winds and water currents, to sailors ready to abandon ship, or soldiers wanting to kill the prisoners, Luke describes one crisis after another, keeping readers on the edge of their seats as the drama unfolds.

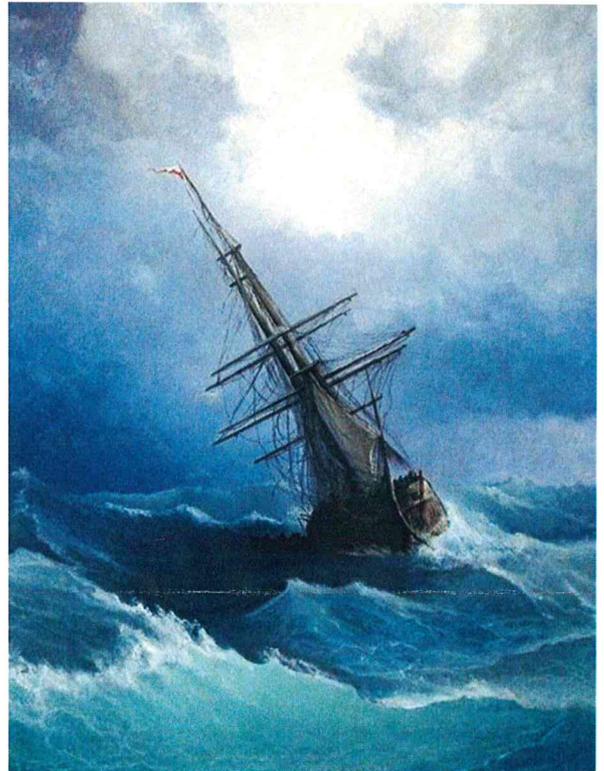
From a **theological standpoint**, his purpose is to show how God overruled even the fury of a hurricane-force storm to get Paul to Rome to give testimony before the emperor, and in the process spared the lives of hundreds of other people aboard the same ship. Unable to know where they were at sea, and unable to control the ship due to the fury of the winds, they came purely by the sovereign grace of God to a relatively small island in a very large sea. The probability of that happening strictly by chance is less than if you were trying to hit the bull's eye in a target a hundred yards away blindfolded.

But from an **exegetical standpoint** – which is where I come in – there are a lot of words in this chapter that don't occur anywhere else in the Greek New Testament, some related to ships and sea navigation, some to wind and weather, and some to geography. They need to be defined well, and the track the ship followed and the process of the sailors dealing with the storm need to be described well so the translator can communicate clearly to speakers of minority languages who have never read this account before, and in some cases, to people who have never seen the sea or even a sailing ship before.

From a **personal standpoint** we can take heart that God's purposes in our lives will be guided by a hand that is stronger than the storms that rage around us.

Retirement plans?

We currently have no plans for retirement. For myself, I hope to continue working as long as my health holds out. The knowledge and skills I gain through my study is, of course, cumulative, and I would hate to let any of that go to waste, so I will work as long as I can. Sometimes I have problems with eye fatigue from looking at the computer monitor and reading books all day. But as long as my eyesight and general health hold up, I hope to be able to continue on until I am in my 70's. I am 64 years old now, and hope that I still have another six or eight years to contribute to Bible translation.



How are we doing?

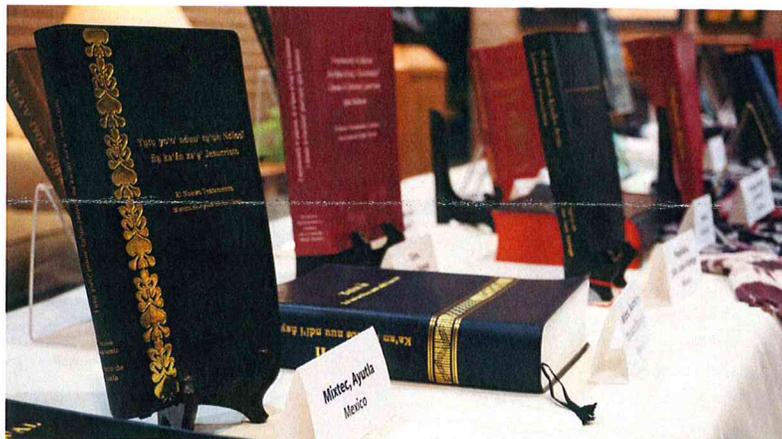
For the most part we are managing well, but we have had some challenges. One is the burden of debt that has grown over the years from having had more expenses than we were prepared to meet. This summer, for example, we have had several thousand dollars in car repairs and several thousand dollars in medical bills from a brief hospital stay for Estelle in July. Fortunately she recovered quickly from that and is doing well managing medications and monitoring blood sugar.

We hope that in the coming year we will be able to relieve expenses from medical insurance by going on Medicare, then two years from now by drawing social security. For now we would ask for your prayers as we navigate the reefs and storms of daily living that we, like you, continue to face.

Scripture celebration

On Tuesday, September 12, we held a celebration at the JAARS Center for the 31 Scriptures and Scripture portions that had been dedicated in the previous year. Twenty-five of these were New Testaments, and six were entire Bibles. All together these publications provide greater access to the word of God for 4,435,000 speakers of minority languages.

It was a wonderful celebration!



Here are pictured a few of the Bibles and Bible portions made available in the last year to speakers of minority language

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For a job for Jonathan
- For progress in the Exegetical Summary of Acts
- For faithful prayer partners and supporters

Please continue praying...

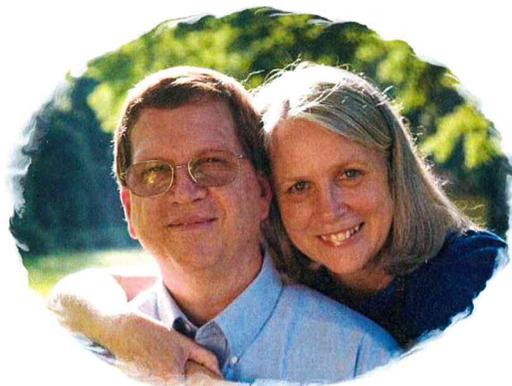
- For additional financial partners
- For guidance for Michael and Philip for the future
- For long-term solutions to burdensome car-maintenance expenses

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

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December At A Glance

3rd: First Advent / HOGs
Angel Trees / LCCM food gifts

10th: Second Advent / Session
Elder Examination / Poinsettias

17th: Third Advent / Poinsettias
Elder Installation
Children's Play & luncheon

19-26: Office closed for holiday

24th: Fourth Advent
Pick-up Poinsettias in Sanctuary
Gratitude offering due
Christmas Eve service @ BUMC

25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Christmas Day service @ BUMC



2017

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee time - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm
Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

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

Key Officers and Staff

Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session
Matt Bramlett, Assistant Clerk of Session
Ray Drayton, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



Bishopville Presbyterian Church

November Elders-On-Call:

*Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch

December Calendar of Events

- Sunday, 3rd:** First Sunday of Advent / LCCM food collection
 Hanging of Greens Service
 Angel Trees in Tower rooms
 Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Thursday, 7th:** Angel Tree gifts due
- Sunday, 10th:** Second Sunday of Advent
 Poinsettia Array
 Coffee Hour: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
 8:00 a.m. Stated Session & Elder Examination
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata @ First Baptist Church
- Sunday, 17th:** Third Sunday of Advent
 Poinsettia Array
 *** NO Coffee Hour ***
 11:00 a.m. Children's Play, in lieu of worship
 Elder Installation
 12:00 p.m. Congregational catered Christmas luncheon
 6:30 p.m. Festival of Lessons & Carols @ Mayesville PC
- 19th-27th:** Church Office closed for holiday/vacation
- Sunday, 24th:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Presbytery "Gratitude" offering due
 Poinsettia Array
 Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot
 6:00 p.m. Community Christmas Eve Service @ BUMC
- Monday, 25th:** Merry Christmas! 11:00 a.m. Christmas service @ BUMC
- Sunday, 31st:** First Sunday after Christmas
 Flowers: OPEN
 Coffee: Church provided



Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed



OPEN Flower Calendar 2017 - 2018
 December 31st; January 14th;
 February 4th & 25th; March 4th, 11th, 18th
 April 8th, 15th, 22nd; May 27th;
 June 17th & 24th; July 15th & 29th
 August 5th & 26th; September 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th
 Please contact office if you want one of these dates

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Unless otherwise noted

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
 Printed materials available, upon request, through office



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





Every few years, I take out our copy of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and read it to the kids. If you or your kids have never read those 7 books before, I strongly recommend them! It amazes me that, even though my kids have heard these “Christian fairy tales” over & over, they look forward to reading them every time. Interestingly enough, there’s a famous line (& entire scene) in C.S. Lewis’ first of the Chronicles, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, devoted to this season we’ve entered, to Christmas. Lucy, the book’s main character, is told that in Narnia, it is “Always winter and never Christmas; think of that!”

I think Lewis captured perfectly, in that simple phrase, not only the desperate longing of any 1st Century believer, but our own sense of anticipation & need. Haven’t we all had those moments when it seemed like our lives were all about winter, but never Christmas? Haven’t we all had those times of waiting & watching, but getting nowhere? Haven’t we all needed some ray of light, some encouragement, some good word or good news to keep us going? Haven’t we all needed Christmas to keep the winter’s cold from getting to us? That’s why, in Lewis’ book, Lucy & her friends are so cheered with Father Christmas arrives with the news that the King is on his way! So we read that story, I hope we hear in his triumphant shout, “Merry Christmas! Long live the True King!” the echoes of our own hope in the midst of the winter of our lives. Maybe that’s why the angel’s loud shout resonates with us just as much as it did those 1st Century shepherds outside Bethlehem:

“Fear not! Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!”

Those shepherds had been waiting, whether they could express it or not, for that kind of good news. Those magi in the East, staring up at the night skies had been aching to see his star rise. Simeon & Anna, Elizabeth & Zechariah, John the Baptist, even Mary & Joseph, they all had been living through the long, cold night of winter, waiting & watching—and now, in the fullness of time, good news of great joy for all of them had arrived: Christ Jesus the King has come! The long, dark winter’s power is broken by triumphant joy.

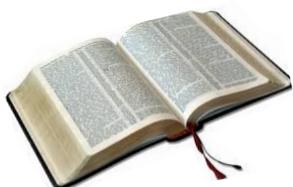
I think that’s why we’ve adopted winter as the season that best suits Christmas. We hear the arguments every year from those outside (& many inside) the Church: Jesus wasn’t born in December, he was born in March! And that may be true, but when we celebrate his arrival in the depths of winter, we join with those celebrants of the first Christmas, to whom, after 400 long years of silence, God was finally speaking again. What could be more appropriate or more seasonable than that?

Now what should that mean for you & me? As Christians, we’re not immune from troubles (Jesus said troubles would come in John 16), suffering (Rev 2), or other forms of “winter” in our lives. How will we endure them? Without hope—as if nothing will ever change, as if all we have is misery, depression, sorrow, or hunger? Always winter? Never Christmas? Or will we turn our ears towards the voice of the angel’s shout—“For you, child of winter, the King has been born!”

Jesus Christ has come—it’s Christmas at last! Let’s live in the joy of that good news & glad tidings. Let’s show the watchers & waiters out there that joy rises, even in the midst of winter. Let’s show that these things we face, though not trivial or inconsequential at all, pale in comparison to the joy that has been revealed to us in the coming of a Savior who died to make us sinless & rose again to give us a future & a home.

Merry Christmas! Long live the True King!

December Sermons & Scriptures



3rd: *Hanging of Greens Service*

10th: *“Spreading the News”*

17th: *Children’s Play*

24th: *“A Merry 1st Christmas”*

31st: *“Ready for 2018”*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Luke 2:1-7

Titus 3:1-7

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met November 12th and set the date for our c/o 2020 Elders elect to be examined on December 10th and installed on December 17th. The 2018 budget was approved by Session and will be presented to the congregation on January 28th, along with the 2017 Statistical reports and the 2018 Pastor's Terms of Call. Please continue to pray that we are all using God's gifts wisely.

The Session approved donating desks from the Gregg Street building to Robert E Lee Academy.

Our children are planning a Christmas play on December 17th and the Church is having a meal catered afterwards. Please come out and show your support for our youth.

Please keep our newly elected officers, in your prayers, as they prepare to take office in January.

If the Session can help you, in any way, please call the Church or my cell @ 803.229.5307

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: December 10th @ 8:00 am

November 2017 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 43 Worship - 64

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$8,063.55
YTD Income received:	\$150,751.35
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$192,071.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,029.97
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$186,262.67
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$191,859.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$550.00
YTD Income received:	\$11,060.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$25.92
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$114.32



DECEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL
*Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch

Church Office Closed
December 19th - 27th

DECEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	Janice Reynolds	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
10th	Charlie & Virginia Ipock	Jill McElveen
17th	Shirley Wallace	Missy Kirven
24th	Judith Watkins	Betsy Bramlett
31st	William Watkins	Debbie Tindal



NEW OFFICERS

Class of 2020 Elder
Ordination & Installation

December 17th, during worship

- Aaron Easters, installed
- Charlie Ipock, ordained & installed
- Steven Frazier, installed

Thank you to the following officers, leaving us this year - **Gregg McCutchen III, Bobby Thomas, Cindy Welsh**

You did a wonderful job and will be missed
Please keep all our officers in your prayers

NO Men of Church, Circles, or Family Night in December

Bible Study

Sunday's @ 5:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted

Open to anyone who wishes to participate
Email questions to: parnellcm@yahoo.com
or Text to: 803.459.6800

Sunday School Class for Young Adults



We are very excited to offer a new Sunday school class for our Younger Adults (20+)

With the leadership of Paster Parnell and many young members of the church, we will discuss and analyze topics and issues pertinent to Younger Adults, such as: marriage, parenthood, work/life balance, and will study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world.

In addition, we will have monthly dinners, outside of the Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.

The Solid Rock SS Class sent a donation of \$571.25, on November 7th, to Samaritan's Purse for "Hurricane Relief". Thank you to everyone who helped with our mission project!



The Kids for Christ packed and mailed 128 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to everyone who helped with our mission project!

A special "Thank You" goes to Melinda Atkinson for coordinating the operation



Kid's for Christ "Israel Mission"

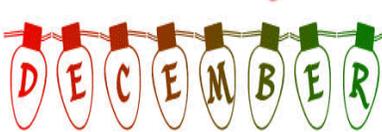
We collected over \$928, during our November collection

Grab a bank from the Fellowship Hall and help our ministry. Donations help support various causes that share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to indigent Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

Small change creates big change!

Thank you, in advance, for your donations. Next collection is May 13th (Mother's Day)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Michael Jeffords	5	Robert McCutchen III	2
Sara Catherine Corbett	6	Ann West	2
Elouise Wright	7	Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Gordon Eckley	8	Chip Smith	3
Becky Crichton	9	Bill Tindal	3
Mike Monroe	13	Kody Mills McCutchen	4
Janice Reynolds	13	John Bell, Jr	9
Boochie Swearingen	13	Will McElveen	9
Dawn Levers	14	Kean Scott III	9
Maggie Corbett	15	John Crues Bell IV	12
Tom Kerr	18	Bill Conway	13
Jennifer McCutchen	18	Steven Welsh	13
Billy Simon	20	Ken Cutler	14
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Brooke Welch	24	Ruby Nell Bailey	20
Wyatt Frazier	28	Aidan Hilditch	25
Rena Smith	29	William Clyburn Ipock	26
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Dot Cothran @ her home

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Hospital Update

- ◆ Bobby Thomas is home
- ◆ Hugh Tindal is home

Remember those who are less fortunate



Please visit the Angel Trees and help someone this Christmas by taking a tag and returning a gift by Thursday, December 7th.

Please wrap gift in Christmas paper and label according to the tag



**Children's Christmas Program
December 17th @ 11:00 a.m.
Come out and support our youth!
A catered luncheon will follow the program in the Fellowship Hall**



**Special Hanging of Greens
Sunday, December 3rd**

Please join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights & Sounds of the Advent season



**First Baptist Church Cantata
*Holding onto Christmas***

Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 10th @ 6 pm

Reception afterwards. Everyone is invited



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24th @ 6 pm
Christmas Day service @ 11 am
Bethlehem United Methodist Church
Everyone is invited to attend**

Thank you to everyone who purchased Poinsettia's to adorn our Sanctuary during Advent.



Don't forget to pick up your plants after the service on December 24th



Guatemala Sewing Mission

Update from Julie Cothran... Just wanted to share with you about my knitting project. I've been knitting neck warmers for about 4 1/2 years and three times a year they are hand carried to Guatemala to be distributed. This is part of the Guatemala Sewing Mission, which buys peddle machines for the ladies (these people live in a remote mountainous region, so it's cold at night, year round). The Mission also has sewing schools in two different villages where the ladies learn to tailor and embroider on the machines. There is no electricity in these villages. In November when I mailed the neck warmers, to the lady who delivers them, I included some scarves and knit hats I had picked up at thrift stores.

Love, Julie



*Give someone a fish and you feed them for a day
Teach someone to fish and you feed them for life*

Advent Lighter Schedule



A d v e n t

- December 3rd: Chris & Laura Parnell Family**
- December 10th: Aaron & Kim Easters Family**
- December 17th: Charlie & Virginia Ipock Family**
- December 24th: Steven & Kerry Frazier Family**

Christmas Offering



**Gratitude Gift Christmas Offering
December 3rd - 24th**

The EPC's annual Christmas offering supports the Gratitude Gift Fund, which helps retired EPC ministers and missionaries in need. When grief or pain impact the lives of these faithful shepherds, the blessing of financial assistance is a tangible way to show that others care