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January At A Glance

1st: HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Office closed for holiday

6th: Epiphany

7th: Baptism of the Lord
LCCM food gifts

14th: Session / PWCT

15th: Office closed for holiday
Night Circle

16th: Morning Circle

17th: Men of Church

21st: Bible Study resumes

26-27: Presbytery @ St. Giles EPC

28th: Annual Congregational meeting
Family Night Supper



2018

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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

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January



Bishopville Presbyterian Church

January Elders-On-Call:

**Matt Bramlett & Aaron Easters*

January Calendar of Events

- Monday, 1st:** Happy New Year! Church office closed for holiday
- Saturday, 6th:** Feast of Epiphany
- Sunday, 7th:** Baptism of the LORD / LCCM food collection
Coffee: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
Flowers: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen
- Sunday, 14th:** Second Sunday after Epiphany
Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
- Monday, 15th:** Church office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Jennifer McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Margery Jeffords)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Billy Clyburn)
- Sunday, 21st:** Third Sunday after Epiphany
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
5:30 p.m. Bible Study resumes
- 26th-27th:** 88th Presbytery of Mid Atlantic @ St. Giles EPC, Charlotte NC
- Sunday, 28th:** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Coffee: Aaron & Kim Easters
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock



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OPEN Flower Calendar 2018

January 14th;

February 4th & 25th; March 4th, 11th, 18th

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LCCM January Collection
~ Grits ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, January 7th for our monthly Altar collection



Did you know that Americans spend nearly \$3 Billion (yes, with a B) on wrapping paper every year? That's according to *The Atlantic*, anyway - and who am I to dispute their research, especially having carried what had to be several hundreds of dollars' worth of "not-so-gently-used" wrapping paper to the bin just the other day?

It makes me wonder, what's the appeal of wrapping paper, anyway? Why does it make gifts more special if they're covered with a veneer of brightly colored & otherwise impractical paper? It's not like wrapping paper protects what's been wrapped - most of the time, it's hardly thick enough to hide what's been wrapped in the first place. So what gives?

Here's an interesting question: Does the Bible talk about gift-wrapping?

Of course not, might be your first instinct, or maybe - if you've been thinking about the Christmas story - you might say, "Of course it does! The Baby Jesus was wrapped for us on the very first Christmas day!" And you & I would chuckle together at both our cleverness. But I was thinking of something a little different, altogether.

The Bible does talk about an incredible gift that's been wrapped in a fragile, yet important, yet unique, yet wonderful wrapping. Where, you ask? 2 Corinthians 4:7, where Paul says, "***We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.***" We ourselves, as human beings are the wrapping paper - and the surpassing power of God in the Holy Spirit is what's contained inside.

Now, before we let what Paul says offend us, to be compared to wrapping paper, let's consider what it means. God has entrusted the creative, restorative power of His Spirit within us - you & me, with all our fragility, all our weakness, all our neediness, & all our humanity. And this has been God's pattern all along! Whether we're looking at Moses (who hid behind his brother) or Peter (who tried to tell Jesus what He could & couldn't do), God has always used human beings as the wrappings of his power at work.

What this accomplishes is that we ourselves, just like those we read about in the Bible, become gifts for the world & community in which we live. Because God can & does use us to reveal his strength & love & power, we can be - like presents under a tree - reasons for hope, joy, & celebration. How? By showing that God's not a bit worried about what we can & can't (or think we can & can't) do. By showing that God's able to be with & work with anyone & everyone. And by showing that God's love is just as active & real today as it was when Paul wrote about the power of God in jars of clay.

So maybe this year, as we're cleaning up from Christmas celebrations & gifts, as we get ready for the new year and all its challenges, maybe we can look with new appreciation for the wrappings - and the gift within that wrapping, which is God's Holy Spirit & His "surpassing power." Blessings!

- - Pastor Chris

Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study
Resumes Sunday, January 21st @ 5:30 p.m.

This class is open to all church members, their friends, family, neighbors and anyone who wishes to participate. If you would like to submit questions for this class in advance, please email them to parnellcm@yahoo.com, or text them to [\(803\) 459-6800](tel:(803)459-6800)

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met December 10th and elected new officers for 2018:

- Clerk: Matt Bramlett
- Assistant Clerk: Charlie Ipock
- Treasurer: Ray Drayton
- Property Chair: Steven Welsh
- Worship Chairs: Wendy Welch/Perry McCutchen
- Christian Ed. Chair: Aaron Easters
- Witness Chairs: Steven Frazier/Dick McCutchen

Susan Cline met with the Session and was received into membership by Profession of Faith

Our annual congregational meeting has been set for January 28, 2018 to report the 2017 statistics, approve the 2018 budget & Pastors Terms of Call

I have enjoyed serving on the Session. I rotated off at the end of December 2017. I would like to thank the men and women I have served with. I pray for each one of you as you continue to do God's work.

I hope everyone has a very Blessed & Happy New Year!

In Christ, Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Stated meeting: January 14th @ 8:00 am

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL
*Matt Bramlett & Aaron Easters

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 28th** for the purpose of; reporting the 2017 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2018 budget and 2018 Pastor's Terms of Call, for approval



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

- William Smith McElveen*
- Connie Brandon Woodham*
- Barbara Ann Byrd DuBose*
- Frank Mitchell*
- Daisy Belle Osborne Poston*
- Annette Evans*

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)

December 2017 Statistics

As of December 28th

Average Attendance: SS - 35 Worship - 83

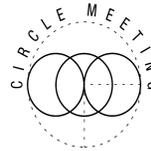
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$19,802.00
YTD Income received:	\$170,553.35
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$215,545.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$23,209.95
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$208,472.62
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$215,545.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$790.00
YTD Income received:	\$11,850.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$25.98
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$140.30

Church Office Closed
January 1st & 15th



January Circle Hostesses

- Night (15th) Jennifer McCutchen
- Morning (16th) Margery Jeffords



Men of Church

January 17th @ 7:00 p.m.
Host: Billy Clyburn

We'd love to have you join us for good food and good fellowship



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. Many blessings in 2018
Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year. We all love the music and the decorations, but the best thing about Christmas is being with your family and friends, sharing the joy of this gift that God has given us. Thank you for sharing with me. I wish you many blessings in the coming year. "Happy New Year"
Louise McCutchen

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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
- 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
- William Clyburn Ipock 26
- Jean Woodmansee 26
- Brooke Harrington 30
- Amber Harrington 30
- Josh Kirven 30
- John Latimer 30

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Family Night Supper

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Sunday, January 28th
6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered-dish and join us

JANUARY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
7th	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
14th	Cindy Welsh	Kerry Frazier
21st	MaryAnna Welsh	Meredith Gaskins
28th	Jerry Adams	Cindy Welsh

Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer,
Morningside, Camden

Isabelle McCutchen,
Covenant Place, Sumter

Boochie Swearingen,
Sunrise, Charlotte

Hospital Update

- ◆ Bobby Thomas is home
- ◆ Hugh Tindal is home
- ◆ Ralph DesChamps @ McLeod

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11th: Transfiguration of the LORD
Session / Kids "Valentine" meal

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Ash Service @ BUMC

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- Sunday, 4th:** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany/ LCCM food collection
Souperbowl of Caring offering for LCCM
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
- Monday, 5th:** PW "RADA" fundraiser orders due
- Sunday, 11th:** Transfiguration of the LORD
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen and Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Valentine meal
- Wednesday, 14th:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service @ BUMC
- Friday, 16th:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. Kids for Christ Lock-In @ BPC
- Sunday, 18th:** First Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Family of Iris Thomas
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
- Monday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Marsha McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 20th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Jackie Drayton)
- Wednesday, 21st:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BPC
7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Chris Parnell/Gene Williamson)
- Sunday, 25th:** Second Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen



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LCCM February Collection
~ Canned Soups ~

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Years ago, I learned a skill called "*phone etiquette*". Now, you might wonder why your pastor needed to learn such a thing. I was 23 years old & had just been promoted out of the mailroom at INA Bearing's corporate office into the wild world of customer service - and an incredibly important part of customer service is dealing with people on the phone. Now, I thought I knew how to answer a phone, or how to make a call. I grew up with a telephone in my house, for goodness sakes! But I have to admit that I did have a lot to learn still about taking & making business calls - that there was more to it than just grabbing a phone and saying, "Hey, whaddaya want?" When you speak to the customer, my supervisor told me, you're speaking to the boss.

Just like the telephone, most of us grew up with prayer in our homes. Whether we said the "blessing" at meals, or the Lord's - or the "Now I lay me..." - prayer at night, whether the prayers were spoken aloud, whispered over test papers, or simply written on coffee mugs, we had prayer in our homes. So why does what the disciples ask from Jesus still resonate with us today? What did they ask Jesus (in Luke 11:1-13)?

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

Now, think about it - these are 12 Jewish men, having grown up under rabbis, priests, theologians, Scribes, Pharisees, not to mention moms, dads, grandparents & various sundry other relations, all praying. Of all people, these 12 Jewish disciples of Jesus *should* know how to pray. So how does Jesus teach them to pray? Is it a matter of "prayer etiquette" - I say the right things in the right order, & God answers me? What does he say?

Jesus replies, to the disciples & to us, "Pray this way: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

That's it. Nothing fancy, and yet, nothing overly simple. A pure, simple, expression of the heart, from a person who needs Him to the God who's listening - using the voice that God gave that person for exactly that purpose.

So what does Jesus say to do? First to give God 'His props' - to show reverence & respect to the One you're addressing. Acknowledge Him as Father & don't take His name in vain. It's like that's something God might have commanded, way back in Exodus 20... Show God respect.

Second, look for God's will before asking for what you want, or even need. It's really too easy to want to build up your own kingdom, your own glory, your own comfort, and a lot less easy to look for how God's kingdom should be built up. Ask God, "What do I need to do for you?"

Third, ask for what you need as you need it. Jesus famously said, "Look, tomorrow has its own worries; sufficient for the day is the trouble you'll find there." And it's easy to look for the extravagances; for the caviar & steak - but God knows what you need, and He wants you & me to know what we need. So say, "Father help me know myself; give me what I need, please."

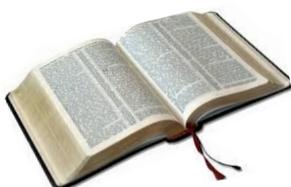
Connected with that idea is that we, every last one of us, you & me both, need to be forgiven, and we need to be forgiving. Guilt & shame connected to sin are terrible burdens to carry; yet, just as terrible is the weight of a grudge, that thing you're carrying against someone else. So ask God for what you need, today: "God forgive me, and help me to forgive."

Finally, Jesus says to pray for God's leadership. He wants us to ask, "God, what's your will? What's your plan?" and He wants us to say, "Okay God, now help me go & do my part in that plan."

And Persist - pray without ceasing, as Paul says. Jesus gives some examples of persistence, all connected with prayer: the late-night friend needing bread, the father with the hungry son, and the repeated promise, "For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened . . . how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

So, how do we respond to this "prayer etiquette"? How does Jesus teach us to pray? He tells us to keep it simple, to keep it real, to keep our own voice, and to keep it up, always. Pray this way!

Blessings! Pastor Chris - - Pastor Chris



February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

People of the Book; the 3:16's

4th:	1 John 3:16-24
11th:	1 Kings 3.16-28
18th:	1 Peter 3.16-18
25th:	Ecclesiastes 3.16-22

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met January 14th. The Kids for Christ Valentine supper was approved for February 11th. Please come out and support our youth. Also approved, was a movie & pizza night "Lock-In" for our younger Kids for Christ for February 16th. Thanks to Wendy Welch and her team for coordinating these events. The Session also approved the appointment of Ryan McCutchen to the cemetery committee. Our Church will host the Lenten lunches on February 21st, March 7th & March 21st. Please make plans to attend and celebrate the Easter season.

I would like to personally thank Gregg McCutchen, Cindy Welsh, and Bobby Thomas for their service these past 3 years.

If any member of the Session can assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett

Clerk of Session 803.428.8170

Next Stated meeting: February 11th @ 8:00 am

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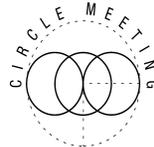
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Margery Woodham Jeffords
12/24/1925 - 01/28/2018

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<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$14,128.00
YTD Income received:	\$14,128.00
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$17,683.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,397.46
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,397.46
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$15,069.00
<u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$605.00
YTD Income received:	\$605.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18.14
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18.14



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Night (19th) Marsha McCutchen
Morning (20th) Jackie Drayton



Men of Church
February 21st @ 7:00 p.m.
Hosts: Chris Parnell &
Gene Williamson
We'd love to have you join us for
good food and good fellowship



Community Ash Service
Bethlehem United Methodist Church
February 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Lenten Lunch Schedule:
Wednesday's @ 12:00 noon
BUMC: February 14th & 28th, March 14th
BPC: February 21st, March 7th & 21st
A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend. A missions love offering will be collected

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The Kids for Christ will serve a Valentine meal to our congregation on Sunday, February 11th @ 6:00 pm
Please come and support them

Kids for Christ "Lock-In" (grades K-5th)
Friday, February 16th
Drop-off: 6:00 p.m.
Pick-up: Saturday by 7:30 a.m.
Please contact Wendy Welch w/questions

FEBUARY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
4th	Melinda Atkinson	Jill McElveen
11th	Cruces Bell	Missy Kirven
18th	Betsy Bramlett	Debbie Tindal
25th	Madison Bramlett	Betsy Bramlett

Presbyterian Women Fundraiser for Ministry & Missions

We're selling kitchen items from *RADA*, a company that's been making top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Catalogs are available in the Fellowship Hall. **Orders due: February 5th and can be dropped off in the office or given to any PW**

Happy Birthday



- Kayla McCutchen 1
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- Harry Woodmansee 4
- Hampton Gaskins 15
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- Patrick Finethy 17
- Bubba Muldrow 20
- Myers Varn Floyd 21
- Shirley Wallace 28

March

- 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



Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Dot Cothran** @ her home
- Laura Latimer**,
Morningside, Camden
- Isabelle McCutchen**,
Covenant Place, Sumter
- Boochie Swearingen**,
Sunrise, Charlotte
- Ralph DesChamps**,
Commander Nursing, Florence

Hospital Update

- ♦ **Bobby Thomas** @ home
- ♦ **Hugh Tindal** @ McLeod (infected foot)



Carroll and Pam Baker
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
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January 2018

“A coach will impact more people in one year than the average person will in an entire lifetime.”

Billy Graham



What a privilege to be able to know these men. The six high school football coaches above will be responsible for over 400 athletes and are just a sampling of the coaches in Richland, Kershaw and Lee County that I will continue to visit this year. Sometimes in their office, sometimes in their classroom, on the court or even on the practice field, I meet with them and often challenge them to take their next step of faith, whatever that might be. For some it will mean challenging them to come to Christ. For others, it may mean getting back on track in their relationship with Christ. I am so glad to say that some of these men are already walking with God and desiring to see God use them in the lives of their players and students. They understand that **God has called has called them to coach**, to make a difference for eternity!

Team Camp 2018 – Another record year?

Last year we saw 5 football teams and 1 basketball team commit to an FCA Team Camp. This year, I’ve already heard that up to 10 football teams and 3 basketball teams are seriously considering attending camp. WOW! God is really at work! Please pray that each coach will follow through on getting their teams to camp. It is quite possible that we could see nearly 500 local athletes attend team camp this summer!

Coming soon... Home Repairs

Meanwhile, at home we are in the process of some remodeling in our kitchen. Last Spring, we stripped off the old wallpaper in the kitchen. It was old, dirty and gaudy. I told Pam we could replace it 21 years ago as we were buying our house! Oh well, better late than never!



Cabinets need to be updated, counter tops replaced and a new floor installed. It may take us a while to figure out all the details but we hope to see some serious progress in the next month. I’m not a very good do-it-yourselfer, so we are trusting God for the right materials and the right contractors. (I don’t like the idea that our kitchen will be closed for a while after we get started.)



Thanks for all you do for our ministry and family. We appreciate your friendship!

Carroll + Pam

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24th: Easter Egg Hunt

25th: Palm Sunday

Family Night Supper

29th: Maundy Service @ BPC

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30th: Good Friday service @ BUMC



Daylight Saving Time Begins: March 11th
Don't forget to Spring forward

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March Elders-On-Call:

**Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier*

- Friday, 2nd:** World Day of Prayer program @ Courthouse
- Sunday, 4th:** Third Sunday of Lent/ LCCM food collection
McCants Lloyd baptism
Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman
Flowers: Matt & Betsy Bramlett
- Wednesday, 7th:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BPC
- Sunday, 11th:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven, Melinda Atkinson
Flowers: Renee & Crues Bell
2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begin
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
- Wednesday, 14th:** 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
- Sunday, 18th:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
- Monday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Ann Cooper)
- Tuesday, 20th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Louise McCutchen)
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7:00 p.m. Men of Church (John Muldrow/Jimmy McCutchen)
- Saturday, 24th:** 11:00 a.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt (home of Ipock's)
- Sunday, 25th:** Palm Sunday
Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
Flowers: Sidney & Avarie Easters
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Kids for Christ)
- Thursday, 29th:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion @ BPC
- Friday, 30th:** 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service @ BUMC



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LCCM March Collection
~ RICE ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, March 4th for our monthly Altar collection



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting (Acts 2:1-2).

I was 15 years old when Hurricane Hugo made its devastating landfall in South Carolina. At the time, I lived in Iva, in the upstate, more than 200 miles from Hugo's eye—yet I can still remember that, even as far inland as I was at the time, Hugo's winds raged all night long. My parents' house had vents underneath that the winds caught & howled throughout the night. And in the morning, there were trees and branches, shingles and sheds that had been knocked down during the storm's passage.

Any one of us who lived through hurricanes or tornadoes can speak to the power of wind. Wind can move ships, wind can generate electricity, wind can fly kites or cool children on a hot summer's day, and wind can push over trees & buildings. When we think of raw power, wind is usually one of those things we think about. So it's significant that the people in the upper room on that first Christian Pentecost, just 50 days after Jesus' crucifixion, hear the sound of a "mighty rushing wind" when the Holy Spirit makes his arrival.

I think this is profoundly significant, and no accident—God deliberately uses the "voice of the wind" to express some important facts about his Spirit. There are some things about the Holy Spirit God wants us to know, and the sound of mighty wind tells these things to us. First the sound reminds us of the Spirit's power—a power to move "great ships" (as Paul says), and a power to remove obstacles. The Holy Spirit is a force, not merely a presence within us, and the Spirit's power, as a "mighty wind" should be moving us and removing obstacles for us as we go where the Spirit takes us.

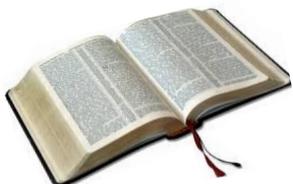
Second, the sound of the "mighty wind" reminds us what Jesus himself says to Nicodemus in John 3—the Spirit is His own person. We are not in control of the Spirit; the Spirit should be in control of us. This is a sometimes frightening prospect for us because if, indeed, the "wind blows where it pleases," and if Jesus is right that, "so are those born of the Spirit," then that means we're blown with the Spirit. And sometimes, we're afraid the Spirit will "blow" us places where we don't want to be. Sometimes He might take us out of comfort. Sometimes He might bring us to some unknown shore. And sometimes, He might "blow" things & people out of our lives that we—well we know we don't really *need* those things & people influencing us, but...

Yet God tells us the Spirit's power & work, the Spirit's blowing through our lives—and pushing us to move & remove—is critical to our following Jesus. We need to listen to the Spirit, because the Spirit tells us about Jesus and pushes us along after Jesus. He's literally the "wind in our sails" moving us, and He's the force of sanctification purifying us and removing the last vestiges of sin's influence & corruption in our lives. And at the last, the Spirit will move us to our eternal home with God & Christ Jesus.

So what should we do regarding the Holy Spirit? Acts 2 & the First Church—commanded by Jesus & led by the Spirit—tell us what we should do. We should get together regularly, "in one place & in one accord," for one purpose: To ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit on us anew, and to help us be willing sails, bending & following with the Spirit, moving with Him, rather than inflexibly resisting Him—risking being broken & wounded in the process.

The Spirit of God—the breath of God—is powerful, more powerful than even the greatest earthly winds. How will we respond when He starts moving like a "mighty rushing wind" in our midst?

Blessings! Pastor Chris



March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

People of the Book; the 3:16's

4th: Romans 3:16-26

11th: Jeremiah 3:16-23

18th: John 3:16-21

25th: Zechariah 9:9-12 (Palm Sunday)

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met February 11th and approved the request for the baptism of McCants Lloyd on March 4th and the use of the Fellowship Hall on March 25th for a wedding shower, from 2-4.

The Session also approved the following:

- The combination of the Finance & Property committees. The New "Finance" Committee will be responsible for both prior committees
- A request from Aaron Easters to auction off baked goods, at his next farm auction, with proceeds going to the Kids for Christ Fund

The Session acknowledged, with sadness, the passing of our dedicated member, Margery Woodham Jeffords. Her service to our Church will be deeply missed.

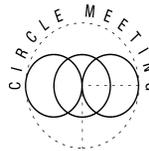
Perry McCutchen, Ray Drayton, and Chris Parnell gave a report the last Presbytery meeting. The Session thanks these men for their service.

Please contact a member of the Session if you have a need or concern. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session 803.428.8170

Next Stated meeting: March 11th @ 8:00 am

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL
*Perry McCutchen & Steven Frazier

February 2018 Statistics	
Average Attendance: SS - 48 Worship - 68	
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$10,836.55
YTD Income received:	\$24,939.55
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$35,366.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,429.70
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$27,827.16
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$29,801.00
<u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$1,710.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,240.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18.14



March Circle Hostesses
Night (19th) Ann Cooper
Morning (20th) Louise McCutchen



Men of Church
March 21st @ 7:00 p.m.
Hosts: Jimmy McCutchen & John Henry Muldrow
We'd love to have you join us for good food and good fellowship

Elder Class of 2021

Nominations are being accepted throughout March. Please complete a form and submit to the Church office or to a Committee member. Nomination forms are in SS rooms and Sanctuary. **Nomination Deadline: March 25th**

2018 Elder Nomination Committee Members

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Matt Bramlett, Chair | Perry McCutchen, Co-Chair |
| Jerry Adams | Cindy Welsh |
| Marilyn Adams | Ryan McCutchen |

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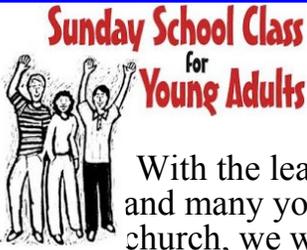
- Ralph Adams DesChamps*
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Rev. Harry Girtman
Rev. Billy Graham
Arline Chewing Copeland
Annie Laura McCants

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)

Our HOMEBOUND Members

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

Ralph Adams DesChamps
07/30/1930 - 02/13/2018



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Next dinner will be March 1st @ 6:00 p.m. Location: TBD

The Kids for Christ will serve a meal to our congregation on Sunday, March 25th @ 6 pm, in lieu of March Family Night Supper Please come and support them



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to **Waring McCants Lloyd**, son of Rusty & Manning Lloyd, brother of Mills Lloyd, grandson of Matt & Betsy

Bramlett, and great-grandson of Betty Manning Heriot on **March 4th**

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The Presbyterian Women thanks everyone who purchased items and/or donated funds to their recent "RADA" Fundraiser. **They raised over \$600 for Ministry & Missions!**

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25th	Gaskins Family	Cindy Welsh

Holy Week Events

Maundy Communion: March 29th @ 7 pm Bishopville PC

Good Friday Service: March 30th @ 6 pm Bethlehem UMC

Easter Sunrise/breakfast: April 1st @ 7 am Bishopville PC

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

BUMC: March 14th
BPC: March 7th & 21st

Light lunch, short devotion, and a mission love offering. Everyone is invited to attend



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 24th
11:00 am

Home of Charlie & Virginia Clyburn Ipock
2921 Long Marsh Rd, Darlington 29532

The church will furnish the 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

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Happy Birthday

March

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

APRIL

Gwen Steinmeyer 2
Melinda Atkinson 3
Kerry W. Frazier 3
Dot Cothran 4
Kathryn Welch 4
Belle Branham 10
Reneé Bell 13
Doris Bell 14
Kathryn Hart 19
Tyner Bramlett 20
Caroline McCutchen 20
Devin Atkinson 22
Susan Hilditch 23
Weston Jeffords 25
Ryan McCutchen 25
Gregg McCutchen III 27

Happy Easter!



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April At A Glance

1st: Easter Sunrise & breakfast
LCCM food collection
Accepting Operation CC gifts

2-8: Rev. Parnell on vacation
REL & CC Springbreak

8th: Steven Frazier in pulpit

14th: Cindy Ellen Lisk graveside

15th: Session / PWCT
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**Steven Welsh & Matt Bramlett*

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- Sunday, 1st:** Easter Sunday / LCCM food collection
Coffee: Young Adult SS Class
Flowers: Kerry & Steven Frazier
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise service & breakfast
 - 2nd - 8th:** Rev. Parnell on vacation
 - Sunday, 8th:** Second Sunday after Easter
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Manning Heriot
11:00 a.m. Steven Frazier filling pulpit
 - Saturday, 14th:** 11:00 a.m. Cindy Ellen Lisk graveside service
 - Sunday, 15th:** Third Sunday after Easter
Coffee: Wendy Welch & Dawn Nesbit
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. Stated PWCT
1:00 p.m. Lloyd Sutherland private graveside service
 - Monday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Melinda Atkinson)
 - Tuesday, 17th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Beth McCutchen)
 - Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Leon Hunt & William Watkins)
 - Sunday, 22nd:** Fourth Sunday after Easter
Coffee: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh
 - Sunday, 29th:** Fifth Sunday after Easter
Coffee: Church Provided
Flowers: Family of Rob McCutchen, Jr.
5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper (Creation Ministries)
6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Singing @ 1st Baptist Church



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LCCM April Collection
~ CANNED MEAT ~

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

"Who *are* you?" asked Shasta. "Myself," said the Voice, very deep and low so that the earth shook: and again "Myself," loud and clear and gay: and then the third time "Myself," whispered so softly you could hardly hear it, and yet it seemed to come from all round you as if the leaves rustled with it. – CS Lewis, *The Horse and His Boy*, 1954.

Of all the "Narnia" books written by Lewis, *The Horse and His Boy* is by far my favorite. It's the story of a boy—Shasta—who encounters a talking horse named Bree, and the many adventures the two have on a long journey to freedom. During the course of the book, and without "spoiling" the book too much for you, Shasta encounters someone significant—a voice, or as Lewis writes it, "the Voice." You'll quickly notice, as I did when I first read the book, Lewis is quite deliberately revealing "the Voice's" true identity: God.

Every Sunday, we sing the Doxology and we confess the Apostle's Creed, praising God the Father Almighty, God the Son our Savior, and God the Holy Spirit. We call this concept, that our God is three-in-one the Trinity. More ink has been spilt throughout the Church Age over the use of the word "Trinity" than nearly any other concept we Christians believe. What does it mean, that God is both One (as Deuteronomy 6 clearly says) and that God is Three (as Matthew 28 and 2 Corinthians 13 say)? Did God change between the Old and New Testaments?

Let's start at the very beginning—God created the heavens and the earth. This is such a basic Bible fact that we all know it & accept it easily. In fact, Genesis 1:1 tells us this. But then Genesis 1:2 adds another dimension: "*And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*" So... the Holy Spirit was there at the creation, too.

Then John 1:3 adds yet another: "*All things were made through [the Word] and without him was not any thing made that was made.*" So... Jesus was there, too. What we have is this: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth—and the Holy Spirit created the heavens and the earth—and Jesus created the heavens and the earth.

And this, along with 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 28:19, Acts 7:55, 1 Corinthians 12:3, John 15:26, and so many other places, helps us understand that the "Commander of the Lord's Army" Joshua encounters—and worships!—in Joshua 5 isn't any angel, but the Lord Jesus, and helps us to understand why, in Genesis, God constantly says things like "*let us go down [to Babel],*" or "*the man has become like one of us,*" or even "*Let us make man in our image.*" It's because we're being given insight into the divine communication between Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

So why does this matter? Isn't this for theologians and scholars to argue? Why does it matter to me & my family, or me & my church?

Well, I can give you 2 reasons: (1) Because it helps us understand and appreciate more fully the character of the God we serve. For instance, when John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world, and John 14 tell us that Jesus calls us his friends, and Psalm 23 tell us that God is our good shepherd, and 1 Corinthians 12 tell us that the Holy Spirit is both the guarantee and the guarantor of our salvation, when we put all these facts together—that these 3 persons are all 1 God—look at the character of that God. He loves us. He's our friend. He's our Father. He's our protector. He's our provider. He's our Savior. He's our God. Amazing!

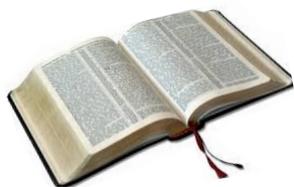
And (2) by showing us the different persons of God, the Bible shows us that each person—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—have different roles they play in our lives. Just as CS Lewis portrays with the same Voice speaking in 3 very distinct-seeming voices, our one God is our Heavenly Father who deserves our obedience. Our one God is Christ Jesus our brother, friend, & king who saves us from our sins and presents us to God our Father. And our one God is the Holy Spirit who makes his home in our hearts, guiding us, preserving us, protecting us, and empowering us to make it from this home to His eternal home in glory.

So, just as we do each Sunday, let's do each day: Let's praise the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our God the Three-In-One, and praise Him for who He is, and for what He does—and for the fact that He trusts us with such intimate detail about his nature.

Finally, brothers & sisters, rejoice . . . The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Blessings! –Pastor Chris

April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



1st:	Easter	John 20:1-19
8th:	Steven Frazier in pulpit	
15th:	<i>Nothing but the Blood</i>	Ephesians 2.11-22
22nd:	<i>There's Power in the Blood</i>	Hebrews 10.19-25
29th:	<i>Are You Washed in the Blood?</i>	1 John 1.5-10

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met March 11th and approved Rev. Parnell's vacation request for April 2nd - 8th and Steven Frazier agreed to fill pulpit on April 8th. We look forward to his message and appreciate his willingness to serve in this manner.

Please remember the upcoming Easter services. The Worship committee is working on plans for the Easter Sunrise service and Homecoming.

The Christian Ed. Committee is planning Bible School for the summer. A date will be set soon.

The Witness committee has been busy visiting many of our sick and shut-in members. A Celebration Sunday, for Sunday School teachers, is being planned to thank our existing teachers and encourage others to participate.

The Session met again on March 18th to approve a bid from CD's Painting to repair and repaint areas in our Sanctuary and kitchen.

There will be NO SESSION meeting in April.

Please pray for your Session as we pray for you. If we can be of service, at any time, please call any member of the Session.. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Next Stated meeting: May 20th @ 8:00 am

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL
***Steven Welsh & Matt Bramlett**



Our Pre-Teen's are accepting Operation Christmas Child donations

Needed: Baseball Caps, Visors, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, etc...

Please see Fellowship Hall exhibit, as needs change

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Saturday, April 14th @ 11:00 a.m.

Cynthia Ellen Lisk

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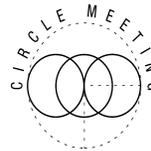
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MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18,045.72
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$46,049.60
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$49,438.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$850.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,090.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18.14



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Men of Church
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Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

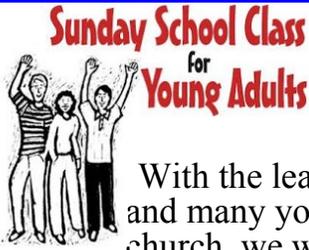
Laura Latimer,
@ Kershaw MC, broken hip
(Morningside, Camden)

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Boochie Swearingen,
Sunrise, Charlotte

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Program: Creation Ministries International
Get Answers for "Why Creation Matters"!

Does God exist? How can anyone believe in religion when science has neither a need nor a place for God? Is evolution happening today? If God is a God of love, why do we suffer and die?

Creation Ministries International is coming to your area with answers to these important questions. Come and hear **Joel Tay** expose the bankruptcy of the evolutionary myth. You'll be amazed to see how weak the scientific evidence for evolution is.

This is an issue that affects everyone. Evolution teaches us there is no God, there is no spiritual realm, and there is no afterlife. According to the theory, spirituality is just an evolutionary trick of the mind.

The Bible gives a very different picture about the nature of these things. At this presentation, you will learn how the scientific evidence, when properly understood, confirms the details of the biblical account. At the same time, we will answer many of the Big Questions.

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DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
1st	Betty Manning Heriot	Wendy Welch
8th	Kirven Family	Meredith Gaskins
15th	Jennifer McCutchen	Jill McElveen
22nd	Gregg McCutchen III	Betsy Bramlett
29th	Jimmy McCutchen	Missy Kirven

Thank You



On behalf of Robert E. Lee Academy, its Board of Directors, and Administrators, we would like to say a great big "Thank You" for the school desks that you donated to the academy. We are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness and will put them to good use in the immediate future. Our school has survived for over 52 years because of the generosity and good stewardship of folks like you! Thank you again for contributing to the success of our young people and may God richly bless you all!

Sincerely, Maria Watson - Head of School



Easter Sunrise Service
Breakfast & Living Cross
April 1st @ 7:00 a.m.

Save the Dates

Mayesville PC Music Events w/Reception
 Sunday, Apr. 8th @ 4:00 pm - Thompson Duo
 Sunday, Apr. 29th @ 4:00 pm - Isaac Watts
 Everyone is welcome to attend. No admission cost, but donations are welcome

Happy Birthday

APRIL



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

Happy Easter!



MEMORIAL DAY



The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them'Psalm 34:7

I felt that deliverance the night of January 20, when we suffered that terrible accident returning from the Mayan village of Yalcoba. Two months have gone by, in which I have felt the Lord's presence with me.

So many of you have written and prayed and sent love gifts, that I wish I could thank you personally. My strength is still limited, but I wanted you to know how much I have appreciated everything.

I can get in and out of bed and walk small distances with very small steps. It is still painful and I often despair. I have canceled plans to go to the states this summer because I don't know if I will be able to walk. I have a therapist who comes three times a week who has been very helpful.

We are waiting for the insurance company to pay, but it is a very slow process also. Daniel and Debbie have been seeing about all the payments. Here in Mexico one may not leave the hospital unless the bill is paid in full. Then you wait for the insurance to reimburse.

I don't know what I would do without the help of Debbie. She is so busy with her teaching jobs and now has the care of the house and me. I am so glad she will now have two weeks of Easter vacation to try and get caught up, and to rest.

There is so much I would like to say to each one. All I can say is thank you, I am grateful to you and to the Lord. Perhaps Daniel can get this note out before he leaves and goes on spring break to Florida with the family. He also has been very helpful in keeping all of you informed.

Blessings, Jean



Mom

We have not sent a newsletter since October, and have been wanting to communicate with you before now, but several things have delayed our writing to you. One was that for several months Philip has been awaiting a response from the US Marine Corps about his acceptance as a recruit, and we wanted to inform you about that. However, that response still has not come. You could pray for God's guidance for him.

Another was that my mother, Jackie Abernathy, had surgery in mid-December, and due to her age (85 years), and the condition of her health, she was not able to recover. She passed into God's presence on January 12. While we are grateful for our confident hope in eternal life for believers in Christ, the loss of a loved one takes an emotional toll. Clearing out her apartment was also an emotional experience, as we gave away all that was left of a household that began in 1950 when our parents married.

I am deeply grateful for the heritage of real and genuine faith that both my parents passed on to us.

Former students completing New Testaments

When I was in Nairobi, Kenya, from 2005 to 2007, I taught New Testament Greek, Hebrew, and Biblical exegesis to a dozen or so African men who were working in Bible translation. On Monday, March 19, I received emails from two of my former students, Rev. Saul and Rev. Zakayo, who are Lutheran pastors in Tanzania. They were proud to inform me that they had completed the translation of the New Testament in their own Kinga language, and now that it has been checked for accuracy by consultants, it is ready for typesetting. Just a few minutes later I received a Facebook message from another former student, a Sudanese man who informed me that his work in the translation of the New Testament in his Tennet language is now complete, and that it is ready to be sent to the printer in South Korea.

It was a happy day for me!



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For the life of faith my mother lived during her 85 years
- For the completion of the New Testament in the Kinga and Tennet languages of East Africa
- For the completion of the Exegetical Summary of Acts

Please continue praying...

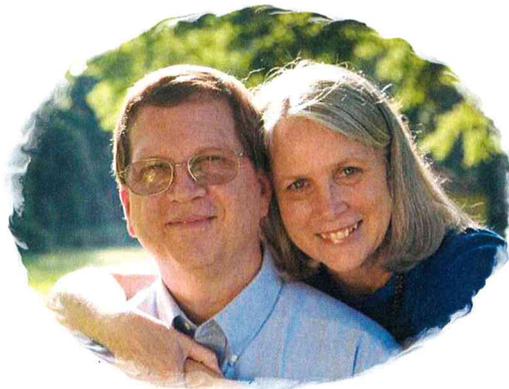
- For guidance for Michael and Philip for their future
- For additional financial partners
- For God's enabling in my exegetical research and writing

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*Bishopville Pres,
Thank you so much for your partnership
with us. We appreciate you. Estelle & David.*

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

March 2018



Translation challenges: abstract nouns



Photo of an abstract noun

A month ago a friend came to me to talk about a translation problem he encountered while trying to help an indigenous group in South America with Luke 20:20. In that passage some people were wanting to trap Jesus in something he might say so they could hand him over to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. “Authority” and “jurisdiction” are abstract nouns, which are nouns that express ideas that can’t be experienced by the senses. For example, kindness, justice, love, and mercy are abstract concepts that occur often in the Bible.

But this South American language does not have any abstract nouns. It is possible to translate this verse concretely, by saying they wanted Jesus to be brought to the governor for trial. However, my friend was unsure if this language even has the concept of going to court, since they live in a remote area with little contact with the governing authorities in that region.

So what do you do when you want to translate Bible passages that speak of God’s love, or kindness, or mercy? These are all important concepts in describing the character of God and his feelings toward us, but they are abstract nouns. If you can’t find a word that means “kindness” or “mercy” it may be necessary to talk about how God wants to help people, or has decided not to punish, or that his “heart is turned” when he sees how someone suffers.

The life of David

I recently realized what a great privilege I have in working in the Old Testament exegetical summary project. I get to read the high points of the Old Testament in Hebrew and see what commentaries have to say about them!

Most recently I have worked on 2 Samuel 7 and 12. Chapter 7 describes the covenant God graciously makes with King David, with the promise that his dynasty will endure forever, a promise that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ’s having ascended to his throne in heaven. David is overwhelmed by God’s gracious promises. Chapter 12 describes Nathan’s bold but effective challenge of David after his sins of adultery and murder, in which Nathan says to David “*You* are the man!” David’s confession “I have sinned against the Lord” is only two words in Hebrew, but they come from the heart. This passage shows that it’s not in the number of words that make our prayers for mercy effective, but the condition and response of the heart.

Finishing the exegetical summary of Acts

Part of the work of writing exegetical summaries is editing the work that others have done. On Friday, March 9, I sent a file I had edited on the exegetical summary of Acts, and which was the last file to be completed. I had worked on chapters 21 through 28 myself, and reviewed and edited chapters 15 through 20, which someone else had done. Now these are ready for publication and distribution. Some readers will access this reference material in a book, and many more will access it electronically in a resource called the Translator’s Workplace CD.



King David by Valentin de Boulogne, c. 1527

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3rd: National Day of Prayer

6th: LCCM food collection

10-14: Church office closed

12th: VBS Leader Training

13th: Mother's Day / Baccalaureate
REL Baccalaureate



15th: Morning Circle Spring luncheon

16th: Men of Church

18th: REL Graduation

20th: Session / Elder election

27th: Trinity Sunday

28-30: Church office closed



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MAY

- Thursday, 3rd:** 7:40 am - 6:00 pm Sanctuary open for National Day of Prayer
12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer program @ Courthouse
- Sunday, 6th:** Sixth Sunday of Easter / LCCM food collection
Coffee: Martha Kay Hunt & Laura Parnell
- 10th - 14th:** Office closed: Gwen on vacation
- Saturday, 12th:** VBS Leadership training (Time: TBD)
- Sunday, 13th:** Seventh Sunday after Easter / Mother's Day
Coffee: Young Adult SS Class
Flowers: Family of Lila Mae Welsh
Israel Coins collected
11:00 a.m. BPC Baccalaureate Service
7:00 p.m. REL Baccalaureate Service @ BUMC
- Monday, 14th:** 5 Year Anniversary from PC(USA)
- Tuesday, 15th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle Spring luncheon
- Wednesday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Jerry Adams & Matt Bramlett)
- Friday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. REL Graduation
7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
- Sunday, 20th:** Day of Pentecost
Coffee: Kim & Aaron Easters
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
11:15 a.m. C/O 2021 Elder election
- Sunday, 27th:** Trinity Sunday
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 28th - 30th:** Church office closed for holiday & vacation



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LCCM May Collection
~ CANNED FRUIT ~

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



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

My daughter Mary & I have a lot in common; we both have (or had, in my case) brown hair, we both have hazel eyes, and we both run (again, in my case, ran) track at school. I actually lettered in track—I have my picture in Crescent's "Block C" photo in the yearbook. Coach Crawford wisely put me into what he called "mid-distance" runs—I ran the 200M, 400M, & 800M, and the 4x400M relay. Of all these events I ran over my years in track, I probably liked the relay the best of all. I think this is because it combined both my own individual effort, but also incorporated a team of runners depending on each other and building on each other's progress. My team & I used to work really hard on our "transitions", those critical moments when we would pass the baton from one runner to the next.

Times of transition are hard, and, honestly, unavoidable. How do we do it? Furthermore, how do we do it well? There was something about the handoff during the relay races we used to run: if we transitioned well, if we did the hand-off smoothly, our team got a boost. But if we did it poorly—say, one of us dropped the baton, or had the wrong hand out, or didn't match speeds—then the whole team lost momentum, and the next runner had to run even harder just to keep up. So how do we do transitions well?

Not coincidentally, May is the month we celebrate Pentecost, and Pentecost is the ultimate transitional moment in the history of the Church. We, the Church, become the embodiment—literally—of God's Holy Spirit, the same active force & power that guided Jesus' work. We, the Church, at Pentecost, are filled with the Spirit, fulfilling both Joel's prophecy and Jesus' own promise to the Church in John 14. He does not go away and leave us without help; he leaves us the Holy Spirit to walk alongside us, to live inside & among us, and to protect and provide for us. Pentecost is our reminder that God has invested in us, the Church, His own Spirit for His own purposes and glory.

So here's something you might not know—there are 2 Pentecost moments in the book of Acts. If you made an outline of the book of Acts, you'd break it down into 2 principle sections: the Acts of the First Apostles, primarily Peter; and the Acts of the Next Apostles, primarily Paul. There's even a "Second Pentecost" at the close of Peter's ministry, immediately preceding the commissioning of Paul and Silas at Antioch. So what you're seeing is that the baton is being passed—this is a moment of transition. You find this "Second Pentecost" in Acts 10:1-11:18, which is the story of Peter and Cornelius, and shows the first full inclusion of Gentiles in the story of the Church.

Interestingly, there are 3 powerful parallels God shows us between the Pentecost of Acts 1-2 and the "Second" Pentecost of Acts 10-11. In fact, we might look at these 3 parallels as "Pentecost Principles" which should guide and help us through the moments of transitions we face as believers and as the Church. And let's be honest—there will be & are those moments of transition. So what are these 3 Pentecost Principles?

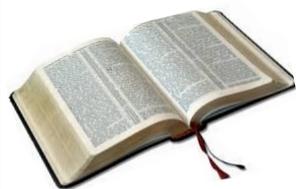
First is **Pray**—whether it's in the upper room or in Cornelius' den, specific, direct prayer is critical for any group of believers facing transition. Pray to know God's will, to see God's plan, to bend to God's purposes. Pray to be able to endure the unexpected, and to have the strength to do—and often give up—what God needs.

Second is **Invest**—the Church of Acts is constantly investing time & effort into each other's lives. Peter invests his time & effort into Mark, so Mark can write his Gospel. Ananias & Barnabas invest their time into Paul so Paul can be a missionary. Paul invests his time & effort into Timothy so Timothy can be a pastor—and on and on the story goes. Look for places to get to know & invest trust and training other family members in the Church.

Third is **Reach**—both the first & second Pentecost of Acts include the church reaching out to bring someone new in. Whether we're looking at Peter's sermon in Acts 2 or his defense of Cornelius in Acts 11, we're seeing the Church doing what the Church does best—bringing new people home.

So the baton's in our hand for this, our leg of the race here in Bishopville. We're running as hard as we can, doing the best we can on the great head-start our fathers & mothers gave us in this wonderful church. And while we're concentrating on what we're doing here & now, we can't ever forget the transition—the hand-off—we've got a responsibility for. So let's pray for our future and future leaders. Let's invest ourselves in each other. And let's reach those God's given us to reach, bringing more & more people into this amazing church family & home!

Blessings! –Pastor Chris



May Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

6th:	<i>Dangerous Plan</i>	Acts 1:4-12
13th:	<i>Dangerous Prayer</i>	Acts 4:23-33
20th:	<i>Dangerous Pentecost</i>	Acts 2:1-17
27th:	<i>Dangerous Church</i>	Acts 13:1-12

NEWS from the Session...

April is gone and maybe Spring will finally come and stay for a while.

May will bring a celebration for our three high school graduates; Caroline Welch, Caroline McCutchen, and Meg Gaskins. Pray for these young ladies as they start their next journey in their lives.

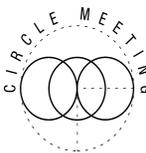
Pray also for Jerry Adams, Gregg McCutchen, and Bert Cousar as they allow their names to be put into nomination for elder. I know they will ask the Lord as they make decisions for our Church.

This is brief because the Session did not meet in April, but we are always available to serve the congregation. Please let me know if we can be of service to you. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett

Next Stated Meeting: May 20th @ 8:00 am

April 2018 Statistics	
Average Attendance: SS - 34 Worship - 71	
<u>Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)</u>	
MTD Income received:	\$22,439.10
YTD Income received:	\$65,364.20
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$70,732.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,407.55
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$63,457.15
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$67,957.00
<u>Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses</u> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$1,130.00
YTD Income received:	\$4,220.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18.14

MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL
*Dick McCutchen & Ray Drayton



May Circle Hostesses
Night No Meeting
Morning (15th) Spring luncheon

**Congregational Meeting
Elder Election c/o 2021
Sunday, May 20th**



The following names have been submitted from the Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2021 Elders:

- Jerry Adams
- Bert Cousar
- Gregg McCutchen III

The floor will be open for nominations, for members who discern 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.

2018 Elder Nomination Committee

Matt Bramlett, Chair Ryan McCutchen
Perry McCutchen, Co-Chair Marilyn Adams
Cindy Welsh Jerry Adams



Men of Church
May 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
Host's: Jerry Adams & Matt Bramlett
We'd love to have you join us for good food and good fellowship

Bible Study Sunday's @ 5:30 p.m.
This class is open to anyone who wishes to participate. If you would like to submit questions, prior to class, please email them to:
parnellcm@yahoo.com or text (803) 459-6800

Our HOMEBOUND Members
Dot Cothran @ her home
Laura Latimer,
@ NHC, Parklane #201, rehab
Isabelle McCutchen,
Covenant Place, Sumter
Boochie Swearingen,
Sunrise, Charlotte

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
Robert "Bob" Webber, father of Rhonda Raley
Phoebe Chestnut, aunt of Jill McElveen
Neta Brown Hayden, aunt of Gwen Steinmeyer
Rev. Dr. Mills Junius Peebles
Anna Turner Shearer
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)

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 Rev 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 study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world.

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

Church Office Closed
May 10th - 14th for Vacation
May 28th - 30th for Holiday/Vacation



Thursday, May 3rd
 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



The Kids for Christ Ministry Coin Jar Collection
Sunday, May 13th

Donations will be 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

MAY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
6th	Kayla McCutchen	Debbie Tindal
13th	Marsha McCutchen	Wendy Welch
20th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Kerry Frazier
27th	Bubba Muldrow	Meredith Gaskins



Operation Christmas Child
Pre-teens are accepting donations

Needed: Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, etc... Please see Fellowship Hall exhibit, as needs change

Hartsville Community Chorus presents
Mendelssohn "ELIJAH"
May 5th @ 7:00 pm
 West Hartsville Baptist Church
 1003 W. Carolina Ave.
Hartsvillecommunitychorus.org
 843.857.3778

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendar
Sunday - Wednesday
JUNE 10th - 13th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bishopville Presbyterian Church
Registration: June 10th @ 5:30



We'll have a training Session for all leaders on Saturday, May 12th (tentative) in the BPC Fellowship Hall. Leaders are needed. Please contact Aaron Easters with questions

Happy Birthday

May

June

Harrison Blake Smith	4
Stephen Welch	6
Ray Drayton	8
Cameron McElveen	10
Conner Welch	13
Lacie McElveen	14
Rev. Chris Parnell	14
Jenny McCutchen	15
Marsha McCutchen	16
Hugh Tindal III	16
Katherine Dickinson	17
Patrick Jeffords	23
Patricia Latimer	25
Liz Simon	25

Madison Bramlett	7
Zeke Gaskins	7
Hank Welch	8
Jimmy McCutchen	13
Terri Ann T. Belk	13
Beth McCutchen	17
Nicholas Jeffords	23
Ricky McCutchen	23
Katherine Folsom	25
Virginia Kerr Beard	28
Debbie Tindal	28
Tim Kirven	31

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2018



Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 13th, during Worship

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, if any. Please notify the Church office of student awards and honors to be published in the upcoming June SCROLL.

2018 High School Graduating Class

- **Mary Ellen Gaskins**
Robert E. Lee Academy
May 18th
Plans to attend Clemson University this fall
majoring in Agribusiness
Daughter of Meredith & Bill Gaskins
Maternal Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen
- **Caroline Louise McCutchen**
Robert E. Lee Academy
May 18th
Plans to attend Presbyterian College this fall
majoring in Pharmacy
Daughter of Johnny McCutchen, and Dawn & Craig Nesbit
Maternal Granddaughter of Brad & the late Dolly McCutchen
Paternal Granddaughter of Louise & the late William "Billy" McCutchen
- **Caroline Merritt Welch**
Robert E. Lee Academy
May 18th
Plans to attend Converse College this fall
majoring in Chemistry
Daughter of Wendy & Benny Welch III
Paternal Granddaughter of Kathryn & Benny "Hank" Welch, Jr.
Maternal Granddaughter of David Perdue & Joyce Perdue

2018 High School Honor Marshall

- **Sara Abbett Kirven**
Robert E. Lee Academy
Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
Maternal Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen
Paternal Granddaughter of Anne & Gary Tyner

REL Baccalaureate: May 13th @ 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem United Methodist Church
REL Graduation: May 18th @ 7:00 pm in the REL Gymnasium

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3rd: LCCM food collection
10th: Stated Session
10-13: Vacation Bible School @ BPC

17th: Father's Day / Communion
26-28: Church office closed, tentative
24th & 27th: Host Salkehatchie lunch

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE

2018

HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

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Wendy Welch & Charlie Ipock

- Sunday, 3rd:** Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / LCCM food collection
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: Family of William Welsh
- Friday, 8th:** Sanctuary reserved for Wedding Rehearsal
- Saturday, 9th:** Sanctuary reserved for Wedding
- Sunday, 10th:** Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Family of Dot & Buddy Wilson
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School begins @ BPC
- Monday, 11th:** 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School @ BPC
- Tuesday, 12th:** 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School @ BPC
- Wednesday, 13th:** 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School @ BPC
- Sunday, 17th:** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day
2nd qtr Communion (Ray Drayton & Dick McCutchen)
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
- Sunday, 24th:** Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: William & Judith Watkins
- 22nd - 28th:** Office closed: Gwen on vacation (tentative date)



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LCCM June Collection
~ CANNED VEGETABLES ~
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OCC Shoebox June Designation
~ TOYS ~



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

I started writing a book a few years ago on 1st Corinthians. Why, you ask, did I do this? Well, I'd done a paper on 1st Corinthians for a class, and I'd been re-reading the book in conjunction with some work I was doing for my presbytery at the time, so I figured, "why not?" So I bought a bunch of books & studies, commentaries & scholarly articles on this letter from Paul to "First Presbyterian of Corinth" and went to it. I found out pretty quickly, there are a lot of obstacles to writing a book - you might call them "reefs" - and so, sadly, my book "shipwrecked" after about 4 chapters. I still have the draft, and, who knows? The Lord willing, I may finish it someday yet.

Other than in figurative speech (like I used about my book) not many of us know what it means to be shipwrecked. Sure, we've maybe had car-wrecks, or maybe even run a boat aground, but do we know how it feels to be involved in a literal shipwreck? Okay, probably not - but I do know that all of us know what it feels like to be in a metaphorical shipwreck. What do I mean? How many of us have been going along, things were going so smoothly, then - WHAM! - we hit a reef? Maybe in a relationship, maybe in a job, maybe even in our faith - and maybe, just maybe, the shipwreck happened because we'd let go of the wheel just for a second. How do we get through these times? How do we survive personal "shipwrecks"?

This is where we can especially thank God for the Apostle Paul - a man who knows a thing or two about shipwrecks, both metaphorically speaking & literally (he tells First Corinth he was shipwrecked not once or twice, *but 3 times!!*). Yet, for all his (bad) experience in real ships having real wrecks, Paul knows, just like you & I know, more often than not the worst shipwrecks are the personal wrecks we make in our own lives. So this is why he writes to his young student about how to avoid shipwrecks in 1st Timothy 1:18-20:

This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may fight the good fight, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

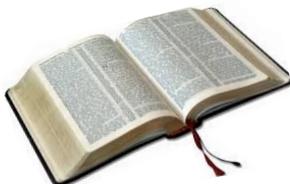
Rejecting the prophecies, not fighting for your beliefs, ignoring your conscience - all these, Paul tells Timothy, are sure-fire ways to wreck your faith, and in wrecking your faith, shipwreck your life. Makes sense, doesn't it? What happens when we turn our back on the prophecies, the teachings, the truths of the Bible? What happens when we abandon God's solid truth for the shaky ground of whatever is "relevant"? When we do that, we lose our foundation - we build on sand, and that won't survive the storms, Jesus tells us.

And when we reject the Bible's truth, we certainly won't fight for it. Instead, we try to justify our own desires, prejudices (*literally means prejudging*), and preferences. So we hunt & peck for verses we like, but ignore the commandments and "thou shalt nots" we don't. The problem is, when we stop fighting for some of God's word, when we reject some of God's truth, we end up losing it all - and all we're left with is a conscience crying out to us, "Hey, this isn't right!" WHAM! We've hit a reef.

But that's not what Paul wants for Timothy, and that's not what we want for ourselves, our church, our community, or our children. We want the ship to go forward, to go right, and to do that, we need to charge ourselves with Paul's charge to Timothy: Trust in the words of the prophecy, to the Bible! Fight for what needs fighting - for what's worthy, not for what doesn't matter! Listen to the conscience, and the Holy Spirit, God's given us! Keep our hands on the wheel, and look forward to the horizon God's laid out before us. Let him guide us through the reefs - and if we scrape the hull sometimes, let's be man & woman enough to look to God and ask for his help, and his forgiveness.

And, what we see with Corinth is Paul doing just that, just what he did for Hymenaeus and Alexander - he's hoping for the ship to be set right, and for people's faith to stay afloat and on course in the Spirit. And when we've come home to that safe harbor God's got waiting for us, we'll turn and look at those ships of faith that carried us home and smile. Who knows - maybe I'll finish that book after all.

Blessings! - Pastor Chris



3rd:
10th:
17th:
24th:

June Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

The Prophet
The Visionary
The Dreamer
The Shepherd

1 Kings 18:20-41
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 14:22-28
1 Peter 5:1-11

NEWS from the Session...

The Session met May 20th - A request was approved from Elder, Charlie Ipock, to become a candidate for Teaching Elder under the care of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. Please pray for Charlie, and his family as he begins this journey in God's service.

With regret, a request from BJ Kerr was approved to move her to the Inactive membership roll, on June 30th. She will be moving to Gastonia to live with family. Many thanks to BJ for all her service to BPC. We pray for God's blessings in this move.

Upcoming Events: 1) All Salkehatchie teams will have lunch with us on Wed. June 27th and one team on Sunday, June 24th 2) Our Annual Church Picnic will be held at the home of Steven & Debra Welsh on August 12th 3) Lifetouch Photo will be here August 6th & 7th, so mark your calendar for our new pictorial directory. More info on these events to follow...

If we can be of service, anytime, please call any Session member. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk

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

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL
*Wendy Welch & Charlie Ipock



c/o 2021 Session

- ◆ **Jerry Adams**
- ◆ **Bert Couser**
- ◆ **Gregg McCutchen III**



Communion & Cents-Ability offering
Sunday, June 17th



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

Cents-Ability offering will help fund LCCM

June Communion Elders: Ray Drayton & Dick McCutchen

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Isabelle McCutchen,
Covenant Place, Sumter

Boochie Swearingen,
Sunrise, Charlotte

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Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$88,415.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$76,442.46
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$83,784.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$175.00
YTD Income received:	\$4,395.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,718.14

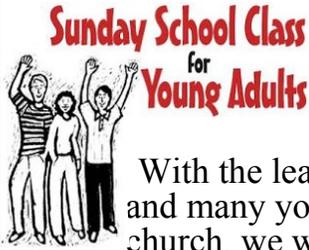
To my Bishopville Presbyterian Church family:

The last of June I will be moving to North Carolina to live with my granddaughter, Shannon, and her family. She invited me and after much thought, my family and I have decided this will be a wonderful move for me. She and her husband are shifting around some rooms so that I will have what amounts to a small apartment (with kitchen privileges)). The children will keep me active and I will get to watch them grow up. Rick and Kathy will be a few short blocks away and Bryce and her family are about 40 minutes away, in McConnells, SC. Bryce has already asked me to go to the precious little Presbyterian Church in her town and Shannon and her crew want me to go with them to the Baptist Church in Gastonia, so I guess I will be a "Bap-terian".

I want to thank you for all your support through the 60+ years that the Kerr's have been a part of BPC- through the good times but especially support during the bad times. I have loved serving our PW in so many ways and had the privilege of serving as both an ordained Deacon & Elder. I will always remember these times of service to BPC and the greater Church and I thank the members and the clergy that encouraged me to stretch myself and do many things I never thought I would or could do. Philippians 4:13 reminds me daily that "I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me strength and power". With much love, BJ

My new address, as of July 1, 2018 will be:

BJ Kerr
1321 Laurel Lane
Gastonia, NC 28054
803.856.1317



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The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry

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All 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



Operation Christmas Child Pre-teens are accepting donations for shoeboxes

Needed Items: Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, person hygiene (ex: toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc... Please see exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change

Salkehatchie teams arrive in Lee County on June 23rd, helping the needy in our community. We will host and feed 1 team on Sunday, June 24th and all teams Wednesday, June 27th. Please help, if asked

THANK YOU

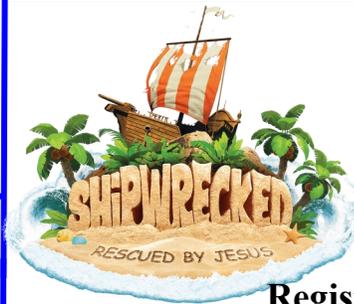
Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you so much for all the calls, visits, cards, food, memorials, and other expressions of love when Cindy, my sister, passed away. These have certainly helped my family and me get through our time of sorrow and loss. And a BIG thank you to all those faithful women on the Bereavement Committee. - Love, Katie & T-Bo

Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study will be Postponed until Fall

JUNE HELPER CALENDARS

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10th	Janice Reynolds	Jill McElveen
17th	Shirley Wallace	Missy Kirven
24th	Judith Watkins	Betsy Bramlett



Mark Your Calendar
Vacation Bible School
Sunday - Wednesday
JUNE 10th - 13th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Bishopville PC

Registration: June 10th @ 5:30
 Classes for all ages. Please join us!



Hope

First Baptist VBS
 June 18th - 22nd
 9 am - 12:15 pm



Camden Community Choir Performance

Sunday, June 3rd @ 4:00 p.m.

30 Voice Choir Concert, directed by Bo Dickinson, with members of our choir singing. Everyone is welcome

Happy Birthday

June July

Harrison Blake Smith	4	Reese Atkinson	8
Stephen Welch	6	Covington Ipock	8
Ray Drayton	8	Frank Tindal	8
Cameron McElveen	10	Kim Easters	11
Conner Welch	13	Betsy Bramlett	12
Lacie McElveen	14	Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Rev. Chris Parnell	14	Robin Jeffords	13
Jenny McCutchen	15	Avarie Easters	14
Marsha McCutchen	16	Bob Latimer	14
Hugh Tindal III	16	Allen Corbett	15
Katherine Dickinson	17	Isabelle McCutchen	18
Patrick Jeffords	23	Ashley Latimer	21
Patricia Latimer	25	Andrea King	24
Liz Simon	25	Libby Corbett	26
		Daphne Dickerson	26
		William Watkins	31

Church Office Closed
June 19th - 21st



CONGRATULATIONS
Class of 2018



High School Graduates

- **Mary Ellen Gaskins**

Robert E. Lee Academy, May 18th
Plans to attend Clemson University, this fall, majoring in Agribusiness
Daughter of Meredith and Bill Gaskins
Maternal Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen

Honors/Awards/Sports: Class President of 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; Class representative of 12th grade. Member of Beta Club, Anchor Club, Student Council and President of Latin Club. Played 3 years of Varsity softball and 4 years of Varsity basketball. Lifetime scholar roll. Central Carolina Deans list in her Junior Year, and Presidents List in her senior year. Recipient of the Hessie Morrah Scholarship and the East Sandhills District Scholarship from the Garden Club of South Carolina

- **Caroline Louise McCutchen**

Robert E. Lee Academy, May 18th
Plans to attend Presbyterian College, this fall, majoring in Pharmacy
Daughter of Johnny McCutchen and Dawn & Craig Nesbit
Maternal Granddaughter of Brad & the late Dolly McCutchen
Paternal Granddaughter of Louise & the late William "Billy" McCutchen

Honors/Awards/Sports: Salutatorian of her class, Cavalier award including the Karl Alexander Scholarship, The American Legion Scholarship Award for class salutatorian, Student Council Scholarship Anchor scholarship, American History award from Woodmen Life, SCISA certificate of Honor in Recognition of Excellence scholarship, Anchor Club Certificate in Recognition of outstanding service and scholarship, Certificate for Recognition of completion of 24 credit hours-Dual Enrollment courses

- **Caroline Merritt Welch**

Robert E. Lee Academy, May 18th
Plans to attend Converse College, this fall, majoring in Chemistry
Daughter of Wendy & Benny Welch III
Paternal Granddaughter of Kathryn & Benny "Hank" Welch, Jr.
Maternal Granddaughter of David Perdue & Joyce Perdue

Honors/Awards/Sports: Recipient of the Lucille C. McGowan Scholarship from Girl Scouts

2018 High School Honor Marshall

- **Sara Abbett Kirven**

Robert E. Lee Academy
Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
Maternal Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen
Paternal Granddaughter of Anne & Gary Tyner

Student/Teacher Awards/Honors, not published in the June SCROLL will be announced in the July edition of the SCROLL. Please email your info to the Church office, no later than June 18th to: bishopvillepc@gmail.com

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July At A Glance

- 1st:** LCCM food collection
- 3rd-5th:** Church office closed
- 25-31st:** Rev. Parnell on vacation
- 29th:** Charlie Ipock in pulpit
1st Baptist 5th Sunday Singing

August At A Glance

- 1-8th:** Rev. Parnell on vacation
- 5th:** LCCM food collection
Pulpit Supply
- 6th&7th:** Photo Sessions for Directory
- 12th:** Church Annual Picnic
Hosted by Welsh/Frazier's
- 19th:** Communion & Cents-Ability

Please sign up to be included in our new Pictorial directory. Go to our Facebook page or our website to register or you may call or email the Office

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



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

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



Bishopville Presbyterian Church

July Elders-On-Call:

**Aaron Easters & Perry McCutchen*

- Sunday, 1st:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / LCCM food collection
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Family of Harriett Watson
- 3rd - 5th:** Church Office closed for holiday/vacation
- Sunday, 8th:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Meredith, Missy, Melinda
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- Sunday, 15th:** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen
- Sunday, 22nd:** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- 25th - Aug. 8th:** Rev. Parnell on vacation
- Sunday, 29th:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Church Provided
11:00 a.m. Pulpit Supply: Charlie Ipock
6:00 p.m. First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing



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



OPEN Flower Calendar 2018
July 15th & 29th
August 5th & 26th; September 2nd, 16th, 30th
Please contact the 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 July Collection
~ CEREALS ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, July 1st for our monthly Altar collection



Please support our Children
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
July Designations
~ TOYS ~
~ SCHOOL SUPPLIES ~



My articles for the next few months will be part of a series; this is part 1!

Rock Hill is probably the biggest city I ever lived in—it’s the sort of town that “feels” bigger than it really is, because Rock Hill, like Fort Mill, Indian Land, Indian Trail, Pineville, Harrisburg, Gastonia, Huntersville, Mint Hill, etc., are suburbs of the largest city in North Carolina, Charlotte. For 9 years I actually worked at the SC/NC state line (as we called it, the “modern Mason-Dixon”) and went into, shopped in, ate out in, or just hung out in Charlotte just about all the time.

I bring this up because, while the Apostle Paul visits any number of cities during his missionary voyages, planting churches everywhere he goes, Corinth is probably the largest, busiest city where he lives & stays for several years. In Acts 18 we read about Paul’s work in the Greek/Roman city of Corinth. And while we read about Paul’s situation, the successes and challenges he faced, and the aftermath of his work in that new church, Luke, Acts’ author, doesn’t tell us much about the city itself. What sort of place is Corinth? What kind of people lived there in the late 40s to early 50s AD (the most likely timeframe when Paul planted that church)? And what sorts of issues might this church face that almost no other church would face? So where is Corinth? I found this helpful, myself - it’s a map from the Oxford Bible Atlas 3rd Edition, 1984:



As we can see from the map, Corinth is the main city on the isthmus that connects upper and lower Greece. Sitting there, it became a city of commerce. You see, Corinth sat at an incredible crossroads: A major east-west trade route (the isthmus on which Corinth sat connected the Aegean Sea to the East with the Adrian Sea to the West) crossed a major north-south trade route (going down to the important cities & ports in Greece). They’d even built a system that allowed ships to come into Corinth, a sort of “overland” canal! The Romans considered Corinth of such strategic and commercial importance that, even after they’d destroyed the city around 146 BC, they rebuilt it. Corinth, in the days of Paul, was, in fact, the capitol or chief city of the Roman province of Achaia.

Corinth, then, was an important city, like a prototype New York City or Charleston - or a Charlotte - it sat at the crossroads of commerce, and it had historical & cultural significance. Because of this, Corinth was an incredibly diverse city, having a population that included Roman soldiers, Roman citizens, Greeks, folks from Asia, Cyprus, Crete, Macedonia, sailors from all over the known world, Egyptians, Jews, and many, many more! And of course, along with those culturally diverse inhabitants came a curious collection of religions and philosophies, all having temples and worship centers to support them.

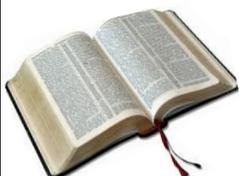
Corinth was a sinful city. Being a port town carried with it the same problems facing many port towns today: criminals, drugs, alcohol, abortion, child-abandonment, and prostitution. Keep in mind also the great economic dichotomy in Paul’s day; you were either rich or poor - no true middle class existed - and whatever you did defined your life & future, as well as the lives & futures of your children and their children. Corinth existed in a day & age with rampant slavery and human trafficking, much of which would certainly have passed through a trade crossroads like Corinth, much like our own infamous “I-95” corridor. Too many people had little or no value in Roman society, particularly slaves, non-citizens, the poor, and many women & children.

In short, Corinth was, in the days of Paul, a city desperate for the Gospel.

In a vision, God revealed to Paul, “I have many in this city who are my people.” Many in this city, God says, this pagan city, this sinful city, this diverse, uncaring, unfeeling city, filled with the very rich and the filthy poor, this city important to man for all the wrong reasons. Here, God says, even in the midst of sin and misery, I have many. And you’re there to help find them.

Part 2 in August - God bless you! - Pastor Chris

July Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



1st:	<i>Let Freedom Ring - to Live is Christ</i>	Philippians 1:12-21
8th:	<i>Light the World - to Live is Christ</i>	Philippians 2:5-18
15th:	<i>Watch Out! - to Live is Christ</i>	Philippians 3:1-12
22nd:	<i>Rejoice & Rejoice again - to Live is Christ</i>	Philippians 4:4-13
29th:	Pulpit Supply: Charlie Ipock	

NEWS from the Session... Happy Summer!

The Session would like to Thank everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School and Salkehatchie. Everyone had a great time at VBS and we enjoyed hosting a Salkehatchie team on Sunday and all teams on Wednesday for a pizza lunch.

Please sign up for your picture session for August (dates & times can be found in SCROLL & bulletins) The Worship committee has started planning Homecoming... More info to follow...

Please place August 12th on your calendar and come enjoy the annual end of summer picnic at Steven & Debra Welsh's home. You can swim or just enjoy watching the children!

As always, please contact any Session member if you have a need or special request. We are here to serve our congregation. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk

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

JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Aaron Easters & Perry McCutchen**
 *denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

It's been 7 years since we printed a Church Pictorial directory and a lot has changed in those years. Please visit our Facebook Page or website to sign up to be included in our new Directory. You'll need to create a login when you sign up, online, or you can call or email the Church office or Wendy Welch and we'll be more than happy to sign your family up for you.

Photo sessions are Monday & Tuesday, August 6th & 7th from 2-9 pm.

URL link to sign up:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydc4z538/>



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From our Missionary in Mexico

Dear friends at Bishopville, this is just a note of Thanksgiving to the Lord for the ability to write, move, and continue to play and accompany soloists at church, although I continue to use a walker in the house and a wheelchair outside, I am thankful I can get around. On June 30th I hope to go to the Village of Yalcoba to play in a special service. The trip takes about seven hours so I will see how I do. Sitting too long causes pain in the hip area. My daughter had a meeting yesterday with the lawyer of the insurance company. They continue to not want to pay for the expenses of the accident by saying they have no receipts. My daughter showed them that they did have copies of the receipts as well as the police department. Another meeting is scheduled in a week or two. If this continues we can ask that it be taken to court, where a judge will rule in our favor because there is ample evidence that the girl hit us and is responsible for all our injuries. We are waiting for God's timing in this process. I thank the Church for their gifts and prayers.

- - Blessings, Jean Legters

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The Kids for Christ are accepting bookbags & school items for the "Appalachian Project".

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Happy Birthday July August

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Pictorial Directory photo's
August 6th & 7th, from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Across from Church office, by appointment only

Annual Church Picnic
August 12th @ 4:00 p.m.
At home of Steven & Debra Welch

Communion & Cents-Ability offering
August 19th, during Worship

Rally Day
September 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

World Communion & Cents-Ability offering
October 7th, during Worship

2018 Homecoming
October 14th @ 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Ken Hicks will be our guest preacher

Reese Atkinson	8	Bobby Thomas	1
Covington Ipock	8	Caroline J. James	5
Frank Tindal	8	Chloe Jeffords	5
Kim Easters	11	Billy Clyburn	6
Betsy Bramlett	12	Susan Cline	7
Gregg McCutchen IV	12	Leila McCutchen	7
Robin Jeffords	13	Edie Varn	8
Avarie Easters	14	Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Bob Latimer	14	Brittany A. Hyman	11
Allen Corbett	15	Steven Frazier	12
Isabelle McCutchen	18	Grayham Geddings	13
Ashley Latimer	21	Matt Bramlett	15
Andrea K. McCutchen	24	Mary Cousar Laney	18
Libby Corbett	26	Jennifer Bailey	22
Daphne Dickerson	26	Lydia Conway	22
William Watkins	31	Diane McElveen	26
		Sidney Easters	27
		Benji Harrington	30
		Sara Abbett Kirven	30

Church Office Closed
July 3rd - 5th



Baker Family and Ministry

June 2018

Carroll and Pam Baker
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063
cbaker@fca.org
<https://my.fca.org/> To give online

Update on Pam

The testing Pam had in May confirmed the MRI... that there is pressure on her brain. She's not in any pain or discomfort whatsoever, but we are going to see a neurosurgeon on July 6 to discuss the possibilities of relieving the pressure of the spinal brain fluid through surgery. Thanks so much for praying!

Team Football Camp Update – Miracle at Mt. Olive

Last week at the Team Football Camp at Mt. Olive University, **Coach Bennett Weigle** took 24 of his **Richland Northeast Cavaliers** to their very first FCA Camp. It was simply amazing! Twenty-three of the Twenty-four players placed their faith in Christ! It was so fun to watch God work. It was like a spiritual light was turned on for these players.

But what happened the next day at camp is one of the sweetest stories ever. Friday June 15th was also Coach Weigle's Anniversary. He and his wife Allana were apart and the players wanted to do something special for them. They decided to write a note for Coach Weigle to read to Mrs. Weigle. But they used some real creativity.

Here's Coach Weigle telling the rest of the story in his Facebook post...



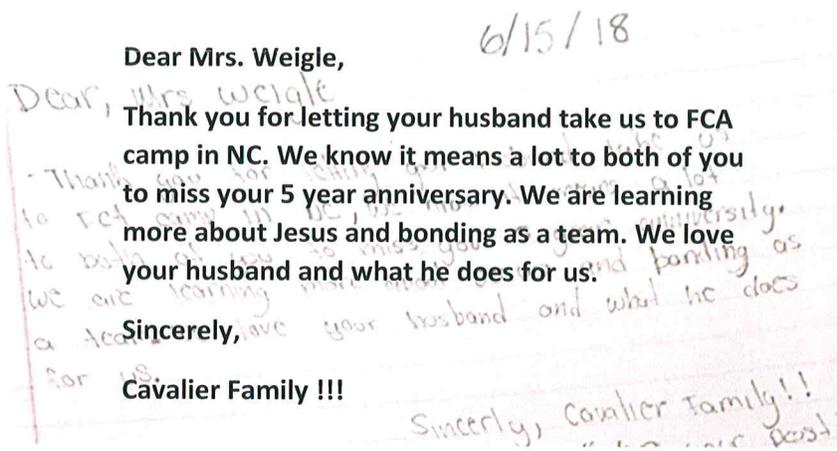
"Backstory to this letter...I'm in a coach's meeting up here at FCA Camp today. Our players are on their own in their dorm. I get a call from one of our players that there is a fight, so I bolt from the meeting, rush to the dorm, and bust in to a room where I hear yelling and screaming. When I get in the room, there is no fight. Our players are in the room and read this letter to me when I come in. Things got a little misty from there!

I wanted to post this for three reasons. First, to show [Allana Weigle](#) on our 5-year anniversary! Second, as a testimony to the group of kids we have here with us. We have an incredible group of young men. And third, as a kudos to [FCA](#) for putting on camps like this. Attending this camp has been the best decision I have made as a coach. We've been here for 24 hours and lives have already been changed."

Dear Mrs. Weigle,

Thank you for letting your husband take us to FCA camp in NC. We know it means a lot to both of you to miss your 5 year anniversary. We are learning more about Jesus and bonding as a team. We love your husband and what he does for us.

Sincerely,
Cavalier Family !!!



When a coach steps out in faith and takes his players to FCA camp, lives are changed for eternity! More to come later this summer when 7 other teams attend team camp!

Thanks for helping us to reach Coaches and Athletes... God is at work!

Carroll + Pam

Thank you for your partnership with us in our work!

David & Estelle

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

June 2018



JAARS: 70 years of ministry

On May 22 JAARS had its 70th birthday, having passed the 70 year mark as a ministry serving the **technical needs of Bible translation**. JAARS was founded in 1948 in Peru to support the transportation and radio/telecommunication needs of Bible translators working in remote areas of the Peruvian Amazon jungle. In 1961 it was relocated here to the campus in Waxhaw, NC. Initially it consisted of a few buildings, a landing strip and a hangar. Then a construction and maintenance department was added to provide services for the center as well as training for personnel going overseas to do maintenance work there.



Several **technical departments** were then added to the existing aviation and radio repair groups to accommodate other needs. Then came computer hardware and language software development, media services, land transportation services for four wheel drive vehicles and motorcycles, and eventually maritime services for providing boats and water safety equipment. JAARS has also provided **training** in aviation, media services, language software use, electronics hardware repair, water safety, and off-road driving with four-wheel drive vehicles.

If you would like to visit JAARS and take a tour of the facility, why don't you consider coming on a Saturday for a **JAARS Day** tour on August 11 or October 13? You can purchase airplane rides (weather permitting), and off-road, four-wheel drive rides. You can also see demonstrations of how aircraft have been used to assist in the work of Bible translation, and how media services is being used to present the message of scripture through audio and video formats. There will also be displays of computers, electronics, solar power setups, and boats.



Providing solar power for off-the-grid locations



4WD training is a must for driving in some locations

Update on the Old Testament lectionary project

The last bit of work on the exegetical summary of Acts was completed in late May, so now my full attention has turned to Old Testament exegetical work. For this project we focus on the weekly lectionary readings that are used in liturgical churches (Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian). Those cover the high points of the OT over a three-year cycle.

I have authored the exegetical summary work for 43 passages in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, 1 and 2 Samuel, Amos, and Daniel. I have also edited 43 Isaiah files and 14 Genesis files that others have done, to get them ready for publication, which represented over 1,200 pages of text.

There are still another 69 passages at 20 to 35 pages each that need to be edited and made ready for publication, and I will probably be the one to do this. This amount of reading computer files can be a strain on my eyes, so I would appreciate your prayers for my eyesight, as well as skill for the actual editing itself.

Why do only the lectionary readings in the Old Testament instead of all the OT books?

It has taken nearly 30 years to complete the exegetical summaries for all the New Testament books. Since the Old Testament has three times as much text as the NT, doing all the OT books would take decades longer. Also, many people in developing countries will only access Scripture through hearing it read in church. If the most important passages are translated into the mother tongue (with the help of the exegetical helps we create), people will at least hear the high points of the Old Testament message.

Michael graduates with a Master's in Music Performance

On May 11 Michael graduated with his Master's in Music Performance from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. We are proud of his achievements and look forward to seeing what he will do in the future.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

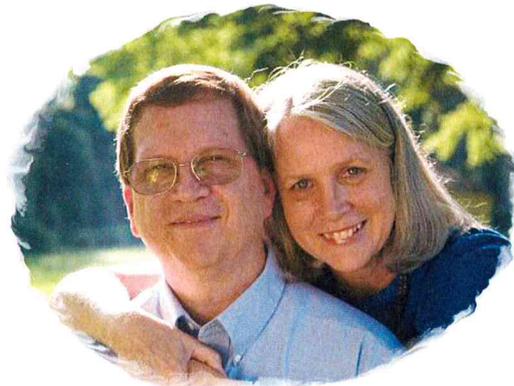
- For stable and adequate income for most of the past year
- For Philip's opportunity to participate in a seven-week evangelism and discipleship training program at Myrtle Beach, SC
- For Michael having completed his master's degree in music performance, and his temporary job at Samaritan's Purse in Boone, NC

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Please continue praying...

- For permanent employment for Michael, and for guidance for Philip about the next phase of his life and career
- For continued progress in the Old Testament lectionary exegetical summary project



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- 1st-8th: Rev. Parnell on vacation
- 5th: LCCM food collection
Steven Frazier in Pulpit
- 6th&7th: Photo Sessions for Directory
- 12th: Annual Church Picnic
Hosted by Welsh/Frazier's
- 19th: Communion & Cents-Ability

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August 1st - 3rd**



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Pulpit Supply: Steven Frazier
Coffee: Tricia Latimer & Wendy Welch
- 6th & 7th:** 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Lifetouch photo's for directory
- Sunday, 12th:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Church Picnic @ Debra & Steven Welsh's
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Desbit
Flowers: Debbie & Bill Tindal
- Sunday, 19th:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Third Quarter Communion
Coffee: OPEN
Flowers: Family of Bill Welsh
- Sunday, 26th:** Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Bobby Thomas, Tyson Eckley, Steven Welsh

Please contact Church office if you wish to host coffee time on August 19th



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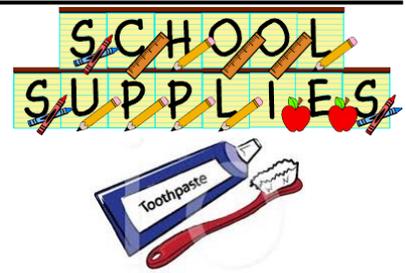


LCCM August Collection
~ PEANUT BUTTER ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, August 5th for our monthly Altar collection



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~ SCHOOL SUPPLIES ~
~ Personal Hygiene items ~



From the Pastor's Desk...

(My articles for the next few months will be part of a series on 1 Corinthians; this is part 2...)

Hardly a year after Paul left Corinth to start his work in Ephesus, he gets a desperate letter from the Corinthian Church: Some things have gone terribly wrong, so please help! They obviously ask for a lot of help, as Paul sends back a rather broad letter, the one we call 1st Corinthians. In this letter, Paul addresses questions of marriage, of worship, of cultural influence and interaction, questions of morality, and questions about the nature of God and the afterlife. These are issues every church deals with, and difficulties every church faces, but rarely (if ever) so many so quickly. How could it be that a church barely 3 years old could be so badly broken?

The most important thing to remember when we look at 1st Corinthians—or any of Paul's letters, is that the church is made of people, and sometimes people get things wrong. Too many times, we focus on broken systems or ideas or ideologies without seeing or sympathizing with the people involved. In Acts 18:10, God tells Paul, ***"I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city who are mine."*** God reminds Paul that Corinth—both the city and the church are made up of people, and these people are God's. So everything Paul addresses when we writes Corinth, every answer, every verse, every doctrine, all has in mind God's love for God's people in God's church & city.

It's helpful, then, to look back at Acts 18 and see some of the people Paul knew in Corinth. Who are the elders, the leaders, the people who make up the Corinthian church? Who are the people there to whom Paul ministered, the people Paul reached with the story of Jesus? Who are the people about whom God says, firmly & unequivocally, "They're mine"?

There are married people, such as Aquila and Priscilla, Jewish Christians from Italy. They're in exile from their home because of the decree of Claudius Caesar. For a time Paul works with them as tentmakers, until the arrival of Silas and Timothy from Macedonia, and they become instrumental in leading the church at Corinth, and later Ephesus.

There are out-of-towners like Silas, a Jewish Christian, and likely a native of Judea; an elder and leader in the church. Silas, along with Judas Barnabas had been sent with a letter to the Gentile churches from the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15, and he becomes one of Paul's closest coworkers on the mission field.

There are young people, like Timothy (to whom Paul will write two letters later in life) a young man from a mixed family: his mother and grandmother are Jewish Christians, but his father is a Greek nonbeliever. Paul invests much of his life in teaching & training Timothy to become the pastor of the Ephesus church.

There are Greek people, such as Titius Justus, a Greek worshipper of God, who lives next door to the local synagogue (or Jewish house of worship) and opens his home to Paul's ministry.

There are religious people, like Crispus, the synagogue ruler. The synagogue ruler is much like the old office of Sunday School superintendent, the one who makes sure that everything done in the place of worship is orderly and respectful of God and others. Interestingly, by the time Paul writes 1 Corinthians, not only is the synagogue ruler on his arrival converted (Crispus), but also the synagogue ruler at the time of his departure (Sosthenes, who Paul says co-authors 1 Corinthians)!

There are Romans, such as the main authority in Corinth, the Roman proconsul Gallio. He was the brother of a philosopher named Seneca who tutored Nero Caesar, and was well-known for his even-handedness, as we see in Acts 18 in his response to Paul's accusers.

Men & women, youth & elders, professionals & wanderers, leaders & followers—Corinth has them all, as does the Corinthian church. God says of them, "Mine." The same is true of every city and every town, whether 1st Century Corinth or 21st Century Bishopville - God has people in every place who are "His" and belong to His church, people He wants His church to reach. True, they bring with them issues, questions, difficulties - but Corinthians is the story of God's outreach even to people who have all sorts of problems. After all, God is the God who fixes what we break. Hallelujah, Amen.

Blessings! Pastor Chris

August Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



5th:	Pulpit Supply: Steven Frazier	
12th:	<i>David's Song: God the Rock</i>	2 Samuel 22:1-16
19th:	<i>David's Song: God's Way</i>	2 Samuel 22:17-31
26th:	<i>David's Song: God the Savior</i>	2 Samuel 22:32-46

NEWS from the Session...

It's hard to believe that August is almost here. Summer will end soon and our youth will go back to school. Let's all pray for the students and their teachers, as they work together, this year.

I hope everyone has made an appointment to have their picture taken for our church directory. Please contact Gwen if you need assistance. Also remember our annual Church picnic. Come eat, swim and have fellowship with our Church family on August 12th.

Our youth had an amazing experience on their trip, this past weekend. We are sure they had fun. Their mission was to take bookbags, food, and other supplies to people in Lee County, Va. We know that those who gave and those who received were equally blessed by this experience. Great job, Kids for Christ!

Please contact any Session member if we can serve you at any time. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk

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

AUGUST ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Ray Drayton & Steven Frazier**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

It's been 7 years since we printed a Church Pictorial directory and a lot has changed in those years. Please visit our Facebook Page or website to sign up to be included in our new Directory. You'll need to create a login when you sign up, online, or you can call or email the Church office or Wendy Welch and we'll be more than happy to sign your family up for you.

Photo sessions are Monday & Tuesday, August 6th & 7th from 2-9 pm.

URL link to sign up:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydc4z538/>



July 2018 Statistics	
Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 55	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$17,607.10
YTD Income received:	\$115,031.85
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$123,781.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,826.27
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$112,412.77
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$125,549.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$500.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,295.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,718.14



Communion & Cents-Ability Sunday, August 19th

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

August Communion Elders: Aaron Easters & Matt Bramlett

Thank You

Just a short note to let my BPC church family know that I am all settled in and very happy here in Gastonia. Mostly I want to say how much I appreciate my "parting gift" and how honored I am to have received the beautiful heart necklace. Shannon & her family and Bryce & her family are so warm and loving. I miss being in Bishopville, once in a while, but know this is where I am meant to be. I get lots of hugs and kisses everyday and even help making my bed some days!! Love to each of you and thank you for 63 years of precious memories! BJ

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 Alonzo Quattlebaum III

George "Buck" King, former BPC organist

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)

Visit the Homebound
Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

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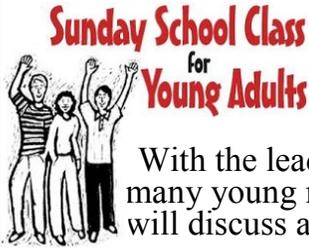
The Blake @ Woodcreek Farms, Elgin

Isabelle McCutchen,
Covenant Place, Sumter

Boochie Swearingen,
Sunrise, Charlotte



Sunday Bible Study will be Postponed until Fall



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

With the leadership of Rev 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 study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world. We will have monthly dinners, outside of Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.

AUGUST HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
5th	Melinda Atkinson	Jill McElveen
12th	Crues Bell	Missy Kirven
19th	Betsy Bramlett	Debbie Tindal
26th	Ann Cooper	Betsy Bramlett



The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry
Please take a coin jar to help the

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. **Next Collection: November 11th**

Many, Many Thanks!!!

The Kids for Christ traveled to Virginia and hand delivered over 35 book bags & extra school & personal items to the "Appalachian Trail Project". We thank everyone who helped make this mission trip possible!

Summer Pulpit Supply's
August 5th: Steven Frazier



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox donations

Needed Items: School Supplies, Toys, Baseball Caps, Vissors, bob-by pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, personal hygiene (ex: toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc... Please see exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change

Happy Birthday

August September

Bobby Thomas	1	Kate Jeffords	1
Caroline J. James	5	Steven Terrell III	8
Chloe Jeffords	5	Jeff Varn	8
Billy Clyburn	6	Betty Heriot	10
Susan Cline	7	Julie Cothran	12
Leila McCutchen	7	Caroline Welch	13
Edie Varn	8	Solomon Eckley	18
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9	Charlie Ipock	14
Brittany A. Hyman	11	Virginia C. Ipock	20
Steven Frazier	12	Suzanne Simon	21
Grayham Geddings	13	Bert Cousar	22
Matt Bramlett	15	Lindsay Simon	22
Mary Cousar Laney	18	William Frazier	24
Jennifer Bailey	22	Ansley Nesbit	24
Lydia Conway	22	Patrick Parnell	24
Diane McElveen	26	Crues Bell III	25
Sidney Easters	27	McCants Lloyd	29
Benji Harrington	30	Reese Atkinson	29
Sara Abbett Kirven	30	Wendy Welch	29

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S

Pictorial Directory photo's

August 6th & 7th, from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Across from Church office, by appointment only

Annual Church Picnic

August 12th @ 4:00 p.m.
At home of Steven & Debra Welsh

Communion & Cents-Ability offering

August 19th, during Worship

Rally Day

September 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

World Communion & Cents-Ability offering

October 7th, during Worship

2018 Homecoming

October 14th @ 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Ken Hicks will be our guest preacher

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- 23rd: Rally Day
- 28-29: Presbytery Meeting
- 30th: First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing

October At A Glance

- 7th: LCCM food collection
World-Wide Communion
- 8th: Office closed (Columbus Day)
- 14th: HOMECOMING (Ken Hicks)
Session ???
PWCT???
- 15th: Night Circle
- 16th: Morning Circle
- 17th: Men of Church

Sunday School



RALLY DAY
September 23rd
6:00 pm
Covered-dish



Church Office Closed: September 3rd, Labor Day

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Gregg McCutchen III, in pulpit
Coffee: Aaron & Kim Easters
Flowers: Ann & English Cooper
- Monday, 3rd:** Church Office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 9th:** Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
Flowers: Judith & William Watkins
8:00 a.m. Stated Session resumes
- Sunday, 16th:** Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Martha Kay & Leon Hunt / Laura Parnell
9:00 a.m. PWCT resumes
- Monday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle resumes (Jennifer McCutchen)
- Tuesday, 18th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle resumes (Judith Watkins)
- Wednesday, 19th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church resumes (Steven Frazier)
- Sunday, 23rd:** Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: John & Doris Bell
6:00 p.m. Rally Day covered-dish
- Sunday, 30th:** Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Church Provided
6:00 p.m. First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing



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~ PERSONAL HYGIENCE ~



(My articles for the next few months will be part of a series on 1 Corinthians; this is part 3...)

The young pastor went to his mentor for help. He was hurt, for he saw that his former church was going through some really severe difficulties. The young pastor looked to his mentor, a man who himself had pastored many churches over a long and illustrious career, a man trusted for his sound and wise advice.

The younger pastor asked him, "Brother, how do you let go of a former church?"

The older, wiser pastor thought for a moment, and he replied, "Completely."

"So, how do you do that?" the younger man pressed.

"When you find out," his mentor replied, "let me know."

I wonder if Paul felt this way when he heard what had happened to the church at Corinth, hardly five years after he'd planted it. Did he groan when "Chloe's people" told him about all the divisions in the church, the controversies in the church, the hurt feelings and hurt people in the church? I wonder what he said when he heard that he, Peter, and Apollos (Corinth's 2nd pastor) were becoming party divisions? I wonder if this is why he told Timothy that, every once in a while, he should drink a glass of wine...

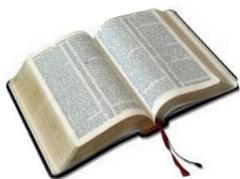
Charles Hodge writes that Paul's relationship with the Corinthian church "was special in some ways. He was not only the founder of the congregation, but he continued in the closest relation to it. *It excited his care...*" [emphasis mine]. I love that phrase: Corinth excited Paul's care. This especially makes sense if we consider the church an organism - and we'd be right to do that. Like any other organism, the church needs an organic level of care. It needs things like air, water, food, clothing, shelter, and, occasionally, a physician.

Follow me out on this: the air the church breathes is the Holy Spirit. The water is baptism. The food is communion. The church's clothing is worship. Her shelter is the Cross. And her physicians are the Apostles and the Prophets, sent by God for the church's health, upkeep, & healing. And so, when Paul meets Chloe's people who tell him what's happening at Corinth, the church again "excited his care" - this time as a healer. For the sake of Corinth, his former church, Paul takes on the role of its physician, and his letters to the church are twin prescriptions of Holy Spirit inspired medicine.

So here's the first dose from Dr. Paul to his sick friends at Corinth: "*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.*" (1 Corinthians 1:17). To be healed, Paul knows Corinth must get back to the power of Christ Jesus' Cross. To be reunited, reconnected, restored, Corinth needs the power of the Cross. Their entire identity, their entire faith, their entire existence as at church doesn't come from the people, the organization, the bylaws, not even the building, tithes, and offerings (though all those things help the church function) - the church's identity comes from the Cross, and the church gets its power from the Cross. And, more than any other church Paul deals with, Corinth needs this stark reminder - look to the Cross!

And sometimes, so do we, as believers. Sometimes we get so busy, so caught up in doing or living that we fall prey to division or arguments, that we get off the path - though not as drastically as Corinth! So we, like Corinth, need to remind ourselves, too: Look to the Cross. It's our power, it's our hope, and it's our reason to know we're forgiven. So as we continue to look at Paul's "medicine" for the Corinthian church, let's keep in mind that the first dose is the strongest, and that everything else flows out of that central cure. Look to the Cross. Amen. Blessings! - Pastor Chris

September Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



2nd:

Decisions

Proverbs 3:5-6

Gregg McCutchen in pulpit

9th:

Hebrews 1:1-9

16th:

Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3

23rd:

Hebrews 10:39 - 11:16

30th:

Hebrews 13:1-16

NEWS from the Session... It's almost September, so schools are back in full swing. Let's continue to pray for all our college, high school, and elementary students and their teachers!

The Church picnic was a great success. The kids had fun and the food was delicious. Thanks to Steven and Debra Welsh for hosting us. Thanks also to Wendy Welch for organizing our Pictorial Directory and to Charlie Ipock & Steven Frazier for filling the pulpit, and doing an awesome job, while Chris was vacating.

On a sad note, we want to remember the family of Rev. Dr. Howard Shockley, the Stated Clerk for the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, who recently passed away. We pray for God's comfort for his family.

Also please continue to pray for Rev. Andrew Brunson. The National media reports on his situation occasionally and we know that God is working to bring about a resolution.

As always, please pray for our Session as they pray for you. If we can serve you, in any way, please don't hesitate to contact anyone of us. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk

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

SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL

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Thelma Calcutt, mother of Renee Bell

Lawrence Watford, father of Marsha McCutchen

Dr. Rev. Howard Shockley, Jr. Clerk of EPC, PMA

William "Bill" Wheeler, Jr

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)

Dear friends at BPC: Every now and then I want to write to our partners and say "Thank You" for your prayers and gifts in support of our ministry. We really do appreciate them! May God pour out His grace and provision on you as you have for us. Thank you for your partnership! David, and for Estelle, Abernathy - Wycliffe Bible Translators

Dear Church Family, Crues and I want to thank each and every one for all your thoughts and prayers through Mom's years here in Bishopville and even before. You have always been there for us and even for Niece during her long illness. There are not enough words to express the love we have for each and every one of you. The calls, cards, food, visits, hugs, and memorials to our Church have meant so much. Mom and Niece were always amazed at the kindness everyone had always shown. We can't thank Chris, Bo, and Don Grant enough for our beautiful Service and Celebration of Mom's life. It was just perfect and meant so much to all of us. Many thanks to Gwen for all her sweet calls and assistance in trying to help us get it all together for our Service. All of this will never be forgotten. May God Bless all of you. - Renee

My family and I thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the death of my Father. The cards, visits, calls and most of all your prayers have made it easier for each of us. Jimmy and I are so blessed to have such a loving, caring and thoughtful church family. - The family of Lawrence Watford

August 2018 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 33 Worship - 61

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$141,464.00
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Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$140,773.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$810.00
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,730.55

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Morning (18th) Judith Watkins

Men of Church September 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

Host: Steven Frazier

Our HOMEBOUND Members

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Laura Latimer

The Blake @ Woodcreek Farms, Elgin

Isabelle McCutchen,

Covenant Place, Sumter

Boochie Swearingen,

Sunrise, Charlotte

Janice Reynolds @ her home



*BPC Members, Thank you all so much for the lovely Bible you gave me for graduation. It will be very useful for my journey through college and the years after. You have all been a part of my life since birth and mean the world to me.
Love, Caroline McCutchen*



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 Congratulations to Virginia & Charlie Ipock on the safe arrival of their daughter, **Victoria Catherine Ipock**, born August 28th. Victoria joins brothers Covington and William and proud grandfather, Billy Clyburn

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October 7th, during Worship

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October 14th @ 11:00 a.m.
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16th	Gaskins Family	Cindy Welsh
23rd	Betty Manning Heriot	Jill McElveen
30th	Kirven Family	Debbie Tindal

Food for the Soul
Lettuce be Kind
Squash Gossip
Turnip for Church

Pulpit Supply
September 2nd:
Gregg McCutchen III

 **Church Directory UPDATE**
We hope to have the directories before Homecoming

September 23rd @6:00 p.m.
Bring a covered-dish and join us for this fun event

Rally
SUNDAY

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 Clyburn-Ipock	20	Marilyn Adams	19
Suzanne Simon	21	Gordon Wayne Eckley	20
Bert Cousar	22	Dawn Watson Nesbit	24
Lindsay Simon	22	Betty Ann Cooper	25
William Frazier	24	Amelia Reese Hyman	27
Ansley Nesbit	24	Johnny McCutchen	28
Patrick Parnell	24	Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28
Cruces Bell	25	John Hampton Cloyd	29
Reese Atkinson	29	Bo Dickinson	29
McCants Lloyd	29	Anna Grace Kirven	30
Wendy Welch	29	Dick McCutchen	30

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- 7th: LCCM food & Cents-Ability gifts
World Communion
Appalachian Coat tree gifts due
- 8th: Office closed for holiday
- 14th: PWCT / HOMECOMING
- 15th: Night Circle
- 16th: Morning Circle
- 17th: Men of Church
- 21st: Stated Session

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Let's Celebrate!!!**

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Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

October
2018



Bishopville Presbyterian Church

October Elders-On-Call:

**Dick McCutchen & Steven Welsh*

Sunday, 7th:

**World Communion Sunday / LCCM food & Cents-Ability gifts
Communion Elders: Wendy Welch & Charlie Ipock
Kids for Christ "Coat Tree" gifts due
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon**

Monday, 8th:

Church Office closed for holiday

Sunday, 14th:

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
HOMECOMING
Flowers: Christine Shirley Family
9:00 a.m. PWCT**

Monday, 15th:

7:00 p.m. Night Circle

Tuesday, 16th:

Morning Circle outing (Dot Cothran's)

Wednesday, 17th:

7:00 p.m. Men of Church

Sunday, 21st:

**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
8:00 a.m. Stated Session**

Sunday, 28th:

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: William & Judith Watkins
Flowers: Mike Monroe**



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OPEN Flower Calendar
2018: September 16th, 30th & December 30th
2019: January 13th, February 3rd & 24th
March 3rd, 10th, 17, 31st
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LCCM October Collection
~ DRIED BEANS ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, October 7th for our monthly Altar collection



Please support our Children
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
October Designations
~ TOYS ~
~ SCHOOL SUPPLIES ~
~ PERSONAL HYGIENE ~



There's a row of photos - portraits, in fact - that hang in the Session room across from my office. I like to go over there every so often and look at them. There are 19 faces, 19 men who have, each of them, served as teaching elder of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, going all the way back to Rev. Thomas English who started us out in 1838. As I look at those portraits, I like to think about these former pastors and their legacy and impact on both our church and on Bishopville itself. What sort of challenges did they face?

I ask myself all kinds of questions, questions we've probably all asked these same portraits: What was it like to pastor our church during the tumultuous years our nation faced - especially during the Civil War & Reconstruction? What was it like to face the early 20th Century flu epidemic, or the stock market crash and subsequent Great Depression? How did you preach during the World Wars? Why am I the first pastor in 100 years to have a beard? (Well, maybe I'm the only one asking that silly question)

More than anything else, though, when I sit in that room and look at those portraits, I'm reminded of what Hebrews 12:1-2 says: *"But since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."* As the 20th such man to hold the office the men represented in those portraits held, and as we come into our season of Homecoming, I can say these men - and me - would want our witness to encourage you to do what Hebrews 12 says to do.

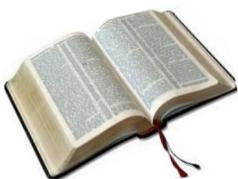
So what would they say to do, that "great cloud" of pastors? They would say, ***"Lay aside what holds you back."*** Every one of us, both the TEs from our church's long & storied history, and you & me today, have what we call "baggage". Those are the hurts, the wounds, the feelings of inadequacy, the mistakes & missteps that we've all had. Now, we can do two things with those scars: We can learn from them, growing forward, letting our lives be defined by our faith & trust in the God who will see us through; or, we can look at those scars & be afraid of getting hurt again. Don't do that, Hebrews says. Learn, grow, make course corrections, but keep going - don't let the past hold you back.

Then they would urge you, ***"Let go of your sins."*** Our church wouldn't be celebrating 180 years of existence if we didn't learn from & move away from our mistakes! We should always hold fast to the Bible's truths and let those truths define us—a task that's daunting, but ultimately rewarding. What connects us as pastors, what unites the generations that have stood behind our church's pulpit has been a commitment to preach & proclaim God's Word, to share the hope of the Gospel that says it is not only possible to let go of sins, but that God helps us to do just that, in Christ Jesus. This is exactly how we're able to "lay aside" - by letting go of sin and living in the forgiveness given us by Jesus at His Cross.

So that great cloud of witnesses is there, cheering you on, crying out ***"Run the race! Endure!"*** You've got this! You can do this! How do we know? Because from 1838 to 2018, through 20 pastors, through wars, strife, financial crises, through 38 Presidents, through countless difficulties, dangers, toils and snares, we've made it - God has seen us through and will keep on seeing us through. So we keep pressing forward; we keep laying off the burdens, learning & growing, we keep running the race in the forgiveness given us by Jesus, and we keep looking to the future, the future Jesus himself lays out for us. I can't wait to see what God will do for us then.

May our Lord bless you this Homecoming season - Pastor Chris.

October Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



7th:

Hebrews 13:1-16

14th:

Homecoming

Rev. Ken Hicks

21st:

TBD

28th:

TBD

NEWS from the Session...

Fall is here and Homecoming is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for October 14th and join us for this wonderful event.

Put Armistice Day on your calendar too. This will be November 11th. We will walk or drive downtown after coffee hour for the Community service.

The Session approved to have Nursery workers available during Sunday School as well as Worship.

Many thanks to Gregg McCutchen for filling the pulpit in September while Chris was on vacation. We appreciate Gregg's willingness to serve.

Please continue to pray for Rev. Andrew Brunson. May God be glorified through His plan to release Rev. Brunson and return him to his family.

If any member of the Session can assist you, please don't hesitate to contact anyone of us. - In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk

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October 7th

Holy Communion will be celebrated & Cents-Ability offering will be accepted for the Lee

County Care Center (must mark check or envelope "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: Charlie Ipock & Wendy Welch

**Armistice Day ~ Celebrating 100 years
November 11th**

We will have Sunday school and coffee, at our usual time, then travel downtown for the Community Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

September 2018 Statistics

As of September 27th

Average Attendance: SS - 36 Worship - 53

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$6,744.55
YTD Income received:	\$137,213.40
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$159,147.00
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Host: Needed

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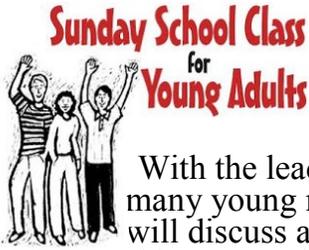
Rick Menscer, friend of Rev. Parnell

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Thank You



Dear Church Family, We want to express our deepest gratitude for the immense support, love, and countless prayers for us while our baby Victoria was in the pediatric ICU. It was such a terrifying time for us, but we certainly felt and witnessed the power of your prayers. She is now home and has been doing exceedingly well. We feel that God has his hand in all that happens in our lives and we are blessed beyond measures to be a part of such an incredible church family and that He lead us back home. We are thankful for you every day. We look forward to you all meeting our baby girl and look forward to watching her grow in her faith with our church teaching and supporting her throughout her life. We appreciate the love you show our family more than we can express. Our deepest gratitude, Charlie and Virginia



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28th	Marsha McCutchen	Kerry Frazier



We hope to have our new Directories available at Homecoming

Monday
November 12th
6:30 pm.

Harvest Banquet

Bethlehem United Methodist Church



Happy Birthday

October November

Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Rawlins Cruess Smith	3
Sherian McLendon	4	Jerry Adams	4
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Maddie Varn	8
Mary Katherine Parnell	12	Jill McElveen	9
Aaron Easters	16	Eddie Boykin	10
B. J. Kerr	17	Catherine Bell Smith	12
Marilyn Adams	19	Judith Watkins	12
Gordon Wayne Eckley	20	Cally Bell	14
Dawn Watson Nesbit	24	MaryAnna Welsh	14
Betty Ann Cooper	25	Peggy Corbett	15
Amelia Reese Hyman	27	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



Please plan to attend our **HOMECOMING**
October 14th

As we celebrate the ties that have bound us
for the past 180 years!!!

Everyone reading this is cordially invited to our Homecoming Celebration!

Our Worship Committee has been fervently planning for this day and we hope to see all the folks that we don't see very often, as well as those we do see. Meats and drinks will be furnished for your enjoyment, complemented with side dishes from the best of Bishopville's kitchens.



We are pleased to have Rev. Ken Hicks, deliver our message, this year

Ken is a Presbyterian minister born and raised in Florence, SC. He graduated from Clemson University and then attended Columbia Theological Seminary. During his seminary years, he was married to Tina Hamilton and together they spent a year in Zaire, Africa as volunteers-in-mission.

Ken has served churches in: Bryson City, NC., Fredericksburg, VA., Virginia Beach, VA., Bishopville, SC, and Kershaw, SC. He is retired from ACS Technologies and lives in Anderson, SC on Lake Hartwell. Ken and Tina have two sons and six grandchildren.

Our music will be provided by Bo & Ari Dickinson, Steven Frazier, and Lauren Decker

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

Steven Frazier is a member of our Church. He is currently a Session member and a pharmacist at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital in Columbia. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Kerry, for 13 years. They have 2 boys; Wyatt & William and are expecting a daughter later this year

Lauren Decker and her husband, David, live in the Springhill section of Lee County. Lauren teaches violin and is also the children's librarian at the Kershaw County Library

Please mark October 14th on your calendar and help us celebrate another milestone in the life of Bishopville PC!

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- 1st: Finance meeting
- 3rd: Gwen's 15th Anniversary @ BPC
- 4th: DST ends / LCCM food collection
RADA (PW) order deadline
OCC shoebox packing party
- 11th: Armistice Day / Session / new member
- 12th: Harvest Banquet @ BUMC
- 18th: Thanksgiving Service @ FBC
Kids Bake Sale & coin collection
- 20th: Deadline for Poinsettia orders
- 22-26: Office closed for holiday

December At A Glance

- 2nd: Hanging of Greens Service
LCCM canned food collection
- 9th: Second Advent / Session
- 15th: Wreaths Across America
- 16th: Third Advent / Children's Play & covered-dish @ BPC
- 19th: Kid's Play & covered-dish @ BUMC
- 18-26: Office closed for holiday

Church Office Closed for holiday
November 22nd-26th

November is National Hospice Month
Please pray for families, patients and their
Hospice teams

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November

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November Elders-On-Call:
*Steven Frazier & Matt Bramlett

- Thursday, 1st:** 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- Sunday, 4th:** Daylight Saving Time ends / LCCM food gifts
PW RADA order deadline
Coffee: Meredith Gaskins, Missy Kirven, Melinda Atkinson
Flowers: Crues & Renee Bell
5:30 p.m. OCC shoebox packing & pizza party
- Sunday, 11th:** Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Stated Session & Andrea McCutchen joins Church
10:30 a.m. Travel downtown to Armistice Day Celebration
- Monday, 12th:** 6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet @ Bethlehem Methodist Church
- Sunday, 18th:** Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
Flowers: Ray & Jackie Drayton
10:30 a.m. Kids for Christ coin collection & Bake Sale in FH
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving service @ First Baptist Church
- Tuesday, 20th:** Deadline for poinsettia orders
- 22nd - 26th:** Church Office closed for Holiday
- Sunday, 25th:** Christ the King Sunday
Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson
Flowers: Family of Naomi McCutchen
- Thanksgiving Offering collected for Presbytery GO Center: November 18th - 25th**



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~ TOYS ~
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~ PERSONAL HYGIENE ~



(My articles for the next few months will be part of a series on 1 Corinthians; this is part 4...)

I recently bought my family's dog some rain-boots. Why, you ask, did I do this? Mainly because she's a very small "chiweenie" dog (only about 8-10 lbs) who is hardly taller than the grass, and secondly, because she's quite amusing to watch when in her little yellow boots. I even filmed her and put it on Youtube.com (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPXNLjG8BhY>) if you'd like to check it out. One of the funniest parts of Cocoa the chiweenie in boots is that her feet - usually in agreement - all seem to want to run in their own direction. It's only when she has something to bark at that all 4 legs start moving in the same direction.

What's amusing in an 8 lb dog, where her legs are all going in their own directions rather than all together, can be downright tragic in the life of a church - and this is exactly the situation in which Paul finds the church at Corinth. He writes, "I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it's been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul,' or 'I follow Apollos,' or 'I follow Cephas,' or 'I follow Christ.' **Is Christ divided?**" (1 Corinthians 1:10-13a, NIV).

How many times have we encountered people in churches or denominations that resemble, more than anything else, the world of party politics rather than the world of mission? We know that the US Government is based on a Presbyterian model. What would happen if, like Cocoa, we got all our "feet" going in the same direction rather than in different directions all at once?

This is what Paul himself deals with, and why he focuses on the polarization of the Corinthian church so early (& often) in his letter. What were these factions that developed at Corinth? And how did Paul address them? What does it mean for our church, and our denomination? Are there warning signs? Is there a cure? What does God show us through Corinth?

So the Corinthian church had begun to fracture, and it seems the visible "fault lines" of this fracture were Paul, Peter, Apollos, & "Christ" - in other words, the "super-Christian", "I'm above all this because of my superior faith" types. Charles Hodge argued that the Corinthian splits were an amplification of the major type of split in other 1st Century churches, usually between Jewish & non-Jewish believers. On the surface, it seems at Corinth, they one-upped the usual split, and further polarized - taking 4 different directions as awkwardly as any booted half-Chihuahua might. Some people liked Paul's strictly Jewish approach, some people liked Peter's less strict approach. Some people liked Apollos' fiery preaching, while others didn't. What's important here is not the splits, but the fact that splits - polarization - only breeds more polarization. The church that starts splitting keeps on dividing over & over & over again.

And this is why Paul's response seems like a desperate shout: "Is Christ divided?!" In a way, it's easy for us to dismiss the factions & splits at Corinth, and easier for us to pass judgment on them based on our own sense of superiority. "We might have problems, but we'd never get that bad!" But it is far harder for us to analyze and understand not only how these factions begin in churches, but also to answer whether or not we ourselves see cliques either forming or being supported in our church and to address them as boldly as does Paul. How did this happen at Corinth? What led to the polarization there?

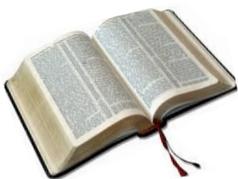
Paul's already given us the answer, and it all comes down to this: Ego. Over & over again when Paul writes, "I follow..." the emphasis isn't on "follow", but on "I". Corinth's entire problem, Corinth's splits & polarization all flow out of an emphasis on personal preference - comfort, doctrine, etc. - becoming the dominant issue in the church. Corinth has fallen ill with a disease that divides, the disease of self-dominance to the detriment of everything else. We can see this throughout Paul's letter - over & over again the issues Corinth faces grow out of self & self-preference.

But there's hope! God so loved the world, even such a broken place as Corinth, that he sent them his only Son through the preaching of a broken & redeemed man named Paul, a redeemed & trained preacher named Apollos, a church leader named Peter, all of whom proclaimed the same eternal truth - that whosoever at Corinth, upon hearing about Jesus Christ and believing in him, might never perish but have life and life everlasting. The cure, to quote Paul, is to commit to know first & foremost, if you know nothing else, Jesus Christ & Him crucified. The cure is to focus away from self & focus on the action & person of the Selfless Savior who redeems. And so Paul pours out his heart to a broken people, disconnected to each other: Come to Jesus! Return to Jesus! Jesus isn't divided - and He'll reconnect you with each other again.

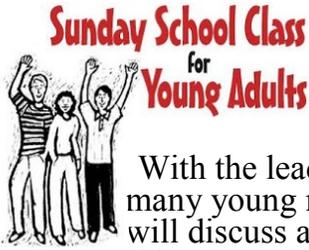
Doesn't that sound like what we want for our church and for our community?

Blessings! Pastor Chris

November Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



- 4th:** *God's Armor: Faith's Shield*
11th: *Armistice Day Celebration downtown*
18th: *God's Armor: Salvation's Crown*
25th: *God's Armor: The Spirit's Sword*



We are very excited about our Sunday school class for our 20+ Younger Adults

With the leadership of Rev 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 study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world. We will have monthly dinners, outside of Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.

**Kids for Christ Ministry
Israel Coin collection & Bake Sale
November 18th**

**Bake Sale: during coffee time
Coins collected: at Worship**

All monies donated to Jewish Voice Ministries.
Baked goods should be in kitchen prior to 9 am

Small change creates big change!

Join Us! **Shoebbox packing party & pizza supper**

November 4th @ 5:30
 We have ≈ 130⁺ boxes.
 Thank you to everyone who donated items!

Children's Play "WOW" & covered-dish Play @ 5:30 p.m. & Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
 Bishopville PC: Sunday, December 16th
 Bethlehem UMC: Wednesday, December 19th
 We need seamstresses! Material will be provided for 4 adult size angel gowns. If you're able to help, please contact Beth Grant @ 843.858.3949
Practice (speaking) Sunday's @ 5 pm (except Dec. 9th)
 Nov 4th: BUMC Sanctuary Nov. 11th: BPC Sanctuary
 Nov. 18th: BUMC Sanctuary Nov. 25th: BPC Sanctuary
 Dec. 2nd: BUMC Sanctuary
 Dec. 9th: BPC Sanctuary, final practice 4:30 - 6:00. All participants are asked to be at final practice and parents of young children are encouraged to stay for entire practice time. **We hope everyone will come out and support our children! Merry Christmas!!!**

**Join Us for PRAYER
Bible Study & Prayer Group**

**Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm**
**Bible Study
Sundays @ 5:30 pm, unless noted**

NOVEMBER HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
4th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Cindy Welsh
11th	Worship downtown @ Memorial Park	Charlie & Virginia Ipock (SS only)
18th	Judith Watkins	Jill McElveen
25th	William Watkins	Wendy Welch

**Community Thanksgiving Service
November 18th at 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Reception afterwards**



**Harvest Banquet
Monday, November 12th
6:30 pm. at Bethlehem UMC
Reservations can be made at BPC & BUMC offices. Cost is \$18/pp**

NOVEMBER IS **Hospice** National Month
 Please pray for families & patients receiving hospice care and their Hospice teams

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER **DECEMBER**

Ari Dickinson	3	Michael Jeffords	5
Rawlins Crues Smith	3	Sara Catherine Corbett	6
Jerry Adams	4	Elouise Wright	7
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8	Becky Crichton	9
Maddie Varn	8	Mike Monroe	13
Jill McElveen	9	Janice Reynolds	13
Eddie Boykin	10	Boochie Swearingen	13
Catherine Bell Smith	12	Dawn Levers	14
Judith Watkins	12	Maggie Corbett	15
Cally Bell	14	Jennifer McCutchen	18
MaryAnna Welch	14	Billy Simon	20
Peggy Corbett	15	Retta Tindal	24
Missy Kirven	20	Brooke Welch	24
Perry McCutchen	22	Wyatt Frazier	28
Dr. Leon Hunt	23	Rena Smith	29
Jackie Drayton	25		
Jane Harrington	27		
Sissy Jeffords	29		
Lisa Jeffords	30		





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October 10, 2018
Yesterday's high: 93°
Last night's low: 74°
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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Summer has ended, hurricane season is upon us, days and nights are somewhat cooler and a new school term has begun. Schedules are different and there is an air of expectancy as to what lies ahead. How great to know our times are in His hands. I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 1, that there is a time for everything and that God has placed eternity in our hearts.

My days consist of therapy, grocery shopping, cooking, piano lessons, and I am slowly easing back into the weekend trips to the villages. Life is not yet back to normal, but the Lord is helping me to try to do what I can. I praise Him and thank Him for bringing me this far. A few months ago, I would not have believed it. It is exciting to know that each day I can depend on Him for that day and for the future. A girl who has helped me for years, Ema, helps me 3 mornings a week. We go by taxi to the supermarket one morning and to the pool another, to do therapy and exercises. She also helps me at the house with cooking, laundry and cleaning.

The Seminary started the school year with 15 new music school students and 5 new theology students. Things seem to be running quite smoothly with the new administrator and the re-arranging that took place last year in the directors of the school of theology and the music school. I am teaching 1st year piano to 3 students this semester in my home. One is the grand-daughter of a family we used to visit in Sudzal, a town where Dave was pastor some 40 years ago. Another new student in the first year is from the town of Sinanche where Dave also pastored many years ago. We knew his grandfather well and his mother was a music student of mine in the extension seminary. And one other student is the son of a former student from over 30 years ago. It is good to see God's faithfulness in these families!

Saturdays, once again, I have been visiting village congregations with a lay preacher/driver and I take my new keyboard to play. My old keyboard was destroyed in the car accident, but an ex-student of mine has helped find a new one that is small enough to be portable yet able to be hooked up to the church sound systems for accompaniment. It has been a joy to be able to reconnect with friends serving the Lord in these villages I haven't been able to visit for so many months.

Our camp programs were quite successful this year. Ema and her two children went with me for 3 days during the youth week. There were 200 young people there who made decisions for Christ or renewed their commitment to live for Him. We still have not been able to pay the property taxes (an ongoing problem now 3 years) because the politician of the township has other plans for the property and would like to corruptly take ownership. Legal action is underway in this matter to ensure that we are charged the correct fees and that our ownership of the property is not at risk.

In July, my son Daniel and his family were here. We rented a beach house for 3 days for all the family to be together. It was my first attempt to go swimming in the Gulf again. Swimming was fine, but getting down to the shore with a walker in the sand wasn't so easy. While Danny was here he also hosted a group of 20 people from his church in St. Louis who came to do construction work and VBS in the town of Citilcum once again this year. Two of my grandchildren, Alyssa (16) and Caleb (14), were part of the group. The VBS program had over 70 children in attendance and we were able to be part of the closing festivities that week.

At the end of August, my grandson Diego began preschool in his "big school" and loves it. He looks quite grown up in his new school uniform, backpack and lunch box! Debbie's home school co-op group started classes in September with 24 young people, 7th-12th grade. She has 4 part-time teachers (including my grand-daughter Ellie) and has moved to a new location near Diego's preschool in order to have more space and better facilities for the students.

Mark's church continues to grow and has moved to a larger location. He has been working to make many physical improvements to the new property they are renting. John (17) and Ellie (21) are both helping with their youth group and serve on their praise team on Sunday mornings.

We still have no word from the car insurance company regarding their responsibility of the insurance claim and the damages from the accident. Since they don't seem to want to pay, the case has been turned over to a judge. This process could take as long as a year, but we are hopeful it will bring results. I continue with therapy 3 times a week. The right leg muscle is pulled and very painful. This prevents me from walking without a walker or a wheelchair. But I am so much better than I was 6 months ago and can only thank the Lord for all He has done.

Thanks so much for your gifts and prayers. "As thy strength, thy days shall be in measure. This is the promise the Lord to me has made." Your servant for Jesus' sake, *Jean*

Jean Legters (for the family)

Any gifts to *the camp or our ministry* may be sent to: Son Raise Missionary Services
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Please note the designation of your gift. Thank you! Also, please let me know if you have e-mail and prefer to receive my letter that way.

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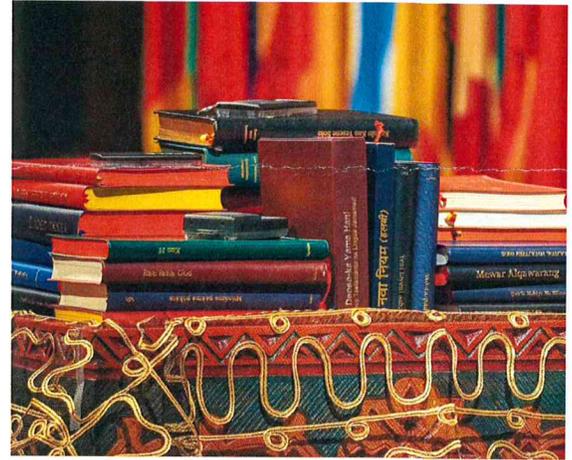
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"Payday" for Bible translation workers

Every year at the JAARS Center we set aside an afternoon to celebrate all the Bibles and New Testaments that have been published over the previous twelve months. We invite local pastors to come and give thanks with us for what God has accomplished to provide his Word to the minority peoples of the world who need to have Scripture in a language they understand clearly.

This year we were privileged to celebrate the publication of 42 completed Bibles and New Testaments! It really was a banner year for getting the Word of God into people's hands. For those who work in the Bible translation task this is like payday. It reminds us of why we do what we do. That is true not only for Bible translators, but also for support personnel here at JAARS, including people who do grounds keeping, aircraft maintenance, aviation electronics, computer support, exegetical research (my job) and many other tasks that are necessary to help enable the larger organization to do the work that we do.



Some of the New Testaments and Bibles published in the last year

Over 2,000 remaining languages with a translation need

In Matthew 24:14 Jesus tells us that the message of the gospel must go out to all the world, and then the end will come. But how do we stand with regard to getting the Scripture to all the language groups of the world, to provide the Word of God to minority groups in a language that they understand clearly?

The estimate of known Bible translation needs has recently been updated. Instead of the decrease we had expected, the number was significantly increased — from 1,559 known needs for mother-tongue Scripture to 2,184 needs. While this increase was unexpected, the revised number reflects with better accuracy the actual state of global translation needs, including more than 350 *sign languages* that have never before been recognized.

A new frontier – Bible translation for the deaf

There are over 70 million deaf people worldwide, but less than 2% of those have ever interacted with the Bible in a language they understand clearly. Of the 350 sign languages in the world almost none have a complete translation. Wycliffe and SIL work with the Deaf Bible Society to address that need. It has been noted that the deaf are usually the last people to know what is happening in the world. Sadly, this also includes the message of the Bible.



As of last year, 30 of the world's sign languages have at least portions of the Bible, but it is hoped that 100 more languages will be added to the list in the next couple of years. Although simplified printed Bibles are available, many deaf people struggle to read regular writing, especially for complex concepts. This is particularly true for those who have never been able to hear. This is why videos of people signing the translated message is so helpful, which means that for the deaf, one of the best ways to access the message of the Bible is a cell phone app.

For more about Bible translation for the deaf, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9v4Bqwg1FA>

Thank you for your support!
David & Estelle

The privilege of doing this ministry

Over the last three years as I have been preparing exegetical study helps for Bible translators for selected Old Testament passages, I have become more and more impressed with how great a privilege this is. I get to study the high points of the Old Testament in the original languages and read numerous commentaries on the passages.

For example, in Exodus I have studied the passages about the burning bush and God's revealing his name "I Am" to Moses (Ex. 3), the institution of the Passover (Ex. 12), the crossing of the Red Sea (Ex. 14), Israel's call to be God's special possession and a kingdom of priests (Ex. 19), the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20), and God's pronouncement of his name and character (Ex. 34). I have examined Joshua's exhortation to Israel to "choose this day whom you will serve." In Leviticus 19 I explored God's call to be holy and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In Numbers 6 I did an in-depth exegetical study of the Aaronic blessing, and in Numbers 21, there was the story of Moses lifting up the bronze serpent on a pole, which Jesus later applied to his own crucifixion.

In 1 Samuel 16 I studied Samuel's anointing of David to be the next king. 2 Samuel 7 deals with God's promise to give David an everlasting dynasty, which has been described by scholars as probably being the most important OT passage for how New Testament writers understood Jesus in his role as Messiah. Now I am working in Habakkuk 2 where the prophet Habakkuk comes to understand that those who love and serve God must continue to live by faith even when everything around them seems to be wrong and broken. The statement "the just shall live by faith" is cited in key NT passages (Romans 1:17, Gal. 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38), and understanding the meaning of Habakkuk's message was a turning point in Martin Luther's understanding of how people are made right with God. His recognition that justification is by faith sparked the Reformation in Europe, which in turn became a watershed moment in world history.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For the privilege of doing the Old Testament exegetical study project
- For Philip's good experience in his seven-week evangelism and discipleship training program
- That Michael has a part-time job

Please pray...

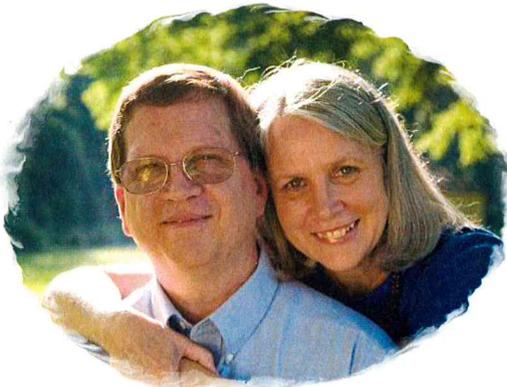
- For additional employment for Michael, and guidance for Philip about the next phase of his life and career
- For continued progress in the Old Testament lectionary exegetical summary project

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Surgery, Leah and Ministry

October 2018

This has got to be one of the most eventful times of our lives and marriage. The days go by so fast and we sometimes have to pause just to catch our breath.

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Answered Prayer— Pam’s successful surgery!

We were able to travel to Charleston the night before the surgery and stay just 5 minutes from MUSC. So we had an easy morning beforehand. The surgery took less than 45 minutes and she did great. She was able to go home the next day! A week later we went back to Charleston for our post op appointment and they took out the staples. She’s really tough!

Pam continues to get stronger each day and we’re hoping for much improvement in her walking in the weeks to come, as the shunt does its work.



Flowers from Pam’s fan club in Alabama!



Leah had been with us since the girls were in the 2nd grade. She was like a sister!

Saying goodbye to our Leah... 🐾 🐾

Meanwhile at home during the surgery, we left Michaela and Kathryn to take care of our dog Leah, who had gotten sick as we were preparing to leave. Michaela took her to the vet in Irmo while Pam was in surgery in Charleston. So much was happening at the same time! As I got the call from our surgeon that Pam did fine and was in recovery, I got word from Michaela that Leah’s diagnosis was not good... kidney and pancreatic failure. Treatment would be costly and uncertain. She took her home and Kathryn took care of her. Sadly, Leah’s health declined through the night and she passed away in Kathryn’s arms early the next morning.

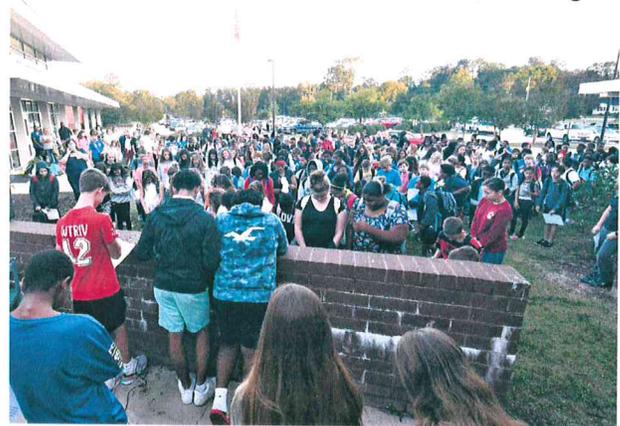
So many emotions were swirling around. Leah was a part of our family for 14 years and we all felt an incredible sense of loss. I underestimated what it would be like to lose a family pet. As Pam was discharged after just one night in the hospital, we came home to a house where something was obviously missing.

FCA Ministry

Our ministry with FCA continues to grow as we challenge our coaches spiritually, make new contacts, and trust God to raise up godly, spiritual leaders at each school.

Thanks for the vital role you play by standing behind us as you pray and give. You are such a blessing to our ministry and family!!

Carroll + Pam



Over 250 students attended “See You at the Pole” at Camden Middle School. Students led the way in praying for their school.

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January 2019 At A Glance

December At A Glance

- 2nd: Hanging of Greens Service
LCCM canned food collection
- 9th: 2nd Advent / Session / Elder Install
- 15th: Wreaths Across America
- 16th: 3rd Advent / Children's Play & supper @ BPC
- 19th: Children's Play & supper @ BUMC
- 18-26: Office closed for holiday

- 1st: Office closed for holiday
- 6th: LCCM canned food collection
- 13th: Session / Communion / PWCT
- 14th: Night Circle
- 15th: Morning Circle
- 16th: Men of Church
- 20th: Annual Congregational meeting
- 21st: Office closed for holiday
- 25-26: Presbytery @ Trinity PC, Florence
- 27th: Family Night Supper

Church Office Closed for holiday
December 18th - 26th
January 1st & 21st

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee - 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

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

December
2018



Bishopville Presbyterian Church

December Elders-On-Call:

**Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch*

- Sunday, 2nd:** First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of Greens / LCCM food gifts
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
5:30 p.m. Bible Study

- Sunday, 9th:** Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
11:00 a.m. c/o 2021 Elder Ordination & Installation
6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Christmas Cantata
Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman

- Saturday, 15th:** 11:45 a.m. Wreaths Across America service in BPC Cemetery

- Sunday, 16th:** Third Sunday of Advent
Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley
5:30 p.m. Children's Play & covered-dish supper @ BPC

- 18th - 26th:** Church Office closed for Holiday & Vacation

- Wednesday, 19th:** 5:30 p.m. Children's Play & covered-dish supper @ BUMC

- Sunday, 23rd:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett & Betty Heriot

- Monday, 24th:** 6:00 p.m. Community Christmas Eve Service @ BUMC

- Tuesday, 25th:** MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! Happy birthday JESUS!!!

- Sunday, 30th:** First Sunday after Christmas
Coffee: Church provided, doughnuts & coffee

Gratitude Gift Offering collected for Presbytery: December 2nd - 23rd

91st Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic meeting: January 25-26th at Trinity PC, Florence

 Find us on Facebook	<p>Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed</p>		<p><i>OPEN Flower Calendar</i> 2018: December 30th 2019: January 13th, February 3rd & 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates</p>
<p>Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted</p>		<p>Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com Printed materials available, upon request, through office</p>	



LCCM December Collection
~ HOLIDAY NON-PERISHABLES ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, December 2nd for our monthly Altar collection





Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. (Luke 1:1-4)

It's become a bit of a holiday tradition in the Parnell house to get together with the kids and put on the Charlie Brown specials. Laura will bake cookies, the kids will make popcorn, and I'll set up the TV & stereo, and we'll sit together and enjoy watching the Peanuts gang trick-or-treat ("I got a rock"), have a Thanksgiving "dinner" that resembles our own snack trays ("What's this? A piece of toast, a pretzel stick, popcorn?!"), and especially that incredibly special Christmas play ("...that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown"). In fact, if we haven't watched these movies by a certain point in the year, the kids will remind us - isn't it time to watch Charlie Brown again?

One of the most poignant themes of the Christmas special is the ongoing commercialization of Christmas. Makes you wonder how Good Ol' Charlie Brown would respond to the thing Christmas has become in the 53 years since it first aired? At the same time, don't we all have that moment when we, too, look at Christmas and wonder at what's been lost? How can we respond to this modern iteration of Christmas? Do we wail our "Good griefs!" in despair? Do we pull a Saint Nick at Nicaea, and go down swinging? Or do we take the approach Luke uses when he writes & dedicates his book to the Theophiluses, the "God-lovers" everywhere?

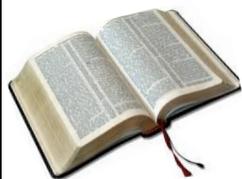
What does Luke do? He takes the well-known story of Jesus - something he himself says that "many" are talking about - and he carefully, closely explains the history that inspired the stories for his friend Theophilus. (Theophilus literally means "One who loves God"). This parallels our own situation - the "story" of Christmas is everywhere, from grocery stores to car lots, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, it's literally "up in lights" all over town! So what if we look at this huge display of Christmas - the story - and start explaining, carefully, closely, the actual history of Christmas to the people around us, especially those people who don't know or don't have the full story. What if we become like Linus in that Christmas special, and connect all the decorations, all the commercials, even all the commercialism to the heart of the Christmas history, that a Savior came for all the God-lovers, and that Savior is Jesus!

How might we do that? Look at all the activities we use to celebrate the season & tell its story - they can all connect to the history of Jesus. Buying gifts? The wise men did just that in preparation to meet the King of kings, and their gifts are part of our own inspiration to share gifts with our families & loved ones. Singing carols? The angel armies sang the story of Jesus to lonely shepherds in the fields. Travelling to visit family? Joseph & Mary's travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Christmas cards? Jesus' birth was announced - like in a card - in the temple by his family, too. Decorating the tree? Remember what John wrote about Jesus' birth - light came into the world, and the darkness can't overcome it. We can look all around us and see, over & over again, opportunities to connect the history of Jesus' arrival, the Advent, to the people with whom we celebrate Christmas.

What might happen next? Maybe, just maybe, there'll be one less mopey Charlie Brown out there, lost in the darkness of the season, not understanding that Jesus the King has come - and Jesus has come to rescue him, too. And maybe there'll be one more person smiling at the lights, the sounds, the smells & sensations of Christmas because they, too, have seen & know the history of the Christ at the center of it all. Maybe, just maybe, they too will know the glorious joy of the Savior-King himself. That's my prayer for Christmas & for 2019...

Merry Christmas! -Pastor Chris

December Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



2nd:

The Hanging of the Greens

Jeremiah 33:14-18

9th:

A Messenger Speaks

Malachi 3:1-6

16th:

A Song Rises

Zephaniah 3:14-20

23rd:

He is our Peace

Micah 5:2-5a

30th:

Praise the King!

Psalms 148

News from the Session...

As we enter the Christmas season, I hope everyone slows down to remember the REASON for the SEASON! Without Christ, there would be no Christmas!! Keep Him in the center of your celebration!!

I would like to personally thank Dick McCutchen and Ray Drayton for their valuable service on the session as they end their term. The session welcomes Bert Cousar, Gregg McCutchen, and Jerry Adams to the class of 2021. It has been my honor to serve BPC with the faithful men and women who serve on our Session. Please always remember the Session in your prayers asking for wisdom and discernment as they lead our church.

Check your calendar and bulletin for all of the Christmas celebrations over the next few weeks! We have HOGS, the Children's Play, and the Christmas Eve service just to name a few. Each one will be a blessing to you and yours as we put Christ first in our worship.

Please share your joys and concerns with the Session members throughout the year. The Session is called to serve the congregation in all that they say and do.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: December 9th @ 8:00 a.m.

DECEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Perry McCutchen & Wendy Welch**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 20th** for the purpose of; reporting the 2018 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2019 budget and Pastor's Terms of Call, for approval



C/O 2021 Elder
Ordination & Installation
December 9th



- Jerry Adams, installed (1st term)
- Bert Cousar, ordained & installed (1st term)
- Gregg McCutchen III, installed (1st term)

Thank you to the following officers, leaving us this year - **Matt Bramlett, Ray Drayton, and Dick McCutchen.** You all did a wonderful job and will be missed. Please keep all officers in your prayers



Please welcome our newest Church Family member

Andrea King McCutchen

Andrea joined our congregation on November 11, 2018 by Re-affirmation of Faith. Andrea is the wife of Ryan McCutchen and daughter-n-law of Perry & Jennifer McCutchen

Bible Study & Prayer Group

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

Adult Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm

November 2018 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 34 Worship - 65

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$6,656.00

YTD Income received: \$160,897.50

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$194,513.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$15,336.85

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$180,028.43

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$194,811.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$800.00

YTD Income received: \$10,640.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$3,742.96



Christmas Offering



Office Closed: Dec. 18th - 26th

No Circles or Men of Church in December

**Gratitude Gift offering
Collected December 2nd - 23rd**

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

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Isabelle McCutchen,

Hospice Care @ Covenant Place, Sumter

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Janice Reynolds @ her home

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Victoria "Vikki" Edwards Davis

Becky Chewing Corbett

Curtis O'Neal Kelly

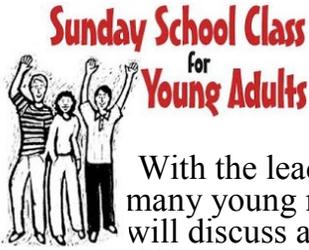
Bonnie Mae Baker, Jenny McCutchen's Aunt

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)

Communion

January 13, 2019

Elders in charge: Steven Welsh & Perry McCutchen



We are very excited about our Sunday school class for our 20+ Younger Adults

With the leadership of Rev 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 study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world. We will have monthly dinners, outside of Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.



The Kids for Christ packed and mailed 95 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to everyone who helped with our mission project! Special thanks to Melinda Atkinson for co-ordinating the operation

WOW!



**Children's Play & covered-dish supper
Play @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Bishopville PC: Sunday, December 16th
Bethlehem UMC: Wed., December 19th**

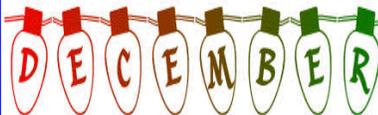
**Practice: Dec. 2nd @ 5 pm BUMC Sanctuary
Dec. 9th @ 4:30 pm BPC Sanctuary (final)**
All participants are asked to be at final practice and parents of young children are encouraged to stay for entire practice time. **We hope everyone will come & support our children!**

Merry Christmas!!!

DECEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
2nd	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Jennifer McCutchen
9th	Cindy Welsh	Debbie Tindal
16th	MaryAnna Welsh	Betsy Bramlett
23rd	Jerry Adams	Kerry Frazier
30th	Melinda Atkinson	Cindy Welsh

Happy Birthday



Michael Jeffords	5	Robert McCutchen III	2
Sara Corbett	6	Ann West	2
Elouise Wright	7	Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Becky Crichton	9	Chip Smith	3
Mike Monroe	13	Bill Tindal	3
Janice Reynolds	13	Kody Mills McCutchen	4
Boochie Swearingen	13	Michael Farver	5
Dawn Levers	14	John Bell, Jr	9
Maggie Corbett	15	Will McElveen	9
Jennifer McCutchen	18	Kean Scott III	9
Billy Simon	20	John Crues Bell IV	12
Jane Clyburn	22	Bill Conway	13
Retta Tindal	24	Steven Welsh	13
Brooke Welch	24	Ken Cutler	14
Wyatt Frazier	28	T-Bo Ellen	16
Rena Smith	29	Carole Scott	18
		Ruby Nell Bailey	20
		Aidan Hilditch	25
		William Clyburn Ipock	26
		Jean Woodmansee	26
		Brooke Harrington	30
		Amber Harrington	30
		Josh Kirven	30
		John Latimer	30



Wreaths Across America service

**Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery (SCBPCC)
Saturday, December 15th @ 11:45 a.m.**

Following a short service, wreaths will be placed on the graves of military veterans buried in our cemetery. Please join us as we honor and remember our veterans. Please visit our local link to help or learn more:

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/150452/Overview/?relatedId=150000>

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ asks anyone willing to help this ministry to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" coin bank from the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries. Thanks in advance for your support! **November 2018 collection \$1,340.85 (includes bake sale).**
Next collection date: May 12th To learn more visit: www.JewishVoiceToday.org





Hanging of the Greens service Sunday, December 2nd

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



Advent Lighter Schedule

December 2nd: Keith & Brittany Hyman Family
Reese & Melinda Atkinson Family
Reese & KateLynn Atkinson Family

December 9th: Susan Cline
December 16th: Ray & Jackie Drayton
December 23rd: Ryan & Andrea McCutchen



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

Please pick up plants on December 23rd

Thank you so much!!!

During the last few weeks we've experienced the love of Christ first hand through your prayers, gestures, and gifts. The outpouring of love, with the loss of our home, has humbled and reminded us why we love our small town. As family, friends, and small groups reached out we remembered how blessed we are even in our time of loss. We'll be forever grateful to all of you for being there in our time of need.

Tiz & Mary Laney, Luke & Savannah

The family and friends of Betty Skinner and Gerry Mull wish to express heartfelt gratitude for every memorial, card, prayer and thought throughout this sad and trying period



Memorial Chapel Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.
"Bruce McCathern & Friends"

Hartsville Community Chorus presents
Holiday Classics plus Bach selections from
Magnificat

Tuesday, December 4th @ 7:00 p.m.
West Hartsville Baptist Church
1003 West Carolina Avenue, Hartsville
Directed by: Dr. James Beaumier
Accompanied by: Elaine Dickinson
hartsvillecommunitychorus.org

First Baptist Church Cantata
Sunday, December 9th @ 6 pm
Reception afterwards

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 16th @ 6:30 pm
Mayesville Presbyterian Church
109 W. Sumter Hwy, Mayesville
Reception following service
Please bring a canned or staple item to contribute to the Sumter United Ministries Outreach

Please visit the Angel Trees

in the Tower rooms and help someone this Christmas by returning a gift wrapped in Christmas paper and labeled according to tag



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24th @ 6:00 p.m.
Bethlehem United Methodist Church
Everyone is invited to attend

Guatemala Sewing Mission

Update from Julie Cothran...

In June of 2018, the Presbyterian Women of our church sent to Guatemala: 236 toboggans, 66 Tyson's Neck Warmers and 23 handmade baby blankets (made and donated by Elsie Kok Lockery).

This month, we sent 10 lap robes (blankets), 15 baby blankets, one ladies shawl and 4 very nice totes (donated by Marilyn Adams). The totes were used as door prizes at the Mam Christian Women's Association meeting.

If you have any gently used baby blankets, baby or kid's toboggans, lap robes that you would like to donate, please let me know.

