

# The Scroll

January 2019 Vol. 180 No. 1



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical address)

PO Box 66 (mailing address)

Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)

Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)

Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### January 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: Office closed for holiday
- 6th: LCCM canned food collection
- 13th: Session / PWCT /  
Communion & Cents-Ability
- 14th: Night Circle
- 15th: Morning Circle
- 16th: Men of Church
- 20th: Annual Congregational meeting
- 22nd: Office closed for holiday
- 25-26: Presbytery @ Trinity PC, Florence
- 27th: Family Night Supper

Church Office Closed for holiday  
January 1st & January 22nd

### February 2019 At A Glance

- 3rd: LCCM / Souperbowll offering
- 10th: Session / Kids Valentine supper
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church

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

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session  
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer  
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager  
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

# January



**JANUARY**

# Bishopville Presbyterian Church

January Elders-On-Call:

*\*Perry McCutchen & Aaron Easters*

- Tuesday, 1st:** Church office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 6th:** LCCM food gifts  
Coffee: Martha & Leon Hunt & Laura Parnell  
Flowers: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen family
- Sunday, 13th:** Baptism of the LORD  
8:00 a.m. Stated Session  
9:00 a.m. PWCT  
11:00 a.m. Communion & Cents-Ability offering  
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
- Monday, 14th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Betsy Bramlett)
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Louise McCutchen)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 20th:** 11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting  
Coffee: Aaron & Kim Easters  
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
- Tuesday, 22nd:** Church office closed for holiday
- 25th - 26th:** Presbytery meeting @ Trinity PC, Florence
- Sunday, 27th:** 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper  
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock

**91st Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic meeting: January 25-26th at Trinity PC, Florence**  
Charlie Ipock to be ordained as an EPC Teaching Elder @ Presbytery meeting



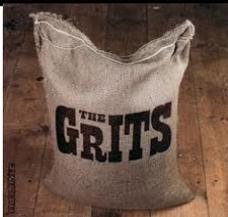
Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed



**OPEN Flower Calendar**  
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

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

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



LCCM January Collection  
~ GRITS ~

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





Being the end of 2018 and beginning of 2019, I took a little bit of time to go back over the messages I've been preaching these past few years. I noticed some trends: In 2015, most of my messages were from John's Gospel; in 2016, they came from the Revelation. In 2017, I bounced back & forth between the Old & New Testaments, focusing a lot on Paul's writings and the Minor Prophets; and in 2018, I ended up preaching a lot of "1sts"—you know, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, 1<sup>st</sup> John, 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians. So, I looked at these messages and I wondered from where do we go now? Where should I begin in 2019?

Well, there are a few issues to consider. One, only a mere **16 weeks** into 2019—and Easter happens! It's hard to think about, but the span between Christmas & Easter is relatively short, and I want to make the best of this "between-events" part of the year. Two, I've been dealing with a real sense of conviction that what I need most to work on as your minister is **discipleship**. The story of our faith is always one of discipleship, from the teaching & mentoring both commanded in Deuteronomy and exhibited between Moses & Joshua, to the 12, 150, & thousands that make up the church in Acts. Three, I think there's nothing better to start off the year than to jump (again) into the story of Jesus, **the Gospel**.

So where could I go to find something that would last 16 weeks, give me a good foundation to think about, learn & preach discipleship, and would be filled with the story of Jesus? Problem, meet your solution: **The Gospel of Saint Mark!**

At 16 chapters, Mark's is the shortest story about Jesus' ministry. It doesn't include Christmas, it hardly mentions Easter (*the Resurrection*), and throughout the book Jesus seems to be constantly running. A teacher of mine (*a Mark himself*) once quipped that, in Mark's story, Jesus seems to be an arrow flying through the air towards "the straight & sure bullseye of the Cross." I love that quote. Though it doesn't say so itself, the Church has, for 1000s of years, understood this little book to be Peter's own story, told to his friend Mark. This is the same Mark who deserted Paul in Acts and had Barnabas stand up for him when he repented, and possibly even the "youth" who fled naked from Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested.

In terms of the "story" itself, Mark's Gospel is a bit different from the others. Matthew wants to connect Jesus' story to the Old Testament. Luke wants to show how Jesus connected with Gentiles, women & children (*the "little people"*). John wants to connect Jesus to His Divine Nature—very God of very God, and so forth. For Mark, though, it's hard to see that goal, that connection. In his Gospel, Jesus seems to be "**Messiah incognito**"—the unrecognized Son of God. The crowds, the religious leaders, even his own disciples all misunderstand Jesus, all fail to fully connect with him. Only the devils (*and Mark is full of exorcisms*) and a Roman centurion seem to fully realize who they're dealing with. Maybe this is why Jesus seems to be in such a hurry (*he's "immediately" doing everything & going everywhere*) in Mark's Gospel—he's got to get to the place where he can fix all these broken connections!

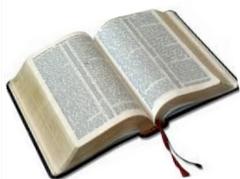
So you & I might say that Mark wants to connect people who don't understand with the One they need most to understand, the One whose connection they need most. Mark wants to connect Jesus to you & me! Like us, Mark is a "next generation" disciple—he was taught by people who learned it before him. And, like us, Mark is a "**next generation+**" disciple-maker—he uses his gifts, his resources, his time & talents to teach the people who come after him.

In light of where we're going, I want to challenge all of us: Let's take these 16 weeks between now & Easter, and let's do something special with them. (1) Let's all **commit to read Mark's Gospel**, and not just to read it, but to study it deeply, 1 chapter in 1 week, between now & Easter. (2) Let's all **commit to discipleship**; to find somebody and study Mark together with them. Let's connect with each other, or with people in the community around us, in our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, or whatever spheres of influence we have. Let's invite somebody to be a part of our learning together what Mark has to say, not just to the Church as a whole, but to each & every one of us.

To help make these 2 things happen, my Sunday afternoon Bible study will focus on Mark's Gospel, and I'm going to commit to bringing us all the resources I can put my hands on that will help us learn, study, & grow in our own discipleship & disciple-making. Please keep me in your prayers, as these are exciting waters we're jumping into together, and I'll keep you all in mine.

God bless you all! - Pastor Chris

### **January Sunday Sermons & Scriptures**



6<sup>th</sup>:

13<sup>th</sup>:

20<sup>th</sup>:

27<sup>th</sup>:

***The Beginning***

***Immediate Ministry***

***Easier Work***

***Lord of Rest***

**Mark 1:1-11**

**Mark 1:21-31**

**Mark 2:1-17**

**Mark 2:23-28**

**News from the Session...**

The Session met on December 9th and elected new 2019 Officers/Chairs:

- ♦ Clerk: Charlie Ipock
- ♦ Assistant Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III
- ♦ Treasurer: Jerry Adams
- ♦ Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn
- ♦ Worship Chair: Wendy Welch
- ♦ Christian Ed. Chair: Aaron Easters
- ♦ Witness Chairs: Steven Frazier & Bert Cousar

Our annual congregational meeting has been set for January 20th to report the 2018 statistics, and to approve the 2019 budget & Pastors Terms of Call

I have enjoyed serving on the Session. I rotated off at the end of December and 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!

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

**Next Session Meeting: January 13th @ 8:00 a.m.**

**JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL**

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

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



**Communion  
January 13th**

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Church. Please contact an elder or the pastor for extended services  
 Elders in charge: Steven Welsh & Perry McCutchen

**Bible Study & Prayer Group**

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

**Adult Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm**

**Church Office Closed: January 1st & 22nd**

**December 2018 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 36 Worship - 73

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$29,816.10
YTD Income received:	\$190,695.60
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$218,216.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,993.57
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$202,022.00
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$218,216.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$3,170.00
YTD Income received:	\$13,810.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,742.96

**Circle Hostesses for January**

**Night (14th) ..... Betsy Bramlett**  
**Morning (15th) ..... Louise McCutchen**

*\*Note: Morning Circle traveling to Laura Latimer's @ 9:15 am*

**Souperbowl Sunday  
February 3rd**

We will collect offering to help support the LCCM.  
 Please mark gifts "LCCM" or "Souperbowl"

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

**Host needed. Please contact Steven Frazier**  
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Dot Cothran @ her home**  
**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**  
**Janice Reynolds @ her home**

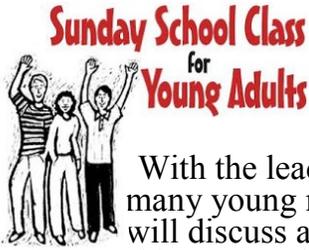
***In Our Thoughts & Prayers***

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

**Isabelle Bailey McCutchen  
Ida Ruth Johnson Alexander**

*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)*

**Isabelle Bailey McCutchen  
07/18/1927 - 12/08/2018**



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.

### Thank You



Pastor Chris and family would like to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone in the church for all the ways you blessed our family this Christmas season! Thank you for the gifts, desserts, fruits, cookies, and everything else you shared with us that made the season brighter. May God bless you and yours this season, and every season, in the name of our Lord. All our love and gratitude, - Chris, Laura, Claire, Mary, Patrick

Thank you to everyone who helped make my Christmas brighter by your generosity & your remembrances. I pray you all have a GREAT 2019!  
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

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

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

JANUARY HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
6th	Cruces Bell	Jill McElveen
13th	Betsy Bramlett	Debbie Tindal
20th	Matt Bramlett	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
27th	Ann Cooper	Jennifer McCutchen

## Happy Birthday



- Robert McCutchen III 2
- Ann West 2
- Rhetta Simon Cloyd 3
- Chip Smith 3
- Bill Tindal 3
- Kody Mills McCutchen 4
- Michael Farver 5
- John Bell, Jr 9
- Will McElveen 9
- Kean Scott III 9
- John Cruces 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



- Kayla McCutchen 1
- Laura Latimer 4
- Harry Woodmansee 4
- Hampton Gaskins 15
- Martha Kay Hunt 15
- Benny Welch III 15
- Patrick Finethy 17
- Laura Parnell 19
- Bubba Muldrow 20
- Myers Varn Floyd 21
- Shirley Wallace 28



Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic Meeting  
BPC Elder, Charlie Ipock, will be ordained & installed as a Teaching Elder in the EPC at the January 25th - 26th Presbytery meeting at Trinity PC in Florence. We are all proud of your accomplishments!!!

### 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! Next collection date: May 12th  
To learn more visit: [www.JewishVoiceToday.org](http://www.JewishVoiceToday.org)

# The Scroll

February 2019 Vol. 181 No. 2



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### February 2019 At A Glance

- 3rd: LCCM / Souperbowl offering
- 10th: Session / Kids Valentine supper
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church



### March 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: World Day of Prayer
- 3rd: LCCM food collection / Transfiguration
- 6th: Ash Service & Lenten Lunch @ BUMC
- 10th: Session / Daylight Saving Time begins
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church
- 27th: Family Night Supper
- 31st: First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing

February  
2019

- 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

- Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session
- Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session
- Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer
- Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
- Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
- Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



# Bishopville Presbyterian Church

February Elders-On-Call:  
\*Charlie Ipock & Steven Frazier

- Sunday, 3rd:** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
LCCM food gifts / Souperbowl Sunday  
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton  
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
- Sunday, 10th:** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
8:00 a.m. Stated Session  
6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Valentine supper  
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal  
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- Sunday, 17th:** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 a.m. PWCT  
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen  
Flowers: Family of Iris Thomas
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Susan Cline)
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Chris Parnell & Gene Williamson)
- Sunday, 24th:** Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
Coffee: William & Judith Watkins



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



*OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar*  
February 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st;  
April 14th & 21st; May 5th & 26th; June 16th, 23rd, & 30th; July 21st; August 4th & 25th; September 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29th  
Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates

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

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



**LCCM February Collection**  
~ CANNED SOUPS ~

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





A few years back, Laura & I were eating in Hickory when we had one of those “what is wrong with you?” moments. You know, that moment when all you can do is cock your head to the side, raise your eyebrow, and, with incredulity ask someone, “What is wrong with you?” It happened at a pancake restaurant when she & I watched a group at a table, one-by-one, walk out on their unpaid bill. Laura looked at me, and I looked at her, and we both looked at the table full of empty plates and said, “Did that really just happen?”

Sometimes we Christians get this picture in our heads about Jesus - how he looked, what his voice sounded like, or whether or not he liked gravy with his grits (what messiah wouldn't?). But I've noticed over the years that, when we start putting together our mental images of Jesus, we tend to leave a couple of things out. There are some things we could imagine about Jesus, but we wouldn't because... well, because they wouldn't be “Jesus-like” in the normal way in which we view Jesus.

Maybe I'm not being clear. Let's try a mental exercise - conjure up Jesus in your mind... now make him laugh. Not just some holy smile, not some divine chuckle, but one of those genuinely belly-busting laughs. What did that look like? Now think about Jesus as a 10 year-old boy, climbing a tree. Now picture Jesus, standing and looking with incredulity and anger at something wrong - imagine Jesus having a “What is wrong with you?” moment.

You probably think I've lost my mind - but bear with me. Early on in Mark's Gospel, Jesus shows up at church, finds a wounded man, and heals him. Nothing special, right? This is just what Jesus does, right? But look at what Mark says: “Jesus said to them, ‘Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’” (Mark 3:4-5, ESV)

What happened was this - Jesus & his disciples, on their way to church, picked some grain and ate it. His disciples were hungry, what all the travelling, preaching, & healing they'd been doing, and so they picked some grain to chew on. Some Pharisees, also travelling with Jesus, went to Jesus to complain, to which Jesus responded, “The Sabbath was made for people, not the other way around.” So they get to church, and there, in the church, is a man with a withered hand - and the Pharisees cluck their tongues, narrow their eyes and wait. You see, according to their theologians, to heal someone on the Sabbath was an even bigger no-no than plucking grains. Jesus could point out an Old Testament rebuttal to eating - but to heal? That was definitely working, and Jesus would definitely be wrong to do such a thing.

And this is the point at which we find that “what is wrong with you?” expression on Jesus' face. How clouded could their minds have become to let a human being suffer just for the sake of being proved right? How hard-hearted could they possibly be? How could they get Jesus so wrong? The thing is, you & I have to wonder, could we get Jesus or the Bible wrong this way? Could we make Jesus look at us this way? What's really happening here?

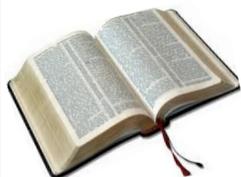
One of the biggest difficulties Jesus faces during his ministry are people who think they know what God wants or expects, and so they add their own spin to the Bible in order to make God agree with them. It's people who want God to fit their particular prejudices or preference, and so they twist or build up on the Bible things that appease their particular biases. The Pharisees, among the people Jesus encounters, are particularly quick to do this. Now, let's be clear about something - the Pharisees' intentions are good. They legitimately think they're helping people by being extra-specially careful about God's laws. But, what aggravates Jesus is that these extra-special precautions are actually getting in the way of people coming close to God. The “extras” make God seem spiteful or unapproachable, and at worst, just plain mean.

Jesus' mission is to show God in his purest essence - the Savior, the Redeemer, the Re-Creator. He's here to make things right. So, when we get the temptation to add to, to build onto God's expectation for the church, when we think the Bible's not enough, we need to double-check ourselves. What sort of facial expression might this get?

Through it all, we know that Jesus came to seek and to save, and to help us get it right. Just like he asks the man in the synagogue, he's asking us to stretch out our hands, to reach for him, and to make sure we're holding on tightly to whom we need to hold on tightly, and we're letting go of what we don't need.

Glory to His Name! Pastor Chris

### February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



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

*Getting it Right*  
*Growing Faith*  
*Active Mercy*  
*Leaps of Faith*

**Mark 3.22-35**  
**Mark 4.30-42**  
**Mark 5.1-20**  
**Mark 5.21-43**

### News from the Session...

2019 is off to a roaring start! Bishopville Presbyterian Church was the beneficiary of a gracious gift of property from Ralph DesChamps, and the Session and other members of the Church have been hard at work maintaining and transferring ownership of the property to the Church. In addition to this property, the Session has been managing the Gregg St. property - also gifted to the Church - to position that property in the most advantageous situation moving forward. In addition, unfortunately, many of you may have heard a rather high-pitch noise some weeks ago from the organ. There is a leak in the roof which allowed water into the organ, and the Session is moving as expeditiously as possible to resolve that issue.

Many of you may have heard that after many devoted years, Beth Grant has been called to a larger role at her home church, and has stepped down from leading the Solid Rock Sunday School Class. From everyone at the Church, and Session, Beth, we love you and cannot thank you enough for all you have done for this Church and its Youth. We'll continue to pray for you as you move forward in your new role.

Filing those footsteps of Beth, Virginia Clyburn-Ipock will now lead the Solid Rock Sunday School Class. She is greatly looking forward to the opportunity and getting to know and lead the wonderful youth of the Church. From the Church and Session, thank you Virginia, and we could not be more excited!

We also have updates from the choir! Just this past week, the newest member of our Church, Andrea McCutchen, shared a most poignant story. Just recently, while listening to our wonderful choir, she told her husband, Ryan, "Hey, I think I'd like to do that." Ryan was somewhat surprised and unbeknownst to him or her, Bo Dickinson came to Andrea's workplace the very next week and said, "Would you want to join the choir?" Divine intervention for sure, and yet another example of God's presence in our midst.

Finally, a very 11.4 lbs. congratulations to Kerry and Steven Frazier on the birth of Lila Dow Frazier! They are grateful for a healthy baby girl, answering even more prayers!

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: February 10th @ 8:00 am**

**FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
**\*Charlie Ipock & Steven Frazier**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

<b>January 2019 Statistics</b>	
Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 65	
<b><u>Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses (operating)</u></b>	
MTD Income received:	\$7,743.21
YTD Income received:	\$7,743.21
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$17,663.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,712.56
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,712.56
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$15,484.00</b>
<b><u>Non-Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses</u></b> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$500.00
YTD Income received:	\$500.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,500.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,500.00

**Circle Hostesses for February**

<b>Night (18th) .....</b>	<b>Debbie Tindal</b>
<b>Morning (19th) .....</b>	<b>Susan Cline</b>

\*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

**Souperbowl Sunday**  
**February 3rd**  
 We'll collect money & food to help support LCCM. Please mark gifts "Souperbowl!"



**Men of Church**  
**Wednesday, February 20th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
 Host: Chris Parnell & Gene Williamson  
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship

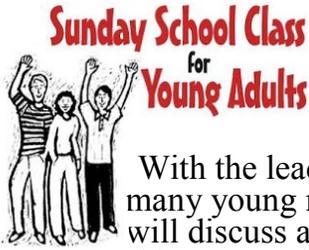
*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

**William Ray "Bubba" Copeland, Jr.**  
**Shiles Preston "Chip" Fraser**  
**Andy Coleman** (Kelly McCoy Coleman's husband)  
**Billie Smith Jones** (Jackie Drayton's cousin)  
**Judy Sylvester**  
**Jean Howard Skinner Reynolds**  
*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, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**



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.

FEBRUARY HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	English Cooper	Kerry Frazier
10th	Jackie Drayton	Cindy Welsh
17th	Gaskins Family	Betsy Bramlett
24th	Betty Manning Heriot	Wendy Welch

## Happy Birthday



Kayla McCutchen	1	Bo Simon	2
Laura Latimer	4	Louise McCutchen	3
Harry Woodmansee	4	Carol Latimer Finethy	4
Hampton Gaskins	15	Emmett Kerr	5
Martha Kay Hunt	15	Katie Ellen	7
Benny Welch III	15	Bill Gaskins	8
Patrick Finethy	17	William Corbett	9
Laura Parnell	19	Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10
Bubba Muldrow	20	Lena McCutchen	10
Myers Varn Floyd	21	Meredith Gaskins	12
Shirley Wallace	28	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

**Kids Valentine Meal**  
**For our congregation**  
**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 6:00 pm**  
**Please join us and help**  
**support our youth**



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

**Lenten Lunch Schedule:**  
**March 6th @ 12:00 noon**  
**Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

**April 10th @ 12:00 noon**  
**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**  
 A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend.  
 A missions love offering will be collected



**Presbyterian Women online fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** They are selling kitchen items from *RADA*, a company that's been making

top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

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

**Daylight Saving Time begins**  
**March 10th @ 2:00 a.m.**

*Dear Church family, John and I want to thank you for your prayers and kindness especially the Kids for Christ, for the fruit basket @ Christmas. I am feeling better and hope to get back to Church soon. The Lord has been good to me and I am blessed to know each of you. Sincerely, Ernie Lea Muldrow*

### 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! **Next collection date: May 12th**

To learn more visit: [www.JewishVoiceToday.org](http://www.JewishVoiceToday.org)

---

# BRIDGES

---

David & Estelle Abernathy

January 2019



## Etc.

‘Et cetera’ is Latin for ‘and the rest’. In this newsletter we thought we would share with you some of the ‘etc.’ type things we do here at the JAARS Center, things that are not our regular work assignment, but that we also do just as part of living and working here.

I give a fair amount of time as a volunteer in our **JAARS youth ministry**. There are easily fifty or more high school and middle school students whose parents work here, and because of the distance from here to some of the larger churches where our members attend, many of our youth would not be able to be involved in a viable youth ministry at church. More importantly, the unique cross-cultural experience of missionary kids can make it hard for them to relate to others their age who have not had those experiences. In our JAARS youth ministry those high school and middle school youth coming back from overseas can have fellowship with other students who can understand their experiences, and they can even re-connect with kids they knew in the countries where they and their parents have been living for the last four years or so. This is a great help to their adjustment to living here in this country.

My role involves relating to both high school and middle school kids in various settings. That usually requires about six to eight volunteer hours a week outside my normal work assignment. Sometimes I am an additional adult providing supervision for an activity, or chaperoning a retreat or outing, or just relating as another adult friend to the students. I also lead a Saturday morning Bible study for high school boys.

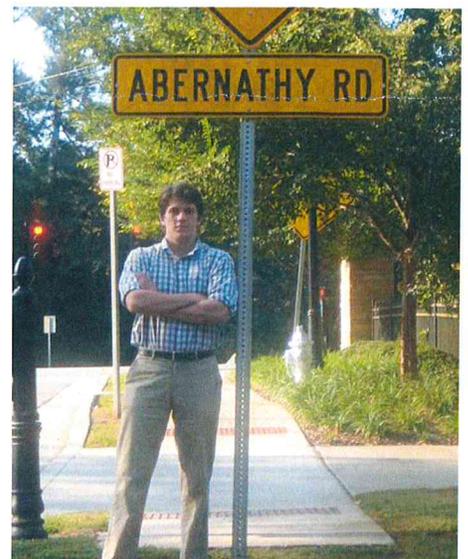
**Estelle** has some ‘et cetera’ involvements as well. The main one is that she helps with the distribution of donated bread and other food items that have been removed from the shelves at local stores and given to the JAARS Center. The arrangement we have is that JAARS sends a driver and van to pick up ‘day old’ bread, or other food items that are about to go out of date, and then people who are assigned to work here at JAARS can come each week and take what they need at a significantly discounted price—100% off!

### Where’s Waldo?

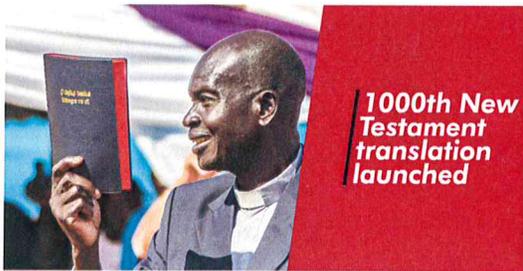
Forget about Waldo—where is Philip? Our youngest son, Philip, was sworn in as a recruit in the **United States Marine Corps** on Friday, January 4. He leaves for boot camp at Parris Island, SC, on January 22, just four days before his 20th birthday. After about 12 weeks in basic training he will go on to several stages of advanced training, some of which will be in North Carolina, though not anywhere near Waxhaw.

This is something that Philip has wanted to do for years. He had even enlisted in September of 2016 when he was a senior in high school, but was disqualified by a heart murmur. Earlier this year however the Department of Defense removed that heart murmur condition from its list of disqualifying conditions, so when Philip learned that he went back to the Marine recruiter and began the process again.

Would you please pray with us for Philip, that God would preserve him spiritually, physically, and in every other way as he begins this journey into potentially dangerous territory? You could pray for us too, as this will be a big adjustment for our family as well.



(photo and text adapted from <https://www.wycliffe.org.uk/get-involved/resources/press-releases/1000th-new-testament-translation-launched/>)



### **The 1000th New Testament**

The 1000th New Testament translation completed with involvement from SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators was launched on August 11, 2018, in a **celebration in northwest Uganda**. The translation is for the Keliko people and represents the first time they can hear and read the New Testament in their own language.

The Keliko people, whose homeland is in South Sudan, traveled from all around to be present. Many came from local refugee camps in Uganda, but others hitched rides from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The event was attended by church leaders and local government dignitaries, as well as by international visitors from across Africa, Europe and North America.

The translation represents a triumph over adversity. Twice the translation efforts have been interrupted by civil war in South Sudan. The second time that happened, the team fled South Sudan, mostly to northern Uganda, but continued their work. "The translators are all Episcopalian pastors. They are very godly men and they pressed on," comments Jackie Marshall-Ringer, director of SIL in South Sudan. "Although we have provided technical and advisory support throughout, this is clearly a project that belongs to the Keliko church."

"The translation represents remarkable persistence on the part of the Keliko people to have the Bible in their own language," said James Poole, executive director of Wycliffe Bible Translators (UK). "That it also happens to be the 1000th New Testament that Wycliffe and SIL have been involved in made it an extra special celebration."

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

### **We give thanks...**

- For faithful supporters and prayer partners, and for financial provision
- For progress in the Old Testament lectionary exegetical summary project

### **Please pray...**

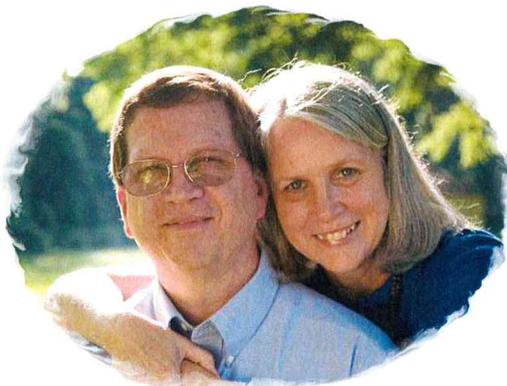
- For additional employment for Michael. His work hours have been cut and one of his side jobs has phased out. He needs full-time employment
- For Philip as he begins his career in the US Marine Corps

### **Home address:**

7407 Tirzah Church Rd  
Waxhaw, NC 28173-7638  
(704) 843-5347

### **Email addresses:**

David\_Abernathy@sil.org  
Estelle\_Abernathy@jaars.org



Wycliffe Bible Translators  
PO Box 628200  
Orlando FL 32862-8200

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

# The Scroll

March 2019 Vol. 181 No. 3



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)

Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)

Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### March 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: World Day of Prayer
- 3rd: LCCM food collection / Transfiguration
- 6th: Lenten Lunch & Ash Service @ BUMC
- 10th: Session / Daylight Saving Time begins
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church
- 24th: Ipock baptism
- 27th: Family Night Supper



Don't forget to Spring forward an hour March 10th

**March**  
**2019**

### April 2019 At A Glance

- 7th: LCCM food collection / Communion
- 10th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
- 14th: Palm Sunday / Session / PWCT
- 15th: Night Circle
- 16th: Morning Circle
- 17th: Men of Church
- 16-19: Church Office closed
- 18th: Maundy Communion @ BPC
- 19th: Good Friday service @ BUMC
- 20th: Easter Egg hunt (BUMC hosts)
- 21st: Easter Sunrise & breakfast @ BPC

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

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session  
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer  
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager  
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



*Bishopville Presbyterian Church*  
***March Elders-On-Call: Wendy Welch & Steven Welsh***

- Friday, 1st:** World Day of Prayer
- Sunday, 3rd:** Transfiguration Sunday  
 LCCM food gifts  
 Coffee: Melinda, Meredith, Missy  
 Flowers: Renee Bell
- Wednesday, 6th:** ASH WEDNESDAY  
 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ Bethlehem United Methodist Church  
 6:00 p.m. Ash service @ Bethlehem United Methodist Church
- Sunday, 10th:** First Sunday of Lent  
 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins  
 8:00 a.m. Stated Session  
 Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman
- Sunday, 17th:** Second Sunday of Lent  
 9:00 a.m. PWCT  
 Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Jackie Drayton)
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 24th:** Third Sunday of Lent  
 Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson  
 Flowers: Avarie & Sidney Easters  
 11:00 a.m. Victoria Catherine Ipock baptism  
 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Christian Ed. Committee)
- Sunday, 31st:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 Coffee: Church provided  
 6:00 p.m. First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing

 Find us on Facebook Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed	 <p><i>OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar</i>          March 10th, 17th &amp; 31st; April 14th &amp; 21st;          May 5th &amp; 26th; June 16th, 23rd, &amp; 30th; July 21st; August 4th &amp; 25th; September 1st, 15th, 22nd, &amp; 29th</p> <p>Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates</p>
<p><b>Business Office Hours</b>          Monday, Tuesday, Thursday          9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.          Unless otherwise noted</p>	<p>Email us to receive enews: <a href="mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com">bishopvillepc@gmail.com</a>          Printed materials available, upon request, through office</p>



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





Mark 9:21-24: *Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can"! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*

There are few passages in the Bible as poignant as this: A father cries out to Jesus, begging for the Master's help for his son, a boy afflicted with a terrible evil spirit that constantly seeks the boy's destruction. Can't we all hear the pain in his voice, even across the centuries and the written page, "Help me!"

But for what is this desperate father actually pleading? What does he ask from Jesus with that amazing, almost too deep for words, anguished cry, "*I believe; help my unbelief!*"? What help does he really need?

And here's the best question of all: When have you or I been in the situation in which we find this father - where he has belief, he has Jesus right there with him, but something is holding him back, something isn't as "connected" as it should be, and he knows, deep in his heart, there's something more, just on the other side. When have we been there, wanting to say to Jesus ourselves, "We believe; help us with our unbelief!"

William L. Lane, in the New International Commentary writes about this father, "*His cry expresses humanity and distress at being asked to manifest radical faith when unbelief is the form of human existence.*" I think he hits the nail on the head. Jesus is offering him everything he's ever needed, particularly the solution to the most dire, most desperate situation in which this father has ever lived, a darkness few can imagine - the catastrophic illness of a child. Jesus looks at him & expresses sympathy ("How long?"), and then says to the man, "All things are possible if you believe." Keep in mind, this is the same Jesus who told his Church in John 14, "I've done some pretty amazing things - but even greater things than I did, that's what you'll do, because I'm sending you the Holy Spirit" (*my paraphrase*). I don't know about you, but I can't say I've done "greater things" than Jesus. I'm not even sure I've seen "greater things".

Over & over, I've had conversation after conversation with Christians who, like me, wonder where the "greater things" have gone? At the same time, in these same conversations, we can't help but look around at our culture, at our country, and realize that our nation, indeed our entire world *needs to see & experience* these "greater things" of Christ Jesus through his Church!

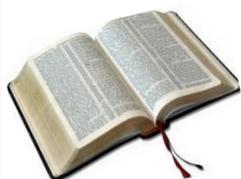
And so, we're like this anguished father; "*Unbelief is there, and of himself he cannot conquer it*" (JA Chadwick, *The Expositor's Bible*). We believe in Jesus, we believe in the Holy Spirit, but because of our upbringing, because of our tradition of western rationalism, because we've been brought up with special effects & scientific discovery, it's hard for us to take the kinds of "leaps of faith" that Jesus is asking this father to take. Let's put ourselves in his shoes for a minute - he went to doctors; they failed. He went to the Church (the disciples); it failed. He's now facing someone who says, "if you believe..." Might that father be thinking, "Yes, but what if he fails me, too - can I bear that kind of let-down again? Can I deal with that kind of disappointment again?"

And yet - he *wants to believe* in Jesus. He wants to believe that Jesus is the solution to his & his family's deepest, darkest problem. He *wants to believe* that, in Jesus, all things are possible. He *wants to believe*. So here's the question for you & me - do we want to believe? Do we really want to see the "greater things" that Jesus has in store for Bishopville, for Lee County, for America & the world? Do we really want to see Jesus bring racial & familial reconciliation, a transformation of our culture, a return to morality and honor? Do we want to believe that we & the people we love the most can be healed? Do we want to believe?

David Platt, in his book *Radical*, challenges the American Church this way: "I dare you to test the claims contained in the gospel, maybe in a way you have never done before." He's saying this - Want to believe. Want to see the "greater things". Want to transform the world through the Holy Spirit, through the Gospel, through Christ Jesus. Want to believe. I want to believe! Lord, help me with my unbelief, too - I know you can.

Pastor Chris

### March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



**3rd:**

***Shake off the Dust***

**Mark 6:1-13**

**10th:**

***Loaves & Fish***

**Mark 6:30-52**

**17th:**

***Signs & Wonders***

**Mark 8:1-21**

**24th:**

***Prayer & Fasting***

**Mark 9:2-29**

**31st:**

***Come Unto Me***

**Mark 10:13-31**

**News from the Session...**

As we pull out of the cold weather and start to put up our sweaters, we also need to take time to reflect on the holiday season and prepare for what it points us to: Christ's resurrection. As we move into the Easter season, the Session and other church leaders are preparing to celebrate the atonement of our sins through Christ's resurrection. Though we often are bombarded with distractions of the reason for Easter, it is important as we begin to slowly move toward it so we are able to reflect on its importance and understand how everything moves in its direction, by the time Easter arrives, so that the full gravity of its significance becomes more readily apparent. The Session and church leaders are preparing exciting sermons and experiences for the congregation this Easter season and it is with eager anticipation that we look forward to the season and all that Christ brings. May you have a blessed month and know that the Session and its leaders are praying for each of you as we move toward this ever exciting time of the year.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

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

**MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Wendy Welch & Steven Welsh**

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**Victoria Catherine Ipock  
March 24th**

Daughter of Charlie & Virginia Ipock  
Granddaughter of Billy Clyburn &  
Jane Clyburn; and sister of Covington & William Ipock

*Thank You*



*Dear Church family, thank you for your phone calls, prayers, flowers, food and cards and to the Kids for Christ for the fruit basket at Christmas. Each one of you mean so much to me. You are so kind and caring.  
Much Love, Kathryn Hart*

**February 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 45 Worship - 65

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$17,074.84
YTD Income received:	\$24,818.05
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$35,326.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,452.25
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$30,164.81
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$30,631.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,460.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,960.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$82.50
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

**March Fellowship**

**Circle Hostesses**

**Night (18th) ..... Ann Cooper**

**Morning (19th) ..... Jackie Drayton**

\*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

**Men of Church Hosts**

**Wednesday (20th) ... Needed**

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

**Charles Finch**

**Ella Frances McLeod**

*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, The Blake, Elgin**

**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

**Elder Class of 2022**

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.

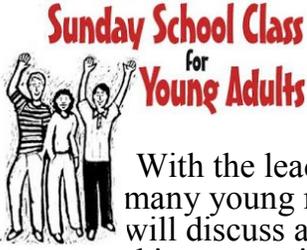
**Nomination Deadline: March 24th**

**2019 Elder Nomination Committee Members**

Aaron Easters, Chair  
Bill Conway  
Susan Cline

Wendy Welch, Co-Chair  
Debbie Tindal  
Andrea McCutchen

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



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.

## MARCH HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	Kirven Family	Jill McElveen
10th	Jimmy McCutchen	Debbie Tindal
17th	Marsha McCutchen	Jennifer McCutchen
24th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Kerry Frazier
31st	Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen	Charlie & Virginia Ipock



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

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

### Lenten Lunch Schedule:

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend

**March 6th @ 12:00 noon**  
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

**April 10th @ 12:00 noon**  
Bishopville Presbyterian Church



Presbyterian Women online fundraiser for Ministry & Missions. They are selling kitchen items from RADA, a company that's been making

top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link or our website to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

## Happy Birthday

# MARCH APRIL

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

**Daylight Saving Time begins**  
March 10th @ 2:00 a.m.  
Don't forget to Spring forward 1 hour!



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



**Sunday, March 24th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Bring a covered-dish and join us!!!**

### 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! **Next collection date: May 12th**

To learn more visit: [www.JewishVoiceToday.org](http://www.JewishVoiceToday.org)

# Fresh Start in 2019

January 2019



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

I'm amazed at how fast the days just go flying by! What seems like 2 or 3 months is actually 6 months! With that in mind I had better start planning for our family vacation and maybe even shopping for Christmas!

## Great News!

We are so glad to report that Pam has shown lots of improvement over the past month. Her balance is obviously better, and she has much more strength and stamina as well. Who knows... maybe she'll even sign up for the ladies church softball team! She's pretty tough... she would probably bat clean-up!



*The new and improved Pam!*

## Mailing address change has caused problems...

Some of our donors who have mailed checks have unfortunately had their checks returned. First of all, I was late changing our official address with our FCA Support Center. I didn't think it would be a problem because the post office was to forward all mail from our old address. For some reason the USPS had problems forwarding our FCA checks since the receipt had Suite 113 listed above the 100 Executive Center Drive. Although the Postal Service had always delivered our mail with no issues, they had trouble forwarding it.

I'm so sorry for this. For a few donors, Their year end contribution didn't make it on time and will have to be credited to 2019. In the meantime, make sure you mail any ministry checks to our new address or use our online giving - <https://my.fca.org/>.

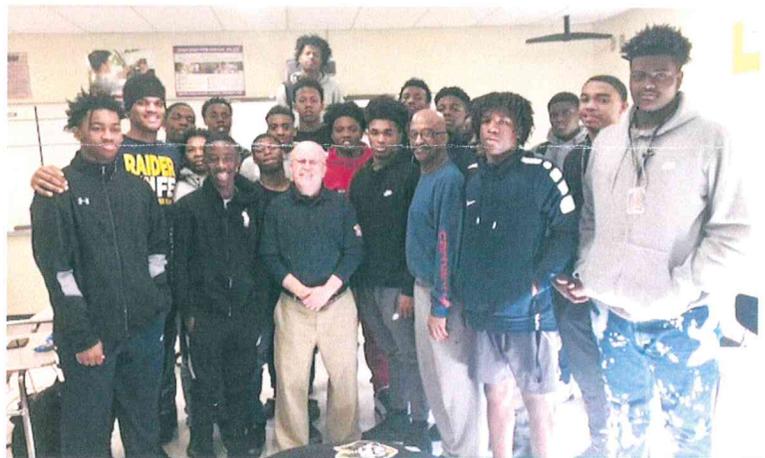
## Keenan Basketball Team

In the past few weeks I've had an opportunity to speak to the **Keenan HS** basketball team a couple of times. They are one of the top teams in the state of South Carolina and **Coach Zach Norris** has led his team to several State Championships. He told me his team was undefeated, but something was missing.

In my time with them, I've shared some principles from John Wooden, the greatest motivation from Colossians 3:23 and the Great Commandment. I've really seen God begin to work in their lives. Coach Norris let me know that he saw a change in a few of his players within a few hours. Later that day, after they pulled off a 1 point victory, the players did something that they had never done... **They Prayed as a team!** They gathered to pray and thank God for watching over them and guiding them through this event in their life. It's a little thing, yet such a big step for them. God is obviously working on this team!

## Use this for our support from now on.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)  
Carroll Baker  
P. O. Box 12657  
Columbia, SC 29211



Keenan High School - #1 AAA Team in South Carolina

Thanks for ministering with us... your faithful teamwork is such a blessing !!

*Carroll + Pam*

# The Scroll

April 2019 Vol. 181 No. 4



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### April 2019 At A Glance

- 7th: LCCM food collection / Communion
- 10th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
- 13th: Easter Egg hunt @ BUMC
- 14th: Palm Sunday / Session / PWCT
- 15th: Night Circle
- 16th: Morning Circle
- 17th: Men of Church
- 16-19: Church Office closed
- 18th: Maundy Communion @ BPC
- 19th: Good Friday service @ BUMC
- 21st: Easter Sunrise & breakfast @ BPC

### May 2019 At A Glance

- 2nd: National Day of Prayer
- 5th: LCCM food collection
- 12th: Mother's Day / Session / coin collection  
BPC & REL Baccalaureate
- 14th: Morning Circle Spring luncheon
- 15th: Men of Church
- 17th: REL Graduation
- 19th: c/o 2022 Elder election
- 27th: Memorial Day - Church Office closed

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

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session  
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer  
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager  
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor





# Bishopville Presbyterian Church

April Elders-On-Call: Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar

- Sunday, 7th:** Fifth Sunday of Lent  
LCCM food altar gifts & Communion  
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit  
Flowers: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- Wednesday, 10th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ Bishopville Presbyterian Church
- Saturday, 13th:** 11:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt @ Bethlehem UM Church
- Sunday, 14th:** Palm Sunday  
Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley  
8:00 a.m. Session  
9:00 a.m. PWCT
- Monday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Melinda Atkinson)
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Diane McElveen)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- 16th - 19th:** Church Office closed
- Thursday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Communion (Charlie Ipock in pulpit)
- Friday, 19th:** 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service @ BUMC
- Sunday, 21st:** Easter Sunday  
Coffee: Young-Adult SS Class  
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise service, Breakfast, and Living Cross @ BPC
- Sunday, 28th:** Second Sunday of Easter  
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Manning Heriot  
Flowers: Rob McCutchen family

 Find us on Facebook Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed	 <p><i>OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar</i>          April 14th &amp; 21st; May 5th &amp; 26th;          June 16th, 23rd, &amp; 30th; July 21st;          August 4th &amp; 25th;          September 1st, 15th, 22nd, &amp; 29th</p> Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates
<b>Business Office Hours</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted	Email us to receive enews: <a href="mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com">bishopvillepc@gmail.com</a> Printed materials available, upon request, through office



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





I was in my mid-20s when I started wearing glasses. I can remember it clearly, because this was right around the time when Claire, our oldest, was born - I loved wire-frame glasses, and Claire had a real knack for pulling them off my face and mangling my frames. This is probably why I still wear the thicker metal-framed style glasses I've been wearing for the past... 15 or so years. I only

hope they'll make them bifocals eventually - or that my arm will grow a little bit longer in the next dozen years or so. The unique thing about my glasses is that, whether I intended to do this or not, they're a frame through which I see the world (those of you with glasses know what I mean). Everything I see clearly is seen within the boundaries of my lens frames. Anything on the outside is fuzzy or blurry.

Paul writes to the Corinthian Church, "*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life alone, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*" (1 Corinthians 15:17-20). What he's essentially saying is this - see everything in life through the lenses or frames of Jesus' Resurrection. As Christians, it's impossible for us to see the world clearly outside of the Resurrection - it's fuzzy, it's blurry, and it's a little scary. But when we clearly look through the lenses of the Resurrection, what can we see clearly?

First, we can see clearly, through our Resurrection-glasses, that God has poured out his inexhaustible love on us through Jesus Christ. God's not some ogre or boogiemán waiting to "get us" when we mess up. In fact, we can even see God pouring his inexhaustible love & grace even on the people in the Old Testament - you know, that part of the Bible so many people think is so "judgy" and dark. When we look at God through the Resurrection, we see clearly that He "so loved the world that He gave the world His only Son, that whosoever should believe on Him [Jesus] should not perish, but have everlasting life!"

Second, we can see clearly, through our Resurrection-glasses, how valuable we are to Jesus, both as His followers and as His church. We mean everything to Jesus - He died to set us free from sins, and He was raised in order to become "firstfruits" of our own Resurrection one day! At the same time, seeing through Jesus' Resurrection gives us hope for all those friends & family we've laid to rest over the years - this world isn't all we get, there's an afterlife, and for those of us in Christ Jesus, that afterlife is with all those who were also in Christ Jesus. In the Pentecostal church, we used to sing about how, "Some glad morning" there would be a happy meeting of all Jesus' followers. I can't wait!

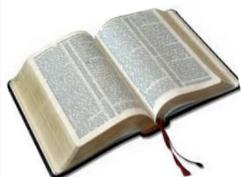
Finally, through Resurrection-glasses, we can see that God, with Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, has given us a purpose for our church within our community. One of my favorite William Shatner quotes comes from *Star Trek 6* (I'm a geek - I admit it): "We haven't run out of history just yet." Jesus' Resurrection is the beginning of what he finishes at the Bible's end, when Jesus ultimately declares, "Behold, I make all things new." Jesus makes and is making all things new - people are made new (born again), communities are renewed, churches are revitalized, even nations have changed courses because Jesus is still at work - and this we can see when we keep looking through those Resurrection lenses.

So let's encourage each other this Easter season to keep in mind the hope, the peace, and the grace of the Resurrection. Let's remind each other to see everything through Easter, and let's look forward—seeing clearly - to what Jesus is doing here & now, as He's still "making all things new!"

Blessings, Pastor Chris

### **April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures**

#### *Mark's Gospel & Discipleship*



7th:	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Mark 14:3-9
14th:	<i>Triumph! (Palm Sunday)</i>	Mark 11:1-14
21st:	<i>Resurrection Mission (Easter Sunday)</i>	Mark 16:1-15
28th:	<i>Mark's Apocalypse</i>	Mark 13:3-27

**News from the Session...**

What a wonderful time of year, we have finally made it to Spring! Already this year the church has seen the baptism of Victoria Catherine Ipock and it prepares for another baptism of Lila Dow Frazier in the coming weeks. How blessed we are as a church to not only be able to grow in our faith but see the faith develop in our youngest members. It's so easy, especially with American ideals and its culture, to become intensely focused on one's own personal faith. However, we must not forget that Christ calls us to worship together and to be a community of faith.

This entails not just one's personal walk with Christ but how that walk intersects with others. We must not forget that although there may be continuous church members that regularly attend each Sunday, we all need one another's support and the reminder of God's Spirit within our midst.

We are so blessed as a church to have so many loving, thoughtful, and caring members and less it not be forgotten that we all should remind one another of this so as to see God's work in us all and how such a community guides us all to the image of Christ.

From all of the Session, we look forward to another wonderful month and more inspirational preaching by Reverend Parnell and should anyone need anything from the Session, please do not hesitate to reach out to an Elder. In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

**Next Session Meeting: April 14th @ 8:00 am**

**APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**Congregational Meeting  
 Elder Election c/o 2022  
 Sunday, May 21st**

The 2019 Elder Nominating Committee will meet in April to prepare a slate of 3 candidates to present to the congregation for the members to elect to the c/o 2022. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they consider the persons who will help govern our Church.

**2019 Elder Nomination Committee**

Aaron Easters, Chair      Wendy Welch, Co-Chair  
 Andrea McCutchen      Susan Cline  
 Debbie Tindal      Bill Conway



**Please contact the Church office if you or your child will be graduating from High School or College this year**



**Benefit Concert "Feed My Starving Children"  
 Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Mayesville Presbyterian Church**

**March 2019 Statistics  
 As of March 28th**

Average Attendance: SS - 47 Worship - 64

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$8,010.66
YTD Income received:	\$32,828.71
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$52,989.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$19,207.02
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$49,371.83
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$50,658.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,035.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,995.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

**March Fellowship**

**Circle Hostesses**

**Night (15th) ..... Melinda Atkinson**  
**Morning (16th) ..... Diane McElveen**

*\*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall*

**Men of Church**

**Wednesday (17th) ... Host needed**

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Dot Cothran @ her home**  
**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Louis Shirley @ his home**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

**Life Line Screening @ Bishopville PC  
 Monday, June 3rd from 9 am - 5 pm**

Register for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes 4 screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. To register and receive a \$10 discount (off packages \$129+) call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979

**April Communion Dates**



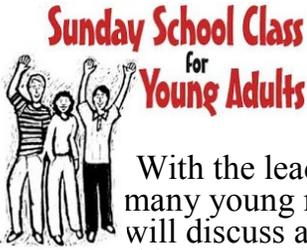
**2nd Quarter Communion  
 April 7th @ 11:00 a.m.**

Communion Elders: Gregg McCutchen/Bert Cousar

**Maundy Thursday Communion  
 April 18th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Communion Elders: Gregg McCutchen/Wendy Welch

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



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.

~ Community Events ~

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 13th @ 11:00 am**

**Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

The church will furnish hotdogs, drinks and eggs. Each family is asked to bring chips, cupcakes, etc... and each child should bring an Easter basket. Hosted by BUMC



**Lenten Lunch**

**April 10th @ 12:00 pm**

**Bishopville PC**

Light lunch & short devotion. Everyone is invited to attend



Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

**Maundy Communion: April 18th @ 7 pm**  
**Bishopville PC**

**Conducted by our Young-Young Adult SS Class. Charlie Ipock will fill pulpit**

Communion Elders: Wendy Welch & Gregg McCutchen

**Good Friday Service: April 19th @ 6 pm**  
**Bethlehem UMC**

**Easter Sunrise service & breakfast:**  
**April 21st @ 7 am Bishopville PC**

**APRIL HELPER CALENDARS**

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
7th	Judith Watkins	Cindy Welsh
14th	William Watkins	Jill McElveen
21st	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Betsy Bramlett
28th	Melinda Atkinson	Debbie Tindal

## Happy Birthday

**APRIL**

**MAY**

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
Reneé Bell	13	Beth McCutchen	17
Doris Bell	14	Nicholas Jeffords	23
Kathryn Hart	19	Ricky McCutchen	23
Tyner Bramlett	20	Katherine Folsom	25
Caroline McCutchen	20	Virginia Kerr Beard	28
Devin Atkinson	22	Debbie Tindal	28
Susan Hilditch	23	Tim Kirven	31
Ryan McCutchen	25		
Gregg McCutchen III	27		



**Presbyterian Women fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** We are selling kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link or our website to help support them. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

that's been making top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link or our website to help support them. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



**Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study**

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

**Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm**

**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! **Next collection date: May 12th**

To learn more visit: [www.JewishVoiceToday.org](http://www.JewishVoiceToday.org)

# The Scroll

May 2019 Vol. 181 No. 5



**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**  
 215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
 Bishopville, SC 29010-0066  
 Email: bishopvillepc@gmail.com Website: www.bishopvillepc.com  
 Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

## May 2019 At A Glance

- 2nd: National Day of Prayer
- 5th: LCCM food gifts / Lila Frazier baptism
- 12th: Mother's Day/BPC & REL Baccalaureate
- 14th: Morning Circle
- 15th: Men of Church
- 17th: REL Graduation
- 19th: Session / c/o 2022 Elder election
- 27th: Memorial Day - Church Office closed



## June 2019 At A Glance

- 2nd: LCCM food gifts / Session
- 3rd: LifeLine Health Screening @ BPC
- 9th: Gideon Sunday - Chris out of pulpit
- 16th: Father's Day / Jean Legters visits
- 17th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 22nd: Fellowship Hall reserved
- 23rd: BPC feeds a Salkehatchie group
- 26th: BPC feeds all Salkehatchie groups



**MEMORIAL DAY**



**2019**

- 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

- Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session
- Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session
- Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer
- Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
- Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
- Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



*Bishopville Presbyterian Church*  
**May Elders-On-Call: Jerry Adams & Perry McCutchen**

---

**Thursday, 2nd:** 7:40 am - 6:00 pm Sanctuary open for National Day of Prayer  
 12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer program @ Courthouse

**Sunday, 5th:** Third Sunday of Easter  
 LCCM food altar gifts  
 Lila Dow Frazier baptism  
 Coffee: Kim & Aaron Easters  
 Flowers: Frazier & Welsh family

**Sunday, 12th:** Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 Mother's Day  
 Coffee: Young-Adult SS Class  
 Flowers: Family of Lila Mae Welsh  
 8:00 a.m. Session  
 11:00 a.m. BPC Baccalaureate Service  
 7:00 p.m. REL Baccalaureate Service @ BUMC

**Tuesday, 14th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Diane McElveen)

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

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

**Sunday, 19th:** Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier  
 Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
 11:00 a.m. Elder c/o 2022 election

**Sunday, 26th:** Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Coffee: Betsy Bramlett & Betty Manning Heriot

**Monday, 27th:** Church Office closed (Memorial Day)



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



*OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar*

*May 26th;  
 June 16th, 23rd, & 30th; July 21st;  
 August 4th & 25th;  
 September 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29th*

Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates

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

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
 Printed materials available, upon request, through office



**LCCM May Collection ~ CANNED FRUITS ~**  
 Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, May 5th for our monthly Altar collection





May is a great month - the school term ends, graduations happen, weddings happen, flowers bloom, farms kick off into an even higher gear, and we start to see the first fruits all around us, whether strawberries, plums, or blackberries. May is also a great month for the church.

We start getting ready for VBS, we think about midyear missions, and we get a chance to reflect on what we've done as a church through the busy Christmas, Valentines, & Easter seasons, and take a breath and wonder: What happens next? So here's what's about to happen at Bishopville PC, starting this month, May 2019: The 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade class is starting their catechism/communicants class. Please keep them in your prayers, along with their teachers.

The Sunday Afternoon Bible Study will tackle questions that people have about the doctrine of election - as I jokingly titled it: "all the questions you've ever wondered about the elect, & were predestined to ask." Please join us, Sunday afternoons at 5:30, for prayer & study.

And, for Sunday morning worship, I've been led to start a series of messages on encountering God - his person, his presence, his power, his providence, his provision - and to do this, I'd like us all to read a book about a boy, a girl, and two horses.

And at this point, my uncle Allen would reply, "Do what?"

Church is a multi-generational organism; she's a living thing, described as Jesus' bride, Jesus' garden, Jesus' body, Jesus' family. And, like any & every other family, the Church is made up of older & younger members, and those members grow and develop together. Our goal should be, as a church family, to encounter God together. So, we want to find a way to engage each other, to walk with each other, and the best way to do that is to take a pace that everybody can keep up with - which brings us to our book.

Out of all the Christian books written for children "of all ages", none (in my opinion) come close to being as effective as CS Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. Reading these books, you easily realize that (1) Lewis loved God, and (2) Lewis loved children. These are fairy-tale adventures, these are great read-aloud stories, and these are lessons, written for a child's imagination & heart, that teach about God. And, out of the 7 *Chronicles*, none of them help us learn about encountering God more than CS Lewis' 1954 book, *The Horse and His Boy*. It's the story of a boy named Shasta, a talking horse named Bree, and an incredible adventure where he makes new friends, learns new things about himself, and encounters the Living God.

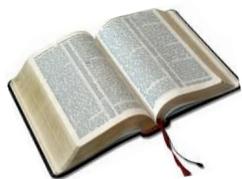
If you've never read Christian fantasy or children's books, it's a different experience. Please note, also, that Lewis is (1) a British Anglican, and (2) a man of the late 1800s, early 1900s, and the book itself came out in 1954. So there are going to be some challenging sections and different uses of language. But the overall message is solid - and the encounters with God the four main characters each have are timeless - and quite Biblical. This is where Lewis is the strongest. He joins his love for literature, his love for children, and his passion to introduce his Christian faith together, creatively, to make something that - for his time - was quite new and innovative. And through it, through his encounter with God on the pages of *The Horse and His Boy*, we too are encouraged to encounter God anew, and to use our own creativity, our own talents, and our own passions to help others encounter God, too.

If you want to join me & my family in reading *The Horse and His Boy*, you can find it (as of this article) for \$3.99 at [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com). There are plenty of study guides that help, but one of the most valuable for family use is *Roar!: A Christian Family Guide to the Chronicles of Narnia*. It's available in paperback on Amazon for \$24, and ChristianBook has an ebook version for \$14.99.

At the same time, my messages for May will be built on the underlying scriptures, the encounter with God that helped to foster & grow this story - and our stories. I'll be providing notes, resources, and guides to help us as we, God's family here in Bishopville, encounter our Living Savior, our Living Eternal God

Blessings, Pastor Chris

### May Sunday Sermons



- 5th:**     *Encountering God's Providence*  
**12th:**    *Encountering God's Provision*  
**19th:**    *Encountering God's Protection*  
**26th:**    *Encountering God's Presence*

**News from the Session...**

What a joyous Easter we have had at Bishopville Presbyterian Church! As the flowers begin to bloom and the weather heats up, so has the outpouring of the Spirit on the Church as we've heard the good news of Christ's resurrection and through which all He has done for those who believe. The Church was blessed not only with a wonderful Easter Service, but the week as a whole as the Maundy Thursday service was not only well-received by the Church, but others who attended from the community. As the weather warms up, so do the activities of the Session. We have scheduled a Church-wide "clean up and shape up" day for the Church which will be this summer just to tidy up a few things around the Church, paint a few areas, update some signage, and the like. If you know of something which needs to be tended to, please let any of us on the Session know and we'll add it to our list.

Joy be with you this coming month as we continue through the Spring and recall all that has happened this April and that He is arisen and to sit down in that chair . . . and let him wash your feet!

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: June 2nd @ 8:00 am**

**MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
**\*Jerry Adams & Perry McCutchen**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Congregational Meeting  
 Elder Election c/o 2022  
 Sunday, May 21st**



The following names have been submitted from the 2019 Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2022 Elders:

- **Matt Bramlett**
- **Ryan McCutchen**
- **Cindy Welsh**

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.

**2019 Elder Nomination Committee**

Aaron Easters, Chair	Wendy Welch, Co-Chair
Andrea McCutchen	Susan Cline
Debbie Tindal	Bill Conway

**April 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 37 Worship - 81

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$17,736.55
YTD Income received:	\$59,040.26
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$70,652.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,680.86
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$67,064.34
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$70,417.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$200.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,245.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

**May Fellowship**

**Morning Circle (14th) ..... Diane McElveen**  
**Men of Church (15th) ... Host ????**



*Dear friends at BPC, Thank you so much for your loving support during & since my recent surgery. Your thoughts & prayers were certainly heard & felt. Your many cards, sweet notes and yummy meals were so appreciated so were the "Welcome Back" hugs I received on the Sunday, that I returned to Church. Much love to each of you, Diane*

*Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughts, and calls for my daughter, Valerie, who was in a head-on collision. She's improving daily and is in the 1% category for not having to have surgery for her multi-fractured right heel. Thank God for miracles!*  
 - Gwen Steinmeyer

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

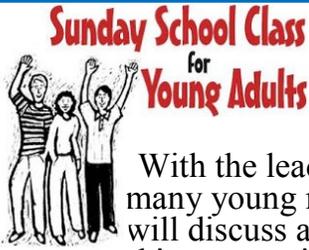
**Dot Cothran @ her home**  
**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Louis Shirley @ his home**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

***In Our Thoughts & Prayers***

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

**Kenny Camlin**, brother of Janice Ruggles  
**Robert Odell Hill**, brother-n-law of Retta Tindal  
**Sarah Millen**, mother of Steve Millen  
**Polly Woodham**

**Brenda Welch Gillespie**, sister of Hank Welch  
*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)*



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.

MAY HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
5th	Cindy Welsh	Wendy Welch
12th	Crues Bell	Jennifer McCutchen
19th	Betsy Bramlett	Kerry Frazier
26th	Matt Bramlett	Cindy Welsh

## CONGRATULATIONS



Tyner Bramlett and Jae Logan were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 6th.

Tyner is the daughter of Matt & Betsy Bramlett and granddaughter of Betty Manning Heriot



**Baccalaureate Service**  
Sunday, May 12th, at Worship

We will honor our graduating high school senior 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'll also recognize our college graduates. Please notify the Church office of student awards/honors to be published in the upcoming June SCROLL.

### 2019 High School Graduate

**Claire Ashley Parnell**  
Robert E Lee Academy  
May 17th

**Plans to attend Francis Marion University**  
Daughter of Rev. Chris & Laura Parnell

### 2019 College Graduate

**Aubra Elizabeth "Libby" Corbett**  
University of Georgia  
**To attend MUSC in Fall Nursing program**  
Daughter of Allen & Peggy Corbett  
Granddaughter of Louise & late Billy McCutchen

**REL: Baccalaureate: May 12th @ 7:00 p.m.**  
at Bethlehem United Methodist Church  
**REL Graduation: May 17th @ 7:00 pm** in the REL Gymnasium

# Happy Birthday May June

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



**Presbyterian Women fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** We are selling kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link or our website to help support them. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



**The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry**  
If you didn't turn in your coins on Sunday, April 28th, please drop them off in the Church office

All 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

## Vacation Bible School ~ The Mane Event

Sunday - Wednesday

JUNE 9th - 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Pre-Registration (preferred)

[Click here to register and/or to volunteer](#) or visit this link:

<https://www.myvbs.org/www.bumcroarvbs/>

For more info, call: BUMC 803.484.6037 or

Beth Grant 843.858.3949



**FUN-Music-FUN-Snacks-FUN-Games-FUN-Adventure-FUN-Experiments-FUN-Friends-FUN**



### 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

### National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2nd

Our Sanctuary will be open for 20 minute prayer intervals from 7:40 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall

**Community program @ 12:00 p.m. on the steps of the Courthouse.** All are welcome

**Salkehatchie teams arrive in Lee County on June 22nd**, helping the needy in our community. We will host and feed 1 team on Sunday, June 23rd and all teams Wednesday, June 26th. Please help, if asked

You are invited to a presentation at Bethesda PC, on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. by Rev. Don Piper who was pronounced dead 1½ hours, visited heaven, and returned to life. His book inspired the movie ["90 Minutes in Heaven"](#)

**Annual Hymn Festival  
Mayesville PC  
Sunday, May 5th @ 4:00 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome to attend**

### A KID STARTED IT! John 6:9

**Kids for Christ  
Circle meeting  
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm**

Please join us at the home of Kim & Aaron Easters (2064 Tomahawk Rd. Lamar) for our very first K4C Circle meeting! Mission shopping trip planned. Food & Nursery will be provided

### Life Line Screening Event June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Life Line is a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, offering affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

Also register in the office or Fellowship Hall



**Let's Be Healthy Together!**

Yesterday's high: 99  
Last night's low: 73

5802 Bob Bullock Loop 20  
Building C 18-102  
Laredo, TX 78401

Email: [jeanlegters@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlegters@gmail.com)

U.S. Magic Jack Phone: (314) 774-0853

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear prayer partners and friends,

*"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... your faith is futile and you are still in your sins... but Christ has indeed been raised."*

- 1 Corinthians 15:17-20

This wonderful time of the year confirms our faith and gives us hope of eternity. We remembered Dave's legacy on his sixth anniversary in March with a brief meditation and prayer of thanksgiving for his life and service here in Mexico.

These months have been very good, with visits to many congregations and special birthday services and anniversaries. Dr. Will Ackles and his wife Nancy have been here since early February and will be leaving April 9. He has taught New Testament and Homiletics here in the seminary and also in an extension center. He has also been my chauffeur for wherever I want to go! He has been a great blessing to us and we appreciate the many things he does when he is here.

On April 10 my daughter Debbie will undergo surgery for a problem with endometriosis. She has two weeks off for Easter break which makes it a little easier. Please pray for her and the pain relief she hopes to obtain as a result.

Seminary graduation will take place on June 7 and there will be 30 students graduating with a degree in Biblical counseling, 5 in Theology and 2 in Sacred music. The following morning after graduation I will fly to St. Louis. A year ago, I could barely walk so I was unable to visit supporting churches and friends. I now use a walker with wheels but still find it difficult to sit, walk or stand too long. I will try to be careful on this trip which takes me to six states from June 8-Jul 1. My son Daniel will be with me for 2 weeks driving me around visiting churches and friends in the US. I will have my cell phone with me if anyone would care to call. You may dial this number from the US: 011-521-999-225-7958. You can also call my son's phone number while we are in the US: (314) 223-9453 if you want to get a hold of me. If I don't see you this year, I will try to do so in 2020, if the Lord permits

Upon return on July 2, I will be attending the Sac Be presbytery meeting in Yalcoba, one of the places I visit every month, where I will sell Bibles, hymnbooks and other materials. Later in July, the camp that we organize will be held on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico for children and young people. The cost is \$50 a week, with another \$10 for transportation if it is needed. If you would like to help, you may send your donation to the address at the end of the letter, stating on the memo line that it is for a camp scholarship.

I have recently begun attending a small English Bible study on Friday mornings. Although I cannot see the study guide or read the Bible aloud, due to my limited vision, I find it enjoyable and helpful. Perhaps a verse to sum it all up is found once again in 1 Cor 15:58. "Therefore... be steadfast, immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

P.S. once again my son Daniel is sending out these letters so I am not able to add a personal note. Hope to see some of you soon. May the Lord bless you.

Your servant for Jesus' sake

Jean Legters , for the family

Any gifts for the camp or our ministry may be sent to

Son Raise Missionaries Services

P.O. Box. 43

Byron Center, MI 49315





**New Support address**

P. O. Box 12657  
 Columbia, SC 29211  
 Online giving :  
<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>

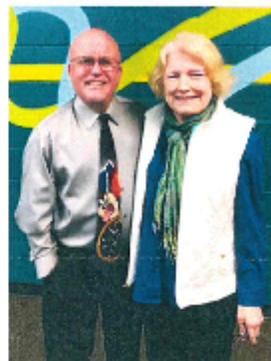
Carroll and Pam Baker  
 Fellowship of Christian Athletics  
 336 Brickling Road  
 Irmo, SC 29063  
 rbaker@fca.org  
 April 2019

What a great time we had this month. Not only was April 1st Pam's Birthday, but it was also our 12,000<sup>th</sup> day Anniversary... on the same day! That's a lot of good night kisses!

Unfortunately, we had a weird way of celebrating. Pam actually had 2 CAT Scans on her big day, and one more later in the week. (Unfortunately, there was no birthday cake in radiology!)

So, here's the latest. Over the past few months, Pam had been having trouble getting her words out, as well as writing. But when our surgeon looked at the scan, he immediately said, "There it is!" The shunt was draining too much fluid and it was affecting the area of her brain that controls speaking and writing! An adjustment was necessary, which only took about 30 seconds. We'll see him again next month and we hope to see much improvement!

Thanks for praying for Pam. We know God is at work!



*Why do i celebrate big numbered days? "Because every day's an anniversary!"*



Earlier last month, former SC State Football player RV Brown spoke to the Columbia HS football team. One of the first things he said to the guys was, "Show some respect, pull up your pants and act like a man."

He really challenged the men to come to Christ!

What a great opportunity to share in schools as RV was able to speak to several hundred students around the area!



Cutting down the nets at Keenan HS!

**Reflecting on Easter— The first time I really understood**

I'll never forget the day I trusted Christ. It was the day before Easter during my freshman year in college. I had previously prayed the prayer and walked the aisle many times, thinking that was the way to show my faith. Yet, I was never sure that God had answered my prayer. I didn't know for sure that He had heard me. I guess I was waiting for some lightning bolt from heaven or angels singing the Halleluiah Chorus.

On that Saturday morning, as I knelt by my bed, I prayed some similar words that I had prayed before, as I trusted Him for forgiveness. But this time I added my own words... "Lord, I give my life to you because you know better than I do."

What I did that morning was lifechanging. I **surrendered to Christ**. I asked Him to take over the throne of my life and make me the person He wanted me to be. I finally understood that I desperately needed Him to be in charge. I've also come to understand that when we come to Christ, we really can't stay the same. He changes our lives in ways we couldn't predict.

*I've never recovered from that day...* and I hope that you never recover either. I hope that this will be more than a Happy Easter for you. May this be the most special Easter ever!

**HE is RISEN... indeed!**

*Carroll + Pam*

## THE GUATEMALA SEWING MISSION HISTORY

In 1987, Anne Law Finch, who is a Bishopville, SC native, went to the village of San Juan Ostuncalco, Guatemala as part of a mission. While there, Anne and other members of the delegation attended a Mam Christian Women's Association meeting. They asked the women: "If you could have anything, what would you want?" The women answered in unison, "a sewing machine!" After the meeting, the delegation borrowed a Jeep, went to town, and purchased the first sewing machine.

The purchase of that first peddle (non-electric) sewing machine has evolved into a sewing school, run by the women themselves, that has trained hundreds of women to tailor and embroidery.

The Mam tribe is descendants of the ancient Maya. They are hard-working Christian women who struggle to overcome poverty.

Daily living for the Mam tribe is a huge challenge. They don't have electricity, running water or indoor plumbing. However, they do have an extremely strong faith in God.

The Mam Christian Women's Association helps women develop in four ways:

- income earning power through a micro-loan program
- healthy bodies for themselves and their families through health outreach
- new skills through schools and scholarships
- spiritual bonds through prayer partnerships

In 2015 the Association opened a new sewing school this year in the remote village of Las Barrancas. The local Presbyterian Church donated land and the Association raised funds from US churches to construct a building, buy six sewing machines, and pay a teacher.

## The Bishopville Presbyterian Church

### Sewing Machines and Afghans

In 2013, the Morning Circle of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church accepted the Guatemala Sewing Mission as their mission.

They help support the Guatemala Sewing Mission by sending funds for the Sewing School. These funds are used to purchase pedal sewing machines for the graduates and by providing scholarships.

In addition, the Women of the Church provide the yarn and make the afghans, which afghans are used as fund raisers for the Mission.



Julie Cothran displays one the Guatemala Sewing Mission "fund raiser afghans".

### Tyson's Neck Warmer Mission

San Juan Ostuncalco and Las Barrancas are in the rugged highlands and many people suffer from respiratory problems. For that reason,



Tyson Eckley wears one of Tyson's Neck Warmers

in 2014 the Women of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church began the Tyson's Neck Warmer Mission.

Since most of the cooking is done over open fires, the neck warmers are safe to wear (they fasten and won't slip off when bending over).

As of May 2016, almost 800 neck warmers have been made and hand-delivered to the Mam Association.



Josefa is wearing a Tyson's Neck Warmer and as she holds a photo of her American Prayer Partner.

### Baby Blanket & Cap Mission

In the spring of 2018, the Women of our church started the Baby Blanket Mission. We made and sent 28 baby blankets. In the fall, 14 baby blankets and 10 lap blankets were purchased from Good Will and sent to the Association.

The Women of our church provides the yarn for all of our missions.

100% of funds donated are spent in Guatemala on the Sewing Mission.

You can make a difference!

Donations in any amount, may be made to the Bishopville Presbyterian Church and marked "Guatemala Sewing Mission".

Thank you!

### Contact Information:

Anne Law Finch  
annefinch@nc.rr.com  
919.818.8376

Julie Cothran  
jlcothran1@msn.com  
803.484.5120

Judith Watkins  
judithwatkins@sc.rr.com  
803.484.6370

# The Scroll

June 2019 Vol. 181 No. 6



**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**  
 215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
 Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
 Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### June 2019 At A Glance

- 2nd: LCCM food gifts / Session
- 3rd: LifeLine Health Screening @ BPC
- 9th: Gideon Sunday - Chris out of pulpit
- 9-12: VBS @ BUMC
- 16th: Father's Day / Jean Legters visits
- 17th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 22nd: Fellowship Hall reserved
- 23rd: BPC feeds a Salkehatchie group
- 26th: BPC feeds all Salkehatchie groups

### July 2019 At A Glance

- 2-5: Church Office closed for holiday
- 7th: LCCM food gifts / Communion
- 15th: Joint Circle meeting
- 18-22: Church Office closed for vacation
- 26th: Rev. Parnell's 4th Anniversary @ BPC
- 28-3rd: Youth @ Montreat Camp



- 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

- Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session
- Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session
- Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer
- Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
- Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
- Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

# JUNE

## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

*June Elders-On-Call: Aarons Easters & Steven Frazier*

- Sunday, 2nd:** 7th Sunday of Easter  
LCCM food altar gifts  
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
Flowers: Family of William Welsh  
8:00 am Stated Session
- Sunday, 9th:** Day of Pentecost  
Gideon Sunday (Rev. Ralph Sims, Camden)  
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal  
Flowers: Family of Dot & Buddy Wilson  
6:00 p.m. VBS begins @ BUMC
- Monday, 10th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Tuesday, 11th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Wednesday, 12th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Sunday, 16th:** First Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day  
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton  
Flowers: Hugh & Retta Tindal  
9:30 a.m. Jean Legters' Mission presentation
- Tuesday, 17th:** Church Office closed
- Saturday, 22nd:** 10 am - 4 pm Fellowship Hall reserved
- Sunday, 23th:** Second Sunday after Pentecost  
12:00 p.m. BPC feeds one Salkehatchie team  
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
- Wednesday, 26th:** 12:00 p.m. BPC feeds all Salkehatchie teams
- Sunday, 30th:** Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Church provided



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



*OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar*

*May 26th;*

*June 23rd, & 30th; July 21st;*

*August 4th & 25th;*

*September 15th, 22nd, & 29th*

Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates

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

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



**LCCM June Collection ~ CANNED VEGETABLES ~**  
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, June 2nd for our monthly Altar collection





*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4)*

We all have our little "guilty pleasures" - you know, the escapist romances, the soap operas, the sci-fi marathons, the video games, the cheesy '80s movies. For me, it's *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, a silly little late-80s movie about two California teens who, through time travel and music, change the world. *Bill & Ted* is known for giving Keanu Reeves his start, and for playing with the already silly idea of time travel in a pretty, well, late-80s and "most excellent" way. If you haven't seen it, let me spoil the movie's ultimate message by saying, "Be excellent to each other" and "Party on, dudes!" Like I said, "guilty pleasure" - maybe Laura would say, "Not guilty enough..." I particularly love the theme song from *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, a song titled "In Time" by Robbie Robb. It's one of those "**accidentally Christian**" songs into which you often run. By accidentally Christian, what I mean is a song or poem or story that, whether intentionally or not, has a Christian message. Here's why I say "In Time" is accidentally Christian; the lyrics say:

*No fear, no loss, no tears, the time is almost here. Our dreams will all come true, I promise you, 'Cause I can see for miles and miles . . . One heart, one soul, one mind, Our eyes will not be blind. We'll see this rain come down without this sound, We can all, we can all break free. In time we'll be dancing in the streets all night!*

Tell me that's not a redeemed world Robbie Robb is singing about - a world like the one John describes in Revelation 21, where everything is made new by the One who makes all things new, a world where the streets are for dancing, voices are for singing, and eyes are for seeing the King of Glory face to face! Now, if I could change one lyric from "In Time", I'd say in that second stanza, "*We'll see his reign come down, and with a trumpet sound, we can all, we can all break free! In time...*" But that's just me.

How many times do we run across "accidentally Christian" messages in the world around us? Whether it's the theme song from a guilty-pleasure 80s movie or a character in a video game or TV series, whether it's a series of allusions in a poem or book we've been reading, how often do we run across messages that reinforce or echo the Gospel of Jesus, the story of the Bible? Not only do we have a culture that - at least for the last 400 years - has been saturated with the Church & the Bible, we also have the presence of God himself, the Holy Spirit, who pours out what we call "common grace". That simply means that the Spirit of God is at work in the world in general, helping people - even artists, writers, & singers - pick up on, whether they intend to or not, the message that, "God so loves this world that He gave it His only Son..."

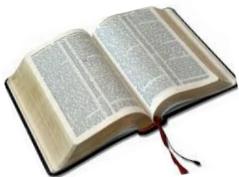
So here's the bottom line: How do we, the Church, respond to the "**accidentally Christian**" messages around us? Do we recognize them? Do we appreciate the work of the Holy Spirit, do we celebrate the work of the Church Fathers & Mothers that made this possible? Better yet, do we take advantage of these messages when we interact with our non-Christian friends, coworkers, & family? Do we point out, when we're watching *Bill & Ted*, "Hey, that song sounds like what God's going to do at the end of time"? Do we say to a friend, when we're reading *The Lord of the Rings*, "Did you know that J.R.R. Tolkien was a Christian and a friend with C.S. Lewis?" When we're riding in a car with our friends, and Audioslave's song "I am the highway" comes on, do we mention, "This sounds just like what David says in Psalm 139, when he's struggling with God's presence"?

So, how can we do this? How are we going to be able to both recognize and comment on accidentally Christian messages to the people we'd like to introduce to Jesus? First, by knowing the Bible. We need to have a working knowledge of the message of the Bible, a firm grasp of the Gospel especially, so much so that we can't help but notice. Be in love with the story of Jesus forgiving you! Second, you'll never have a conversation with a non-Christian about an accidentally Christian message unless you have non-Christian friends. Yes, the Bible has several warnings about how bad company corrupts good character—so choose these friends carefully. But the message of the Bible is resoundingly this: The Church reaches the Lost by living among the Lost. Make friends, and introduce those friends to Jesus.

Finally, we can connect the accidentally Christian to the non-Christians we know best of all by connecting to & following the Holy Spirit's leading. He'll help us make the right friends, he'll give us the insights & opportunities, he'll guide us through those conversations - and all the while, he'll use our words, our studies, our prayers in order to reach people with their Savior Jesus' love - even if he has to use *Bill & Ted* in order to do so. Praise the Spirit for his work!

*Blessings in Jesus' name - Pastor Chris*

## June Sunday Sermons



<b>2nd:</b>	<b>Grace &amp; Peace to You</b>	<b>Galatians 1:3-12</b>
<b>9th:</b>	<b>Gideon Sunday (Rev. Ralph Sims, Camden SC)</b>	
<b>16th:</b>	<b><i>In Faith, be Blessed</i></b>	<b>Galatians 2:15-3:9</b>
<b>23rd:</b>	<b><i>Heirs of the Promise</i></b>	<b>Galatians 3:15-29</b>
<b>30th:</b>	<b><i>For Freedom I am Free</i></b>	<b>Galatians 5</b>

**News from the Session...**

Greetings, and welcome to summer! We've already suffered through record heat the last few weeks of May, and God willing, things will cool down so we may enjoy part of the summer. As we crawl into the summer, remember we have vacation bible school coming up which will be hosted by the Methodist Church. We have other exciting events planned for kids that we are working on confirming for the summer as well so please do consistently check the Church calendar and of course we'll keep everyone abreast of those events. A big thank you to those who came and assisted in the "Church Cleanup" just a few weeks ago too. We cut shrubs, power washed, cleaned interior walls, painted, replaced lights, cleaned out the kitchen, and many, many other housekeeping matters to keep the Church looking spring and spry. If you see anything else which needs attention, please continue to let Elders or members of the Session know. Have a blessed June!

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: August 11th @ 8:00 am**

**JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
 \*Aaron Easters & Steven Frazier  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**c/o 2022 Session**

- Matt Bramlett
- Ryan McCutchen
- Cindy Welsh

**Please keep all our Elders in your prayers**

**Communion & Cents-Ability offering**  
**Sunday, July 7th**  
 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 (please mark all special offerings)  
**July Communion Elders:**  
**Charlie Ipock & Jerry Adams**



**May 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 74

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$10,426.55
YTD Income received:	\$69,466.81
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$88,315.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,386.02
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$80,450.36
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$85,614.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$875.00
YTD Income received:	\$4,120.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

**Joint Circle Meeting**  
**Monday, July 15th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

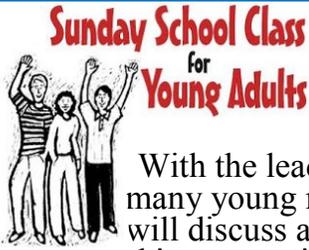
**Church Office Closed**  
**June 3rd (open 5th instead)**  
**June 17th**  
**July 2nd - 5th**  
**July 18th - 22nd**  
**Email periodically checked, when applicable**

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**  
**Dot Cothran @ her home**  
**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Louis Shirley @ his home**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

**Fena Margaret Stalvey McDaniel**  
**Janice Newsome Holland**  
**Hunter B. Christmas, friend of Melinda Atkinson**  
*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)*



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.

JUNE HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
2nd	Ann Cooper	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
9th	English Cooper	Jill McElveen
16th	Gaskins Family	Betsy Bramlett
23rd	Jackie Drayton	Debbie Tindal
30th	Betty Manning Heriot	Kerry Frazier



**Jean Legters Presentation**  
**Sunday, June 16th**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**during Sunday School**

Jean Legters will be in the US and will visit our Church to provide an update from the Mission field in Mexico, where she spent most of her life. Please join us!

## 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 K. McCutchen	24
Liz Simon	25	Libby Corbett	26
		Daphne Dickerson	26
		William Watkins	31

- June Special Events:**
- Gideon Sunday
  - Vacation Bible School
  - Jean Legters visiting
  - Salkehatchie Summer
  - End of School Year

- July Special Events:**
- Communion
  - Vacation Bible School
  - Summer Vacations
  - Summer Camps



**The Kids for Christ**  
**Israel Coin Collection Ministry**  
 If you haven't turned in your coins, please send them to the office so they can 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



**Presbyterian Women fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** We are selling kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality

kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit the link below or visit our website to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

*Welcome... Recent Visitors*  
*Adam & Jennifer Cooper*  
*From Columbia, SC*

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin. - Mother Teresa

## Vacation Bible School ~ The Mane Event

Sunday - Wednesday

JUNE 9th - 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Pre-Registration (preferred)

[Click here to register and/or to volunteer](#) or visit this link:

<https://www.myvbs.org/www.bumcroarvbs/>

For more info, call: BUMC 803.484.6037 or

Beth Grant 843.858.3949



**FUN-Music-FUN-Snacks-FUN-Games-FUN-Adventure-FUN-Experiments-FUN-Friends-FUN**



**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



**Kids for Christ**  
Circle meeting  
Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm

Please join us at the home of Kim & Aaron Easters (2064 Tomahawk Rd. Lamar) for our second K4C Circle meeting!  
Food & Nursery will be provided

**First Baptist Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 7th - 11th**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Theme: Into the Wild**

**Life Line Screening Event**  
**June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**

Life Line is a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, offering affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

Also register in the office or Fellowship Hall



**Let's Be Healthy Together!**

# Salkehatchie

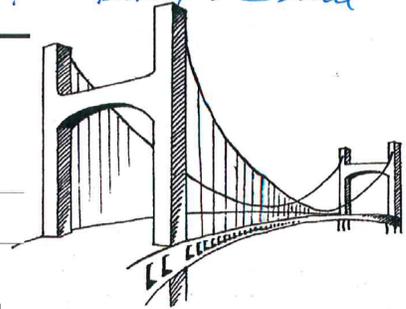
Salkehatchie teams arrive in Lee County on June 22nd, helping the needy in our community. We will host and feed 1 team on Sunday, June 23rd and all teams Wednesday, June 26th. Please help, if asked

THANK you AGAIN for your partnership with us! David & Estelle

## BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

April 2019



### Scripture comes to the Gungu people

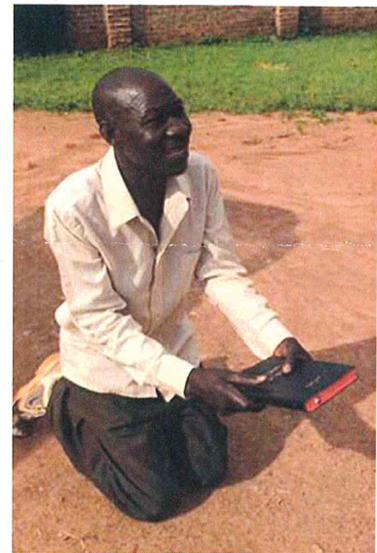
In a village in Uganda, the guard on duty at the local radio station opened the gate and greeted the team arriving with New Testaments. He eagerly watched as a young radio presenter opened a box and took out a copy of the recently published Scriptures. The guard had heard the excitement surrounding the Gungu New Testament the day before, when a special event had been held to dedicate the newly printed books. There, many people had heard God's Word in their language for the first time, and because many were inspired to buy copies, the team had run out and had to send to a nearby town for more.

Now, whispering, the guard asked his colleague to read a verse from Matthew. The presenter read the verse aloud while the guard listened closely: "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" (Matthew 16:26 NLT). The guard urged the man to read it again, which he did.

Seeing the guard's interest, the team decided to give him a New Testament. The man leapt with joy, knelt on the ground, raised his hands in the air with excitement, laughed and hugged the Bible to his chest. "I've done so many bad things in my life," he said, "but now salvation has come to me. The Lord is with me!"

Still kneeling and swaying, he kept thanking them for the New Testament, and he called out the name of Jesus with great joy. Then he got up and started dancing spontaneously with the radio presenter, unable to hide his excitement — a moving and a powerful testimony to the impact of God's Word in the mother tongue. Someone asked if the guard knew how to read. "No," said the presenter, "but now he will be asking the young people in his home to read that Bible to him."

(Photo and text excerpted from *Frontlines* Summer 2018 © 2018 Wycliffe Bible Translators.)



### Made in God's image

I have often reflected on what it means to be made in God's image. One of the most fundamental affirmations in Christian belief is the doctrine of the Trinity, that God exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This means that for all eternity God has existed in relationship, and at the center of such relationships is love, personality, and communication. The executive director of SIL, Dr. Michel Kenmogne, has pointed out that communication in language is one of the features of our bearing God's image—that we communicate, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always communicated within the community of the Trinity. For us, just as with the Trinity, communication in language is at the center of personhood and of love.

God is a communicator—the *original* communicator. Hebrews 11:1-2 tells us that in the past God communicated through prophets in many ways, but in these last days *he has spoken through his Son*. The Word of God, the Bible, is the record of God's long history of communicating with us, as well as the record of the life and message of the Son of God. Translating the Bible into the languages of the linguistic minorities of the world is the goal toward which our organization works. Thank you for whatever part you have had in our efforts toward reaching that goal!

**Update on the Lectionary project**

I have been working for much of the last three years on the Old Testament Lectionary Exegetical Summary Project, providing translation helps for pastors and missionaries wanting to translate the Old Testament portions that are read each Sunday in liturgical churches (such as Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, etc.). Of the 154 readings, 45 have been published electronically (all from Isaiah). Another 60 are ready to be typeset and published, 30 are near ready for typesetting, and 19 are in the beginning stages. I have authored 46 of the readings, and proof-read or edited 89 of the others, which represents thousands of pages of text. A few months ago I received an email from a Catholic official in the Vatican who assured me that they were enthusiastic about the project and were willing to assist in any way that might become necessary. This is encouraging. Your ongoing prayers for the project would be appreciated.

**Philip is now a United States Marine**

Philip left home on January 22 for Marine Corps boot camp, which is twelve weeks of mentally and physically demanding training. It culminated in 54 hours of field testing known as The Crucible, during which recruits get little sleep and endure considerable strenuous physical activity, including hiking 47 miles while carrying up to 45 pounds of gear. He graduated from boot camp on April 19.

Then on April 30 Philip will go to a Marine base near San Diego for advanced infantry training. We ask your prayer that God would guide and protect him wherever he goes.



PFC Philip Abernathy, USMC

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**We give thanks...**

- For progress in the Old Testament Lectionary Exegetical Summary Project. We are about 2/3 the way through
- For faithful supporters and prayer partners, and for financial provision

**Home address:**

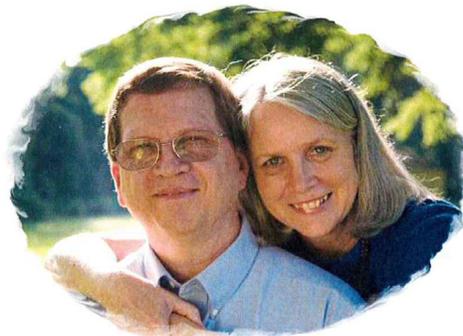
7407 Tirzah Church Rd  
Waxhaw, NC 28173-7638  
(704) 843-5347

**Email addresses:**

David\_Abernathy@sil.org  
Estelle\_Abernathy@jaars.org

**Please pray...**

- For the Lectionary project material to be done well, and that it would be distributed to translators in the field
- For permanent employment for Michael teaching music
- For Philip as he goes on to the next phase of his career in the US Marine Corps



Wycliffe Bible Translators  
PO Box 628200  
Orlando FL 32862-8200

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

# The Scroll

July 2019 Vol. 181 No. 7



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### July 2019 At A Glance

- 2-5: Church Office closed for holiday
- 7th: LCCM food gifts / Communion
- 7-11: First Baptist VBS
- 11th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 14th: Elder Sunday / Kids for Christ Circle
- 18th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 21st: Elder Sunday
- 26th: Rev. Parnell's 4th Anniversary @ BPC
- 28-3rd: Montreat Youth Conference

### August 2019 At A Glance

- 4th: LCCM food gifts
- 9th: Kids for Christ Circle meeting
- 11th: Session / Church Picnic
- 29th: Church Office closed for vacation



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.)  
Unless otherwise noted

### Key Officers and Staff

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session  
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer  
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager  
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



*Bishopville Presbyterian Church*  
*July Elders-On-Call: Wendy Welch & Gregg McCutchen*

---

- 2nd - 5th:** Church Office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 7th:** 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
 LCCM food altar gifts  
 Coffee: Meredith, Missy, Melinda  
 Flowers: Charlie & Virginia Ipock  
 11:00 a.m. Communion & Cents-Ability offering
- 7th - 11th:** 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. VBS @ First Baptist Church
- Thursday, 11th:** Church Office closed
- Sunday, 14th:** 5th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: OPEN  
 Flowers: Family of Harriett Watson  
 11:00 am Elder Sunday (Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit)  
 3:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Circle in FH (book bag packing)
- Monday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Joint Circle
- Thursday, 18th:** Church Office closed
- Sunday, 21st:** 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman  
 11:00 a.m. Elder Sunday (Charlie Ipock in pulpit)
- Friday, 26th:** Rev. Parnell's 4th Anniversary @ BPC
- Sunday, 28th:** 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer  
 Flowers: JimEd & MaBeth McCutchen

 <p>Find us on Facebook</p> <p>Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed</p>	 <p><i>OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar</i>  <i>July 21st;</i>  <i>August 4th &amp; 25th;</i>  <i>September 15th, 22nd, &amp; 29th</i>      Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates</p>
<p><b>Business Office Hours</b>  <b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</b>  <b>9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>      Unless otherwise noted</p>	<p>Email us to receive enews: <a href="mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com">bishopvillepc@gmail.com</a>      Printed materials available, upon request, through office</p>



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





*The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." - Genesis 3:14-15*

My cousin Andy & I used to love to explore the woods behind my grandparents' house. They owned hundreds of acres of old hardwood forest, along with some pulpwood pine tracts, and we used to spend hours out there. We found a stream down there—not quite big enough to be a creek, too big to be a branch—and he & I decided to find out where it came from. We wanted to see its spring. So he & I walked upstream, following that little stream until it dwindled into a branch, that branch until it dwindled into a trickle, and that trickle until it became a little muddy patch at the bottom of a red clay gully. And there, bubbling out of that muddy patch, were the first drops of water that made up that stream—which we found out later, joined other streams and became part of the Rocky & Savannah Rivers.

Gospel is the word we use when we talk about Jesus' story, that incredible thing he did for us during his life, ministry, sacrifice, & resurrection. Gospel is, literally, "good news"—"god-spell" if you speak Middle English (*and who doesn't?*). Gospel is wonderful, gospel is awesome, gospel is celebration—in fact, that's why there's a whole genre of music called "gospel music". It comes from people getting excited about & moved by the story of Jesus' love, the story of Jesus' life, the story of Jesus' Cross. It's not just "news"—it's *the* Good News, the best, greatest, most wondrous amazing news of all time! It's Gospel, and it flows from God to us like a river of grace.

But where does it all begin? Where does the Gospel start? From where does this river "spring"?

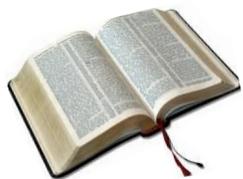
Here's the obvious truth—you don't need good news until you've lived through something bad. And, just like that, we know exactly where the Gospel starts: All the way back "In the beginning..." In the beginning, God made the heavens, the earth, the seas, the skies, the plants, the animals, and human beings. He gave them only one rule: "Obey me & live. Disobey me & die." Sadly, the first humans *did* exactly what God said *don't*. And so God, being holy & just, gave them their punishment. He spoke over them a literal bad word: The Curse. The Serpent who tempted would be forced to crawl; the Woman who had been deceived would have painful childbirth; the Man who had chosen sin would be bound to the Creation, rather than his Creator. He would die—and all mankind would, along with Adam, taste death.

*Yet...*

Even in the Curse, we see the first seed planted, the first ray of sunshine peeking from behind that storm-cloud, the first muddy bubbling of that mighty river of grace—the First Gospel. It happened when God cursed the Serpent to crawl: The woman's offspring, God said, will one day crush the Tempter. Think about that—in that one phrase, God pours out grace, even in the midst of the curse! The Woman, who'd been deceived, who'd been cursed with painful childbirth... would have a child one day who would crush her Tempter. The Man, who'd sinned, who'd been cursed with suffering & death... would have a son, a successor one day who would obey God and earn eternal life. The Tempter, who'd succeeded in corrupting God's creation, who'd been cursed to eat dust... would meet his end one day—along with the sin, the death, the destruction, the despair he'd brought into the world.

If that doesn't sound like Gospel, nothing else can! This is the source, the spring—and the river of grace that grows from that spring has a name: Jesus. Jesus is the fix for the curse, Jesus is the savior God promised wa-a-ay back in the Garden of Eden, Jesus is the Gospel. He is the one, who at the cross, defeats Satan (serpent), cares for his mother (Eve), and conquers and overturns the power of death for all mankind who follow him (Adam). Paul even calls Jesus the "second Adam, through whom life everlasting came into being!" Thank God for the source, for the Gospel, for Jesus! Blessings! - Pastor Chris

### July Sunday Sermons



**7th:**

***Pop's Bible***

**2 Corinthians 2:12-14**

**14th:**

**Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit**

**21st:**

**Charlie Ipock in pulpit**

**28th:**

***Hope & Boldness***

**2 Corinthians 3:4-12**

**News from the Session...**

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! I trust everyone is having a wonderful summer and looking forward to some time off for July 4<sup>th</sup>. This holiday always beckons recollection to times past and the courage of this country's forefathers. While often we look back with satisfaction of the steps taken and accomplishments made, we also need to recall that even though in today's divisive culture there is a need for prayer to lift up our leaders. There is no doubt we all have our differences regarding political matters but we must recall that our heavenly father instructs us to lift those up in leadership roles. Much as our forefathers struggled mightily with the issue of rebellion and starting a new country, we must be prayerful for those making difficult decisions on behalf of our country, state, and local governments. So this 4<sup>th</sup> of July take time to lift up those guiding this country and beyond and let those prayers be heartfelt.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: August 11th @ 8:00 am**

**JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Steven Welsh & Charlie Ipock**

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Summer Pulpit Supply's**

**July 14th: Dr. Leon Hunt**

**July 21st: Charlie Ipock**

**Communion & Cents-Ability offering  
 Sunday, July 7th**

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 (please mark all special offerings)

**July Communion Elders:  
 Charlie Ipock & Jerry Adams**



**June 2019 Statistics  
 As of June 27th**

Average Attendance: SS - 35 Worship - 60

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$10,052.55
YTD Income received:	\$79,519.36
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$105,978.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,124.52
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$101,574.88
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$108,592.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$8,030.00
YTD Income received:	\$12,150.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,594.91

**Church Office Closed**

**July 2nd - 5th**

**July 11th & 18th**

**Email periodically checked, when applicable**

**New Address: John & Doris Bell**

**The Manor**

**2100 Twin Church Rd, rm#100**

**Florence, SC 29501**

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Dot Cothran @ her home**

**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**

**Louis Shirley @ his home**

**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

***In Our Thoughts & Prayers***

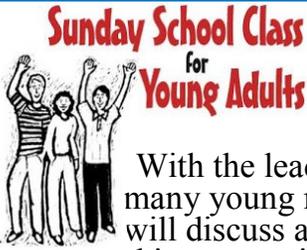
Our congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family & friends. Our thoughts & prayers are with you

**Johanna Aurelia Cerutti Steinmeyer**

**George Melvin Cumalander**

**George Michael "Mike" Sellers**

*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)*



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 Israel Coin Collection Ministry**

If you haven't turned in your coins, please send them to the office so they can 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



**Presbyterian Women ongoing fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** We are selling kitchen items from *RADA*, a company that's been making top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit the link below or visit our website to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin. - Mother Teresa



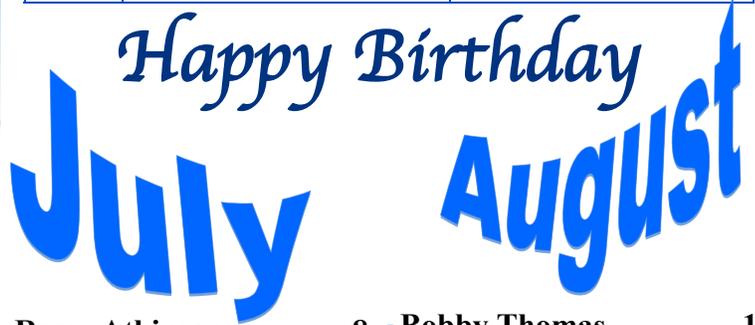
*Thank You! Rebecca is cancer-free (Praise God!) & they were able to harvest enough of her own body's stem cells in order to do a transplant. She appreciates everyone for their prayers for her, her husband Keith, & their son Dylan - Chris Parnell*

*Thank You for all your prayers of comfort and support for my family during and after the death of my Mother-in-Law, Joan Steinmeyer, and for your continuing prayers for my daughter, Valerie, who is still having major issues after a head-on collision in April. Love, Gwen*

*Dear Friends, on behalf of the McDaniel family, I would like to thank the Church and its members for the calls, cards, food, visits, prayers and love that you gave us during our time of illness and loss. It is friends like you that have helped us during this time. With love, Don R. McDaniel & Family*

## JULY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
7th	Kirven Family	Cindy Welsh
14th	Jimmy McCutchen	Wendy Welch
21st	Marsha McCutchen	Jill McElveen
28th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Debbie Tindal



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

### July Special Events:

- Communion
- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Vacations
- Summer Camps

### August Special Events:

- Church Picnic
- School resumes

**First Baptist Church  
Vacation Bible School  
July 7th - 11th  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Theme: Into the Wild**



**Operation Christmas Child**

**Pre-teens are accepting donations for shoeboxes**  
Needed Items: Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, personal hygiene items (ex: toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc. Please see exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change



**Kids for Christ  
Circle Meeting  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall**



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we pack book bags for Lee County, Va. children in need. Food & Nursery will be provided. Please see exhibit in the Fellowship Hall for items needed.

**Book bags donations are due by July 14th**



**Welcome... Recent Visitors**

- Jean Legters & her son, from Mexico*
- Gordon & Cyndi Eckley*
- Virginia Hearon Meldrum, from Georgia*
- Ann & Ronnie Houck*
- Brett Frazier*
- Adam & Jennifer Cooper, from Columbia*

**Montreat Youth Conference 2019 - "Let Love Lead"**

Three of our HS students; Brooke Welch, Sidney Easters and Avarie Easters will be attending Montreat Youth Conference in July, along with students at First PC, Hartsville, where they hope to have many opportunities to grow in their faith and commitment to serve the Lord. Please be in prayer for each of them. They have agreed to be interviewed by Pastor Chris upon their return. We look forward to reading the article about their experiences in the August SCROLL



**Annual Church Family Picnic  
Sunday, August 11th  
4:00 p.m. Activities begin  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
At the home of Steven & Debra Welsh  
Hosted by Welsh's & Frazier's**



### **What does the Bible say about praying together?**

The Church is under the attack of the enemy like never before. Our leaders and each of our brothers and sisters in Christ need our prayers. As members of the body of Christ we are to lift up one another!

“Prayer meetings were the arteries of the early Church. Through them, life-sustaining power was derived. The condition of the Church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer!” ~ C.H. Spurgeon

### **Praying together unifies us as a body of believers**

In John 17:22-23, Jesus prays, *“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity.”* Praying together, as a group of believers helps bring the unity that Christ prayed for.

### **Praying together allows us to encourage and support other believers**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”* By praying together for common needs, struggles, and times of celebration, we are able to encourage the other believers in our lives and motivate one another on to love and good deeds.

### **Praying together is not more powerful than individual prayer**

Jesus is present whenever and however someone prays, whether it be a large group, an individual, out loud, or in silence. Remember, prayer isn't meant to bend God to our will. Prayer is how we ask for, cooperate with, and rejoice in God's plan. The “power” in corporate prayer (praying in a group together) is in its ability to unify us around God's will, not get things from God.

God wants to hear our fears, our confusion, our celebrations, and we can speak to Him simply, candidly, and honestly. God hears all prayers, whether we say them out loud or speak them in our minds, whether we pray as a group or individually. Both are biblical, and both are powerful, but corporate prayer opens up our hearts to the needs of others. Not only does it bring encouragement, repentance, edification, joy, and the feeling of love among believers, but it shows togetherness and the body of Christ working together submitting to the will of God.

2 Corinthians 1:11 (ESV) *“You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.”*

Matthew 18:19-20 *“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”* 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

When is the last time you prayed for your Church body? What about your pastor? Staff? Leadership? Have you prayed for your Sunday School teacher? Have you interceded on behalf of issues taking place in your Church or decisions that need to be made?

**Every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Session room, women from BPC join together in prayer for the needs of this Church and its members, our community, nation, and world. You are encouraged to come join other believers in prayer. There is always a place for you around the table!

## The Baker's Empty Nest

May 2019

This edition is dedicated to our wonderful twins, Michaela and Kathryn. They have both reached some exciting milestones! Its just seems like yesterday...



It was July 3, 1996, at Pam's 2D week ultrasound, that we first heard about twins. Later that day, we passed out Doublemint gum!

Time has flown by...when they were born on October 24, 1996, our lives were definitely changed!



Zac, age 6, was a great big brother. The girls always seemed to know that he was OK.



Lots of dance recitals... and a few basketball games as well.



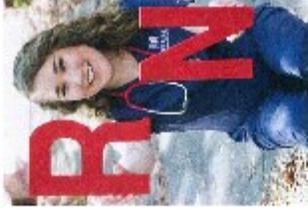
And of course... they loved our Leah!



For Kathryn, a dream becomes a reality...



In December, Kathryn graduated with a degree in Nursing from Midland's Tech.



In February, she took the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and passed it on the first try!

In March, she accepted a position at Sandhills Pediatrics here in Columbia.



But now let's fast forward to 2019

### **Michaela's last few weeks have been like a fairy tale...**

She received the School of Journalism and Mass Communications Outstanding Citizen Award. She is only the second recipient of this award. (The first was big brother Zac in 2013!)

They were so impressed with her, that they also hired her as a Visual Communications Coordinator.



On May 3, Michaela picked up a fiancé and a ring when Collyn Taylor asked her to marry him. (She said Yes!)

They are high school sweetheart hearts!



She also graduated... Magna Cum Laude!

Kathryn was so sweet and helped Collyn make his engagement to Michaela so special...including a surprise engagement party afterwards.



October 17, 2020 will be the big day!



Michaela and best friends hanging out with Cucky at the USC Harseshoe. These girls met as freshmen in 2015.

So there you have it... our little girls have grown up!

We are so very proud. What a blessing they are!

**Pam is also doing much better as well. We are so thankful!**

We're so grateful for you standing with us. You really are part of our ministry and family!



Carroll and Pam Baker  
336 Brickling Road  
Irmo, SC 29063  
<https://my.fca.org/>

*Carroll + Pam*

# The Scroll

August 2019 Vol. 181 No. 8



**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**  
215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

## August 2019 At A Glance

- 4th: LCCM food gifts
- 9th: Kids for Christ Circle meeting
- 11th: Session / Church Picnic
- 18th: Sunday Bible Study resumes
- 29th: Church Office closed for vacation

## September 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: LCCM food gifts
- 2nd: Labor Day: Church Office closed
- 8th: Session
- 15th: PWCT resumes
- 16th: Night Circle resumes
- 17th: Morning Circle resumes
- 18th: Men of Church resumes
- 29th: Rally Day



## **PICNIC**

August 11th @ 4:00 p.m.  
@ Steven & Debra Welsh's

 **August 2019**

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.)  
Unless otherwise noted

### Key Officers and Staff

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session  
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer  
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager  
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



# Bishopville Presbyterian Church

August Elders-On-Call: Wendy Welch & Gregg McCutchen

**Sunday, 4th:** 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
LCCM food altar gifts  
Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson  
Flowers: Bert Cousar

**Friday, 9th:** 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ Circle @ Easters' home

**Sunday, 11th:** 9th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit  
Flowers: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
8:00 am Session  
4:00 p.m. Church-Wide Picnic @ Welsh's home

**Sunday, 18th:** 10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley  
Flowers: Family of Bill Welsh

**Sunday, 25th:** 11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot

**29th:** Church Office closed for vacation

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S

**Annual Church Picnic**  
August 11th  
Activities @ 4:00 p.m.  
Supper @ 6:00 p.m.  
At home of Steven & Debra Welsh

**Rally Day**  
September 29th @ 6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

**World Communion & Cents-Ability offering**  
October 6th, during worship

 Find us on Facebook <b>Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed</b>	 <p><i>OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar</i>        August 25th;        September 22nd &amp; 29th        December 29th</p> <p>Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates</p>
<p><b>Business Office Hours</b>        Monday, Tuesday, Thursday        9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.        Unless otherwise noted</p>	<p>Email us to receive enews: <a href="mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com">bishopvillepc@gmail.com</a>        Printed materials available, upon request, through office</p>



**LCCM August Collection ~ PEANUT BUTTER ~**  
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, August 4th for our monthly Altar collection





Isaiah 5:11a, “Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may run after strong drink...”

After I graduated, my alma mater, Erskine Theological Seminary actually gave me a coffee mug with the above quote from Isaiah printed on it. The mug sits on my desk where I can see it & smile... while I drink my “strong drink” of black coffee.

What’s really interesting about this quote - other than Erskine’s pun - is that it falls in a section of Isaiah where the prophet shares God’s own lament. God made a vineyard, a place he prepared, tended, planted, walled, & weeded, a “pleasant planting” (Isa. 5:7). This was a place with plenty of room, art, fine music, beauty, & peace. This vineyard was, for lack of better words, beautifully amazing - greener than anything in Napa Valley or North Carolina, more idyllic even than the best vineyards in France or Italy, more wonderful than earth can imagine or produce.

This vineyard, says God through Isaiah, is God’s people. His chosen, His claimed, His church, His nation. Throughout the Bible, we’re told a LOT about the character & nature, the care & love, the justice & holiness, the glory & majesty of the Lord our God. The Bible reveals God to us, God’s people. The Bible describes God - and, for me, one of the best ways to understand God is to listen to passages like Isaiah 5. Why? Because in these places in the Bible, we learn about how God looks at us, God’s people, and when we do, we discover even more amazing things about God than we could ever imagine.

Let me give you this example - if you heard me talk about my kids, you’d hear me use some interesting, if odd, words & phrases. You’d have heard me call one of my kids “pumpkin” when she was 2. You’d have heard me singing about chocolate milk to another of them. You’d hear me call one “cat” and other “boy” repeatedly. You’d hear me reading books in silly voices, counting the number of turns between Rock Hill and Iva, yelling myself hoarse at basketball games, & playing with trucks on the floor. Now think about what this tells you - does this give you information about my kids? Or more about how I feel about my children?

So when I hear God essentially saying, “You are my vineyard” - and I read Isaiah 5:1-6 about all the ways in which God shows his love for his people through the image of the vineyard, I am amazed all over again that, even in the midst of a passage that condemns God’s people for their unfaithfulness to God, for their abandoning him for useless dead idols, that God shows them, proves to them, calls to them: “This is my love for you - I am your God. Be my people.”

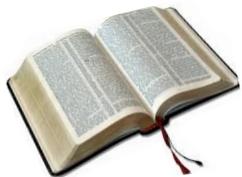
And so I look at my own life. How have I “gone after strong drink” - the strong drink of idolatry, of selfishness, of not turning to and embracing God’s love, of not appreciating God’s provision, of not accepting God’s call? How have I “lacked knowledge” when God has shown me so much through the world he’s made, the book he’s shared, the Church he’s given me? How have I “been quick” in how I judge myself - and how I misjudge God’s true nature? How can I - grafted into God’s vineyard as I have been (Romans 11) - get right again?

And so Isaiah 5 bleeds into Isaiah 6: What I broke, God himself can & will fix - he alone can help me see, hear, understand, & turn - and he will heal me. This is the promise of Isaiah, this is the promise of our Lord Jesus’ life & mission, & this is the promise on which God has planted his Church, our Church. God fixes, God makes us right, God heals.

And so, as I look at my coffee cup (empty again!), I am brought back, over & over again, to Isaiah 5 & 6, and to the promise, the blessing, and the hope of the one true & living God, my Savior & my Friend, and I drink again the “strong drink” of what he’s given me in Jesus. I am his vineyard, you are his vineyard, and God loves us and will be there for us - to give us joy, to give us peace, to give us safety & fruitfulness, all to the glory of his holy name!

God bless you all! - Pastor Chris

### August Sunday Sermons



4th:

*Shine, Jesus, Shine!*

2 Corinthians 4:1-11

11th:

*Being So Persuaded...*

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

18th:

*A God Like Who...?*

Micah 7:18-20

25th:

*Heart-room*

2 Corinthians 7:2-12

**News from the Session...**

Is it August already? How did this happen? Summer has moved so quickly, I hope all have been able to slow down and enjoy it. Whether you've gone to the beach, mountains, or a "staycation" I trust you've been able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Let me ask another question: Have you taken some time to enjoy some time with God? If not, take some as summer winds down. While you're driving into work, at work, in the shower, in bed, or at Church, spend some time talking to God. It is something I know I can do more of, and it's always good to be reminded.

The Session will certainly be doing so as it continues to manage various projects going on. We have been blessed to be gifted numerous pieces of property which we continue to manage and some that are close to being sold. Should you have questions, comments, concerns, or thoughts regarding any of these properties, please let a member of the Session know. Please keep the Session in your prayers as we consider these matters and others. Enjoy the remaining part of the summer and I look forward to seeing you around!

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

**Next Session Meeting: August 11th @ 8:00 am**

**AUGUST ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Gregg McCutchen & Wendy Welch**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**Recent Visitors**  
 Dwayne & Teresa Sweatman  
 from Camden

**\$393.00 was collected & sent to Gideon's International**  
 We are deeply appreciative of the support by BPC and for allowing me to present a report on June 9th of what God is doing in transforming lives around the world through His Word. Your offering will provide 325 New Testaments, and we ask that the Church pray that many hearts will turn to Jesus Christ as a result of receiving a copy! In Christ, Ralph E. Sims



**September 29th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
 Bring a covered-dish and join us for this fun event



**Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study**  
 Women's Group: Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm  
 Pastor's Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 pm (resumes 8/18)

**July 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 37 Worship - 59

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$12,400.00
YTD Income received:	\$94,809.91
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$123,641.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,786.03
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$116,358.91
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$126,056.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$410.00
YTD Income received:	\$13,010.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,607.32

**Church Office Closed**  
**August 29th - September 2nd**  
 Email periodically checked, when applicable

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

- Faye McGuirt Brown**
- Paula Lyles Murph**, (Robbie Lyles' sister)
- Nelle Kirby Player**
- Lanier Livingston**
- Nelle Broadway Baker**

*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**, The Blake, Elgin
- Louis Shirley** @ his home
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte



**John & Doris Bell**  
 The Manor  
 2100 Twin Church Rd, rm#100  
 Florence, SC 29501



### The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry

We collected **\$325.95** in July to help support 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 Date: November 10, 2019**

AUGUST HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
4th	Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
11th	Judith Watkins	Kerry Frazier
18th	William Watkins	Betsy Bramlett
25th	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Cindy Welsh



**Presbyterian Women ongoing fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** Kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality kitchen

knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit the link below or visit our website to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3bfa>

## Happy Birthday August September

### Montreat Youth Conference 2019

#### "Let Love Lead"

Three of our HS students; Brooke Welch, Sidney Easters and Avarie Easters attended Montreat Youth Conference, with students from First PC, Hartsville, where they hope to have many opportunities to grow in their faith and commitment to serve the Lord. They've agreed to be interviewed by Pastor Chris upon their return and we look forward to reading this article, in the September SCROLL, about their experiences. The students & parents thank everyone for all your support & prayers to help get them to this conference!

Bobby Thomas	1	Kate Jeffords	1
Caroline J. James	5	Manning Bramlett Lloyd	4
Chloe Jeffords	5	Steven Terrell III	8
Billy Clyburn	6	Jeff Varn	8
Susan Cline	7	Betty Heriot	10
Leila McCutchen	7	Julie Cothran	12
Edie Varn	8	Caroline Welch	13
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9	Charlie Ipock	14
Brittany A. Hyman	11	Solomon Eckley	18
Steven Frazier	12	Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20
Grayham Geddings	13	Suzanne Simon	21
Matt Bramlett	15	Bert Cousar	22
Mary Cousar Laney	18	Lindsay Simon	22
Jennifer Bailey	22	William Frazier	24
Lydia Conway	22	Ansley Nesbit	24
Diane McElveen	26	Patrick Parnell	24
Sidney Easters	27	Crues Bell	25
Benji Harrington	30	Reese Atkinson	29
Sara Abbett Kirven	30	McCants Lloyd	29
		Wendy Welch	29

### Kids for Christ Circle Meeting Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

At the home of Aaron & Kim Easters  
Dinner & Bowling

We packed & delivered **76 book bags** in July for Lee County, Va. children in need, along with needed staples & supplies for their families. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this cause. Together we can all help ease the burden of those less fortunate. Please keep our kids in your prayers that they continue flourishing with unselfish giving to others

#### August Special Events:

- Church Picnic
- School resumes

#### September Special Events:

- Labor Day
- Rally Day



### Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Mission

Needed Items: Toys, School Supplies, Personal Hygiene items (ex: toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc. Please see exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change

Thank you for your partnership with us! David & Estelle

# BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

July 2019



## Where does the process of Bible translation start?

The process of translating the Scripture into a language that does not yet have it does not start at a translation desk. It starts with doing language surveys of an area where the language is spoken. In the past this usually meant travel over rough roads, or even where there are no roads, going from village to village with a local interpreter. The language surveyor would ask questions to try to determine how well the people in one area understand others in neighboring areas, the degree of literacy, whether there are any existing Scriptures in use, either in the national language or possibly in some regional language, and how people feel about their language, or about neighboring languages.

Currently the process is more likely to begin in cities where speakers of the indigenous language or languages have relocated. It might also involve research at a university library to see if linguistic studies have been done of which we were not already aware. It may involve trips to government offices to ask permission to do research in an area. Then there is the field work...

Survey often requires travelling in parts of the country that are difficult to get to, which may involve some degree of physical danger where roads that are less than ideal, and emergency personnel are few. In addition, on a survey outing you have less control over your sleeping arrangements and what you eat, so you are more exposed to picking up disease, or being bitten by insects or animals.



Off-roading in out-of-the-way places

Then there is the complexity of determining language boundaries. In a cluster of villages or towns, one village—let's call it village X—may understand village Y and Z, but not village W, whereas village W can understand village X and Z, but not Y. Meanwhile village Y can understand village Q and Z, but not W or X well enough to read anything written in that language. There may be a trade language or creole that everyone understands, but which may or may not have vocabulary adequate to talk about spiritual things. People also may not have a deep level of emotional attachment to a trade language or creole.

There are also questions about language vitality and use. That is, how many of the people still use the language *and teach it to their children*, and where is the language used? Do they use the language at home? At school? At church? At the market? What are the attitudes of people toward the language? Are they proud of it? Or does it have low prestige such that people would be unlikely to want to have Scripture in it?



A Scripture dedication in Kenya, East Africa

Once these questions, and others like them, are answered, the process can begin of determining where a program for Bible translation and language development would best be inaugurated. Then comes allocating a team, then language learning, linguistic analysis of the language, and the long process of translation, consultant checking, and village checking the translation for clarity.

The end result, of course, is the eventual publishing of Scripture, as seen in the photo to the left.

### What can happen in 47 years?

In the 47 years since the summer of 1972 a lot of things have happened in the world, some of which were good, and some not so good. In 1972 no one owned a personal computer, and a hand calculator might have cost several hundred dollars. Now we can carry a fairly powerful computer in our pocket or purse, and people all over the world have them, not just the wealthy. Several nations exist today that did not in 1972, and some nations that were around then no longer exist. Security concerns have permanently affected air travel. The internet is a fact of daily life, and all businesses, homes, and cars depend on electronic circuit boards in one way or another. Cars are more expensive, but they are designed to last a lot longer.

Of special interest for our ministry is the fact that there are now hundreds more languages that have at least some Scripture, and there are translation programs in many hundreds more. Smart phone apps are making the gospel and the Scriptures accessible to many millions of people that did not have them before.

For us personally, our parents and most of our aunts and uncles have passed away and are no longer with us. On the other hand, we have added eight children, two daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren to the family, and by the time you receive our next newsletter, another son-in-law will have joined us. We have lived at a total of fourteen different addresses in three different states and three different countries. We have been blessed with hundreds of *truly wonderful* friendships, meaningful work, and spiritually enriching and nourishing churches.

Why focus on the last 47 years, as opposed to any other number? That's when Estelle and I were married. Since August 19, 1972 we have had, and continue to have, a wonderful life together.

We are grateful!



## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### We give thanks...

- For progress in the Old Testament Lectionary Exegetical Summary Project. We are close to 90 percent finished
- That my problem with eye strain has decreased

### Please pray...

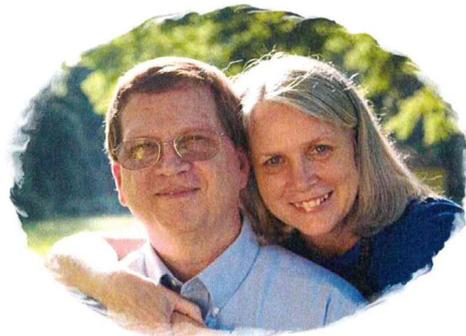
- For the Lectionary project material to be finished well, and that it would serve the needs of translators in the field well
- For permanent employment for Michael teaching music
- For Philip as he continues field training for reconnaissance duty in the Marine Corps

### Home address:

7407 Tirzah Church Rd  
Waxhaw, NC 28173-7638  
(704) 843-5347

### Email addresses:

David\_Abernathy@sil.org  
Estelle\_Abernathy@jaars.org



**Wycliffe**<sup>®</sup>

Wycliffe Bible Translators  
PO Box 628200  
Orlando FL 32862-8200

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

# The Scroll

September 2019 Vol. 181 No. 9



**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**  
 215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
 Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
 Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

## September 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: LCCM food gifts
- 2nd: Labor Day: Business Office closed
- 8th: Session
- 15th: PWCT resumes
- 16th: Night Circle resumes
- 17th: Morning Circle resumes
- 18th: Men of Church resumes
- 29th: Rally Day

## October 2019 At A Glance

- 6th: LCCM food gifts/World Communion
- 10-14: Business Office closed
- 13th: Session / PWCT
- 14th: Night Circle
- 15th: Morning Circle
- 16th: Men of Church



Presbytery Meeting @ Myrtle Grove EPC  
 Wilmington, NC  
 September 27th & 28th



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.)  
 Unless otherwise noted

Pastor's Office Hours  
 By appointment only

### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.  
 Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.  
 Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer  
 Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

**September**

**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**

*September Elders-On-Call: Bert Cousar & Perry McCutchen*

- Sunday, 1st:** 12th Sunday after Pentecost  
LCCM food altar gifts  
Coffee: Martha Kay Hunt & Laura Parnell  
Flowers: Retta Tindal
  
- Sunday, 8th:** 13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier  
Flowers: Judith Watkins  
8:00 am Session
  
- Sunday, 15th:** 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Kim & Aaron Easters  
Flowers: Jennifer McCutchen  
9:00 a.m. PWCT
  
- Monday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle
  
- Tuesday, 17th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle
  
- Wednesday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
  
- Sunday, 22nd:** 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
  
- Sunday, 29th:** 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Coffee: Church Provided  
Loose offering will benefit Kids for Christ (5th Sunday)  
6:00 p.m. Rally Day

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b>Rally Day</b><br/>September 29th @ 6:00 p.m.<br/>Fellowship Hall</p> | <p><b>World Communion &amp; Cents-Ability offering</b><br/>October 6th, during worship</p> | <p><b>Operation Christmas Child Shoe box packing party</b><br/>November 3rd @ 5:30 p.m.</p> |
|--|--|---|

 Find us on <b>Facebook</b>	<p><b>Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed</b></p>	 <p><i>OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar September 22nd &amp; 29th December 29th</i> Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates</p>
<p><b>Business Office Hours</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted</p>	<p>Email us to receive enews: <a href="mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com">bishopvillepc@gmail.com</a> Printed materials available, upon request, through office</p>	



**LCCM September Collection ~ SUGAR & FLOUR ~**  
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, September 1st for our monthly Altar collection





Proverbs 22:6 tells us to, “Train up a child in the way he - or she - should go; even when that child is old he, or she, will not depart from it.”

As Christians, we bank on that promise; we believe in that promise because many of us are old enough to have seen that promise bear wonderful fruit. I know my own parents believed in that promise (especially when I was in college), and were incredibly grateful to God that it came true in my life.

So this is why we, the Church, do much of what we do. This is why we have Sunday School, this is one of the reasons why, every week, we say the Apostles’ Creed, and this is why, when we baptize our babies, we vow we will do everything we can - as parents & church - to bring them up to know God, to know about God, and to know “the great articles of our faith.”

And this is why we participate in & encourage participation in Church Summer Camps. This year, we had the special opportunity to send 3 of our own church’s children to Summer Camp in Montreat, NC, and this month, we are excited to hear about their experiences. Rather than me telling you, we invited the girls to share with us, and this is what they wrote:

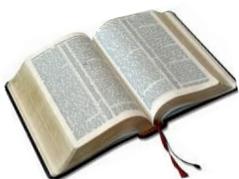
*I truly enjoyed my experience at Montreat. I had a fun time learning more about God’s word. I made friendships that I hope will last for a long time. The preacher and speaker for the week spoke about “Letting God’s Love Lead.” We discussed how God’s love may lead our lives and how he is working in others’ lives. We learned how to accept others, work alongside them, and how to gather together for worship. I was really impressed with how well the conference leaders cared about us and how they were determined to ensure we had the most meaningful experience while we were there. Their caring attitude influenced me to apply for the Montreat Planning Team. I want to be apart of making someone’s experience at the conference just as great as mine was. If I were to be accepted, I would shadow the leaders next year and be on the planning team the following year. Thank y’all for giving Avarie, Brooke, and me the opportunity to go on this trip. We had a great time and hope to go again next year! - Sidney Easters*

*I loved my experience at Montreat! The conferees, leaders and counselors were so welcoming. The whole camp was so wonderful from worship to recreation activities. The theme of the camp was Let Love Lead. Everything that we learned was all based on leading and God’s never ending love. Amos was our preacher and Neeley was our keynote speaker. We also participated in communion and had a reminder of our baptism. Overall I will take my camp experience with me everywhere I go and I will remember the laughs and the joy that I felt at Montreat. - Avarie Easters*

*This summer I spent a week at Montreat Youth Conference. I have been to many camps over my lifetime and this was one of the best weeks of my life. The theme was “Let Love Lead”. I learned about Christ’s love for me, His love for others, and how He wants us to show His (by love by loving others). It was awesome to be surrounded by youth from other churches ,who also want to grow in Christ. I went with a few of my friends, but made many new friends and will cherish the time I had there. I want to thank the Church for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow in my faith. - Brooke Welch*

So let’s continue, even now, to train up our children, our sons & daughters, to know the Way, the Truth, and the Life - the Lord Jesus himself. Let’s celebrate how He’s at work in these young ladies’ lives, and let’s celebrate all that He’s doing here in Bishopville. Glory to the Lord, & blessings! – Pastor Chris

### September Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



<b>1st:</b>	<b><i>The Great Imperative</i></b>	<b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>
<b>8th:</b>	<b><i>Our Great Shepherd</i></b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>
<b>15th:</b>	<b><i>The Great Work</i></b>	<b>Titus 2:1-15</b>
<b>22nd:</b>	<b><i>Our Great Place</i></b>	<b>Hebrews 10:19-25</b>
<b>29th:</b>	<b><i>The Greatest Promise</i></b>	<b>Psalms 25</b>

**News from the Session...**

What a wonderful time it has been at Bishopville Presbyterian Church. The last many weeks, Pastor Parnell has taken us on a wonderful journey through the Corinth church and ministering to us about how those circumstances and struggles can help us lead Christian lives. Though we often get caught up in the goings-on of the day and its active struggles, let us not forget that many have gone before us with similar struggles. Yet, there are those who keep leading us back to the truth. Those such as Paul, various Church fathers, ministers, and even members of a church congregation. The Bible gives us a myriad number of examples to look back on to provide guidance, hope, and faith. If you are going through struggles, if you need hope, if want to have faith: God has given us a roadmap, examples, and an example through Christ for how to manage those matters. Have faith, come see Pastor Parnell, talk to your Elders, and most importantly, remember our Scriptures are here for you.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: September 8th @ 8:00 am**

**SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
**\*Bert Cousar & Perry McCutchen**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

*Recent Visitors*  
*Welcome* **Mr. & Mrs. Jay Davis**  
**Alec & Cindy Sharp, Columbia**  
**Dwayne & Teresa Sweatman**

  
**Hospital Update**

**Johnny McCutchen** had his left foot amputated on August 22nd, due to an infection. It was further up his leg than anticipated so his recovery will be longer than expected. Please continue praying for his recovery

<b>August 2019 Statistics</b>	
Average Attendance: SS - 40    Worship - 65	
<b>Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses (operating)</b>	
MTD Income received:	\$18,106.10
YTD Income received:	\$112,916.01
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$141,304.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,378.77
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$130,737.68
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$141,378.00</b>
<b>Non-Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses</b> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$2,025.00
YTD Income received:	\$15,035.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,607.32

**Business Office Closed**  
**September 2nd (Labor Day)**  
 Email periodically checked, when applicable

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

**Virginia "Dennis" Rhame Woodcock,**  
 niece of Louise McCutchen

**Rev. Richard Combs,**  
 Brother-in-law of Jerry Adams

*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, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Louis Shirley @ his home**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**  
**John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence**

 **John & Doris Bell**  
**The Manor**  
**2100 Twin Church Rd, rm#100**  
**Florence, SC 29501**

**Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study**  
**Women's Group: Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm**  
**Pastor's Bible Study: Sunday's @ 5:30 pm**



### The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry

Through your 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 Date: November 10, 2019**



**Presbyterian Women ongoing fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** Kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality kitchen

knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit the link below or visit our website to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission



Needed: Toys, School Supplies, Personal Hygiene (toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc. Please see FH exhibit, as needs change

Thank You



*Thank you all so much for all the kind notes and your thoughts and prayers. We have been so blessed during this trying time. We appreciate everything!*

*Love in Christ, Rebecca, Keith & Dylan Alewine*

### Sunday School



**September 29th  
6:00 p.m.**  
Bring a covered-dish and join us for this fun event

### World Communion & Cents-Ability offering Sunday, October 6th



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 (please mark all special offerings)

**October Communion Elders:  
Steven Frazier & Aaron Easters**

### SEPTEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
1st	Cindy Welsh	Jill McElveen
8th	Melinda Atkinson	Debbie Tindal
15th	Cruces Bell	Wendy Welch
22nd	Betsy Bramlett	Kerry Frazier
29th	Matt Bramlett	Cindy Welsh

# Happy Birthday September October

Kate Jeffords	1	Bayard Huggins	1
Manning Bramlett Lloyd	4	William Burns Tindal III	2
Steven Terrell III	8	Sherian McLendon	4
Jeff Varn	8	Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Betty Heriot	10	Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Julie Cothran	12	R. Kent McCutchen	10
Caroline Welch	13	Mary Katherine Parnell	12
Charlie Ipock	14	Aaron Easters	16
Solomon Eckley	18	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	Mia Kathryn Welch	27
Patrick Parnell	24	Johnny McCutchen	28
Cruces Bell	25	Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28
Reese Atkinson	29	John Hampton Cloyd	29
McCants Lloyd	29	Bo Dickinson	29
Wendy Welch	29	Anna Grace Kirven	30
		Dick McCutchen	30

### September Special Events:

- Labor Day
- Rally Day

### October Special Events:

- World Communion



What incredible opportunities God continues to give us. When 22 teams show up for FCA Team Football Camp with over 1000 coaches and athletes, we know that God is ready to work. That means that Head Football Coaches cared enough to make sure that their men are not only challenged on the field, but in their hearts when they hear the truth of God's word. Many take steps of faith that they've never taken or they've neglected over the years. Teams come together as FAMILY as never before. Many lives are impacted for eternity. They heard from our camp speaker, **Duce Branch**, something that they could relate to...

***"He interrupted what I was doing—God called an audible in my life"***

I was glad that 5 of my teams were able to attend. **Columbia, Ben Lippen, AC Flora, Camden and Lugoff Elgin** took over 200 players and coaches! These guys will be talking about Team Football Camp all year!

Our prayer is that this years Team Football camp will bear fruit for many years!

Meanwhile, closer to home at Westwood High School, nearly 200 football players came together for our annual 7 on 7 passing tournament. USC Basketball chaplain, Chris Leevy challenged the men to walk with God. He really got their attention!



Pam continues to improve. When a CT Scan on her lungs showed some suspicious spots, she had to have a bronchoscopy. The spots don't appear to be anything serious, and we are very relieved.

As for me, 6 days of **Team Camp** in July are tough. I spend many hours in the heat where it is usually 90+ degrees. The sun really drains you. I came home very tired and the Health App on my phone reminds me why I'm so tired. It says I took 84,872 steps and walked 36.4 miles. No wonder!

Thanks for standing with us as we reach coaches and athletes here in South Carolina!

*Carroll + Pam*

# The Scroll

October 2019 Vol. 181 No. 10



**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**  
 215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
 Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
 Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

## October 2019 At A Glance

- 6th: LCCM food gifts/World Communion
- 7th: Business Office closed
- 13th: Session / PWCT
- 14th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
- 15th: Morning Circle
- 16th: Men of Church
- 20th: Multi-Mission Sunday

## November 2019 At A Glance

- 3rd: LCCM food gifts
- OCC packing party
- Daylight Savings Time ends
- Gwen's 16th Anniversary w/BPC
- 10th: Session / Israel Coin collection
- 18th: Harvest Banquet @ BPC
- 24th: Thanksgiving service @ 1st Baptist
- 26-28: Business Office closed



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.)  
 Unless otherwise noted

### Pastor's Office Hours

By appointment only

### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.  
 Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.  
 Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer  
 Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



*Bishopville Presbyterian Church*  
*October Elders-On-Call: Jerry Adams & Aaron Easters*

- Sunday, 6th:** 17th Sunday after Pentecost  
 LCCM food altar gifts  
 World Communion Sunday  
 Coffee: Ray & Jackie Drayton  
 Flowers: Liz & Billy Simon
- Monday, 7th:** Church Business Office closed for vacation
- Sunday, 13th:** 18th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen  
 Flowers: Family of Christine Shirley  
 8:00 am Session  
 9:00 a.m. PWCT
- Monday, 14th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle  
 Church Business Office closed for holiday
- Tuesday, 15th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle
- Wednesday, 16th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 20th:** 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
 9:30 a.m. Multi-Mission presentations  
 6:00 p.m. Multi-Mission supper & presentations  
 Coffee: Meredith, Missy, Melinda  
 Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- Sunday, 27th:** Reformation Sunday  
 Coffee: William & Judith Watkins  
 Flowers: Mike Monroe

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| World Communion &<br>Cents-Ability offering<br>October 6th, during worship | Operation Christmas Child<br>Shoe box packing party<br>November 3rd @ 5:30 p.m. | Israel Coin collection<br>November 10th<br>during worship |
|--|---|---|



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



*Flower Calendar open: December 29, 2019*

**OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar**

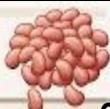
*January 12th, February 2nd & 23rd,  
 March 8th & 15th; ,April 5th, 12th & 19th;  
 May 3rd, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th;  
 August 23rd & 30th; September 27th*

*Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date*

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
 Printed materials available, upon request, through office

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

*Dried beans*



**LCCM October Collection ~ DRIED BEANS ~**  
 Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, October 6th for our monthly Altar collection





*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. –Galatians 4:4-5*

Laura & I try, as much as we can, to share the responsibility for cooking in our home. We each have certain recipes or cooking techniques we prefer, or are better at than the other, and we each have dishes the other makes that we absolutely love. So we “mix it up” a little for us and the kids. One thing that Laura does, though, that I have never figured out, is slow-cooking with her crock-pot. And so it amazes me that, early in the morning, she can put various meats, vegetables, pasta, or whatever, along with some spices, and set this machine aside - for hours & hours - and at just the right time, just when I’m starting to wonder, “Is it ready yet?” **Boom**. Dinner is served. Amazing.

There are at least 1,500 years (estimated) between the Exodus and Paul’s missionary journeys - as many years as the USA has been a nation, **times 6!** Think about it - in 2019, we’re historically 6x closer to George Washington than Paul was to Moses. And yet, in that space of 1,500 years, Israel - God’s people - learned about a prophecy that goes wa-a-ay back further (back even to the beginning of time) and came to its fulfillment only 20-30 years before Paul wrote his letters to the churches he’d planted during those missionary journeys.

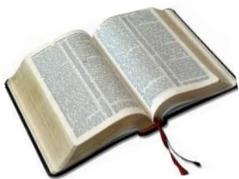
In Genesis 3:15, God says to the serpent (Satan), “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” At the beginning of all time, a prophecy was given. 1,500 years before Paul’s birth, that prophecy was received by a people on the run from slavery. And yet, after all that time, from the beginning of time until the day our Lord went to the Cross, that prophecy stewed, like the greatest slow-cooker in all of time & space, letting its aroma permeate the history and character of this people - God’s people. This is why Peter can write with such boldness about God’s patience and deliberate slow-seemingness. This is why God’s people can look back on their own lives and see example after example of how God set blessings and opportunities into motion. This is why the study of church history can be so fulfilling - to see how God, throughout even the darkest-seeming periods of the church’s life, works even through individuals to make great things - Reformations, Awakenings, Denominations reclaiming their Scriptural heritage - come to being.

God works deliberately, purposefully, doing things “in the fullness of time” for the sake of his people. He works to save, He works to redeem. **Boom**. Salvation is given. Amazing.

Now what can we say to these things? Our God is great, and greatly deserves our praises.

*Blessings! Pastor Chris*

### October Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



6th:	<i>The Book for Me</i>	Luke 4:1-14
13th:	<i>This I know</i>	Luke 8:36-50
20th:	<i>Let it Shine</i>	Luke 9:18-36
27th:	<i>Still Working on Me</i>	Luke 13:10-21



**Pastor’s Bible Study  
Sunday’s @ 5:30 pm**

**News from the Session...**

As we come into the Fall, it is that time of year again where the Session begins the budgeting process. In doing so, we take a look at the physical needs of the Church as well as the spiritual. There are a number of matters we are addressing at the Church physically: roofs, interior painting, some ceiling work, and the like. As far as spiritually, we're looking at hiring nursery workers with our growing toddler crowd so as to allow the parents more robust time in Sunday School and Worship, and we are always looking for ministry growth. If the Lord has put on your heart a ministry, let the Church know. We are here to support our brothers and sisters in discerning and accomplishing the will of God. If you know of other needs of the Church, please raise those as well, so we can plan accordingly. Wishing all a blessed Fall.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

**Next Session Meeting: October 13th @ 8:00 am**

**OCTOBER ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Jerry Adams & Aaron Easters**

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**World Communion & Cents-Ability offering  
Sunday, October 6th**



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 (please mark all special offerings)

**October Communion Elders:  
Steven Frazier & Aaron Easters**

**Church Business Office Closed  
October 7th & 14th  
Email periodically checked, when applicable**

*Welcome - Recent Visitors  
Dwayne & Teresa Sweatman*



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

**September 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 40    Worship - 63

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$8,791.55
YTD Income received:	\$121,707.56
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$158,967.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,908.70
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$152,646.38
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$163,030.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$205.00
YTD Income received:	\$15,240.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,607.32

**October Fellowship**

**Circle Hostesses**

**Night (14th) ..... Jennifer McCutchen**

**Morning (15th) ..... Martha Kay Hunt**

**Men of Church**

**Wednesday (16th) ...            Dick & Perry**

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

**Belinda Simon Hayes**, Sister of Billy Simon

**Jane Turner Brown**

**Helen Ulmer Jordan**

**Donald "Don" Larue Riley**

**Robert Fields**, father of Dawn Ellen

*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**, The Blake, Elgin

**Louis Shirley @ his home**

**Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte

**Johnny McCutchen @ his home**

**John & Doris Bell**, The Manor, Florence



### The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry

Through your 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 Date: November 10, 2019**



**Presbyterian Women ongoing fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** Kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality kitchen

knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit the link below or visit our website to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

### Kids for Christ Mission's

Items needed: Bowls, cups, spoons, Personal Hygiene (toothbrushes/wash clothes), teenage items, Bibles, etc... Please see Fellowship Hall exhibit, as needs/missions change



Shoobox Packing Party: November 3rd @ 5:30 p.m.



### Multi-Mission Sunday October 20, 2019 Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m.:

- David & Estelle Abernathy (Wycliffe Bible Translator's)
- Anne Finch (Guatemala Sewing Mission)

6:00 p.m.:

- Kids for Christ Mission & supper
- Sandra Snipes & Julie Cothran



The PW are collecting items, during the month of October, for college & boarding school care packages

Collection boxes are in Fellowship Hall. Suggested Items: chips, nuts, candy, crackers, gum, puzzle books, etc... We currently have **10 students**

### OCTOBER HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
6th	Ann Cooper	Kerry Frazier
13th	English Cooper	Debbie Tindal
20th	Jackie Drayton	Betsy Bramlett
27th	The Gaskins Family	Jill McElveen



## Happy Birthday October November

Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Rawlins Crues Smith	3
Sherian McLendon	4	Jerry Adams	4
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Maddie Varn	8
R. Kent McCutchen	10	Jill McElveen	9
Mary Katherine Parnell	12	Eddie Boykin	10
Aaron Easters	16	Catherine Bell Smith	12
B. J. Kerr	17	Judith Watkins	12
Marilyn Adams	19	Cally Bell	14
Gordon Wayne Eckley	20	MaryAnna Welsh	14
Dawn Watson Nesbit	24	Peggy Corbett	15
Betty Ann Cooper	25	Missy Kirven	20
Amelia Reese Hyman	27	Perry McCutchen	22
Mia Kathryn Welch	27	Dr. Leon Hunt	23
Johnny McCutchen	28	Jackie Drayton	25
Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28	Jane Harrington	27
John Hampton Cloyd	29	Sissy Jeffords	29
Bo Dickinson	29	Lisa Jeffords	30
Anna Grace Kirven	30		
Dick McCutchen	30		

### November Special Events:

- OCC packing party
- Israel coin collection
- Harvest banquet
- Thanksgiving

### October Special Events:

- World Communion

# MISSION NEWS

October 2019

Page 4

Yesterday's high :95  
Last night's low: 72

5802 Bob Bullock Loop 20  
Building C 18-102  
Laredo, TX 78401

Email: [jeanlegters@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlegters@gmail.com)  
U.S. Magic Jack Phone: (314) 774-0853

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear friends and prayer partners,

*“Jehovah himself will watch over you. He is always at your side to shelter you safely in his presence. You will be safe when you leave home and safely you will return. He will protect you now and he'll protect you forever more.”* From Psalm 121 (the Passion Translation).

The trip to the US in June proved the truth of these verses. My son Daniel and I were able to visit various churches and friends in the little over 2 weeks we had together. I also did some travel on my own, but this was the first time I had ever traveled using a walker. There were no problems. Upon return I attended the Sac Be presbytery meeting selling over \$500 worth of books and hymnbooks. Books can very be expensive here and many people do not have money to buy them. I get a special discounted price from the distributor, so I am able to pass on a savings in cost to the pastors and leaders at presbytery.

The summer camp season was very successful. The youth camp we run had about 200 young people and an excellent conference speaker, a pastor and teacher from the seminary. The evening campfire saw over 80 young people giving testimonies to the changes in their lives. 100 children attended children's camp. Thanks to those of you who gave scholarship help. Some of the children and young people whose lives were touched were there because of your help. My son Mark also had a camp with about 200 other young people in attendance. Many decisions were made for Christ during that week as well.

The seminary reopened August 19, with 11 New students, 4 in music and 7 in theology. Student body enrollment is now between 40 - 50 students, although some only take 1 or 2 courses. In addition, there are 2 extension centers and the biblical counseling program. This year I have 2 new piano students, 1 from Cancun and 1 from Tabasco.

I continue visiting different village congregations each weekend as I am able. It is sometimes challenging to find a person who can both drive and preach, but most Saturday evenings find me away at one of the more remote congregations in the state of Yucatan.

Debbie's homeschooling program increased with 10 new students in middle & high school. As the director, she has been busy getting all the materials together and lining up the teacher tutors for each grade. This is a ministry to families of missionaries and believers here in the city of Merida, but also a Christian outreach because about 1/3 of the students come from non-Christian families. All students participate in Bible classes and small group Bible studies at school.

Little Diego entered a young-fives Kindergarten class this fall. Here in Mexico there are three years of pre-school/kindergarten before starting grade school. He enjoyed learning to swim more this summer every opportunity he had, and will start Tae Kwon Do at school 2 days each week.

Debbie and I took advantage of having some vacation days to visit doctors. She is doing well following her surgery. I saw a dermatologist because of dark colored spots on my arms and legs. He feels it is the accumulation of sun on my skin all these 78 years! He's treating them and I have to return in a few weeks. However, he assured us it is nothing to be concerned about.

I thank the Lord for his help and protection at every moment. My times are in his hands and I am grateful that he has enabled me to do so much following last year's accident. May you feel his special help and protection as you begin your fall activities.

Your servant for Jesus' sake, Jean Legters  
Any gifts for the camp or our ministry may be sent to  
Son Raise Missionaries Services - P.O. Box. 43 - Byron Center, MI 49315

# The Scroll

November 2019 Vol. 181 No. 11



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### November 2019 At A Glance

- 3rd: LCCM food gifts / OCC packing party  
Daylight Savings Time ends  
Gwen's 16th Anniversary w/BPC
- 10th: Session / Israel Coin jars & Bakesale
- 18th: Harvest Banquet @ BPC
- 20th: Men of Church
- 24th: Thanksgiving service @ 1st Baptist  
Dwayne Sweatman in pulpit
- 26-28: Business Office closed

### December 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: LCCM food gifts / 1st Advent / HOGs
- 8th: Session / 2nd Advent / Children's Play  
Christmas luncheon (tentative)
- 14th: Wreaths Across America service
- 15th: 3rd Advent
- 22nd: 4th Advent
- 24th: Christmas Eve service @ BUMC
- 25th: MERRY CHRISTmas!!!
- 24-31: Business Office closed



**Ends: November 3rd**  
Don't forget to fall back an hour  
on Saturday night before bed



# NOVEMBER 2019

**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.)**  
Unless otherwise noted

### Pastor's Office Hours

**By appointment only**

### Key Officers and Staff

**Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.**  
**Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.**  
**Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer**  
**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**



# Bishopville Presbyterian Church

November Elders-On-Call: Steven Frazier & Wendy Welch

**Sunday, 3rd:** All Saints Day & LCCM food altar gifts  
2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends  
12:00 p.m. Operation Christmas Child shoebox Packing party  
Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman  
Flowers: Crues & Renee Bell

**Sunday, 10th:** 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 am Session  
10:30 a.m. Kids for Christ Mission Bake Sale  
11:00 a.m. Israel Coin collection  
Harvest Banquet reservation deadline  
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer  
Flowers: Wendy & Benny Welch

**Sunday, 17th:** 23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Poinsettia order deadline  
Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson  
Flowers: Ray & Jackie Drayton

**Monday, 18th:** 6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet @ BPC

**Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Billy Clyburn & Charlie Ipock)

**Sunday, 24th:** Reign of Christ & PW "RADA catalog" deadline  
11:00 a.m. Dwayne Sweatman in pulpit  
2:00 p.m. Church-Wide Clean-Up Day  
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Service @ 1st Baptist  
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit  
Flowers: Naomi McCutchen Family

**26th - 29th:** Church Business Office closed for holidays

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S

Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe box packing party  
November 3rd @ 12:00 p.m.

Israel Mission collection  
Kids Bake Sale @ 10:30 a.m.  
Coin jars collected @ 11:00 a.m.

Harvest Banquet  
November 18th @ 6:30 p.m.  
BPC Fellowship Hall



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

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



*Flower Calendar open: December 29, 2019*

#### OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar

January 12th, February 2nd & 23rd,  
March 8th & 15th; April 5th, 12th & 19th;  
May 3rd, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th;  
August 23rd & 30th; September 27th

*Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date*

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



**LCCM November Collection ~ HOLIDAY NON-PERISHABLES ~**  
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, November 3rd for our monthly collection



*From the Pastor's Desk...* Recently I had the chance to sit in on my middle daughter's algebra II class, and having done so, I am, as the Psalmist sings, "full of thanksgiving & joy" that our Lord called me to ministry instead of math. I remember Mrs. Bouchillon, in 11<sup>th</sup> grade trigonometry trying to teach me the quadratic equation - with help, I could get to the right answer, but on my own, somewhere along about 4 or 5 lines down, something would always go... wrong. There's a reason my kids, when they need help with math & algebra homework, look for their mom rather than their dad.

As a pastor, I often get questions about what books I would recommend for certain people or certain situations. This is something that happens to most pastors, so much so, in fact, that it's a pretty common sort of question asked during ordination exams for teaching elders (at least, in the last 3 presbyteries in which I've been a member). More often than not, these are books on prayer, theology, or about Christians living in & through difficult situations, or maybe books about Christians who have already lived through difficult times. Sometimes, though, the books are a little different. One of my own favorite Christian authors is C.S. Lewis, a Christian, a scholar, a professor, and the writer of a number of those books that fit - if nowhere else - in that "little different" category. There are his science fiction trilogy, his devotions, the *Screwtape Letters*, the *Narnia* books (Christian fairy tales, if you'd believe it!), and, of course, his book which defines - for him and so many others - what it means to live what Watchman Nee calls "the Ordinary Christian Life": *Mere Christianity*.

I haven't often recommended *Mere Christianity* myself, though I've very often had other pastors recommend it to me & to their churches. This isn't because I don't think highly of the book (I do!) nor because I don't think Lewis' powerful introduction to Christianity is valuable (it is!), I haven't recommended it because I haven't often had a reason. Today, though, I think I do. Increasingly, I am reminded we live in an age, in a culture, in a nation that has forgotten what it means to be truly, simply Christian - notice I didn't say the Church has forgotten this. It hasn't. Our nation, our national media, our national conversation (or what passes for it on social media), however has forgotten, and so it has created a neat fictional Christianity it uses as a stand-in for the real thing.

What do I mean? Christians - as defined by the American media & social media are either well-meaning ninnies, or Neanderthal brutes. "Bad guy" Christians are played or described backwards, anti-science, anti-progress, anti-immigrant, anti-intellectual, redneck bullies who want to oppress women, gays, & minorities, whose main dream is to push western culture back into the "Dark Ages" of institutionalized Christendom.

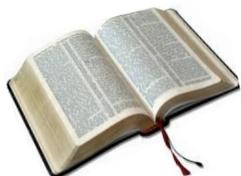
"Good guy" Christians are shown to be well-meaning, accepting, but still not-quite as smart, not-quite as brave, not-quite as... good as they can be - but are useful for making inroads for the truly smart, truly progressive, truly intellectual forces to push the rest of the Church into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The best Christians - according to this fiction built around the world having forgotten true Christianity - the absolute best Christians are those who understand that their religion, their faith, is but one of many, many truths that help people cope with the unknown. A flickering hope - nothing more, nothing less.

Yet, none of these are accurate, none of these are true, and none of these actually present the Christian as his or her true person. They've taken all the pieces of Christianity, added them together, but somewhere, the equation's gone horribly wrong.

Interestingly, even in 1950s England, CS Lewis saw this fictional view of Christianity beginning to develop, and *Mere Christianity*, in some ways, is his response. In *Mere Christianity*, he writes, "...being a Christian does mean thinking that where Christianity differs from other religions, Christianity is right and they are wrong. As in arithmetic - **there is only one right answer to a sum**, and all other answers are wrong..." (my emphasis). In other words, as Jesus himself says, in John 14.6, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except by me.**" To be a Christian is to take Jesus - the Christ - at his own word. To do otherwise is to say that Jesus, in John 14, is a liar or a madman - and if we do that, we lose the Christ.

So what do we do? Lament? Rant & rave on social media? Crawl back into bed and wish it were tomorrow? Or do we look at the age in which we live, seeing its fictional Christian, its bad-math Christian, and live our faith authentically, truly, real-ly in the same way that Mrs. Bouchillon's red pen worked across my quadratic equations? Do we offer - by letting the world see us, hear us, experience our prayers, our charities, our ministries, our love for one another, our love that overflows onto the "least of these" and even onto our enemies - a corrected view of what it means to be, as Lewis writes, "merely" or simply Christian? What opportunities might that create? What glory might that lift to the Lord Jesus our Savior? Live your purpose: Glorify God - and enjoy Him always as you live your faith, simply, purely, and truly, dependent on Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen. - Pastor Chris



### November Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

3rd:	<i>Once Upon a Banquet</i>	Luke 14:1-24
10th:	<i>Only 1 in 10</i>	Luke 17:11-19
17th:	<i>God, I Thank You</i>	Luke 18:9-17
24th:	Dwayne Sweatman in pulpit	



Pastor's Bible Study ~ Sunday's @ 5:30 pm  
Unless otherwise noted

**News from the Session...**

There is a nip in the air - finally - and the leaves are slowly starting to creep darker . . . it must be turning to Fall. As time with family draws nearer during this time of the year let us also draw nearer to our Lord and Savior. When the days get shorter and the nights longer, set aside a few minutes to talk to God. Read His word. See His majesty in all He has done and continues to do. Whether it be nature, family, or His Scripture, there are innumerable means through which we can worship Him. Take a moment during this season to slow down, step back, and appreciate all that He has done. May all be blessed this November and coming Fall.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

**Next Session Meeting: November 10th @ 8:00 am**

**NOVEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Steven Frazier & Wendy Welch**

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**MEMBERSHIP**  
welcome to the family



We welcome our newest Church Family members

**Reese Atkinson and**

**Dwayne & Teresa Sweatman**

Reese is the husband of Melinda Atkinson and father of Brittany Hyman and Devin Atkinson

Dwayne and Teresa are from Camden and have 3 grown children. Dwayne will fill our pulpit, in Chris' absence, on November 24th

They joined our Church October 13th by Re-affirmation of Faith. We are very pleased to have them in our Church!



**Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia's**

Order forms are in bulletins and in the Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary **December 8th - 22nd**. Make checks payable to the church. Cost is \$14/ea.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

**Order Deadline: November 17th**



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



**Hanging of the Greens Service December 1st @ 11:00 a.m.**

Come join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sounds of the Advent season.

**October 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 39    Worship - 59

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received: \$16,286.00

YTD Income received: \$137,993.56

**Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$176,630.00**

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$13,762.73

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$166,409.11

**Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$177,839.00**

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

MTD Income received: \$495.00

YTD Income received: \$15,735.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$2,607.32

**Church Business Office Closed**

**November 26th - 29th**

**Email periodically checked, when applicable**



**Men of Church**

**November 20th @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Hosts: Billy Clyburn & Charlie Ipock**

**Please join us for good food & good fellowship**

**NO PW Circle meetings in November**

**November is National Hospice Month. Please pray for the families & patients receiving Hospice care & their Hospice teams**



**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Dot Cothran @ her home**

**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**

**Louis Shirley @ his home (melanoma)**

**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

**Johnny McCutchen @ his home**

**John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence**



**The Kids for Christ  
Israel Coin & Bake Sale Ministry  
November 10, 2019**

Bake Sale during Coffee hour. Please have baked goods in the kitchen no later than 9:00 am on Nov. 10th.

Coin Jars will be collected during worship  
**All proceeds will be donated to the Jewish Voice Ministries**



**Presbyterian Women RADA catalog fundraiser deadline is November 24th.**

Catalogs are all around Church  
You can always order through our website or the link below to help support them year round for Ministry & Missions  
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

*Kids for Christ Mission's*

**OCC Shoebox Items needed:** Bowls, cups, spoons, Personal Hygiene (toothbrushes/wash clothes), teenage items, etc... **Due Nov. 3rd**

**Zambia Shoe Drive:** Shoes sizes Toddler - Men's are **due Nov. 17th.** See Angel trees in Tower rooms



Shoebox Packing Party: November 3rd after Church



**Monday, November 18th  
@ 6:30 pm**

*Harvest Banquet*

**Bishopville PC Fellowship Hall**

**2019 Harvest Banquet**

Guest Speaker: Melodie Griffin, Director of Traditional Worship, Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, Lexington, SC. Meal is \$15/pp. Reservations can be made in the BPC or BUMC offices. Please make check payable to Bishopville PW, marked "Harvest Banquet"  
**Reservation Deadline: November 11th**

**Community Thanksgiving Service  
November 24th**

**6:00 p.m.**

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



**NOVEMBER HELPER CALENDARS**

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	Betty Heriot	Kerry Frazier
10th	Kirven Family	Cindy Welsh
17th	Jimmy McCutchen	Charlie & Virginia
24th	Marsha McCutchen	Jill McElveen



## Happy Birthday



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



**November Special Events:**

- OCC packing party
- Israel coins/Bake Sale
- Harvest banquet
- Thanksgiving

**December Special Events:**

- Hanging of Greens
- Season of Advent
- Wreaths Across America
- CHRISTmas

# The Scroll

December 2019 Vol. 181 No. 12



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

215 S. Main Street (physical) / PO Box 66 (mailing)  
Bishopville, SC 29010-0066

Email: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com) Website: [www.bishopvillepc.com](http://www.bishopvillepc.com)  
Phone/Fax: 803-484-5441

### December 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: LCCM food gifts / 1st Advent / HOGs
- 8th: Session / 2nd Advent / Children's Play Christmas luncheon
- 14th: Wreaths Across America service
- 15th: 3rd Advent
- 22nd: 4th Advent
- 24th: Christmas Eve service @ BUMC
- 25th: MERRY CHRISTmas!!!
- 24-31: Business Office closed



### January 2020 At A Glance

- 5th: LCCM food & cash gifts / Communion
- 12th: Session
- 15th: Men of Church
- 19th: PWCT / Congregational Meeting
- 20th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
- 21st: Morning Circle
- 24-25: Presbytery Meeting
- 26th: Family Night Supper

*Looking  
Toward  
Advent*



# 2019

# DECEMBER

**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.)  
Unless otherwise noted**

### Pastor's Office Hours

**By appointment only**

### Key Officers and Staff

**Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.**

**Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.**

**Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer**

**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**



*Bishopville Presbyterian Church*  
*December Elders-On-Call: Charlie Ipock & Steven Welsh*

- 1st - 22nd:** All loose offering designated to Presbytery "Gratitude" Fund
- Sunday, 1st:** First Advent / Hanging of Greens / LCCM food gifts  
6:30 p.m. Bruce McCathern Concert @ BUMC  
Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley  
Flowers: Hanging of Greens
- Sunday, 8th:** Second Advent  
8:00 am Session & Elder examination  
11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Play & Elder Installation  
12:00 p.m. Christmas covered-dish luncheon  
6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Christmas program  
Coffee: Christmas Luncheon  
Flowers: Poinsettia's
- Saturday, 14th:** 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved  
11:45 a.m. Wreaths Across America in BPC Cemetery
- Sunday, 15th:** Third Advent  
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Heriot  
Flowers: Poinsettia's
- Sunday, 22nd:** Fourth Advent  
Coffee: Debbie Tindal & Leila McCutchen  
Flowers: Poinsettia's
- Tuesday, 24th:** 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service @ BUMC
- 24th - 31st:** Church Business Office closed for holidays
- Sunday, 29th:** First Sunday after Christmas  
Loose offering designated to Kids for Christ mission  
Coffee: Church  
Flowers: OPEN



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

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

*Flower Calendar open: December 29, 2019*



**OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar**  
*January 12th, February 2nd & 23rd,  
March 8th & 15th; April 5th, 12th & 19th;  
May 3rd, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th;  
August 23rd & 30th; September 27th*

*Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date*

Email us to receive enews: [bishopvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:bishopvillepc@gmail.com)  
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



**LCCM December Collection ~ HOLIDAY NON-PERISHABLES ~**  
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, December 1st for our monthly collection



*From the Pastor's Desk...* "The best "No" vote I ever got..."

8 years ago, this month, my friend Alba was diagnosed with what Duke University Hospital called inoperable cancer—and she was given no more than 1 year to live. As her husband Steven said to me this week, they've had 8, not easy, but wonderful years together since then—because "God is Great!"

Steven holds a special place in my heart, not only for his friendship & brotherhood in Christ Jesus, but because of a "No" vote he once cast. It happened this way—when God called me to leave my NC churches, I presented my resignation to the church, and Steven voted, loudly & clearly, "No." Now, that seems like a harsh thing to do, maybe even a disrespectful or unpleasant thing to say—but I can tell you that, both in that moment in 2015, and even now more than 4 years later, I can hear that "No" even today as one of the most blessed encouragements in my ministry and in my life. That "No" warmed my heart and reaffirmed—in that brief moment—God's calling, God's love, and God's grace in my life.

I thank God, and will always thank him for Steven's "No."

When do we need a "No" in our lives? That doesn't sound like the sort of answer we'd want to get. When we guys bend on one knee, open that box—is it "No" we want to hear? When we look wistfully at the car, pick up the keys, and head for the door—is it "No" we hope our parents say? When we pick up the phone on Saturday evening, dressed & ready to go—is it "No" we expect to ring in our ears? When is "No" a good answer? And that's just humanly speaking! Doesn't the Bible say—"And he will supply every need"? Doesn't the Bible say—"He has graciously given us all things"? Doesn't that sound like God would be the last person to ever say, "No"? How could he do that to us? How could he bless us through a "No"? Is it even possible?

Well—to answer that question, we've got to realize what God *actually* says, compared to what we think he says, or what we want him to say. So, what does God say? So does the Bible actually say, "He will supply every need"? Yes—in Philippians 4.19-20: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus—to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." Wait a minute—did you see that? Paul (writing this from PRISON), tells us, as he closes his letter to Philippi in prayer, that God will give us our NEEDS... through & in the person of Jesus Christ, for God's own glory.

Huh. I wonder what sort of NEED we might have for which Christ is the only provision?

How about "He has graciously given us all things"? That comes from Romans 8.31-33, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies." Hey— isn't this saying the same thing as Philippians 4? God will give us everything we NEED... through & in the person of Jesus Christ, for God's own glory. And this time, it's not Paul who's being persecuted, "led like sheep to the slaughter daily"—it's the Roman Church!

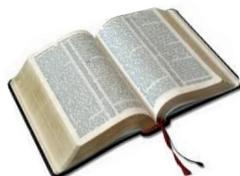
God doesn't always say "Yes"—but he always gives us what we need in Jesus. And sometimes—and this is as hard to write as it is to hear—sometimes what we need in Jesus is for God to tell us "No." The same Paul—imprisoned when he wrote Philippians, writing to the persecuted faithful when he wrote Romans—this same Paul, in his second letter to Corinth tells us about a time God told him "No": "*The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me*" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Look at that—Paul asked to be healed, something he thought he needed, something that would seemingly improve both his quality of life and the quality of his ministry, and God said, resoundingly, "No—this is not what you need in Christ Jesus."

Paul needed his "thorn", his weakness. Peter needed to be humbled—and drenched, when he leapt boldly out of the boat. Mark needed to be left behind when Paul took off to visit the churches. Titus needed to be left in Crete (Titus 1.5), Trophimus needed to be left in Miletus (2 Timothy 4.20), John needed to be exiled on Patmos—because in those moments of God's saying "No", he was blessing each of these men with what they NEEDED in Christ Jesus.

Where are you? What do you need from God? A "Yes"—sometimes (many, many times, in fact) God is indeed saying "Yes" to you in amazing, beautiful, wonderful ways. Sometimes—more times than you could imagine, in fact—he's said "Yes" by denying Satan's influence over you, by his Holy Spirit's restraining those who would or could harm you, by healing you or preventing you from injury. But sometimes—sometimes, don't you need God's glorious, gracious "No"—a "No" like Paul's, that thrust him entirely into the everlasting arms of Jesus? Don't you need God's glorious, gracious "No"—a "No" like Steven's vote, an affirmation, a blessing, even when you think you're finished? Sometimes nothing is sweeter, nothing is better than God—in his infinitely immeasurably good love—saying, "Child—I love you. No."

Blessings & Amen! -Pastor Chris

### December Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



1st:

5th:

15th:

22nd:

29th:

*Hanging of Greens*

*Children's Pageant*

*God, I Thank You*

*The King Is Here*

*An Old Resolution*

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**Zechariah 14:3-9**

**1 Corinthians 1:23-2:2**



Pastor's Bible Study ~ Sunday's @ 5:30 pm  
Unless otherwise noted

News from the Session...

Next Session Meeting: December 8th @ 8:00 am

**DECEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Charlie Ipock & Steven Welsh**

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**1st Quarter Communion  
January 5, 2020**

Elders in charge: Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen

We will also collect food and Cents-Ability offering for the LCCM

\*Please mark all special donations, appropriately, so they reach their destinations



The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 19<sup>th</sup>**, during worship service, for the purpose of; reporting the 2019 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2020 budget and Pastor's Terms of Call, for approval



- Matt Bramlett, installed (1st term)
- Cindy Welsh, installed (1st term)
- Ryan McCutchen, ordained & installed (1st term)

Thank you to the following officers, leaving us this year **Perry McCutchen, Wendy Welch, and Steven Welsh**. You all did a wonderful job and will be missed!



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



**Hanging of the Greens Service  
December 1st @ 11:00 a.m.**

Come join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sounds of the Advent season.

**November 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 39    Worship - 59

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$16,563.00
YTD Income received:	\$154,556.56
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$194,293.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,633.79
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$179,984.61
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$193,087.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$325.00
YTD Income received:	\$16,160.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,607.32

**Church Business Office Closed  
December 24th - 31st**



**Gratitude Gift offering  
Collected December 1st - 22nd**  
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

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



**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

- Dot Cothran @ her home**
- Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**
- Louis Shirley @ his home (melanoma)**
- Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**
- Johnny McCutchen @ his home**
- John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence**



**The Kids for Christ Israel Coin & Bake Sale Ministry**  
Our children collected \$784.00 in the coin jar collection & bakesale on November 10th.

All proceeds were sent to the Jewish Voice Ministries.

Thank you to everyone who participated!  
Next collection date: May 10, 2020



**Presbyterian Women RADA fundraiser**  
for Ministry & Missions

You can order through our website or the link below to help support them year round  
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

### Kids for Christ Mission's

The Kids for Christ packed and delivered 37 Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse and mailed 3 barrels of shoes to Zambia!  
Thank you to everyone who participated!!!

**Children's Play & covered-dish supper**  
Sunday, December 8th @ 11:00 a.m.  
Church will provide meats & bread  
Kids for Christ will provide desserts  
Bring your favorite dish & join us!

*Merry Christmas!!!*



### Advent Lighter Schedule:

#### Advent

- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>: Reese & Melinda Atkinson Family
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: Tyson Eckley
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Solid Rock SS Class
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Welsh Family

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)



Learn about Wreaths Across America's Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach

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

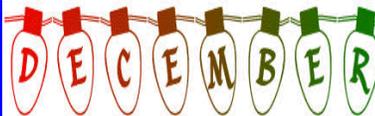
Following a short service, wreaths will be placed on the graves of military veterans buried in our cemetery. Please join us as we honor and remember our veterans. Please visit our local link to help or learn more:

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

## DECEMBER HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
1st	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Wendy Welch
8th	Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen	Debbie Tindal
15th	Judith Watkins	Betsy Bramlett
22nd	William Watkins	Kerry Frazier
29th	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Cindy Welsh

## Happy Birthday



Michael Jeffords	5	Robert McCutchen III	2
Sara Catherine Corbett	6	Ann West	2
Elouise Wright	7	Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Gordon Eckley	8	Chip Smith	3
Becky Crichton	9	Bill Tindal	3
Mike Monroe	13	Kody Mills McCutchen	4
Janice Reynolds	13	Michael Farver	5
Boochie Swearingen	13	John Bell, Jr	9
Dawn Levers	14	Will McElveen	9
Maggie Corbett	15	Kean Scott III	9
Tom Kerr	18	John Crues Bell IV	12
Jennifer McCutchen	18	Bill Conway	13
Billy Simon	20	Steven Welsh	13
Retta Tindal	24	Ken Cutler	14
Brooke Welch	24	T-Bo Ellen	16
Wyatt Frazier	28	Carole Scott	18
Rena Smith	29	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



**First Baptist Church Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 8th @ 6 pm**  
Reception afterwards

Yesterday's high :88  
Last night's low: 69

5802 Bob Bullock Loop 20  
Building C 18-102  
Laredo, TX 78401

Email: [jeanlegters@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlegters@gmail.com)

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

U.S. Magic Jack Phone: (314) 774-0853

Dear friends and prayer partners,

Oh come let us adore Him. Christ the Lord. Let all that has breath praise the Lord. Let us praise, give thanks and worship the Lord because of His very best that He has given us.

From my house I can hear the seminary choir rehearsing for the December 5 concert which marks the end of first semester. It is also the end of my teaching until August because I cannot distinguish the printed notes for the students in the spring. There are now about 50 students on campus, not counting the expansion centers and the biblical counseling program or the youth program.

I continue visiting villages about two hours away most weekends, depending on if I can find a driver/preacher. In Yalcobá, the leader of the congregation is in need of surgery due to a hernia on his spinal column. Personal family and congregational concerns become my prayer concerns also. The people in these villages have been friends for many years and are almost like family to me. In Temax, Debbie and I recently went to say goodbye to some very dear Korean missionaries who have retired and will not be able to come back due to health concerns. Dave and I worked extensively with them. My Merida church recently celebrated its 133rd anniversary. In November, I played for a wedding there, accompanying a young man who plays flute and a girl who plays the violin. There are many avenues of service open to me.

Looking to the new year, the Sac Be presbytery will be meeting here in Merida, January 7-9. A friend is going to take me and help sell books with me. I will be able to come home to sleep at night which solves a big problem because everybody here sleeps in hammocks and I now can only use a bed. On February 4, the seminary reopens and Dr. Will Ackles and his wife will be coming to teach again. I look forward to their presence at my house.

My grandchildren are all occupied in applying to colleges and thinking about their future while the younger ones are still in school. Diego will be five January 1 and he loves reading the Jesus Bible story book every day, and playing with dinosaurs and cars. He and I go swimming at the same pool, although it is becoming a little cooler now.

My health is generally all right, although I still have some problems related to the accident. Low vision and impaired mobility have taught me a lot about patience and accepting what the Lord brings into our lives. I still am thankful for what I can do, and try to accept what I cannot do.

Let us face 2020 knowing it is in His hands and therefore will be for our good and His glory.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Jean Legters

Any gifts for the camp or our ministry may be sent to

Son Raise Missionaries Services

P.O. Box. 43

Byron Center, MI 49315