

# The Scroll

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**Bert Cousar & Matt Bramlett**

# January



# 2021

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Treasurer: Ray Drayton  
Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn  
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer  
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

*From the Pastor's Desk...*

Revelation 2:12-13, *“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”*

Dr. Melton used to tell us to be careful about preachers who “knew a little Greek” - usually, he said, that meant they knew a short guy selling gyros. With that caveat, I’m going to try not to go too far out on a limb here -but here we go. There are certain words that have been, well, shoehorned from the Greek language of the Bible into English: words like “prophet” or “baptize” or - significantly - “martyr”. These are words that can be translated into English, but usually have enough baggage or context or implications attached to them that they can’t easily be translated... so we just shove them into English.

Martyr is one of those words. There’s a level where it simply means “somebody who tells somebody else something they’ve seen” - like our word “witness”. At the same time, there’s a sense in the word where what the “witness” has seen is so important, so profound, so true, that they would die rather than contradict what they’ve seen. So, instead of using 10-15 words every time we want to say that, we simply say, **“He’s a martyr.”**

**Antipas**, in Revelation 2, is a martyr. In fact, he’s one of the earliest Christian martyrs, along with John’s brother James and Steven (both of whom are martyred during the book of Acts). Church tradition holds that the Emperor Domitian either had him burned alive, or burned in a cast-bronze bull, for failing to deny Jesus and renounce his faith. Antipas had been taught by the apostles (likely Paul or John) and had been ordained & installed as the pastor of the church they planted in Pergamum. He was so committed to what he’d been taught - even though he never knew Jesus personally, never heard Jesus preach, didn’t see the Cross, probably (though we don’t know for certain) never even visited Jerusalem - yet Antipas was willing to defy the order of the Emperor himself, the very head of the Roman government, rather than to deny Jesus. That is an amazing level of faith.

Now, other than what we read about him in Revelation and subsequent church history, we don’t know a lot about Antipas. Unlike other martyrs like Ignatius or even Steven, we don’t have sermons or letters (that I could find) from him. All we know with absolute certainty is that he died because he would not deny Jesus - and in that, we are taught something important about our faith. We American Christians are immeasurably blessed; we meet openly, we’re not penalized for going to church, we’re not threatened with murder or confronted with gunmen when we worship, we don’t have our livelihoods taken away by our government or rival religious factions. We are incredibly blessed. Our national identity is built on Christian ethics, values, & traditions (think about how utterly Presbyterian our government is). We even get tax benefits for giving to our church!

And yet... As Dr. Voddie Baucham rightly points out, our national Christian freedom is but a historical “blip” on the grand scale of history. And, for much of the Church, throughout history and even across the world today, persecution is the norm, rather than tolerance or acceptance. We are blessed beyond description - yet that blessing hangs on a fragile thread. So what do we do?

We learn from Antipas. We learn from Steven. We learn from James, from Ignatius, from Justin Martyr, from Jan Hus, from Wycliffe, and from the countless other brothers & sisters across the world and across the ages who show us - who witness to us - what it means to trust Jesus with our very lives, even in the face of persecution. We learn from them, and we pray. We pray, earnestly thanking God for our blessings, and we pray, eagerly urging Him to bless our persecuted family. We pray, with the hurting saints and the great crowd of Heaven itself, “How long, O Lord - come quickly, come quickly, Lord Jesus!”

And, like Antipas, we look to the One who will give us that heavenly manna, and that new name, written down in glory, which no one can ever take away from us.

God bless you! Pastor Chris

### January Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

#### **For so they persecuted the Prophets...**



3rd:  
10<sup>th</sup>:  
17th:  
24th:  
31st:

part 1  
part 2  
part 3  
part 4  
part 5

Matthew 5:11-12, John 15:18-27

Daniel 3:1-18

Daniel 11:1-16

Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

Acts 12:1-17

I always wondered what this part of Psalm 23 meant. I thought “He anoints my head with oil” was figurative language for God keeping the Psalmist healthy. I never knew this parallel - Anoint my head with oil.

“Sheep can get their head caught in briars and die trying to get untangled. There are little flies that like to torment sheep by laying eggs in their nostrils which turn into worms and cause the sheep to beat their head against a rock, sometimes to death. Their ears and eyes are also susceptible to tormenting insects. So the shepherd anoints their whole head with oil. Then there is peace. That oil forms a barrier of protection against the evil that tries to destroy the sheep. Do you have times of mental torment? Do the worrisome thoughts invade your mind over and over? Do you beat your head against a wall trying to stop them? Have you ever asked God to anoint your head with oil? He has an endless supply! His oil protects and makes it possible for you to fix your heart, mind, and eyes on Him today and always! There is peace in the valley! May our Father anoint your head with oil today so that your cup overflows with blessings!

## December 2020 Statistics

As of 12/30/2020

Worship Attendance average: 34

### Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$15,913.55
YTD Income received:	\$190,426.07
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$217,838.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$22,374.27
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$191,879.42
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### Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$2,900.00
YTD Income received:	\$7,540.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,212.66

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 17<sup>th</sup>**, during worship service, for the purpose of; reporting the 2020 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2021 budget and the Pastor’s 2021 Terms of Call, for approval

## JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL Matt Bramlett & Bert Cousar

### 1st Quarter Communion January 10, 2021



Elders in charge: Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen

Loose offering and canned food items will also be collected for the

LCCM (You must note “LCCM” on check or envelope for special donation)

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



*Thank you to the Church, Session, PW, and all others who remembered me during this crazy Christmas year! I truly appreciate your kindness, prayers, and gifts - Gwen*

### Our HOMEBOUND Members

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**Hugh Tindal** @ his home

**Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home

*I would like to thank you for remembering me at Christmas and throughout the year. There are no treasures greater than friends. I wish for you a Blessed and Happy New Year. Love to all, Louise*

**In Memoriam**  
**Robert “Robin” Leslie Jeffords**  
7/13/1956 - 12/25/2020



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## 6 month - Flower Calendar

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# Happy Birthday January February

Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Ann West	2	Laura Latimer	4
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3	Hampton Gaskins	15
Chip Smith	3	Martha Kay Hunt	15
Bill Tindal	3	Benny Welch III	15
Kody Mills McCutchen	4	Patrick Finethy	17
Michael Farver	5	Laura Parnell	19
Will McElveen	9	Bubba Muldrow	20
Kean Scott III	9	Myers Varn Floyd	21
John Crues Bell IV	12	Shirley Wallace	28
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		
Brooke Harrington	30		
Amber Harrington	30		
Josh Kirven	30		
John Latimer	30		



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**2021 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**

January 18th

February 10th - 15th

March 31st

May 26th - 31st

June 9th - 14th

June 30th - July 6th

August 18th

September 6th & 29th

October 11th

November 24th - 29th

December 22nd - 28th



Please contact office to update any pertinent information to our records



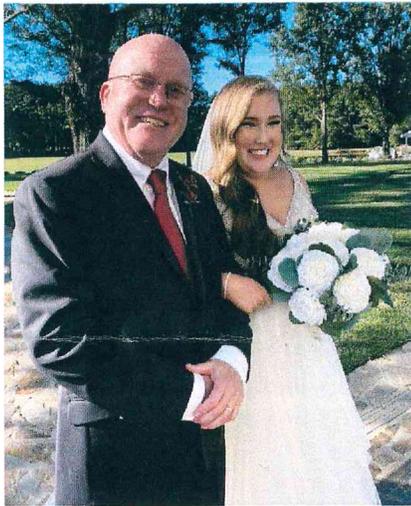
Canned Food & Monetary gifts  
for Lee County Cooperative  
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1st Sunday of each month

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room (in LCCM canister)

# Merry Christmas from the Bakers



2020—A pandemic, 3 surgeries and a wedding!



Introducing **Michaela Baker Taylor**! Michaela's wedding was our definite highlight. She was a beautiful bride on her big day. They really adore each other.



Introducing **Collyn Taylor**. Collyn works with **Gamecock Central**, the definitive source for all South Carolina news. He covers the major sports and he's involved in most of the press conferences. During one basketball press conference, Coach Martin kidded Collyn, saying that he couldn't attend any basketball games without a field trip permission form signed by Michaela! You can tell the USC coaches really like him.

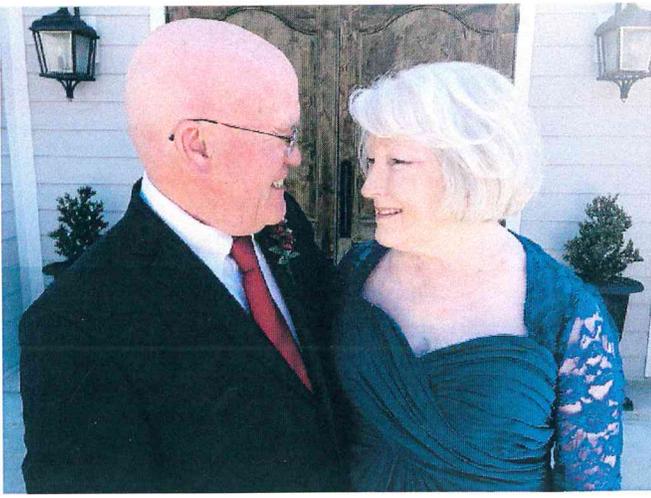
(I'm so glad he loves to play golf!)



**Zac** is employed by Symetra Financial in Washington and was recently awarded an excellence award by the CEO. She applauded his video work and his ability to create masterpieces.

(By the way, I think he stole my moustache!)





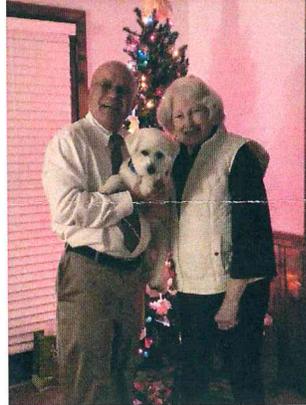
The three plastic surgeries for Pam were difficult and definitely took a lot out of her. She is doing much better the past few months. Her nose looks great and she was beautifully stunning at the wedding!

*We are so grateful for your friendship.  
May this Christmas be one where His peace  
and presence overwhelms any fear, as we  
remember His incredible love for us.*

Meanwhile, Kathryn was busy buying a house, taking advantage of the low interest rates. She's enjoyed her role as a new homeowner, but she hasn't always enjoyed all of her new responsibilities!

She is a Super Hero Nurse as she has worked at a Pediatric Office during the pandemic.

We have to mention our **Harley**. He's 18 months now and is finally showing some signs of calming down. His favorite pastime is chewing on his toys, or socks, whenever he can steal one.



*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 NIV*

*Carroll + Pam*

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Some of you have written to me saying you are praying about the camp situation. We wanted to share some news that is a reason for rejoicing. The camp board president together with pastor Alberto Tuyub (also a member of our camp board and originally from that same town where camp is legally registered) traveled to the township offices to inquire about the taxes owed on the property. There is a new mayor in the township who has ties to the Presbyterian church there and who knows pastor Alberto personally. He directed them to the treasurer who informed them the amount to pay was 43,000 pesos, but that they were being given a 50% discount for bringing the property tax account up to date and would only need to pay \$22,000 pesos. They were able to pay the tax for the past five years and were also assured that official drawings of the property with updated satellite-measured coordinates would be drawn up for the camp board free of charge. When talking to the secretary of the treasurer's office, she shared with them how she had become a believer in Jesus three years ago and attended the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in that town. She called others in that office, who are also believers, and church members, and before leaving, Pastor Alberto (Beto) led them all in prayer. This is incredible! Things like this do not happen here in Mexico! The God of the impossible intervened because of all of our prayers. This is just the first step in unraveling this legal mess. But God has also provided support in the next steps that need to be taken. The husband of a close friend of my daughter Debbie is a former attorney general for the state of Yucatán and he met with Debbie and the camp president to review the concerns and propose a response strategy. Although not a Christian, he has a personal interest in the camp because of his wife who grew up attending youth camps at Porvenir and her parents who also were very active in children, family and youth camps. He gave some good ideas and assured us that although the legal part may take years to battle out in court, if it comes to that, he is confident camp Porvenir has the upper hand. It can prove ownership and possession (paying property taxes, bills, maintenance, etc.) of the property for over the past 50 years, and the updated official documents from the township will only serve to reinforce this fact. This attorney and Debbie are also good friends with the head justice of the supreme court of Yucatan, and he has expressed that although he is not able to intervene directly, he can monitor that no corrupt dealings occur when/if the case goes to trial. So once again, The Lord is answering all our prayers and leading us to the right people who can help.

We thought this was such great news and we wanted to share it with you. Have a blessed Christmas and remember to pray for the camp in the new year. We appreciate each one of you. Blessings, Jean Legters

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*From the Pastor's Desk...*

*Revelation 1:3: Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.*

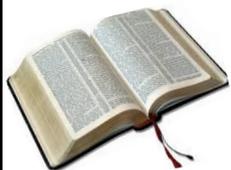
I quit Twitter. Like many of you, I watched 2020 unfold through the lens of social media - and like many of you, I was deeply concerned by what I saw there. Throughout the pandemic, the election, the protests, the riots, the violence, the spread of critical race theory, the cultural shift, the racial & political tension, the lockdowns, the school and business closures, throughout everything I saw, social media - Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and so on - exacerbated, heated up rather than cooled down what happened throughout 2020. Now, I knew just as much as I know anything, God is Sovereign. None of this is out of our God's hands. Psalm 47:8 reminds us, "**God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**"

So why did I quit Twitter? Why did I massively scale back my use of Facebook? Why am I strictly limiting my "ingestion" of social media - **and strongly encouraging you to do the same?** I had an insight while watching skateboarder-turned-journalist Tim Pool and his panel when they were discussing the polarization of American politics, and one of his panelists brought up an interesting point. He theorized the trouble we face stems from the fact that our primary form of communication with each other has shifted from voice-based to text-based. In other words, you're far, far more likely to get an email, a text message, a one-sided snapchat than a call or other form of face-to-face interaction. Why does that matter? How does that "de-civilize" our communication? How does that make things, particularly hard-to-deal-with things like lockdowns & politics & pandemics worse? Text is just that - written words.

Tell me this: when you read what I just wrote, did you "hear it" in your mind in my voice? Or your own? What tone did you hear it "said" in? Optimistic? Gloomy? Harsh? Did you hear me say it in my "preacher voice"? One of the most interesting things I learned (in what little I've learned) about American Sign Language is the importance of your face in signing. Your face - like your voice and body-language - when speaking sets the tone. Am I asking a question? Am I being sarcastic? Am I trying to be funny? Am I being serious? My tone, my face, my gestures, my voice all communicate those things, just as much as, if not more than the words I speak! And this is the problem with social media; 95% or more of it is text-based communication, or it's one-sided videos. Worse than that are the algorithms & other mechanisms social media uses to reinforce our own perspectives, put us in echo chambers and - worst of all - addict us to social media. We are visual creatures, and social media can manipulate us, if we're not careful, if we're not mindful, into becoming addicted more and more to the drama, the outrage, the stress-inducing "high" of social media. And, brothers & sisters in Christ, I can say this: God does not want this for us.

We are speaking creatures made by a speaking God. God's first act in all of recorded history is to speak: "Let there be light," God said. God speaks to Moses through the burning bush. God speaks to Abraham face-to-face. God speaks to you & me through the Living Word Himself Jesus Christ. More than that, throughout the Bible, throughout the written text of God's Word, God repeatedly encourages, instructs and commands His people - you & me - to speak His Word. Get that? The God who speaks to us and made us to speak commands, instructs, and encourages us to speak, to sing, to read his word aloud. The Psalms are songs to be sung. The Laws are answers to be spoken. The Prophecies are mysteries to be shared. The Proverbs are wisdom to be preached. The Gospel is news to be told. As a matter of fact, Biblical scholars like to point out that God's Word came to us originally by "oral tradition" - the spoken word, taught from generation to generation, face-to-face. We're meant to speak with each other, to have questions and answers, to have points of view and tones and laughs and frowns, misunderstandings & clarifications. And here's the thing about social media & text communication: You miss just those incredible things.

So speak. Call somebody. Facetime or Skype. Detox off social media - and be social. And, more than anything else: Listen and be blessed! - Pastor Chris



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### February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

**For so they persecuted the Prophets...**

part 6  
part 7  
part 8  
part 9

Esther 4:1-17  
Ruth 1:1-17  
Ruth 4:9-17  
Acts 8:1-8

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

It seems like we've just wrung 2020 in and yet, here we are now rolling into February. Time continues to move by, yet, in doing so, we seem to find a great deal of turbulence. Whether that be COVID, politics, economic issues, or race issues, there is no shortage. Yet, I am reminded by what God did so many years ago when rescuing His people from captivity in Egypt. Recall, after the dramatics of the sea parting and burning bush, God told His people: *"you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."* Exodus 19:6.

It often gets lost in translation (literally) that to be holy means to be set apart. In other words, God has "set apart" His people, and us, His church, are those very people. This church - Bishopville Presbyterian Church - are those very people. Normal people like you and me, have been set apart to be a beacon of God's light and grace. It's a tall order; yet, it is God's will for us and part of His redemptive plan.

We, His church, should so strive for reconciliation, love, ethic, and the like, that people should look to us and ask the question: What is their hope? It is that question we should strive to be asked as a church, and as children of God. with blessings!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

**Next Session Meeting: February 14th @ 11:00 am**

**FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL**

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**\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities**



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

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BUMC will be doing a  
"drive-through" imposition  
of Ashes. Time: TBD**

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**A Brief History of the Grandfather Clock**

In a Virginian lady's home, she has a grandfather clock. One morning, I watched as she "wound it up." I began to think about grandfather clocks. I learned that it all began in 1582 with an 18-yr-old lad who was praying in the cathedral of Pisa, Italy. The pious young man was distracted by a swinging chandelier that had just been lit by the lamplighters. He began to time the swings. Later, in his workshop, he continued to study the movement of pendulums. The boy's name was Galileo! He did not make a clock, but his work inspired Christiaan Huygens, a Dutch astronomer who was in pursuit of a more accurate clock for predicting the movement of the stars and planets. In 1656, Huygens successfully "hitched" a pendulum to the workings of a clock. It revolutionized clock-making by greatly increasing the accuracy of timepieces. Typical clocks could be off as much as 15 minutes every day. Huygens reduced this discrepancy to about 60 seconds per day. His creation was the very first prototype of what would later be called the "long case clock." At the time, these clocks were named "wags-on-the-wall" since their pendulums were short, and "wagged" back and forth like the tail on a dog. Before too long, the clocks were encased in wood. The clocks became known as "grandfather clocks" thanks to a song written in 1875 by Henry Clay Work, an American songwriter & composer. He named the piece "The Grandfather Clock." The popularity of Work's ballad swept the nation, and by the early 1880s the long case clock was known as the "grandfather clock." We are like those clocks. Sometimes we need "winding up" so that we can be faithful witnesses to the correct time. -T. Merrill



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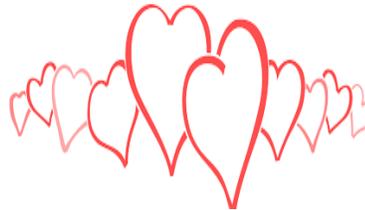
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Benny Welch III	15	Katie Ellen	7
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# 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk...*

Jesus says, "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who wait for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks." (Luke 12:35-36)

365 or so days ago, everything changed. A pandemic, national & local shutdowns, school closings, virtual everything, mail-in & early voting, no Sunday School, no VBS, no homecoming, limited worship services, video worship services, zoom, masks everywhere - worst of all, *no coffee hour!!* I keep going back to what a doctor friend of mine said back then: "We're living through history right now." If only it were a cookies & cream sort of history instead of this Covid & 2020 sort.

Sadly, we don't get to choose our little bit of history - but we do get to choose how we'll live through it. Jesus once told a story about some people in an anxiety-filled situation. They were servants, waiting for their long-overdue master. He was running badly late from a feast, and they were stressed out, worn out, and ready to give out. For all they knew, he might turn up at 10, or at 2, or maybe not even until 6 in the morning! They didn't know when he would get there - they just knew he was coming, and he expected them to be waiting for him. Literally and figuratively, these servants were in the dark about where their master was and when he was going to show up. And that was the worst part. They needed to be ready to open the house for him, to feed him, all the while keeping watch over their master's house to protect it from thieves. Talk about a long night!

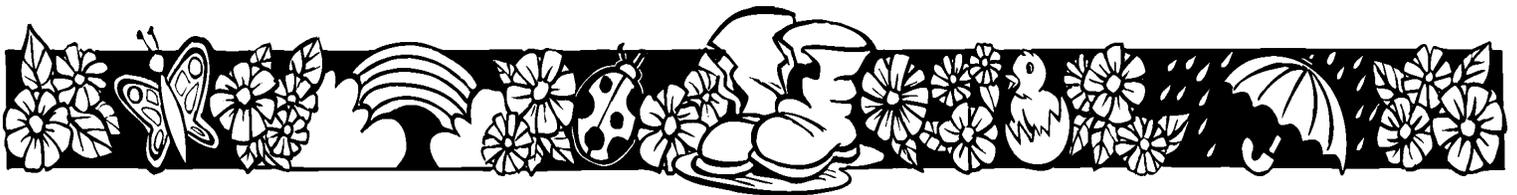
What is Jesus telling us?

365 or so days ago everything changed - except for the fact that more than 1,980 years ago everything already changed for the BEST!! Hey, brothers & sisters, we're in the season of Lent. Brothers & sisters, we're already getting ready for our annual celebration of Jesus' death & resurrection. Brothers & sisters, we're living in *Anno Domini* - our Lord's Year. Brothers & sisters, Jesus is coming back one day, sooner today than ever before in history! And nothing will upend, upset, or upstage God our Father's plan to send Jesus back for us. Jesus is telling us to keep our lamps lit. To keep our fire going. To keep looking up in eager expectation that today might be that Day. To keep waiting for our Master to come home in glory and triumph, for His trumpet to sound. To keep waiting and anticipating - but not with stress. Oh no. Jesus wants us to wait for His return with eager anticipation.

We're not waiting on some human master to come back, grumpy and drunk. We're not waiting on some nobody. We're waiting for the King of kings, the Lord of lords. We're waiting, as Dr. Kistemaker points out, for the Lord who, when we open the door for him, will come in, will dress us in his own robes, will set us at His and His Father's table, and will eat with us, and we with Him forever & ever. We're waiting on Jesus.

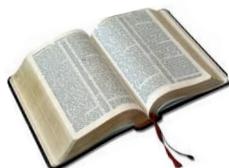
Brothers & sisters, until He gets back, I pray for you in His name that He will bless you, that He will fill you with all His joy - joy that shakes Heaven because He saved you!

Blessings-Pastor Chris



**March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures**

**For so they persecuted the Prophets...**



7<sup>th</sup>:  
14<sup>th</sup>:  
21<sup>st</sup>:  
28<sup>th</sup>:

part 8  
part 9  
part 10  
part 11

Revelation 1:12-20  
Revelation 5:6-14  
Revelation 13:1-10  
Revelation 19:11-21

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

Happy March! We slowly seem to be crawling out of the depths of COVID and it has been exciting to see our attendance slowly increase back at Church and see some new (albeit becoming familiar) faces in the pews. The Session has been working away on a number of items, the main being that of repairing the large, stained-glass window on the "Hardees" side of the Sanctuary. We've just approved work to be done to stop the moisture intrusion and repair the stained-glass, and we anticipate that occurring in the next two months. The sheer amount of rain we've received this year has not helped the situation, and if you've looked recently, the interior beneath the stained-glass is really getting worn, so this work really needs to take place sooner rather than later. In additional news, we plan on re-implementing nursery for the month of March and continuing forward. Gwen and I are getting together a nursery calendar and it will look/feel the same as pre-COVID with the kids going over subsequent to the Children's Sermon. Virginia and I have both received two vaccine shots, so given that, we'll serve as the nursery workers for the 1st 2 weeks to get things rolling. We are not starting back Sunday School yet, the nursery will simply be during worship service.

If there is anything the Session can do for anyone, please do let us know!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

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MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,605.24
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$26,077.59
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<b><u>Non-Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses</u></b>	
<b>(Memorial, Building, &amp; Cemetery Funds)</b>	
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YTD Income received:	\$1,620.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66

**World Day of Prayer**  
**Friday, March 5th**  
**Please keep our Community, Country & World in your prayers, as we celebrate symbolic solidarity around the world! This year is particularly important with all the complications and disruptions due to the coronavirus**



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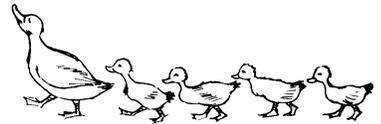
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Bo Simon	2	Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Louise McCutchen	3	Melinda Atkinson	3
Carol Latimer Finethy	4	Kerry W. Frazier	3
Emmett Kerr	5	Dot Cothran (100th!)	4
Katie Ellen	7	Kathryn Welch	4
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William Corbett	9	Doris Bell	14
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# APRIL 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk...*

*“There is only one Physician – Very flesh, yet Spirit, too; Uncreated, and yet born; God-and-Man in One agreed,  
Very-Life-in-Death indeed,  
Fruit of God and Mary’s seed; At once impassible and torn By pain and suffering here below:  
Jesus Christ, whom as our Lord we know.”* - - Ignatius of Antioch, around AD 108

It was fun in March to get to know the risen Christ a little better through the book of Revelation. Wasn't it thrilling to see Jesus, alive and well, brighter than the sun in the midst of John's exile - and in the middle of things in His church? To be reminded of His great work, the Lamb of God slain for our sins and raised for our hope? To hear the roar of heaven and earth, angels and saints: "You are worthy!" And to see our King, the Lord of lords, Ruler of rulers, Jesus the One and Only Christ, ready, willing and able to come back for His church!

Not only was it thrilling, this was important for us as well to know (1) that our Redeemer lives, (2) our Savior did what He said He was going to do, (3) He's got a plan to make all things new, and (4) He is ready to keep that promise He made us in John 14: ***"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself."***

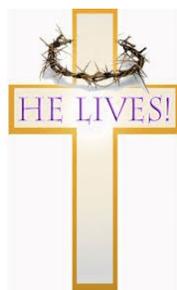
That's good news. That's good news worth sharing. And it all starts with getting to know Jesus a little bit better by letting the Bible show us Jesus.

As your pastor, I wanted us to know Jesus - as the Bible teaches us Jesus, from Genesis to Revelation - because we're living in an age that increasingly ***gets Jesus wrong***. Not only are there false cults and false religions who make Jesus out to be a "holy man" or "prophet" or a created being, a self-made "god", but there's incredible pressure from the secular & atheist world to find the "historical" Jesus - "if he exists at all."

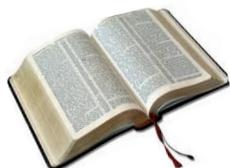
Sadly, these ideas, these errors have found their way into churches all over America. From consumer-driven churches that think Jesus is their key to riches & health, like a Nazarene genie in a bottle, to uber-liberal churches that think of Jesus as that really cool dude who didn't say anything about our pet sins, and you know he'd be cool with what I'm cool with, right? Just as persecution is a real thing, so too are false teachings, false doctrines, false prophecies, and false preachers/teachers.

I don't want you to be confused or led astray. I know Jesus is the One who has saved you and will forever save you - but I want you to know Him as absolutely well as I can possibly help you to know our Savior & Lord. So, starting this month, we're going to be looking at what the Bible teaches us about getting Jesus wrong so that we can do 3 important things: (1) Get Jesus right ourselves. (2) Help other Christians get Jesus right. And (3) Get people who get Him wrong to get Jesus right.

That's what Ignatius was doing with his song, way back in the 100's. It was good work to do then, and it's good work for us now, 1,921 years later. God bless you! Pastor Chris



### April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



1st:	Jesus' Betrayal & Arrest (Maundy Thursday)	John 18:1-12
4th:	It Is Finished (Easter)	John 19:30
11th:		Galatians 2:11 - 3:1
18th:		Matthew 7:15-23
25th:		2 Peter 2:17-22

### NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Happy Easter! I'm sure you can easily recall that this time last year we were beginning to shutter up . . . but now, we're doing the opposite and finally opening back up! It's an exciting time for sure, but we still need to take precautions. The Session is beginning to start to formulate a "normal" schedule and the opening of nursery, these past few weeks, during Church has been as smooth as possible. It's been so wonderful to see an excess of 10 kids at Children's Sermon, so this is just a thrill to see! We will have our Easter Sunrise service and Maundy Thursday service as well in the next few days, as we look forward to this Easter season. We're also looking at summer and vacation bible school. If you have any thoughts/suggestions on activities or out of the box events we may be able to do, please share! Happy Easter everyone!!!

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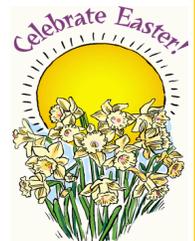


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March 26, 2021

Dear prayer partners and friends,

*"Were the whole realm of nature mine That were a present far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.  
It was on the cross Jesus bled and died It was there he was crucified  
But he rose again, and lives in my heart, Where all is peace and perfect love."*

This is an arrangement I especially enjoy playing from a much beloved hymn. And it is true--What more can I give Him than my all?

Schools in Yucatán are still closed to in person classes but Diego seems to be doing alright. Some of Debbie students have had problems and are feeling depressed so they have begun on Monday nights a time to talk, play games, and have a brief devotional and discussion in small groups. These have been well received and a big hit with the students who are craving social connections that they don't currently have.

The seminary is hopeful it will be able to resume in person classes in August. Even if possible, the four-year theology course will be offered online and in person, hoping to reach more people all over the country and beyond. In June, we will be graduating 7 in theology, 4 in music and 22 in Biblical counseling. Hopefully the youth ministries program can begin once again. Please pray that the Lord would bring more students, both in person and on-line, for the coming school year. There is a great need for this preparation and the seminary is trying to adapt to the current situation as best it can.

The camp governing board met online March 8. Due to some gifts received, we have been able to do some much-needed maintenance and would like to be able to offer the facilities for retreats of 30 people beginning in May. Other money has been set aside for the ongoing legal expenses. So far things are going well. Some camp and government personnel are going to walk the perimeter of the property, 3+ kilometers of beachfront and 6 km in land through swamp that goes through a couple of ranches that are part of the property. This is to validate our claims to the property. Cost will be nearly \$5000 but is necessary to prove our ownership according to our documents. Please continue to pray that this property which, belongs to the Lord, will continue to be used for his glory and to bring many young people into the kingdom.

I was able to get out to a Maya village recently for an ordination and installation service for a good friend. I took my keyboard and the brother who drove me played his trumpet. It was so good to take part in a service, to hear Maya being spoken, to

see the colorful Maya huipiles (Mayan dresses) and see some pastor friends and their wives I have not seen for a while. I am on the list for the vaccine whenever it reaches Merida for the older generation. Then I will feel a little safer about leaving my home and going out to the villages again. My church is not open yet to worship in person but I enjoy participating with several church's online services, both in English and Spanish.

I am grateful for the Lord's provision and protection in these months and I hope that you have found him faithful as well. Easter is right around the corner and that is the hope that sustains and strengthens us each and every day. May you find much joy and encouragement as you celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

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

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

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Wyoming, MI 49519

## When your plans get interrupted...

As I was finishing my time at Lugoff Elgin High school and about to head home, I saw a lady frantically rustling through her backpack as she stood by her car. She was a substitute teacher and it was obvious she couldn't find her car key at the end of her day. I volunteered to help... she even allowed me to search her backpack. All was in vain. She had already re-traced her steps through the school, but I encouraged her to walk the halls again. I offered to walk with her, as an extra set of eyes. (Note: I'm the "finder" person in our house). So, we walked the halls, all the way through the gym and back, but again all was in vain. We returned to the parking lot and looked under cars... and even when several cars left, there was no trace of the key. Since it was her only key, she called her husband and a tow truck and began to make plans.

I decided to walk through the school again, this time by myself. As I went through the gym, the girls' basketball team had started their practice. I introduced myself to Coach Duncan and explained who I was and what I was doing. **As we talked briefly, it hit me. It was no accident that I was in the gym and they were practicing.** I was there to do more than just look for keys. Her eyes lit up when I asked her if she would like for me to speak to her team, since she was thinking the same thing.

So, we gathered at center court for a few minutes and I shared my testimony and challenged them with the gospel. Coach Von Duncan was grateful that I stopped by and I'm sure that I'll get to connect with them again.

The feedback that I got from Coach Duncan was very encouraging. The girls said that they could relate to my own testimony, as I shared how I may have been in church when I was their age but was guilty of just going through the motions. I concluded by sharing about surrendering to Christ and giving my life to Him.

I heard Chuck Swindoll say that he would often tell his secretary that he would be busy preparing his ministry messages and didn't want to be interrupted. But the Lord eventually taught him that oftentimes, the "interruptions" were his ministry.



Lugoff Elgin Girls Basketball Team



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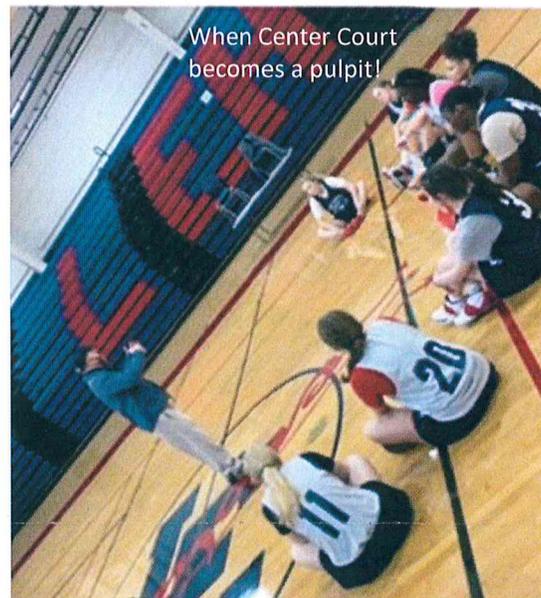
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<https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>

### Coach Duncan's FaceBook post...



Von Duncan  
Feb 4 · 🌐

Today was rough to say the least, but God always delivers and reminds us of what's important. As I waited for the girls to finish their warmup stretches in walks this guy who was helping a substitute look for her keys. He introduced himself and said he was from FCA. As we chatted, I told him we use the FCA online devotion during pregame team time and just as I had the thought of asking him to speak to the girls, he asked me. I just smiled and said of course. So glad Mr. Carroll Baker was sent our way today. The girls and I are grateful for his message and prayers.



We just never know why we cross paths with certain people, even for a few minutes. Why are we so often interrupted? Why is that server at the restaurant so distracted? Why is this line so long?

Maybe... just maybe it's a God ordained opportunity to share His incredible love and forgiveness, even if you're a little late getting home!

Carroll + Pam

## ***Keep praying for Pam***



In the past few months, Pam began to struggle again. As I could tell her mobility and memory had slipped, our surgeon ordered a CTSCAN in Charleston in early February. While the scan was clear, he ordered a Lumbar Puncture on March 2 to take out spinal/Brain fluid. That gave her some temporary relief, which is indicative that the shunt is not working properly and may need to be replaced. The relief was short lived which was expected, and on March 8, she was struggling again. This really concerned our Neurosurgeon's team. By late afternoon, Pam, Michaela, and I, headed to MUSC to go through the emergency room. After a long night, and an MRI, another CTSCAN and EKG, we were relieved to know that was no bleeding

We left the hospital at 2:30 AM and decided to spend the night in Charleston. In the meantime, our Zac took a redeye flight to Charleston and we picked him up on the way home. He's been working remotely anyway, so he's been here with us and continuing to work. He's been a big help this week, especially since he loves to cook!

As I write, we are scheduled for shunt replacement surgery on April 9<sup>th</sup>, with the hope of being able to be bumped up if there are any cancelations.

I will try to update you with a text or email. Let me know the best way to communicate any prayer requests to you. Gathering emails and cellphone numbers has been a work in progress!

Also, Pam's birthday is April 1, no fooling! I know she will be surprised with lots of birthday cards!

This is amazing. I was about to begin folding and stuffing our newsletters when I got the call... Pam's surgery has been rescheduled for March 26th! **Carroll**  
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# The Scroll

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# 2021

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### *May Elders-On-Call*

**Bert Cousar & Matt Bramlett**

### COVID SERVICE SCHEDULE

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### Business Office Hours

9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)  
Unless otherwise noted

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: *‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy’* (Acts 2:16-18, emphasis mine).

Why do we have Sunday School?

As we get ready to dive back into a more “normal” year, as we celebrate our 1st anniversary “back” to church, I think it’s a great time for us to answer this question. It’s time to think about why we do what we do - and to be deliberate about that answer. Are we having Sunday School because “that’s what we’ve always done”? Are we doing Sunday School because the Baptists & Methodists & whoever else are doing it? Or does this - could this part of our church be something incredible & incredibly important to both our individual faith & our growth as a church?

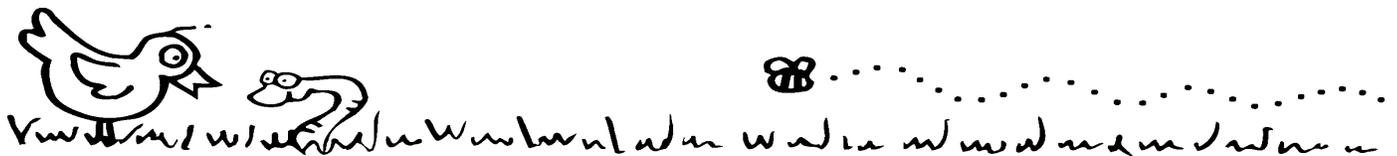
Well, I preloaded that answer, didn’t I? Without getting into the long history of Sunday School, or even our own church’s history of Sunday School, let’s think about the purpose - the “why” - of Sunday School. And that brings us to Acts 2:16-18, to Peter’s sermon on Pentecost. When Peter addresses the 1000s of new members of Jesus’ church, he reminds them - and us - that one of the longest-standing promises of the Bible is that God will pour out. His Spirit - the Holy Spirit - on every person who makes up his church. Rich, poor, white, black, brown, men, women, young & old, God has & is pouring out the Holy Spirit on us, the Church.

So what does that mean? If God is pouring out the Spirit on all of us Jesus-followers, then we all have an obligation to understand, to lean into, to trust in the Holy Spirit. We all have an obligation to understand & use the gifts the Spirit empowers & enables in us, we all have an obligation to grow & nourish the fruits of the Spirit in our lives, we all have an obligation - as the Spirit-filled church we are - to know & understand the Holy Spirit. Nothing better equips & educates us on the Spirit than the Spirit’s best-known work: The Bible.

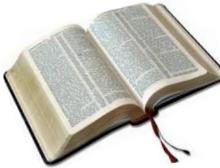
And so Sunday School is that place where we learn together from the Bible. Young & old, rich & poor, “educated” & “street-smart” alike, we can learn from each other as we learn & study the Bible together. Sunday School is like the bike with training wheels, the bowling lane with bumper guards, the plate with the steak already cut up and a glass of milk alongside. Sunday School is where we can discuss with other believers the questions atheists & pagans ask us. Sunday School is where we can learn from others’ experiences how to deal with our own issues. And Sunday School is where we can challenge & provoke & grow with each other - to knock ourselves out of those seasons of Christian stagnation we all can slip into. Sunday School is that place where the iron of our faith can sharpen—and be sharpened by—the iron of our Christian brothers & sisters.

So what’s the bottom line?

As Granny Parnell used to sing, “Come to Sunday School, come to Sunday School - every Sunday morning, come to Sunday School.” God bless you - and see you there! - Pastor Chris



### May Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

	2nd:	<i>Practice. Prayer. Fast.</i>	Matthew 6:1-18
	9th:	<i>Today’s trouble’s enough</i>	Matthew 6:19-34
	16th:	<i>3 Questions, 2 Gates</i>	Matthew 7:1-14
	23rd:	<i>A House on the Rock</i>	Matthew 7:15-29
	30th:	<i>A Day to Remember</i>	Psalms 149

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

Happy May! What a beautiful and wonderful Easter we had. The Session would like to thank all of those who made everything happen, which included the Maundy Thursday Service, Easter Egg Hunt and provided-lunch, the Sunrise Service, and of course Easter Worship. We had a wildly-crowded Sanctuary on Easter Sunday which was beautiful to see, and the Church continued to take reasonable measures as to COVID and the like. We continue to see increased numbers at Worship and to that point, a significant increase in children under 10 years-old. The re-opening of the nursery has gone off without a glitch, and to those able, please let Gwen know if you can volunteer at any point. Along those lines, the Session has continued discussion in re-starting Sunday School. At the last Session meeting, we decided to begin Sunday School on May 2nd, at 9:00 am and Worship will continue to be at 10:00 am. To keep reasonable measures in place, as to COVID, the intention is to have one large SS class (vs separate classes) and have the nursery available for the children. Once that one large class wraps up around 9:45 am we'll simply transition to the Sanctuary for Worship. We'll likely have this large SS class in the education building and/or Fellowship Hall. Please bear with us as we'll need some fluidity given we don't know how many people will come and thus the location may need to be somewhat mobile. Nonetheless, the Session felt it appropriate to begin the process of moving back to normalcy. We all thank you so much for the support this Easter season and may God continue to bless you and the Bishopville Presbyterian Church.

If there is anything the Session can do for anyone, please let us know!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**  
**Next Session Meeting: June 13th, after Church**

**MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
**\*Bert Cousar & Matt Bramlett**  
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**Sunday School begins on May 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

**Congregational Meeting**  
**Elder Election c/o 2024**  
**Date: TBD**  
**2021 Elder Nomination Committee**  
**Ray Drayton & Gregg McCutchen, Chairs**  
 If you wish to serve as a committee member, please contact a committee chair or the Church office  
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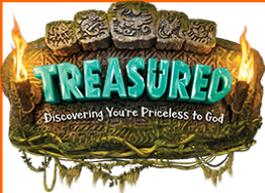
<b>April 2021 Statistics</b>	
<b>Worship Attendance Average: 58</b>	
<b><u>Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses (operating)</u></b>	
MTD Income received:	\$10,416.55
YTD Income received:	\$56,885.60
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$70,508.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,307.43
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$57,324.11
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$69,036.00</b>
<b><u>Non-Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses</u></b> (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$750.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,820.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66



**BPC Nursery Schedule**

MAY	NURSERY
2nd	Jennifer Cooper
9th	Cindy Welsh
16th	Andrea McCutchen
23rd	
30th	

Parents/Grandparents of small children are urged to volunteer. There's a sign-up sheet in the Bell Tower room, if you are interested in helping, or contact office



**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**Monday - Wednesday**  
**JUNE 21st - 23rd**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Ages 2-Adult, Nursery & supper provided**  
**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**

**Please register through our Facebook page or by email before June 15th**

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- ♦ All 5th Sunday's, all loose gifts will go into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund. Please note "Kids4Christ" on all gifts outside of this timeframe

**Please make all checks payable to BPC**



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**  
**Jewish Voice Ministries**

Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room. Please grab one and help us with the Jewish Voice Ministries. These funds will help new Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe

**Local Family in crisis**

The Kids for Christ are collecting donations to help the family of 11 yr. old Krystal Speziale, who has been @ MUSC for weeks, after receiving a heart transplant. If you wish to help, please note K4C-heart on all donations. Make checks payable to BPC

**Thank you to all who are participating**

# Happy Birthday May June

Madison Bramlett	7	Harrison Blake Smith	4
Zeke Gaskins	7	Stephen Welch	6
Hank Welch	8	Dwayne Sweatman	7
Jimmy McCutchen	13	Ray Drayton	8
Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13	Cameron McElveen	10
Beth McCutchen	17	Conner Welch	13
Nicholas Jeffords	23	Lacie McElveen	14
Ricky McCutchen	23	Rev. Chris Parnell	14
Katherine Folsom	25	Jenny McCutchen	15
Virginia Kerr Beard	28	Marsha McCutchen	16
Debbie Tindal	28	Hugh Tindal III	16
Tim Kirven	31	Katherine Dickinson	17
		Patrick Jeffords	23
		Patricia Latimer	25
		Liz Simon	25
		Isaac Bailey	29



**2021 Flower Calendar**

**MAY**

9th: Lila Mae Welsh Family  
 16th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
**2nd, 23rd & 30th: OPEN**

**JUNE**

6th: William Welsh Family  
 13th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family  
**20th & 27th: OPEN**

**JULY**

4th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 11th: Harriett Watson Family  
**18th & 25th: OPEN**

**AUGUST**

1st: Bert Cousar  
 8th: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
 15th: Bill Welsh Family  
**22nd & 29th: OPEN**

**SEPTEMBER**

12th: William Watkins  
 19th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
**5th & 26th: OPEN**

Please contact the Church office if you would like to use one of the OPEN dates above (preferably by email). Calendar runs Sept-Sept

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

- Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence  
**Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin  
**Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte  
**Hugh Tindal** @ his home  
**Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home

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**Bishopville, SC 29010**

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**2021 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**

**May 26th - 31st**

**June 9th - 14th**

**June 30th - July 6th**

**August 18th**

**September 6th & 29th**

**October 11th**

**November 24th - 29th**

**December 22nd - 28th**



Please contact office to update any pertinent information to our records (pref. by email)

## Baccalaureate Service

**Sunday, May 16th, during Worship**

We will honor our graduating high school seniors with the traditional presentation of a Bible. Graduates (HS & College) and Honor Marshals are asked to wear graduation attire

### *c/o 2021 High School Graduates*

#### **Devin Michelle Atkinson**

Graduated Lee Academy, plans to attend Clemson University  
Daughter of Reese & Melinda Atkinson

HS Awards: Student Council President 8th - 10th & 12th grades, Student Council VP - 11th grade, All Region Tennis 2020, member of Beta, FCA, Block L, Anchor clubs

#### **Sidney Marie Easters**

Graduated Hartsville High School, plans to attend Clemson University, majoring in Nursing  
Daughter of Kim & Aaron Easters  
Granddaughter of Marie Brown & the late Herbert M. Brown and the late Elizabeth & Owen Easters

#### **Aidan John Christopher Hilditch**

Graduated Thomas Sumter Academy, plans to attend USC, Sumter, majoring in Pre-Law  
Son of Christopher & Susan Latimer Hilditch  
Grandson of John & Patricia Latimer  
HS Awards: Honor Society

#### **Joshua Brian Kirven**

Graduated Lee Academy, plans to attend Clemson University, majoring in Business  
Son of Tim & Missy Kirven  
Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen, and Anne & Gary Tyner

#### **Cameron Bryce McElveen**

Graduated Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina  
Son of Will & Jill McElveen  
Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen, Gene & Theresa Walters, and Ann Winfrey

#### **Brooke Ashytn Welch**

Graduated Lee Academy, plans to attend Charleston Southern University, majoring in Nursing  
Daughter of Benny & Wendy Welch  
Granddaughter of Hank & Kathryn Welch, and David & Joyce Perdue  
HS Honors: Palmetto Girl's State Delegate 2020, Girl Scouts Bronze & Silver, Student Council Vice President 11th & 12th grade, Outstanding Senior

#### **Stephen Conner Welch**

Graduated Lee Academy, plans to attend Francis Marion, majoring in Mechanical Engineering  
Son of Stephen Welch and Anna Anderson  
Grandson of Hank & Kathryn Welch

### *c/o 2021 College Graduates*

#### **Mary Ellen Gaskins**

Graduated Clemson University, May 7th, majored in Agribusiness  
Daughter of Bill & Meredith Gaskins  
Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen  
Awards: GPA 3.0+

**Please email the Church Office no later than May 24th of HS/College student/teacher awards/honors for the June SCROLL**

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

On May 17, 1980, in Lowndesville, SC, my father Carl preached Matthew 19, verses 13-16: *Then children were brought to Him that He might lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And He laid his hands on them and went away. And behold, a man came up to Him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"*

Now, you might be wondering how I know, with such accuracy when & where my dad preached. I know this because I have a Bible that my grandfather, Pete, owned. My grandfather diligently kept a record of every person who preached, when they preached, and what passage they preached in that Bible from 1976 until sometime in 1983. All while filling in every letter "o" in the text like some fill-the-bubble test.

As I think about Fathers' Day, and the legacy my own father, grandfathers, even father-in-law have left me, I can't help looking at this text in Matthew - a text about Jesus, children, the kingdom of heaven, and a text that my dad thought best to teach with that question hanging there at the end: *"What good thing must I do to have eternal life?"* He's asking how to get to heaven. He's asking how to be good enough, how to be sure enough, how to be saved enough to make it to heaven. How do we get to heaven?

And there, in Jesus' interaction with these children, is our answer. *"To such,"* Jesus himself says, *"belongs the kingdom of heaven."* In another place Jesus says it more clearly: *"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."* So what does He mean? What is this child-like (not a childish) faith?

To understand child-like faith, we need to understand children. As a father myself, one of the greatest joys, difficulties, struggles, and victories in my life is working to understand and appreciate my children. It helps me to remember my own, shall we say, "rambunctious" childhood and what my own father went through. When we look at children, when we see and appreciate how they approach the world around them, and when we take what we learn from how children approach the world around them, we learn something incredible from Jesus about faith.

Children are always growing; our faith should be growing. Children are always learning; our faith should be learning. Children are always trusting someone; our faith should be trusting the One. Children are always pushing boundaries; our faith should be pushing our boundaries. Our faith should be child-like. To be childish is to be stagnant, static, locked in an immature moment in time. To be child-like is to be exploring, creating, enjoying, playful, energetic, joyful and trusting.

What good thing must I do to have eternal life? I must learn to have a child-like faith in the One and only Hope, Jesus Christ. I must learn to be a child-like - growing, learning, leaning - follower of God. I must know that I have a Father - and I must know my Father's deep, unending love.

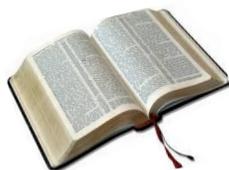
I don't remember May 17, 1980, so I can't help but wonder - is this what my own father taught the church that day? And I can't help but wonder - did his father, sitting there in the pews, look at him and smile like I am, just thinking about that moment so long ago? I think he did.

God bless you - and Happy Fathers' Day! Pastor Chris



### June Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

6th:	<i>Divided</i>	Mark 3:20-35
	CH (LTC) Jennifer Cooper	
13th:	<i>the Branch</i>	Isaiah 3:18-4:6
20th:	<i>the Song</i>	Isaiah 11:10 & 12:1-6
27th:	<i>the Motivation</i>	Isaiah 24:1-16

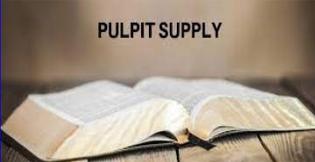


**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

Happy June! I cannot believe we're already in the summer of 2021, but then, I walk outside and believe it! And while it has been hot outside, Church activities are heating up too. We've kicked-off Sunday School, which has been very positive and seems to be working quite well. Folks on the Session have also been feverishly planning for Vacation Bible School which we'll host this year from June 21-23. We'll need all hands on deck not just for these dates, but planning too. If there is anything you can assist with, please do let Cindy and/or those on the Session know. We'll be doing all we can to implement reasonable COVID measures yet still have a meaningful Bible School. We also anticipate beginning work on the "Hardees" side of the sanctuary for repairs to the large-stained glass window. We don't have an absolute date yet set for work to begin but should have that relatively soon, and are hopeful to get that tackled in June. It will not impact Church services. The Session will continue to keep everyone in prayer and if there is something we can do for you, please do let us know!

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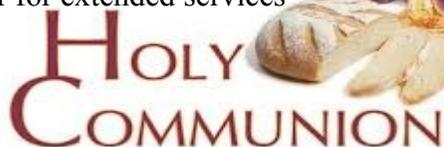
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**CH (LTC) Jennifer Cooper, EPC Teaching Elder & Chaplain @ Ft. Jackson, SC, will fill our pulpit on June 6, 2021, while Chris is out**



**3rd Qtr Communion**  
**July 4, 2021 (or 11th)**  
 Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services. Please contact the pastor or an Elder for extended services



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

**May 2021 Statistics**  
**Attendance Average's**  
**Worship: 51 Sunday School: 20**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$16,834.55
YTD Income received:	\$73,720.15
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$88,135.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$16,055.60
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$73,379.71
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$83,933.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$800.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,620.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66



**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** will be administered to **Andi Marie Hyman**, daughter of Keith & Brittany Hyman and granddaughter of Reese & Melinda Atkinson on **June 20, 2021**

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Ray Drayton	8	Nick West	8
Cameron McElveen	10	Kim Easters	11
Conner Welch	13	Betsy Bramlett	12
Lacie McElveen	14	Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Rev. Chris Parnell	14	Avarie Easters	14
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*Thank You*



*for your Kindness*

**THANK YOU**

Bishopville Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the gorgeous Bible. I can't wait to carry it with me as I enter college and the rest of my life. I would also like to thank every member of the Church for being there for me through prayer. It has been a pleasure to grow physically and spiritually in such a beautiful Church. I am forever grateful for each one of you. Love, Brooke Welch

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### *July Elders-On-Call*

**Perry McCutchen & Charlie Ipock**

### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

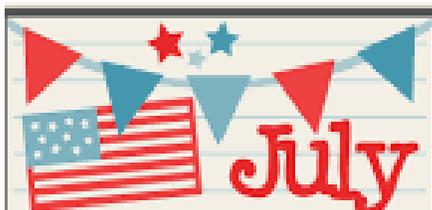
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Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



# 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk...*

Colossal: “co·los·sal /kə'läsəl/ adjective - extremely large. Ex. colossal amount of;. Synonyms: huge, massive, enormous, gigantic, very big, very large, great, giant, mammoth, vast, cosmic, immense, tremendous, mighty,” etc. (from the Oxford online dictionary)

Colossae: “ten miles east of Laodicea, was a center for dyed red wool. Although wealthy in the late fourth century BC, it was later eclipsed by Laodicea. The churches in Laodicea, Hierapolis, and Colossae (the oldest of the three cities) were begun by Epaphras . . . Colossae, where Philemon hosted the house church.” (from the Baker Bible Dictionary)

Colossians: One of the Apostle Paul’s so-called “prison letters” (Acts 27-28), written at the same time as Philemon & Ephesians, along with a lost letter to the Laodicean church. It was carried by Onesimus, a slave who had fled his master Philemon. Probably written around 62 AD (more than 1,710 years before the USA was founded!!).

Why am I sharing all this information? Because, starting on July 4, 2021, we are jumping into the colossal little book of Colossians!

One of the things I learned growing up is that our nation, the United States, was first founded by men & women who sought freedom, independence, and self-reliance. I learned that freedom-loving men & women fought and bled to make us free; that later generations sought to keep us free; and that even later generations would fight our bloodiest war to undo the institution of slavery that, for nearly a hundred years previous, tainted that freedom. And I learned July 4 was the day on which we celebrated the birth, preservation, and recommitment of this nation - a nation that has had a colossal impact on the course of history.

And, one of the most important things I learned was that our freedoms - freedom of worship, freedom of association, freedom of press, freedom of redress, freedom from unwarranted prosecution, and freedom from cruel punishment - stemmed from a philosophy rooted in teachings like that in Colossians 3:11-14: *“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*

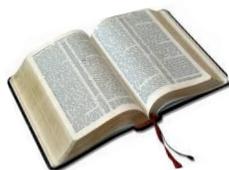
Do we always get it right? No - that’s why we need humility & patience. Do we have black stains on our history? Yes - that’s why we need to practice forgiveness & kindness. Do we have a glorious blend of peoples? Yes - that’s why we love; and that’s why we need to preach Christ always.

So this Independence Day, let’s celebrate our identity as Americans, but more than that, let’s embrace and preach and live our identity in Christ. Let’s show our nation - in all its colossal wonder - the wonder of the Colossal freedom Jesus is and gives us. Let’s show what perfect harmony can be!

God bless you & God bless America! Pastor Chris



**July Sunday Sermons & Scriptures**



4th:  
11th:  
18th:  
25th:

*Colossal*  
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**Colossians 1:1-14**  
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**Colossians 2:1-15**  
**Colossians 2:16-23**

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

Happy July! First of all, on behalf of the Session and our congregation, I would like to thank each and every person that helped plan, teach, set-up, break-down, worked, fed, etc... to create such a fabulous Vacation Bible School! We had a tremendous amount of positive feedback for all who attended and/or had their children here. Great job! The Sanctuary stained glass window project has been pushed back, but we hope to have it done and over with before long.

We are in the process of repairing some issues to our sound system, in the Sanctuary, and when that is done we will be offering recorded sermons to those who ask for them

The Session is still deliberating over resuming our Family Night Suppers. We will re-address this issue at our August meeting

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**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

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**3rd Qtr Communion**

**July 11, 2021**

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**July Communion Elders**

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**(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)**

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Nick West	8	Edie Varn	8
Kim Easters	11	Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
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Gregg McCutchen IV	12	Steven Frazier	12
Avarie Easters	14	Grayham Geddings	13
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## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

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Custodian: Melinda Atkinson  
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

*From the Pastor's Desk...*

**Genesis 1:16, *And God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars.***

When I was a little boy, my cousin & I used to stay up late on Friday nights, lay out on the trampoline, and look at the stars. Some nights we'd watch thunderstorms, far off and silent, some nights we'd look up at the moon, but every night - especially during the summers - we'd look up at the stars. Where my parents live, on the edge of Abbeville & Anderson counties, far off from any city or town, you could look up and see millions & millions of stars. I didn't know their names back then, and I couldn't recognize any constellations beyond the Big & Little Dippers, but I knew they were stars, galaxies, the Milky Way, all shining brightly up there.

I love the stars. I grew up with Star Wars and Star Trek and Doctor Who, I had spaceships and astronauts as toys, and my favorite games are about flying among the stars. Even to this day I spend some of my free time playing *No Man's Sky* on our family's PS4. So imagine my delight, after Jesus saved me, to see and hear how the Bible talks about these things we call stars.

In Genesis, we see how God made the stars - and why. In Genesis 1:14 God said, "***Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.***" Later in Genesis God promises Abraham repeatedly that his family will be as countless as the stars in the sky or the sand on the shore.

In Deuteronomy 4:19 Moses warns against worshipping the stars because "***that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.***" In Judges 5:20 Deborah sings praises to God at the defeat of Sisera the Canaanite, "***From heaven the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera.***" In Job 38:7 God himself asks Job if he had heard the sound "***when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?***" And, in Psalm 147:4, as the psalmist is calling on the Church to "Praise the Lord!" he writes that God "***determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.***"

In his children's adventure *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, CS Lewis wrote about a boy named Eustace meeting a star and telling him that in his world - in our world - a star is nothing more than a "a huge ball of flaming gas." The star seems to chuckle in Lewis' voice as it replies, "Even in your world, my son, that is not what a star is but only what it is made of." To that, I say Amen! The Bible tells us the stars were made and named by God himself. The stars worshipped God, singing to Him at creation - something they still do today! (check out <https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/news/1516/symphony-of-stars-the-science-of-stellar-sound-waves/> to find out how science yet again helps us appreciate the Bible!)

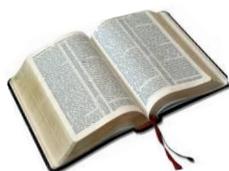
"***Their voice goes out through all the earth,***" Psalm 19:4 says, echoing Deuteronomy 4, "***their words to the end of the world.***" The stars help us to appreciate, to worship, and to enjoy the God who made them and named them - the same God who made us and names us after the name of Jesus our Savior

So take some time tonight, if you can (and the clouds cooperate): Go out and look at the stars. See the constellations God has bound together. Listen - listen closely! Hear the music of the heavens and know the Lord God, He is good!

God bless you all, Pastor Chris

\*all scriptures quoted, are from the English Standard Version (ESV) Crossway, 2001

### **August Sunday Sermons & Scriptures** **"Colossal Series"**



1st:  
8th:  
15th:  
22nd:  
29th:

*Protection*  
*Discipleship*  
*Fellowship*  
*Benediction*  
*Useful*

**Colossians 2:16-23**  
**Colossians 3:1-17**  
**Colossians 3:18 - 4:1**  
**Colossians 4:2-18**  
**Philemon 1:1-15**

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

On behalf of the Session and our congregation, I would like to thank Steven & Debra Welsh for hosting our Annual Picnic on August 15th. We hope you all can join us. The Session would also like to thank Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen for remaining on the Session for another term and we thank & congratulate Eddie Boykin for serving with Bert & Gregg in the c/o 2024

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**change of address**

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 1117 Grove Blvd C#11  
 Florence, SC 29501

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Leila Ethel McCutchen	7	Jeff Varn	8
Edie Varn	8	Betty Heriot	10
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9	Julie Cothran	12
Brittany A. Hyman	11	Caroline Welch	13
Steven Frazier	12	Charlie Ipock	14
Grayham Geddings	13	Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20
Matt Bramlett	15	Suzanne Simon	21
Mary Laney	18	Bert Cousar	22
Jennifer Bailey	22	Lindsay Simon	22
Lydia Conway	22	William Frazier	24
Ernie Muldrow	22	Ansley Nesbit	24
Debra Welsh	25	Patrick Parnell	24
Diane McElveen	26	Crues Bell III	25
Sidney Easters	27	Reese Atkinson	29
Victoria Ipock	28	McCants Lloyd	29
Benji Harrington	30	Wendy Welch	29
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# 2021

### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Joint Sunday School in FH - 9:00 a.m.

w/Light Fellowship & Coffee

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Custodian: Melinda Atkinson

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

*From the Pastor's Desk...*

I wrote this letter to our youth group a few years ago; I meant to share it back then, but it slipped my mind (as things do). It's the answer to a question maybe you've asked - I know I have: Can someone who commits suicide go to heaven?

Steve was a member of my church many years ago. He was one of those guys who grew up in the church but fell away for a few years, and in those years discovered drinking & drugs. His family was one of the families in his church. So, he got sober and tried to put his life back together again. He'd done this before, but he really wanted it this time. He started back at the church and tried not to listen to the mumbles from the people in the pews who knew where he'd been and what he'd been doing. He & I spoke from time to time, but he was pretty guarded about himself. Steve wanted to be like his family. He wanted to be his own man, and he desperately wanted to be respected. The very last time I saw him, we ran into each other in a Dollar General, of all places, and he seemed to be so happy and carefree. Two days later I found out that he'd committed suicide.

Suicide is the taking of one's own life. That's it - and yet that overly simple definition doesn't tell the whole story, not by far. It doesn't tell the whole story for the person who attempted or committed suicide, nor does it tell the story about all the people "left behind." There are no easy answers - just ask a teacher of mine, Dr. Jack Basie, a man with a heart bigger than himself. Famously he was sitting listening to a young pastor explain his views on life & death, and so Dr. Basie asked him, "Can I go to heaven if I commit suicide?" The young man said yes, and Dr. Basie shook his head: "You just lost one."

There are no flippant, easy, one-word answers to the question of suicide. As a pastor, I won't use statements like "it's a coward's way out" or "it's the easy way out" or even "well, if you do it, you'll go to Hell." Why not? Because I've seen with my own eyes, and I understand that conscious suicide - what happened to Steve - is almost always an ultimate symptom of an incredibly painful mental and emotional disease we call depression.

Let me talk about the Fall - Genesis 3 - for a minute. Because of Adam's & Eve's sins, pain and brokenness entered the world, along with death. The Calvinists have a term for it - "Total Depravity". All that means is that every part of humanity - body, soul, mind, & heart - has been affected by sin. Every part of our human existence - our bodies, our souls, our minds, & our emotions - can be broken. Think about Alzheimer's, cancer, broken bones, even COVID. Now think about depression. Depression can happen to anyone, and it ranges in severity from "I have the blues" to "I can't get out of bed, I can't even function." Sometimes it can come from chemical interactions in that organ we call the brain. Sometimes it happens because things go incredibly wrong in our lives. Sometimes it comes with other diseases or issues. Dr. Neil Anderson says, "Depression often signals that you are desperately clinging to a goal you have little or no chance of achieving, and that is not a healthy goal." There are a lot of causes for depression. Because of this, there are many different ways to treat this disease. Sometimes it can be overcome with prayer, and sometimes it needs medicine to fix it. Sometimes, depression can be helped with counseling, or just by knowing you have a friend you can really, truly trust to listen. But far, far too many times, people suffering from depression don't look for help. They're afraid of being labelled broken. They've been told "it's all in your head." They've been told they need "to get thicker skin." They've been told people with mental illness are either "faking it" or "need to be locked up." So they don't get help - and while, in some instances untreated depression can go away, too many times (and in my mind ONE time is too many) people will look for a way out. They'll self-medicate with drugs or alcohol or sex, with trying to "live it up & force myself to be happy" or trying to be a hero. Or they'll decide there is no way out - except the ultimate way.

The Bible is a brutally honest book. There are people who committed suicide in it, and when we look at their stories, we can almost always see what could be depression. Look at Judas Iscariot, depressed by his guilt over betraying Jesus; Ahithophel, depressed by being fired; King Zimri, depressed by losing his kingdom; Samson, depressed by failing God & looking for a last minute redemption. Just like the people we know, the Steves in our lives, these are people who, though they might have seemed "normal" on the outside, were dealing with an impossible goal, an unimaginable pain. They were people who felt like the only escape was to die. The Bible is incredibly honest about what it means to be human, and sometimes, to be human is to hurt. And because of that, we can trust in what the Bible teaches us about depression & suicide. So what does the Bible teach us?

1. That murder (intentionally killing a human being & it not being self-defense or in defense of another person) is a sin. (Exodus 20:13)
2. That sin will be punished by God. (Romans 6:23)
3. That Jesus paid the price for all the sins of the people who believe in him - past, present & future. (John 3:16, Romans 8:38)
4. That emotions - even "negative" emotions like anger or depression - are not sins, but what we do with them might be. (Ephesians 4:26)
5. That we Christians are called to help each other deal with our emotions, especially sadness & depression. (Galatians 6:2, Matthew 5:4)
6. That sometimes we will face more than we can bear; the Bible makes no promise whatsoever that we won't therefore it is not weakness to need & ask for help! (1 Thessalonians 5:11, Colossians 3:13, Ephesians 4:32)
7. That Jesus himself desires to help those who feel they have no other options and are loaded with more than they can bear - so he helps us help them. (Matthew 11:28-30)

So, as your pastor, here's the bottom line: Jesus can & does forgive any & all sins - including suicide. No true Christian's life - both their life here & their eternal life - should be defined by a single sinful decision. HOWEVER! Jesus calls on us to not despair, nor to give into despair or depression. That means we're called to help each other, and - here's a much scarier thought - to depend on each other for help. You are not alone! You've got Jesus, you've got the Holy Spirit, and you've got your church: me, your elders, your friends, your family. We are here for you. I am here for you. The saddest part of Steve's story is that he & I never got to know each other well enough for him to know he could trust me with his secret hurt, or for me to realize how badly he hurt. I'd only been in North Carolina about a year. He thought he was all alone and had nowhere else to turn, and in a split-second, impulsive decision, looked for the only escape he thought was out there. He wore a mask - a smiling "I've got this" mask. He didn't let anyone see the real Steve and, ironically, was even sadder because no one really knew him. I hope I'll see him again because I know that he was following Jesus; he just stepped off the road a second too long. That's not what I want for any of you, and that's not what God wants for you either - he wants you to know him & trust him always. I hope this is helpful: Pastor Chris

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

We made it through summer too quickly and now Fall is upon us. We continue to pray that COVID subsides, our children remain safe as they begin another school year, and that we pull together during this continued difficult time. We as a Session continue to monitor these goings-on and should you have any questions, comments, or concerns we invite any discussion.

We continue to have success with the interplay between Sunday School and Worship Service and if you have not been able to attend Sunday School, you certainly are invited. We've had a great number of teachers and speakers and have enjoyed hearing from so many voices.

In September we hope to have some visitors and other events, so please check all the calendars & bulletins to stay abreast of those matters.

We had a COVID related delay in repairs to the stained glass window in the Sanctuary, but expect repairs to be completed soon. As a Session we'll continue to pray for all of you and should you need anything from us or the Church, please let us know.

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of the Session**  
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Parents/Grandparents of small children are urged to volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. There's a sign-up sheet in the Bell Tower room, or you may email/call the Church office

**NEW ADDRESSES**

**BJ Kerr**  
**McCoy Nursing Center**  
**207 Chappell Rd #307B**  
**Bishopville, SC 29010**

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**1117 Grove Blvd C#11**  
**Florence, SC 29501**



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**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

- Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence
- BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center**
- Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin
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- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte
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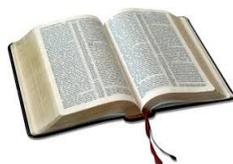
*Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Church picnic, especially the Welsh's for hosting. Everyone had a great time!*

*Thank you to everyone for all the prayers and concerns for our family while in Boston and at home. Covington is recovering from both knee surgeries, remarkably well and Charlie is in physical therapy after his knee injury! In Christ, The Ipocks*

*Thank you to everyone for all the prayers for my family members that were/are suffering from COVID. Everyone seems to be recovering more each day. Gwen Steinmeyer*

**Loose Offering Special Designation Sunday's**

- ♦ All 5th Sunday's, loose gifts, will go into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.
- Please note "Kids4Christ" on all gifts outside of this timeframe & make checks payable to BPC



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- 19th: Exodus 32:1-16**
- 26th: Joshua 6:27 - 7:13**



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August 29, 2021

Dear Prayer Partners & Friends,

This is a quick note asking for your prayers in these coming days for camp Porvenir. You may know that a federal judge, who fraudulently purchased a couple lots on what is legally camp property, is suing our camp board members for unlawfully entering his property and damaging protected native shrubs and plants. He claims we cut the plants down to set up fence posts and prepare for construction. The truth is that he himself, working with corrupt police officials, ordered the fence to be set up to mark his property and the town sheriff is the person whom our board president found doing that work the day he was alerted of a trespasser on our camp property. The sheriff and the judge have joined forces to sue for damages with fabricated evidence. The state agency in charge of the conservation of endangered local species of flora and fauna dismissed the counter evidence we provided on this case as invalid and quickly declared us guilty, imposing a huge fine for repairing the damages. This happened in the months of April and May and we were given a very short amount of time to pay for those damages. We quickly appealed the decision at the federal level, asking for a federal court to intervene and review the evidence before paying any fines.

A federal court hearing has now been scheduled for Monday, September 6th, at 10 a.m. here in the city of Merida. The date for this hearing has been delayed twice because the judges presiding each of the previous times were found to be colleagues with personal ties to the judge who purchased the properties in question. We are praying for a fair hearing and decision on the matter of whether or not we are guilty of the charges brought against us. In the meantime, the owner judge has continued to work on the property preparing to build what we understand will be luxury condominiums on the disputed lots. Although there is a pending investigation and we have requested he be ordered to stop all work on the property until a court ruling is given, no local authority has followed through on this request. If the ruling on September 6th finds us guilty of the charges, our board president and other members specifically named in the lawsuit as trespassers could be sentenced to time in prison as well as being fined. Please pray that God will intervene, that the outcome will bring glory to Him and that His will may be done.

While the legal defense to the charges is being prepared for this penal court hearing, we are also working on an offensive case against all unlawful "owners" of our camp property. We are still awaiting a date for a civil court hearing on that matter which is much broader because it involves owners of about 40 lots fraudulently sold on our property. A favorable ruling on September 6th on the trespassing case would truly help us in the greater civil case yet to be scheduled.

We have good lawyers on both the penal and civil cases, but we know the Lord has the final word on this difficult situation. We ask you to pray with us as things are coming to a head now. This is His camp and His property, we are only caretakers of what has been entrusted to us. We thank you for your prayer support and will keep you informed of the ongoing process and outcomes.

Blessings on your day,  
Jean and Debbie Legters  
(members of Camp Porvenir board)

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WORLD  
COMMUNION

October

2021

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*From the Pastor's Desk...*

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus passed between the regions of Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and cried out: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When He saw them He said, "*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*" And as they went they were cleansed. (Luke 17.11-14)

The most difficult step is the first. Jesus, on the way to Jerusalem and the Cross, cuts across the countryside and finds a village. Just outside this village is a leper camp - and lepers, as we've all been told by preachers since we were little boys & girls, were incurable & untouchable. To touch a leper was to become a leper. And to be a leper was to lose your home, your job, your family, and your comfort. You were a social & literal outcast, unable to do more than shout at non-lepers that heartbreaking cry: "Unclean! Unclean!"

So you can see why these lepers were so desperate to catch the ear of Jesus. They were near enough to town to hear from travelers & townsfolk who threw pennies at them to keep them going, to hear that someone named Jesus had shown up and was "showing out." This Jesus, they heard, controlled wind and storms, this Jesus, they heard, healed little girls and centurions' valets, this Jesus, they heard, fed thousands and thousands with a little boys lunch, this Jesus, they heard, could even raise the dead back to life! And so they cry out, as loud as they could, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

And look at this - Jesus takes them at their word. They call Him "Master" (rightly so), and He immediately masters them. He doesn't say, "Be healed," he doesn't mix dirt and spit, he doesn't touch them, he commands them: "Go and obey the procedures God's Law put in place for just this situation" (referring back to Leviticus 14). He doesn't heal them - at first - He commands them to GO. And so, with visibly leprous hands and feet, still feeling, still smelling, still knowing they are lepers, these men turn and they start on the long road to the priests... And it's only as they go they are healed.

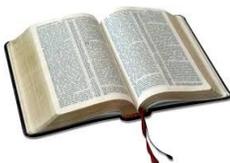
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If we call Jesus "Master" - something we ought to be doing - then we need to let Jesus master us just as much as He masters these lepers. If we call Jesus "Lord" - the Bible tells us so! - then we must let Jesus lord himself over us. If we call Jesus "Savior", if we call Jesus "King", if we call Jesus "our God" - then we need to behave as though Jesus is our God.

This month celebrates the first sparks of the Protestant Reformation, that moment in time when the Church herself had a choice to make - will Jesus be Lord and Savior and Master and King - or will human tradition & thinking? Does Jesus and His Word reign - or do ours? The Reformers found their answers in God's Word, and challenge us to do the same. So they tell us, be like those lepers: When Jesus says "Go," go. When Jesus says "Forgive," forgive. And when Jesus says "Do," do - not for our own sake, or the sake of those for whom we do what Jesus tells us - do for the glory of Jesus the Master. It takes faith. It takes self-sacrifice. It takes Holy Spirit power. The most difficult step is the first -

But it's into Jesus' footsteps we're stepping.

God bless you! Pastor Chris



### October Sunday Sermons

**3rd:** In Christ Alone  
**10th:** By Grace Alone  
**17th:** Through Faith Alone  
**24th:** To God be the Glory  
**31st:** For the Bible Tells Me So

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

This week, I wrapped up reading a book by Tim Keller who in theology circles, is one of the most well-respected Presbyterian thinkers and writers of our age. He has written countless books it seems, and all are well-worth the read. This specific book is entitled *Counterfeit Gods*. In a nutshell, the central premise is recognizing that we all have idols and we must re-focus on God versus those idols. He makes clear that idols do not literally have to be a statue or some other God. Rather, an idol can be a friend, a want, a child, a parent, or even proper theology. Keller describes an idol as anything more important to you than God. So, if you put doctrine before God, it has become an idol. If you put your parent's blessing before God's, it has become an idol.

What idol are you struggling with? What idol is the church struggling with? How can you help the church with that idol? How can the church help you with your idol? God made us in His image, and the church is where we live that out. They each feed another. We as a Session are here for you: to hold your hand, point you in the right direction, to listen. But you are what make the church. If there is some passion you have that you haven't been able to share: come talk to us. If there is something you want to see the church doing: tell us. The same goes for the church as we continue to assist in growing ones faith. In closing, please recall that we are beginning-back our normal 11:00 am worship service preceded by Sunday School. We're excited to get back "on schedule" and look forward to seeing everyone soon!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

**Next Session Meeting: October 10th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**OCTOBER ELDERS-ON-CALL**

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**Finance Committee Meeting  
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To begin working on the 2022 budget**



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October Communion Elders: Ryan & Gregg McCutchen

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YTD Income received:	\$120,060.94
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$158,643.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,834.34
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$144,670.08
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$163,364.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$100.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,520.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
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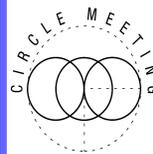


**Men of Church resumes**

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

**Host: Steven Frazier**

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



**PW Circles resumes**

**October Circle Hostesses**

**Night (18th) .....Kathryn Welch**

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# Happy Birthday October November

Jennifer Cooper	1	Ari Dickinson	3
Bayard Huggins	1	Rawlins Crues Smith	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Jerry Adams	4
Sherian McLendon	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Maddie Varn	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Jill McElveen	9
Kent McCutchen	10	Eddie Boykin	10
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We currently have 6-8 students**

# The Scroll

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**We have restarted all of our gatherings (see inside)**



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NOVEMBER



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2021

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*From the Pastor's Desk...* (adapted from a sermon I preached in 2017)

"It's convenient having a preacher in the family - after all, now we don't have to worry about who'll say the blessing."

And I can say, without exaggeration, I've heard that statement (or ones just like it) more than once or twice. I guess having a preacher in the family is like having a doctor or mechanic - you know just who to go to when you need to know about that knocking in your engine, knee, or soul.

So, a few years ago my dad asked me, "Why don't preachers talk about victory anymore? All I hear is how beat up we are by the world & Satan, and how desperate we are. Why don't preachers talk about victory?" I got bothered by that question, because I got to thinking about a lot of sermons I'd been listening to, and a lot of preachers I'd been reading. We did talk a lot about how hard the world is, and we weren't talking about victory. Why was that?

After all, doesn't Paul tell the Corinthians, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory in Christ Jesus"? Doesn't John shout, "The victory that has overcome the world is our faith"? Why aren't we preachers emphasizing Christian victory?

We need to know about victory, not as the world defines it, but as God defines victory - our victory in Christ Jesus. What does the Bible say? Well, as Paul, John & the other apostles tell us, Jesus is the source of our victory. It's like one of Daddy's favorite songs, our victory is in Jesus. So what does Jesus teach us about victory & thanksgiving for that victory? (It's November; we can't help but think about Thanksgiving, right?)

In the Gospels there are 4 times we see Jesus' thanksgiving: (1) When he's preaching about faith in Matthew 11:25-28, (2) When he feeds the 5,000 with 7 loaves & fish in Mark 8:6-8, (3) When he raises Lazarus from death in John 11:41-44, & (4) When he shares what he shares at the Last Supper in Luke 22:14-20.

In Matthew 11, Jesus gives thanks as he gives us a reason to be thankful for a "childlike" faith (& rest) in Him. My daughter used to put herself down for a nap when she was 2. How often, as adults, do we ignore our need for rest - we try & outsmart it. What does rest do for us? It changes our attitude. It gives us strength. It changes our perspective. It can make us easier to be around. It helps us be ready to help. Jesus wants us to live in victory & thanks God that in Him we have true, Sabbath-rest - **and rest is victory!**

In Mark 8, Jesus gives thanks as he gives us a reason to be thankful for a "hungry" faith (& sustenance) in him. My dog, half-chihuahua, half-dachshund and all mouth & stubbornness, will do anything for a treat. She'll hop, she'll dance, she'll sit & roll over. It's amazing what we'll do for hunger, especially a hunger for love. What happens when we take that hunger & give it to Jesus? In Him, our hunger & thirst for God's love will be satisfied. What does satisfaction do in our lives? It makes us work harder. It keeps us going. It makes us want to find others' satisfaction, too. Jesus wants us to live in victory & thanks God that in Jesus we are truly satisfied - **and satisfaction is victory!**

In John 11, Jesus gives thanks as he gives us a reason to be thankful for a victorious faith in him (& his resurrection). My Granddaddy was a hard man. He'd drank, owned a still, shot at people, fought, farmed, cussed, and threatened. Yet, I praise God that in his last days, just like that thief on the cross, he met Jesus, and that in the last days & hours of his life, he started to make things right. That's what faith in Jesus does. It brings dead things to life: Dead relationships, dead families, dead communities, even dead souls. Jesus wants us to live in victory & thanks God that in Jesus we can live - **and living is victory!**

Finally, in Luke 24, Jesus gives thanks as He gives us a reason to be thankful for forgiveness & the Cross. Jesus thanks God his Father that He is about to do the great work of salvation. He thanks God for the broken bread, the poured wine, and the everlasting commitment that God makes to us at Jesus' expense. We can rest in the forgiveness Jesus earns. We are satisfied by what Jesus gives. We live because Jesus wants us to live in victory & thanks be to God that in Jesus we have it - **Jesus is the victory!**

God defines victory through Jesus; Jesus defines victory through faith in him - and for that, even Jesus gives thanks. So let's live that victory in Jesus. Let's live that simple, rested faith. Let's live that satisfaction in knowing our Lord & Savior is our friend. Let's live because Jesus has given us life! Let's live in blessed forgiveness, forgiving & being forgiven in his holy name - and let's live thanksgiving to the One who makes this possible.

Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor Chris



### November Sunday Sermons

7th:	<i>Preparation</i>	<b>2 Chronicles 29:1-11</b>
14th:	<i>Restoration</i>	<b>2 Chronicles 29:20-31</b>
21st:	<i>The One True King</i>	<b>2 Chronicles 30:1-9; 25-27</b>
28th:	<b>First Advent</b>	<b>Psalms 25:1-10</b>

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Happy November! The weather is cooling though things have been heating up here at Bishopville Presbyterian Church. We are getting more and more back to normal and we've enjoyed some Circle's getting back together, a recent Men's Night, and have very much appreciated visits from David Abernathy and some robust Sunday School lessons.

Remember we're collecting Operation Christmas Child items (we need toys, school supplies, personal hygienic, etc.) and Jewish Voice coins through the Kids4Christ, and our PW are hosting the Harvest Banquet in November!

Also, we are currently working towards getting a Youth Choir started! Our aim and hope is to have it situated for a Christmas Special. If you are interested and haven't spoken with me, please reach out as soon as able via text or call at 843-956-7908 so we can have you on the list.

Finally, the work on the large stained-glass window is more or less complete. We have been very pleased with the work performed so when able, please do take a look at the improvements.

The Session is hard at work crafting our 2022 budget as well and should you have any special requests or questions, please do let me or one of the Elders know. Thanks so much and have a wonderful November, see you at Church!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

**Next Session Meeting: November 14th @ 8:30 a.m.**

### NOVEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL

**\*Charlie Ipock & Perry McCutchen**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
**November 7th @ 2:00 a.m.**  
**Don't forget to fall back 1 hour**

**Wreaths Across America**  
**Saturday, December 18th: 11:45 a.m.**  
**BPC Cemetery**  
**Everyone is welcome to attend**



## October 2021 Statistics

**Attendance Average's**  
**Worship: 47 Sunday School: 20**

### Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

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<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$180,447.50</b>
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### Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$100.00
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### Advent Lighter Schedule

- Nov. 28th (1st) Reese & Melinda Atkinson family
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### **Hanging of the Greens Service**

**Sunday, November 28th @ 11:00 a.m.**  
 Come join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sounds of the Advent season.

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#### MAY 2022

**1st, 22nd, 29th: OPEN**  
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# November December

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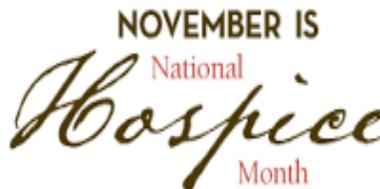
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**From the Pastor's Desk...** Every year, starting in late October, I blow the dust off a special set of DVDs. My wife bakes cookies, we pop corn, and the 5 of us sit in the den to watch Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Peppermint Patty, Marcy & Snoopy manage to turn every major fall & winter holiday into an adventure. It doesn't matter that I've seen these movies since I was a boy, or that our kids are all (mostly) grown up - we do this every year and *love it*. For me, though, my undisputedly favorite of the three (main) "Peanuts" holiday movies is *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Who can't identify with Charlie Brown's lament: ***"Everything I do turns into a disaster. I guess I really don't know what Christmas is all about."***

Who hasn't had great plans go wrong around Christmas? From lost gifts (we're still looking for a chess set we ordered 3 years ago) to lost family members, every year there's something about the holidays that seems to go... well, wrong. There's a reason depression numbers go way up during the holidays. Not only are the days short & nights long, not only are we indoors more than out, but we're expected—whether we know it or not—to make this "the most wonderful time of the year." Think about it: Facebook & Instagram, commercials & retail messaging, if you aren't sitting around that picture perfect table with that photogenic bunch with those immaculate (& needlessly expensive) PJs or clothes, with that brand new car in the drive, that brand new TV on the wall, that brand new phone in your hand...

How can reality compare?

Of course everything looks like & feels like a disaster compared to that. Reality falls far, far short of commercials & social media. And gradually, ever so gently, the reason for Christmas, the joy of Christmas, the hope of Christmas slips away. And so we wail, we wonder, we join Charlie Brown in crying out to the sky, ***"Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?!"***

***"Lights, please..."***



(from "A Charlie Brown Christmas, © 1965)

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:8-14 KJV)*

***"That's what Christmas is all about..."***

Breathe that in... Peace, good will—don't we all need more of that this season? Where does it come from? As Linus tells Charlie Brown, peace, good will, glory to God in the highest, comes from that babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Look to Him. Go to Him. Run like those shepherds to see him. Glorify and enjoy Him, Christ the Lord. Have a blessed & merry Christmas!

And if you need to talk, if you want to know the reason for that hope, call me, text me, email me, and I'll be happy to share.

Merry Christmas! -Pastor Chris



### **December Sunday Sermons**

**5th: 2nd Advent**

**12th: 3rd Advent**

**19th: 4th Advent - Children's Christmas Service**

**26th: Charlie Ipock in pulpit**

**Malachi 3:1-6**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Welcome to Winter! This year has seemed to rush by incredibly fast but hopefully we can all slow down this holiday season to enjoy family and reflect on yet another challenging year. At Bishopville Presbyterian Church, we are trying to facilitate various avenues through which you can do so. Each Sunday in December we have families lighting the advent candles and are thankful for everyone's participation. On December 5th at 6:00 pm, one of our sister churches is having its Christmas Concert at First Baptist. On December 12th, we are excited to ordain and install the Church's newest elder, Eddie Boykin! On December 18th, we invite you to Church for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at 11:45am. If you have never attended this ceremony, it is highly encouraged as Mrs. Retta Tindal does an amazing job organizing the event and laying wreaths on the graves of veterans. The next day, December 19, we are having the Church's children rule the roost during the Sunday Service by having a Children's service! They are planning on singing a few songs (including a special solo) and working through the nativity scene! Charlie Ipock will be filling the pulpit on December 26 so all in all, there is something for everyone this Christmas season! If there is anything the Church or Session can do please do let us know, and take time to remember the reason for the Season!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

**Next Session Meeting: December 12th @ 8:30 a.m.**

### DECEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL

**\*Gregg McCutchen & Ryan McCutchen**  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Elder Ordination/Installation: Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, during worship.** Edward Marion Boykin will be ordained & installed. Bert Cousar and Gregg McCutchen will be re-installed. Please keep all Elders in your prayers

## November 2021 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 51 Sunday School: 15

### Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$14,587.00
YTD Income received:	\$152,067.49
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$193,897.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,157.95
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$169,937.22
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$183,610.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$300.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,920.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66



### December Advent Lighter Schedule

- Dec. 5th (2nd) Charlie & Virginia Ipock family
- Dec. 12th (3rd) Adam & Jen Cooper family
- Dec. 19th (4th) Benny & Wendy Welch family

The PW Circles & Men of Church will resume in January



### Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence
- BJ Kerr** @ McCoy Nursing Center
- Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin
- Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Hugh Tindal** @ his home

**Wreaths Across America**  
 Saturday, December 18th  
 11:45 a.m.  
 BPC Cemetery  
 Everyone is welcome to attend  
 Thank you to Retta Tindal for coordinating this annual event



**Business Office Closed for Holiday**  
 December 22nd - 27th  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



**Angel Trees**  
 The Kid's for Christ are collecting items for Lee County Nursing Homes. Please take a tag off an Angel tree in the tower rooms and leave an unwrapped gift. Deadline for donations is December 19th. Thank you for supporting all their missions

## Sanctuary Flower Calendar



### DECEMBER 2021

5th: 2nd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
 12th: 3rd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
 19th: 4th Advent - Poinsettia Array  
 26th: Renee & Crues Bell

### JANUARY 2022

2nd: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen  
 9th: Steven & Kerry Frazier  
**16th: OPEN**  
 23rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 30th: Carol & Billy Finethy

### FEBRUARY 2022

6th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
 13th: Steven & Kerry Frazier  
**20th: OPEN**  
 27th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

### MARCH 2022

6th: Renee & Crues Bell  
**13th & 20th: OPEN**  
 27th: Steven & Kerry Frazier

### APRIL 2022

**3rd: OPEN**  
 10th: Hugh & Retta Tindal (Palm Sunday)  
 17th: Renee & Crues Bell (Easter Sunday)  
 24th: Sarah McCutchen Family

### MAY 2022

**1st, 22nd, 29th: OPEN**  
 8th: Lila Mae Welsh Family (Mother's Day)  
 15th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

### JUNE 2022

5th: William Welsh Family  
 12th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family  
 19th: Crues & Renee Bell  
**26th: OPEN**

### JULY 2022

3rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 10th: James & Harriett Watson Family  
**17th & 24th: OPEN**  
 31st: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

### AUGUST 2022

7th: Bert Cousar  
 14th: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
 21st: Bill Welsh Family  
 28th: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen

### SEPTEMBER 2022

**4th & 11th: OPEN**  
 18th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
 25th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

Please contact Church office to use an OPEN date (preferably by email) or to change date or be added/removed from running calendar

# Happy Birthday December January

Michael Jeffords	5	Robert McCutchen III	2
Sara Catherine Corbett	6	Ann West	2
Gordon Eckley	8	Rhett Simon Cloyd	3
Becky Crichton	9	Chip Smith	3
Mike Monroe	13	Bill Tindal	3
Janice Reynolds	13	Kody Mills McCutchen	4
Boochie Swearingen	13	Michael Farver	5
Dawn Levers	14	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
Jane Clyburn	22	Ken Cutler	14
Retta Tindal	24	T-Bo Ellen	16
Brooke Welch	24	Carole Scott	18
Wyatt Frazier	28	Ruby Nell Bailey	20
Rena Smith	29	Aidan Hilditch	25
		William Clyburn Ipock	26
		Brooke Harrington	30
		Amber Harrington	30
		Josh Kirven	30
		John Latimer	30



Merry Christmas!!!

Happy New Year!!!

### FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

Circle books are completed and each Circle member should have one, if not, please contact the Office

Email & Postal mail, is checked and acted on, daily as applicable. Please mail donations to:

Bishopville PC

POB 66

Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: All mail sent to our street address will be returned by Post Office



### Business Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 - 6:00

Unless otherwise noted, below

### Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

December 22nd - 27th, 2021 (Wed. - Mon.)

January 3rd, 2022 (Mon.) & 17th, 2022 (Mon.)

April 13th, 2022 (Wednesday)

May 25th - 30th, 2022 (Wed. - Mon.)

June 29th - July 5th, 2022 (Wed. - Tues.)

Please contact office to update any pertinent information to your records (pref. by email)



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You can order through our website, Facebook page, or the unique link below to help support them year round  
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



**Prayer Resources for Students & Faculty**

Prayer & resource guides are available through the Church office (just call during office hours or send an email) or you may [click here to view them online](#)



**Nursery Volunteers Needed**

Parents/Grandparents of small children are urged to volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. There's a sign-up sheet in the Bell Tower room, or you may email/call the Church office



**Children's Choir coming soon!!!**

Thank you to all that are interested in a Children's Choir @ Bishopville PC. We have enough families interested with Children aged 4 - 7 to make a choir possible!

Our plan is to organize and begin after Christmas. We will be in touch soon.

Thanks, Ari Dickinson

**Kids for Christ Mission's**

**Our "Pre-Teens" packed 50 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Children, through the Samaritan's Purse program**

Thank you to everyone who donated items and time!!!



**Jewish Voice Ministries**



**In November we collected and sent \$495.51 to help Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe!** Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and can be picked up and dropped off any time of year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates! Next Collection Date: MAY 15th ...**

**Small change can create BIG change!**



**Children's Christmas Program & Covered-dish lunch**

**Sunday, December 19th, in lieu of Worship service**

We are very excited to have our children performing the service @ 11:00 a.m. and afterwards, we will all meet in the Fellowship Hall for a covered-dish luncheon. Please come out and support our children and bring your favorite dish and join us after the program for a nice meal.

**All 5th Sunday loose offerings will be placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund. Please note "Kids4Christ" on all gifts outside this timeframe> Please make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence, as well. Thank you for supporting our Children and helping them to make wise life choices and caring for others, especially those in need or less fortunate**



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***It was a day that I'll never forget at Lugoff-Elgin High School***

It started during the afternoon. After visiting with head football Coach **Matt Campbell** and Assistant Coach **Mike Armstrong**, I met with a few of the basketball players with Coach Jones in the weight room and with Coach Ham's volleyball team in the gym. I eventually headed out to the football field where Coach Campbell gave me a few minutes with the team after practice.



Most of the volleyball girls are even taller than me

I shared the simple truth of the greatest motivation verse, Colossians 3:23. But it wasn't about motivating them to play harder and win more games. I addressed other areas of their lives, like their grades and behavior. I reminded these guys that when Christ is first in our lives, it should change the way we do everything. It was a quick, yet salty message, to make them thirsty!

Shortly after practice, I headed over to the **Fields of Faith** event at the football stadium. **Fields of Faith** is an annual FCA event on many of our campuses nationwide where students challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. There was great worship, student testimonies and a local youth pastor sharing the gospel.



Afterwards, I approached a football player who attended. God was already working in his heart. After we reviewed the message, I asked him, "what would keep you from surrendering your life to Christ, even right now." He said, "Nothing"! His heart was ready!



6'7" and 5'4"

What happened next will go down as one of my all time highlights in my entire ministry career. We knelt together at the 50 yard line of his own football stadium and he surrendered his life to Christ. It didn't matter that others might see him and he didn't care who was watching. Soon after, his friends rushed to congratulate him and he was overwhelmed with quiet tears of joy.

The next day, I went back to Lugoff Elgin and I was available to talk with players after practice. I wasn't surprised when **Broughton Gardner**, the starting quarterback, approached me and he wanted to talk. Once again, God had been preparing his heart, and he was also ready to surrender his life to Christ. This time we were all alone in the end zone of his practice field and he knelt and asked Jesus to be his Savior.



Happy 25th Birthday to Michaela and Kathryn!

*Many are ready to trust Christ for forgiveness. They just need someone to give them an opportunity. I'm realizing more and more, that if I have a few minutes with someone, it ~~could~~ **IT IS a divine appointment.***

***Back at Home, Pam is still improving!***

Although she took a step back recently, she is better than she has been most of the year. We are so thankful that she is stronger overall and able to function on her own.

*Keep praying for us, that we would **win at home,** and **win many to Christ as we go!***

*Carroll + Pam*