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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Coffee Time - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Business Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m.

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Reese Atkinson / Asst. Tim McIlhenny

Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen / Asst. Billy Clyburn

Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer

Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



2026

From the Pastor... It was the best of times, the worst of times, a tale (as it was) of two Augusts... (as I channel my inner Charles Dickens).

In August 1643, the General Assembly of the Scottish Presbyterian Church (the national church of Scotland, mind you), authorized & sent a delegation of 11 men, 5 of whom were ministers (teaching elders, or TEs), 4 ruling elders (one of which became the Duke of Lauderdale) and two scribes from Edinburgh, Scotland down to London where there was one of the most significant gatherings in Presbyterian history: The Westminster Assembly.

Four years later, in August 1647, the same Scottish General Assembly would adopt as its own confession the work produced by that Assembly, a confession that has stretched across the following 379 years and into every continent & nation where Presbyterian churches gather, our very own confession & standard of faith and theology:

The Westminster Confession and Catechisms. It was a strange tale of two Augusts. Thing is, at the same time as that Scottish delegation were heading down to that august gathering (see what I did there), at the same time the English Parliament thought, “Yes, we need to get a bunch of theologians and ministers together right now to amend the Church of England’s confession and directories of worship” at the same time as the Westminster Assembly was happening...

So, too, was the English Civil War (1642-1651). Wait a minute. In the middle of a civil war, the war between the King of England (and his supporters) and the Parliament of England (and its supporters), one of the most pressing, most important, most critical things on the Parliament’s agenda was to further develop and reform the Christian Church? That’s what was on their minds? And to top it off, the Scottish Church, looking down south at England, decided, “Aye, we need to help our English cousins do just that” - did that really happen?

Yes. Yes it did. And the upshot was that, while the English church returned to Anglicanism after the restoration of the monarchy, the Scottish church adopted instead the Westminster Confession, Catechisms, and Directories as a whole, and these became the foundation for how Presbyterians have operated ever since. These inform how we worship, how we govern ourselves, how we relate to the world around us, and how we understand, preach, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And as Scottish people moved from Europe to the colonies, they brought their church and books with them, leading to the American Presbyterian Church... and all the influence she has had on & over the course of our own history.

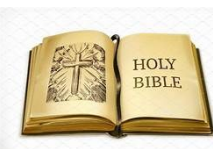
There would be no Bishopville Presbyterian Church without Westminster. There would be no Mt. Zion to plant us, no Presbyteries to plant them, no Presbyterian colonists to found them. In fact, there might not even be a United States of America independent of England without the Westminster documents and the church which grew out of them.

And all this started between two Augusts, nearly 350 years ago. So this August, what is worth our attention? What is pressing enough to break into our days, to override even a national emergency, what is important enough to gloriously interrupt our schedules? What Biblical issue might we be called to face, to tackle, to delve into that is so important that it, like Westminster, might have a lasting effect?

Maybe we ought to be praying to ask God, and maybe, just maybe, he’ll let us in on it, like he did those ministers & elders & secretaries that made up that first Assembly.

Maybe, just maybe, this, too can become an August to remember.

Blessings! Pastor Chris

<u>August Sermons</u>		
	8/2	Depending on Faith
	8/9	Peace with God
	8/16	What Shall we Say to Sin?
	8/23	Desire to do Good
	8/30	Sufferings in this Present Age
		Romans 4:16-25
		Romans 5:1-11
		Romans 6:1-14, 23
		Romans 7:13-25
		Romans 8:12-26a

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Property committee is working on several projects to maintain the grounds & buildings. A Building Fund is set up for anyone that would like to contribute to any upcoming or ongoing building projects, etc...

The Session has begun the process of reviewing the membership rolls. If you have any updates to your record or know of someone, please email the Church office.

If the Session can do anything for you, please contact the Church Office by email (bishopvillepc@gmail.com).

Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: August 9th @ 8:30 a.m.

August Elders-On-Call: *Jimmy McCutchen & Matt Bramlett

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

July 2026 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 51 Sunday School: 26

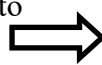
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$12,969.29
YTD Income received:	\$145,627.96
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$132,958.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,954.15
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$134,408.98
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$138,333.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)
(Cemetery, Building & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$5,450.00
YTD Income received:	\$12,396.70
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$8,399.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$8,399.00

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Please leave your name and note where funds are to designated, on all gifts

Remember our HOMEBOUND

Doris Bell @ Skilled Care Manor, Florence

Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence

Kathryn Hart @ Florence Presbyterian home, rehab

BJ Kerr @ McCoy

Beth McCutchen @ McCoy

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dotty Grant Williamson @ Morrell's, Hartsville

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR**AUGUST 2026**

2nd: Bert Cousar
9th: Debbie & Bill Tindal
16th: Bill Welsh Family
23rd: Lena & Leila McCutchen
30th: John Latimer

SEPTEMBER 2026

6th: Reneé Bell
13th: Ryan & Andrea McCutchen
20th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
27th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

OCTOBER 2026

4th: Liz & Billy Simon
11th: John & Karen Gentry
18th: Christine Shirley Family
25th: Mike Monroe

NOVEMBER 2026

1st: Reneé Bell
8th: Wendy & Benny Welch
15th: Ray & Jackie Drayton
22nd: Jim & Barbara Latimer
29th: Hanging of the Greens

**DECEMBER 2026**

6th: Poinsettia Array
13th: Poinsettia Array
20th: Poinsettia Array
27th: John & Karen Gentry

JANUARY 2027

3rd: Michael Blades
10th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
17th: Reneé Bell
24th: Carol Latimer Finethy
31st: **OPEN**

FEBRUARY 2027

7th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
14th: Iris Thomas family
21st: Ann & English Cooper
28th: Reneé Bell

MARCH 2027

7th: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
14th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
21st: Louise McCutchen (Palm)
28th: Kerry & Steven Frazier (Easter)

Please contact the Church Business Office (preferably by email) to change a date or to added or removed from the running Flower calendar. OPEN 2027 dates: Jan. 31st; Apr. 4th & 18th



Bobby Thomas	1
Billy Clyburn	6
Leila Ethel McCutchen	7
John Gentry	8
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Brittany Hyman	11
Steven Frazier	12
Matt Bramlett	15
Lydia Conway	22
Ernie Muldrow	22
Debra Welsh	25
Diane McElveen	26
Sidney Easters	27
Victoria Ipock	28
Sara Abbett Kirven	30



Manning B. Lloyd	4
Betty Manning Heriot	10
Julie Cothran	12
Caroline Welch	13
Charlie Ipock	14
Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20
Katelyn Bell	21
Ernie Muldrow	21
Bert Cousar	22
William Frazier	24
Ansley Nesbit	24
Patrick Parnell	24
McKinnon Logan	26
McCants Lloyd	29
Wendy Welch	29

FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

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

Bishopville PC @ POB 66
Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: Post Office returns all street mail



Business Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted below

2026 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

September 7th; October 20th-27th;

November 24th - 30th;

December 1st & 22nd - 29th

Please contact office to update records (via email)



Coffee Time: Sunday's @ 10:30 am
between Sunday School & Church.
Anyone who wishes to host, please
sign up on the kitchen calendar.
Everyone is welcome to join us

The Session has Called a Congregational Meeting, for August 2nd @ 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing 3 Elders to the c/o 2029 Session. The Elder Nominating Committee will place the following 3 names in nomination: **Reese Atkinson** (serving 2nd term), **Ricky McCutchen**, and **Cindy Welsh**. The floor will be open for nominations, for those who discern that God is calling another person to serve, other than the ones nominated. If nominees are greater than Elders to be elected, the congregation will vote by secret ballot

The PW Morning Circle will resume on Monday,
September 14th @ 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The PW Night Circle will resume on Monday,
September 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

The Men of the Church will resume on Wednesday,
September 16th @ 7:00 p.m.



HOMEcoming - 188 years and counting... Sunday, October 11th
Keep watching newsletters and bulletins for more info

Jewish Voice Coin Collection

Thanks to your support, Jewish Voice was able to help meet people's basic need for dental services in war-torn Ukraine. Your generosity shares the hope of Yeshua (Jesus) while providing tangible help to meet real needs – sometimes in desperate situations, like Ukraine. Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and drop off any time of the year, in the office.

Thanks to all who participate!
Next collection: Nov. 15th

**“Blessing Box” Ministry**

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, devotionals & Bibles, by our children and they are updating the Church on the progress

Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.

We are receiving canned food & cash gifts

We are cleaning stones in our cemetery.

Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or contact Wendy Welch

**Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds and/or items for the shoeboxes. We collect all year & mail in November

All 5th Sunday undesignated gifts are placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.

Please note “Kids4Christ” on gifts outside this timeframe. Make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate that purpose on your check or correspondence.

Next collection date: August 30, 2026

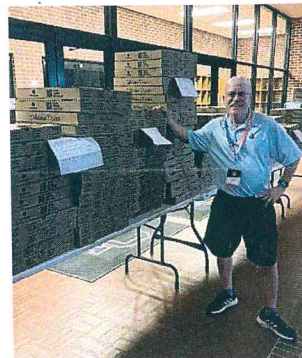
Camp season is here!

July 2026



This week I'll be heading to **FCA Team Football Camp** in Spartanburg. I've lost track of how many sessions I've helped staff in my years with FCA, but I've been attending since about 2005, at least 2 sessions each Summer. That's over 40 sessions and a lot of inspiration and perspiration!

For over 15 years, I've been the **"Pizza Guy"**. I coordinate with the head coaches and order pizzas for their late-night snack. Never mind that they had a great dinner just a few hours earlier. They are really burning up the carbs, and by 10 o'clock, they are hungry! So our pizza order each night is usually between 150 and 225 pizzas. That's a lot of dough! (If I had only thought about a tip jar, I could have probably added on an extra room to our house!)



So, at camp, the teams will play 10-12, 7 on 7 games, while their linemen do their big-boy drills. That's all good, but it's the challenge with the gospel that's most important. The players will be challenged to surrender their lives to Christ. Many will enter what we like to call "the spiritual transfer portal"! (*Colossians 1:13-14 ... "For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom, and forgave our sins."*)

They are not just practicing football. Be praying for transformed lives! Pray for me too... it's going to be hot!

Last week, Pam and I were able to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday by attending the Independence Celebration at Columbia's First Baptist Church. They've hosted this event for 39 years! It's been so fun that she is able to do more! She's doing so well! She will be with our girls while I'm at camp.



Your prayers have really blessed us. Thanks for being on our team!

Carroll + Pam

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