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*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



February

2025

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Coffee Time- 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Business Office Hours

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
unless otherwise noted

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 4:00 pm

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Reese Atkinson / Asst. Matt Bramlett
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen / Asst. Billy Clyburn
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him. Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. - Matthew 7:7-12 (CSB)

According to church history, a pastor by the name of Valentine took a trip from his home and church in Terni, in central Italy, over to Rome. This pastor was known for supporting and ministering to persecuted Christians, and while he was there - according to church tradition - he was arrested and preached Jesus boldly to the very judge who had arrested him. According to some accounts, he healed the judge's daughter and converted his household.

However, while he was there, on February 14, 269 (1,756 years ago, this month) he and several others from his church who had travelled to Rome with him were jailed, beaten, and then beheaded for refusing to deny Christ Jesus. And the last thing this pastor did was to write a letter to the judge's daughter, signing it, "...from your Valentine" (David Kithcart, CBN.com article, "St. Valentine, the Real Story" 2013).

The history of the church is full to the brim of stories like that, of brave Valentine refusing to deny his Savior, of brave Nicholas, refusing to let the name & divinity of Jesus be insulted (how do you think he & Valentine might feel in heaven about what we've done with remembrances of them?!) - not to mention people like brave Andrew, refusing to back down from the Turkish government and preaching the Gospel, even in prison! One of the consistent themes of our history have been the brave men and women who have stood firm, even in the face of death or prison or suffering, all because what they had in them was greater than what the world could throw at them.

Where does that kind of internal strength come from? How did Andrew survive months, years in prison? How did Nicholas go from prison to Nicaea, back to prison again? How did Valentine endure, loving the people he shared the Gospel with, even on the eve of his own death? How might we do just that?

By turning to the same power, the same Christ, the same Word, the same living hope to which they turned. They asked for God's help, and (if you've read Andrew Brunson's book, you know it's true), kept on asking with faith for that help. They sought God's will, and kept on seeking it. They knocked at every opportunity, every closed door, and waited for God to open the right one. They looked to live and treat others as they had been treated - by a Father who loved them enough to send them Jesus Christ.

So this Valentine's day, think about that pastor from Terni, and think about what helped him to minister to the hurting and to encourage the healed. Think about the Savior Valentine knew - and was willing to die to share.

Blessings! -Pastor Chris

February Sermons/Scriptures

2nd:	A first Resurrection and a second Death	Revelation 20
9th:	Our New Jerusalem	Revelation 21
16th:	God Makes All Things New	Revelation 22
23rd:	Gideon Sunday	

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met January 12th. Wendy Welch had our devotional & prayer.

The Session has several projects & policies in the making, some are revising our Wedding Policy, updating our buildings and grounds, etc.

We had our annual congregational meeting on January 19th, and the congregation approved the 2025 Budget and the Pastor's 2025 Terms of Call.

Our Kids for Christ will provide a spaghetti lunch after Church on February 16th.

I'm excited to be the new Clerk, and hope we have a great year. Please keep all of our Elders in your prayers as we update some of the rooms in both buildings, and area's of the cemetery.

If the Session can do anything for you, please contact the Church Office or send an email.

Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: February 9th @ 8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***Renee Bell & Cindy Welsh**

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities



Kids for Christ Valentine Luncheon
Sunday, February 16th after Church
Everyone is invited

January 2025 Statistics (1st Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 64 Sunday School: 31

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$11,173.55
YTD Income received:	\$11,173.55
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$18,269.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,752.91
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,752.91
Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed:	\$14,859.00

*MTD/YTD Income includes cemetery grounds transfer

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$1,365.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,365.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$.00

Fellowships

Morning Circle Wednesday, Feb. 12th @ 10:30 am. Cindy Welsh will host
Night Circle: Monday, Feb. 17th @ 7 pm at the home of Betsy Bramlett
Men of Church: Wed. Jan. 19th @ 7 pm
Hosts: Jimmy & John Henry McCutchen
*** The Morning Circle & Men meet in FH**

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

JUNE 2025

- 1st: William Welsh family
- 8th: Dot & Buddy Wilson family
- 15th: Renee Bell
- 22nd: W. Gregg McCutchen III
- 29th: The Latimer Family

JULY 2025

- 6th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- 13th: Henry & Harriett Watson family
- 20th: William & Pat Monroe Fields
- 27th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

AUGUST 2025

- 3rd: Bert Cousar
- 10th: Bill & Debbie Tindal
- 20th: Bill Welsh Family
- 24th: Michael Blades
- 31st: John Latimer

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 7th: Renee Bell
- 14th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 21st: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
- 28th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

FEBRUARY 2025

- 2nd: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- 9th: Iris Thomas Family
- 16th: Ann & English Cooper
- 23rd: Renee Bell

MARCH 2025

- 2nd: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 9th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 16th: Louise McCutchen
- 23rd: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 30th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

APRIL 2025

- 6th: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen
- 13th: Renee Bell
- 20th: Hugh & Retta Tindal
- 27th: Sarah McCutchen Family

MAY 2025

- 4th: Kathryn Welch
- 11th: Lila Mae Welsh family
- 18th: John & Karen Gentry
- 25th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen



Please contact the Church Business Office (preferably by email) to change a date or to be added/removed from the running Flower Calendar

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. - 5:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

Feb. 5th, May 13th - 20th & 26th, July 2nd,
Aug. 27th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 7th - 13th,
Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd - 29th & 31st
Please contact office to update records (via email)



Kayla McCutchen	1	Bo Simon	2
Deane McCutchen	7	Louise McCutchen	3
Hampton Gaskins	15	Carol L. Finethy	4
Martha Kay Hunt	15	Emmett Kerr	5
Benny Welch III	15	Bill Gaskins	8
Patrick Finethy	17	Karen Gentry	8
Laura Parnell	19	William Corbett	9
Bubba Muldrow	20	Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10
Myers Varn Floyd	21	Lena McCutchen	10
Shirley Wallace	28	Meredith Gaskins	12
		Emmie McCutchen	19
		English Cooper	20
		Tyson Eckley	22
		Jane Huggins	26
		English Cooper	20
		Stella Lynch	27
		Peyton Welch	27
		Carl Frazier	29
		Cindy Welsh	29
		Bill Tindal, Jr.	30
		Lian Latimer	31

Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence**
- Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence**
- BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center**
- Boochie Swearingen @ Wellmore, Tega Cay**
- Hugh Tindal @ his home**
- Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville**



Coffee Time: Sunday's @ 10:30 am, between Sunday School & Church. Anyone who wishes to host, please sign up on the calendar(s) in the kitchen.

Everyone is invited to join our fellowship time

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 participates!



**Samaritans Purse
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who helped pack or donate funds for the OCC shoeboxes. **We packed 81 shoeboxes, in 2024!**



“Blessing Box” Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Devotionals & Bibles. Our children are stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church on the progress.

Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.

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 on your check or correspondence. **2025 dates: Mar. 30th, June 29th, Aug. 31st, Nov. 30th**

We have a group cleaning stones in our cemetery. Please contact the Church office via email or Wendy Welch, if interested