

The Scroll

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Daylight Saving Time
begins on March 8th @
2:00 a.m. Spring
Forward an hour



Palm Sunday
March 29th

MARCH
2026

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. Tim McElhenny
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen / Asst. Billy Clyburn
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor "But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man... But there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. John 2:24-3:1

It's amazing what a literal letter of the alphabet (or 2) can do. For example, it can turn a fiend into a friend, a descent into something decent, and can make a dessert out of nothing more than a desert. Just think - if one letter can do all that, what could two letters do?

Which brings me to John 3:1, a verse that - in Greek - starts with a simple, short conjunction, the Greek word *de*. Now here's a word that, 9 times out of 10, gets translated into that very useful English negative conjunction, the word "but". You know the word, we all use it all the time, like when we might tell a cousin, "I'd love to do that thing for you Saturday, BUT..."

So here's why these two letters matter so much. When John wrote his Gospel, his account of the person & work of Christ Jesus, he didn't include verse numbers, headings, or even chapters. It was all one big long scroll telling one big & important story. And in that story, very early on, Jesus meets a man named Nicodemus. Here's the thing; Jesus meets him immediately after John writes 2:24-25, where we find out that Jesus "did not entrust himself" to people who were only impressed by the miraculous signs he'd been doing around Passover - why not? Because "he himself knew what was in man..."

BUT, John writes, there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

Hey! Look at that - Jesus doesn't trust himself to casual followers, but Nicodemus, he's something else. he's different. And look at the conversation Jesus then has with Nicodemus. He's the one who first heard John 3:16! He's the one who first heard "you must be born again". He's the one who first grappled with the idea of how God the Holy Spirit would be working through the Church. That's Nicodemus.

Yeah, you say, but Jesus could have told that to anybody. Besides, didn't Nicodemus only come to Jesus secretly, because he was afraid of people finding out he was talking with Jesus? And to that I say, "Yes, BUT..."

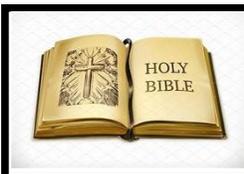
I think about John 7:50-52 where Nicodemus argues in support of Jesus before the Jewish leaders: "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" And look at how they reply, making fun of him: "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

Nicodemus grew in his faith. Yes, he started out in secret, he started out with all the questions, with all the doubts, with all the darkness, BUT...

God was doing a work in him. Jesus was drawing him, pulling him along, opening his eyes, his mind, his heart to the Savior and his work. Nicodemus was growing, growing, growing in his faith, moving the needle closer & closer to Jesus until we last see him in John 19:39-40, where Nicodemus came with Joseph of Arimathea - a disciple! - bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloe. Just as the Wise Men had at Jesus' birth, so too these Wise Men bring myrrh to bury with honor and dignity the body of our Lord.

That meant both Joseph and Nicodemus, by publicly handling the dead body of Jesus, made themselves ceremonially unclean and unable to lead or even participate in Passover... BUT that didn't matter, because they both knew Jesus, and they both now, in some real way understood Jesus is our Passover from eternal death & sin. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life, and Nicodemus had put his faith in Jesus to action.

And that's what Jesus knew about him. He was more than fear, more than questions, more than worries & reputation. He was a sinner, BUT... Jesus was there giving him what he needed so that Nicodemus - like you & me - might know and trust in and follow after the Savior and his mercy & grace. Praise God for the word "BUT" in Nicodemus' story... and in yours & mine, too. Blessings - Pastor Chris



March Sermons

3/1:	1 John 4:7-21	3/15:	1 John 5:6-12
3/8:	1 John 5:1-5	3/22:	1 John 5:13-20
		3/29:	2 John 1-13

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met on February 8th. The Property committee is working on several projects to maintain the grounds & buildings. We have a Building Fund set up for anyone that would like to contribute to the upcoming building projects, etc...

The Session will begin the process of reviewing the membership rolls soon. If you have any update(s) to your records please email the Church office.

We had our first Elder Training, on February 15th and will continue every 3rd Sunday.

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: March 8th @ 8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***Tim McIlhenny & Jimmy McCutchen**

**denotes Session devotional responsibilities*

February 2026 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 73 Sunday School: 37

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$30,433.23
YTD Income received:	\$41,307.46
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$37,988.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,852.37
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$35,828.37
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$36,920.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,871.70
YTD Income received:	\$2,471.70
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00



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- Doris Bell @ Skilled Care Manor, Florence
- Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence
- BJ Kerr @ McCoy
- Beth McCutchen @ McCoy
- Hugh Tindal @ his home
- Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's, Hartsville

Mayesville Presbyterian Church invites all to a concert, featuring the North Carolina Brass Band Quintet on Sunday, March 15th @ 4:00 pm

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

- 1st: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 8th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 15th: Louise McCutchen
- 22nd: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 29th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

APRIL 2026

- 5th: Debbie Tindal & Lena McCutchen
- 12th: Reneé Bell
- 19th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
- 26th: Sarah McCutchen Family

MAY 2026

- 3rd: Kathryn Welch
- 10th: Lila Mae Welsh Family
- 17th: John & Karen Gentry
- 24th: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 31st: Don & Beth Grant

JUNE 2026

- 7th: William Welsh Family
- 14th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family
- 21st: Reneé Bell
- 28th: Gregg McCutchen III



JULY 2026

- 5th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- 12th: Harriett & Henry Watson Family
- 19th: William & Pat Monroe Fields
- 26th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

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 Monro

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



Bo Simon	2
Louise McCutchen	3
Carol L. Finethy	4
Emmett Kerr	5
Bill Gaskins	8
Karen Gentry	8
William Corbett	9
Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10
Lena McCutchen	10
Meredith Gaskins	12
Emmie McCutchen	19
English Cooper	20
Tyson Eckley	22
Jane Huggins	26
Stella Lynch	27
Peyton Welch	27
Carl Frazier	29
Cindy Welsh	29
Bill Tindal, Jr.	30
Lian Latimer	31



Cyndi Eckley	1
Charlie McCutchen	1
Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Melinda Atkinson	3
Kerry W. Frazier	3
Kathryn Welch	4
Renee Bell	13
Doris Bell	14
Kathryn Hart	19
Tyner B. Logan	20
Caroline McCutchen	20
Devin Atkinson	22
Susan Hilditch	23
Ryan McCutchen	25
Gregg McCutchen III	27

April Special Events at our Church

- 4/2: Maundy Communion @ 6:00 pm
- 4/4: Easter Egg Hunt (tentative)
- 4/5: Easter Sunrise & breakfast
Communion Sunday
- 4/26: Bishopville Music Club Concert

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 below

2026 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

- May 19th - 26th; July 6th;
- September 7th; October 6th - 12th;
- November 3rd & 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

Adult Fellowships

Morning Circle: Monday, March 9th
 @ 10:30 am in the FH. Host: Cindy Welsh

Night Circle: Monday, March 16th
 @ 7:00 pm. Host: Diane McElveen

Men of Church: Wednesday, March 18th
 @ 7 pm in Kitchen. Host: Chris & Partick

The Kids for Christ Mission raised \$315, with their Valentine luncheon. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped

Thank you to everyone that gave to the Gideons.
 We raised \$357.00 in February

SAVE THE DATE: VBS in July
"Illumination Station"

Sunday 26th, 5:30 – 8:00 (w/registration)
 Monday, 27th & Tuesday, 28th from 6:00 – 8:00. pm,
 Wednesday, 29th @ 6:00 pm we will have a Fun Day.
 Supper will be served each night and everyone is
 welcome to attend

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 Coin Collection Date: May 17, 2026



"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. We collected \$295, during Superbowl. Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.

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/items for the shoeboxes.

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.

Next collection date: March 29, 2026

Keep Praying!

February 2026

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Scan here to join our Home Team.

I'm always amazed when God surprises me with a yet another open door for ministry. That's what He's done with the Irmo Basketball Team. Even though they were well into their season, Coach Alex Quillan has allowed me to speak to his team many the past month. The guys have been very respectful and attentive and God has been working.

Since my initial time with them, I've been able to challenge them further. After one session, I encouraged them to watch a YouTube video of Benjamin Watson (SEC Network Analyst) sharing a brief message called TheFour. He clearly shares about surrendering to Christ. Through some one on one times and through text messages, I've been able to challenge them by asking, "Have you surrendered your life to Christ?" As well as, "What would keep you from surrendering to Christ?"

They are beginning to respond!! Three players have indicated that have surrendered to Christ, so far!

Pray that their hearts will continue to be open and for some discipleship time with the young believers.

I guess one open door can lead to another, since God has also opened the door to be able to speak with the Irmo Girls Basketball Team! Be praying for both teams and some follow up once their season ends.



Just hangin' out with the brothers!



Closing prayer after practice... this is new to them!

Pam just keeps on getting stronger, It is so obvious that God has picked her up. Our friends are so amazed! I celebrate every day her incredible improvement from a year ago, and she's probably even stronger than she was in 2024! She is a walking miracle for sure. God has really blessed us!

Thanks again for your faithful prayers and your generous giving to our ministry with FCA. You are such a blessing!! You really encourage us!



We survived the snow!

Carroll + Pam