

# The Scroll

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# January



# 2025

### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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### Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m.

### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III / Reese Atkinson, Asst.  
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Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

*From the Pastor's Desk...* And so it begins - 2025!

Or, we might say, here we go again! But where are we going? How are we going to get there? What's driving us forward?

My dad loves the Gospel, the good news about Jesus - and he's convinced that the epitome, the fullest telling of this good news is found in Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4). So how is that a full telling of the Gospel of Christ Jesus? What's it saying?

It starts out this way: I gave you what I myself was given, Paul says. Remember when we used to say "re-gifting"? That's what we used to call it when you gave as a gift something you'd been given, and people connected that idea of "re-gifting" as a bad thing, a sort-of ungrateful thing to do. You re-gifted that saucer I got you? Rude.

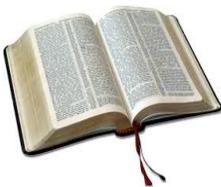
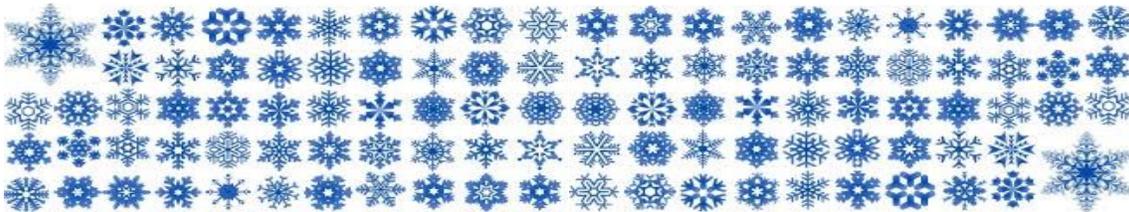
But this re-gifting isn't rude or ungrateful or mean - this is sharing a gift that's infinitely big, infinitely gracious, infinitely amazing. It's like getting that delicious cake from a neighbor, that joyful visit from a grandparent or grandchild, that good news that just needs telling - look and see this thing! And it's for you, too! I gave you what I got, because what I got was so big and so incredible I just had to share it.

The next part is just as incredible: What I was given, Paul says is this - Christ died for MY sins, those times when I broke God's Law, broke God's purpose, and tried to break God's will. And Christ Jesus died for my sins, died for your sins, took those sins to the Cross and took ALL of God's punishment for those sins onto his own shoulders... and the MOST important thing we can know about God and Christ Jesus and ourselves is that Jesus lived for us, died for us and was buried with our sins for us...

AND THEN! And then he rose again on the third day. Why does that matter? Because if Jesus had any sin - if we had any doubt about him - then he'd have stayed dead, and so would we. But Jesus didn't sin, and so he died innocently, he who never sinned carried EVERY sin and that includes all your sin and mine... so what? So you can count on him. You can trust in him. You can know him. You can follow him. And you can have forgiveness - full and free and wonderful forgiveness and freedom from sin - in Christ Jesus alone.

I'd say that's a gift worth sharing, wouldn't you? So this new year, let's look for opportunity to share this Gospel. We've got an amazing thing, we've got an amazing church family, and we've got an amazing Savior and grace. Let's make this kind of re-gifting a positive trend for 2025.

Blessings - Chris



### January Sermons/Scriptures

5 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Revelation 16:17-21</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Revelation 17:1-6</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Revelation 18:2-8</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Revelation 19:6-16</b>

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met December 8th. Jimmy McCutchen had our devotional & prayer.

The Hanging of the Greens Service was beautiful and our Church is so well decorated. Thank you to all who made this possible.

I cannot believe how fast the past 6 years have passed. I will rotate off of the Session, and as Clerk, at the end of December.

The new officers are Reese Atkinson: Clerk; Matt Bramlett: Asst. Clerk; Gregg McCutchen: Treasurer; Billy Clyburn: Asst. Treasurer; Ryan McCutchen & Steven Frazier: Worship Committee Chairs; Cindy Welsh & Wendy Welch: Christian Ed Chairs; Renee Bell & John Gentry: Witness Chairs.

We had our Christmas program on December 22nd with a Christmas meal afterwards. The Session wishes to thank Beth Grant for her hard work & support of our children and to all others who work so diligently with our children to make these type of programs flow

If the Session can do anything for you, please contact the Church office.

Love in Christ,

W. Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: January 12th @ 8:30 a.m.

**JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL:**

**Wendy Welsh & Steven Frazier**

## December 2024 Statistics (4th Qtr)

Attendance Average's

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### Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

\*MTD Income received: \$63,140.14

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**Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$211,582.00**

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$27,807.14

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YTD Income received: \$7,115.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,237.37

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$12,485.00

**Communion** will be served on Sunday, January 5th, during Worship. Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services. Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services

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 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd-29th & 31st

Please contact office to update records (via email)

# Happy Birthday

# January February

Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Ann West	2	Deane McCutchen	7
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
Lila Dow Frazier	9	Laura Parnell	19
Will McElveen	9	Bubba Muldrow	20
Keith Hyman	11	Myers Varn Floyd	21
John Crues Bell IV	12	Shirley Wallace	28
Bill Conway	13		
Steven Welsh	13		
T-Bo Ellen	16		
Reid McCutchen	17		
Carole Scott	18		
Ruby Nell Bailey	20		
Tim McIlhenny	21		
Aidan Hilditch	25		
William Clyburn Ippock	26		
Mills Lloyd	28		
Brooke Harrington	30		
Amber Harrington	30		
Josh Kirven	30		
John Latimer	30		



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# 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
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- Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville



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 November 2024 we collected \$243.03  
 Next Coin Collection Date: May 11, 2025



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**We packed 81 shoeboxes, in 2024!**



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## *Merry Christmas Dear Friends,*

*May you experience joy and peace this season as you are immersed in the presence of the Savior.*

This will certainly be a different Christmas for us. My dear Pam has really struggled the past few months. When she fell while shopping in August, she was already weak and unbalanced as she walked. A broken collarbone and bruised ribs slowed her down even more. She seemed to improve in late October only to fall again at home, although nothing was broken this time.



*Harley is a great caregiver and gives Pam kisses for free!*

These physical setbacks, along with some more memory setbacks have caused us to put in motion some extra planning for next year. With her diagnosis of dementia and a new possible Parkinson's diagnosis, we are faced with the sobering truth that we can't really leave Pam at home by herself.



*I asked this cutie to marry me 39 years ago on Dec. 18, 1985.*

My primary ministry will continue to be Pam. As I am able to secure help for her, I will continue my ministry to coaches and athletes as I serve with FCA. We've used a few hour shifts of homecare each week the past few years. We've also had help from some dear friends. The girls and their husbands have been a huge help hosting Pam during the days they work from home. They even kept her over a long weekend while I snuck away to play golf. It was a break I really needed. But we find it necessary to possibly increase our homecare hours from one shift, to three or four shifts a week. With the help of family, friends and increased home care, I hope to have meaningful hours of ministry on campuses and not worry about Pam.

I've also realized that I can't do this all by myself. I have to do a better job of taking care of myself. I've been warned by many that too many sole caregivers get worn out without help. So the Lord is first, and my ministry is second... but my family is my #1 ministry. This year has been challenging. We are trusting the Lord and know he will continue to sustain us in 2025. His presence and power has breathed strength and encouragement into my heart. We pray the Lord will also guide your steps and grant you a year of health, happiness, and prosperity.

*Carroll*  
Carroll Baker

*From Zac, Michaela and Kathryn...*

Dad is selling it lightly: this year has been the hardest year with mom. Watching Mom battle dementia and other health struggles has been heart-wrenching. We've seen firsthand the toll it takes on Dad, both physically and emotionally. But seeing how Dad cares for Mom through it all reminds us how strong his love is for her as well as God's unconditional love for us. Our hope for 2025 is increased homecare and other programs to help mom and allow dad to continue ministry for the next couple years before retirement. If you are in the Columbia area and are willing to hangout with Mom for a day, please let us know. It'll be a team effort in this home stretch before Dad retires, but we know God's got this.



*The "kids" planned a surprise 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Pam in April. Zac even came from Seattle!*

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7, NIV)*

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*Happy  
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Day*



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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

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**February Sermons/Scriptures**

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

## 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
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$18,269.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,752.91
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,752.91
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed:</b>	<b>\$14,859.00</b>

\*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**  
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		<b>Peyton Welch</b>	<b>27</b>
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Don't forget to Spring forward 1 hour Saturday night, March 8th.

Ash Wednesday,  
March 5th begins  
the season of Lent

*Ash Wednesday*

*March*  
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*“God has no need of human assistance. God commanded the heavens to come into existence, and it was done. He decided to create the earth, and it was created . . . If the material universe sprang into being at a word, why should not the dead also rise again at a word?”* (Ambrose, around AD380, pastor/bishop of Milan, teacher of Augustine, defender of the doctrine of the divinity of God the Holy Spirit)

So I love TV shows like “Kitchen Nightmares” and “Bar Rescue”. These are shows where a highly successful restaurateur or owner goes into a business and spends a highly dramatic week (or two) and the end result is a renovated place of business, a fresh coat of paint, and (most of the time) a feel-good moment, that hug, that handshake, and a promise that everything is looking great from here on out. What amazes me, though, is how often these shows renovate a business - not by going forward, but by looking back.

These are the things you did that made you successful. These are the practices, these are the philosophies, these are the key concepts that you walked away from - and led to the shape you got into. Renovating starts by remembering.

I think this TV model isn’t actually original. This process of renovation by remembrance is a distinctly Christian model. We saw it in Revelation, we saw it during the Protestant Reformation, we even saw it during the first 4 centuries of the Christian Church’s life. In the early 400s, there was a British monk & scholar named Pelagius who decided and taught and wrote (rather influentially) that there was no such thing as original sin. Essentially, he decided, everybody was basically good until they either were taught to sin or decided to sin. The problem, of course, with that kind of teaching - even though it sounds plausible enough - is Pelagius denies basic Bible teaching on human nature. “The heart is deceitful above all things!” Jeremiah warns - so don’t “just follow your heart”. “All have fallen short of God’s glory,” Paul echoes. And “if we say we have no sin, we are lying,” John concludes.

But Pelagius’ teaching took off - it told people, “You’re okay, you’re essentially a good person, you can do it on your own.” And it looked (for a moment anyway) like Pelagius would win the day. Except for the fact that there was a Bible scholar and incredible writer/preacher named Augustine who, like those experts on TV, said, “Let’s look back at what got us going in the first place”. I’m sure that his own teacher, Ambrose, sounded off in Augustine’s mind as he contradicted and corrected Pelagius’ wrong thinking and teaching. Augustine accurately pointed out not only the Bible’s clear teaching on the matter of human nature, but also logically played out Pelagius’ argument to its extreme, but inevitable conclusion: If there is no original sin, then we can save ourselves, and if we can save ourselves, WE DON’T NEED JESUS.

And that sealed the deal. As Paul had already told the Corinthians, if we didn’t need Jesus, he wouldn’t have died and been raised, and if Jesus weren’t raised, we would never have that opportunity ourselves to be raised some day, and we would be, “of all men, the most miserable, for we have hoped in a lie.”

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#### March Sermons/Scriptures

<b>2nd:</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 3:2</b>
<b>9th:</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 3:9</b>
<b>16th:</b>	<b>2 Timothy 3:16</b>
<b>23rd:</b>	<b>1 John 3:23</b>
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Reese Atkinson & Billy Clyburn audited the 2024 Financial records and the audit went well.

The Session has formed a committee to update our wedding policy. Committee members are: Reese Atkinson, Wendy Welch, Steven Frazier, Cindy Welsh.

Renee Bell is in charge of erecting the wooden Lent Cross.

Our Property Committee is updating our buildings and grounds, and some of the rooms in both buildings, and area's in the cemetery.

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Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

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(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

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Louise McCutchen	3
Carol L. Finethy	4
Emmett Kerr	5
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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
English Cooper	20
Stella Lynch	27
Peyton Welch	27
Carl Frazier	29
Cindy Welsh	29
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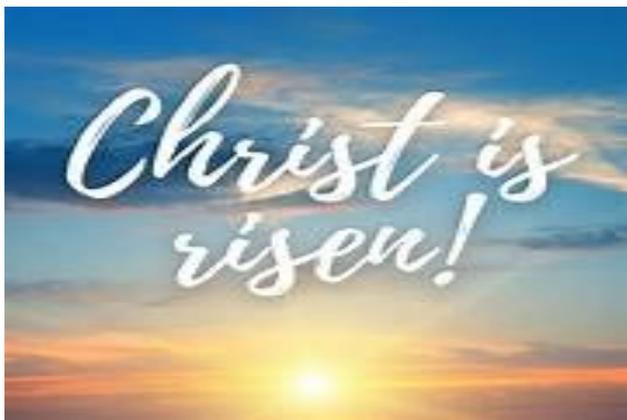
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*From the Pastor...* “Jonah was a prophet! Woo! Woo!” (Jonah, a VeggieTales Movie, Big Idea, 2002)

Why does Jonah matter? It’s a story about a prophet who doesn’t want to go, a city that needs to repent, and a God patient enough with both of them that He connects them through sailors, a great fish, and a well-placed caterpillar. On a more technical note, Jonah is about Yahweh, God of Israel, the One True & Living God who made heaven and earth exercising both his mercy and his might in order to bring salvation to a people who don’t deserve that salvation - Assyrians & a certain Jewish prophet alike. And at the end, as God declares to the prophet named for a dove, “shouldn’t I have mercy...”?

It’s neat. It’s a great story, it’s a powerful moment, and it’s been memorialized in everything from kids’ movies to toys, in art from the highest masters to the cheapest knockoffs, and in sermons from pastors great and small, all our lives. We know Jonah. We know Nineveh. We’ve heard the debates - was it a whale or a whale shark, was this a real story with real miracles, or a prophet’s invention, an allegory or a fable to prove a point, why would God have spared Nineveh - doesn’t he know that’s going to become the seat of the Assyrian Empire someday?! We know this one, we’ve heard it all...

Or have we?

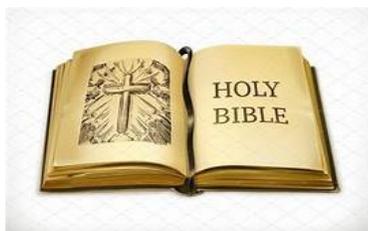
Any time Jesus talks about the Old Testament, we ought to sit up a little straighter and pay a little closer attention to what he’s saying. It’s like this - here’s where those Red Letters overlap the Black Letters in the Bible. (I think most of us know what a red-letter Bible is.)

So when Christ Jesus, Son of God, our Savior, talks about Jonah, we need to pay careful attention to what he’s saying, to the connections he’s making, and to the promise of God He, Jesus, has come to fulfill. And what does Jesus say about Jonah? “For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:40 ESV).

Christ Jesus, telling us about Jonah, does something amazing. Jesus connects His own impending crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection to this story of how God his Father already moved heaven and earth to bring His steadfast love and mercy, His call to repentance, His light and salvation to a people living in great darkness, a people far away and far outside. Jesus connects our salvation to the story of Jonah, where God sends His own to proclaim:

Repent! Time is short and the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!”

-Pastor Chris



### April Sunday Scriptures

6th:           1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 13th:          1 Corinthians 15:12-26  
 20th:          1 Corinthians 15:27-28  
 27th:          1 Corinthians 15:35-45

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**  
 The Session met March 9th. Ryan McCutchen had our devotional  
 Our wedding policy is in the process of being updated, after 20+ years  
 New gutters & downspouts are being added and/or repaired on our buildings  
 We welcome everyone to join us in our Advent & Easter events, see details in the bulletins & SCROLL  
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<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$49,132.00</b>

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**HOLY** 2nd Qtr Communion will be served on Sunday, April 6th. Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services. Please contact an Eder or the Pastor for extended services



**COMMUNION**

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Join us on April 13th as our children wave palms in our annual Palm Sunday service



**Lent Lunches**

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**Hosted by the BPC Women**

**Everyone is invited to attend. No cost**



**Maundy Communion**  
**Bishopville PC**  
**Thursday, April 17th**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Communion Elders:**  
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**EASTER EGG HUNT**

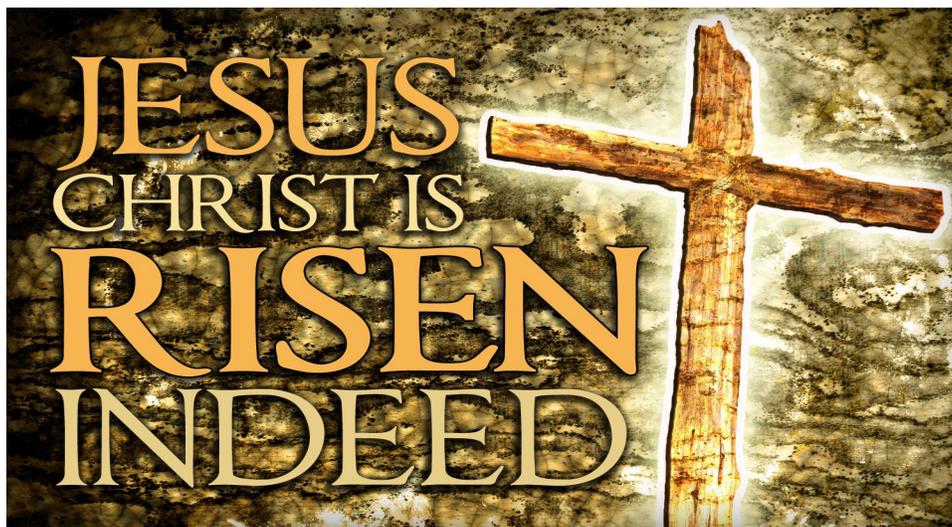
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 5th**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Home of Andrea & Ryan McCutchen**

**Lunch provided**  
**Fun for all ages!**

**Each child should bring an Easter basket**



**Easter Sunrise service, breakfast, and Living Cross**  
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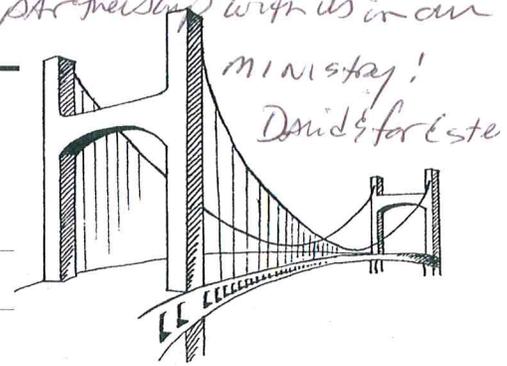


DEAR FRIENDS AT BISHOPVILLE P.C. : Thank you for your partnership with us in our ministry!  
David & Estelle

# BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

February 2025



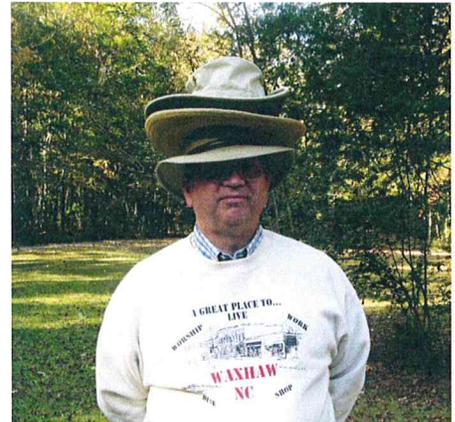
## 38 years of service in Bible translation



We recently received a card from Wycliffe Bible Translators in Orlando congratulating us on our 38th year of service with Wycliffe in the worldwide Bible translation movement. Most of our service has been in Waxhaw, NC, but we have spent two years in Mexico and two years in Kenya, and I have spent 14 weeks in Nigeria. It has been a really rewarding career, with a lot of blessings, the opportunity to make new friends and to have work that is meaningful for eternity. We are grateful to God for allowing us to have had this opportunity, and to our friends and supporters who have enabled us to continue in service for this long.

## So many hats!

Over the last 38 years we have worn a lot of hats. I have served as an administrator, exegetical summary author and editor, shop assistant in maritime services, international shipping, public relations, exegetical consultant, and as a Bible college lecturer in Biblical languages. Estelle has worked as a bookkeeper, home school teacher (in Mexico), and providing hospitality in Mexico and Kenya.



## A fork in the road



In December I was diagnosed with **chronic kidney disease**, at a level 3a out of 5, with 5 being end-stage kidney failure requiring dialysis. To keep from sinking down to level 5, I need to make major changes to my diet, lose weight, and lower my blood pressure. I had no idea that I had kidney disease, but for years I have had some of the symptoms of kidney disease such as fatigue, shortness of breath, and swelling in my feet.

I have slowed down a good bit compared with the pace I kept in previous years. Kidney disease is not just a threat to my long-term health. It's also an annoyance because it means that I can't take many of the over the counter medicines I need for back pain, or for the bouts of frequent heartburn caused by one of my medications. It also appears that my chronic headaches may be returning despite the medicine I am taking for that.

**So we are at a fork in the road.** How should our life's work continue? Both of us will be 72 this year. Is it time to retire? Or should I try to cut back the number of hours I work per week?

Because of the kidney disease and fatigue, and because of the amount of time I spend helping Estelle with her medical concerns, my doctor has told me that I should not work more than 25 hours a week, and has written a letter to that effect for my supervisors. They have agreed to that, so I will formally begin what is called a reduced assignment the first of March. (Our support needs will remain the same however.) We will postpone a decision about retirement until later this year.

Estelle—my ministry teammate  
and travel companion



A beautiful smile!



At Treetops Game Park  
Nyeri, Kenya, 2007.



Celebrating her birthday at Safari Park  
Hotel, Nairobi, Feb 9, 2007



At some ancient ruins in Oaxaca, Mexico  
1992



Bookkeeping at JAARS about 10 years ago



In our kitchen in Nairobi, 2006

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*From the Pastor...* Why does history matter? Is it only because, as Churchill is famously attributed as saying, “those who fail to learn history are destined to repeat it”? While he was actually misquoting Edmund Burke, Burke (if he said this) was himself quoting George Santayana, an early 20th Century American philosopher & writer. Regardless of who said what first, the point Churchill, Burke, and Santayana made is a lesson the Bible has already taught us: History needs to be shared, history needs to be taught, and history needs to be learned.

Consider the words of Psalm 78:2-4 (ESV) - “I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

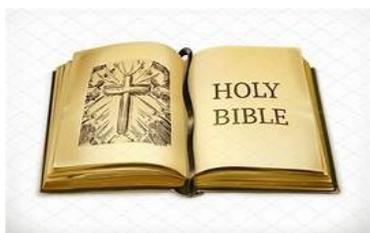
In other (less poetic) words, the Psalmist tells us he is going to teach his children history - the good, the bad, the ugly but true - in order that these children can see the hand of God on that history and know (1) God deserves their wonder and worship, and (2) God still has his hand on today.

SO what does this look like? I like to think it’s like that double-row of portraits in the session room, of all those men, those pastors who stood before the Bishopville Presbyterian Church as God stood by them and guided them through our history: Men like Thomas English, who helped establish our brand-new church; like W.W. Wilson & W.A. Gregg who helped us survive the Civil War and Reconstruction; like L. Legters & T.W. Fulton who saw us through the First & Second World Wars; and like Ralph McCaskill who led us during the end of Vietnam. There was Will Gaines who was with us during 9/11, Hugh Murchison who dedicated our new (1910) sanctuary, even Ken Hicks who saw us through our departure from the PC (USA) and entry into the EPC. That’s our history - and the God that saw us through all those moments, all those events, great and small, stands with us today.

What have we learned from history? That in the dark moments and in the bright, the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might, the wonders that he has done, deserve to be told, taught, and celebrated. It wasn’t those men - as wonderful, as amazing, as full-bearded as some of them (I’m looking at you, Pastor Gregg) are - it wasn’t those men that got us through those moments, but it was the God to whom those men, those faithful pastors all led us.

So let’s tell our children about this God whose hand never lets go of us. Let’s tell our Community - our God got us through, gave us the right leaders, the right elders, the right resources at exactly the right time, every time. Let’s tell each other - God’s got us! And no matter what the world throws our way, he’ll never let us go. Hallelujah!

-Pastor Chris



### May Sermons

- 4th: A Good Christian Neighbor**  
**11th: A Neighborly Mom**  
**18th: For a Neighbor’s Sake**  
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**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

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<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$73,076.00</b>
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YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$72,024.37
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$71,226.00</b>

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 (Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$ 905.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,870.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$ 00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,600.00

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 Zeke Gaskins 7  
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 Terri Ann T. Belk 13  
 Beth Grant 15  
 Beth McCutchen 17  
 Ricky McCutchen 23  
 Virginia Kerr Beard 28  
 Debbie Tindal 28  
 Tim Kirven 31

**June Birthdays**

Harrison Blake Smith 4  
 Stephen Latimer Welch 6  
 Ray Drayton 8  
 Cameron McElveen 10  
 Conner Welch 13  
 Lacie McElveen 14  
 Rev. Chris Parnell 14  
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*From the Pastor...* “When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.” (Acts 2:1-2 CSB)

Spring is winding down, school is almost over, the seasons, they are a-changing - and we know this because we see the signs. Plants blooming, farmers & gardeners planting, rains falling, warm-weather heating, and churches revival-ing (wait, is that a word?).

Growing up in Pentecostal churches, that’s how it was. Every spring, we would have at least a week of revivals, either at our own, or at some local church. Preachers from other churches would go to each other’s pulpits, we’d sometimes set up tents in the church yards (hearkening back to the old camp-meeting revivals that started Pentecostalism), drop cords speakers folding metal chairs would be dropped here and there, and we’d spend our nights for that week going to experience hellfire & brimstone preaching, exuberant singing, and revival atmosphere.

So what went wrong?

Let me say, it was at a tent-revival I experienced the 1st true act of God the Spirit during a time when a person spoke in tongues and had a translation - just as 1 Corinthians 14 requires. It was at a revival I had my 1st profession of faith, leading to my baptism in the Rocky River (even though I hadn’t truly possessed yet that faith). It was at a revival... that I figured out that revival needs something more than just that Christian carnival air that, for most of my childhood, came with the announcement: We’re going to have a revival.

What is - rather, what should revival be? It’s an idea that grows out of what happened there in Acts 2, when God our Father & Christ Jesus our Savior “poured” God the Holy Spirit into & onto the living Church, launching us who have been saved by faith in Christ to the glory of the Father, filling us with the Spirit, his gifts, his fruit, and his calling.

Revival, done right, ought to be like the Reformation, a rekindling, a refocusing on the working of God through the Church, getting back to business with that renewed sense of wonder & purpose revivals are - or were - supposed to bring.

So how do we get that right? IT all starts with the model of the disciples. Acts 2 doesn’t come first; Acts 1 does. Acts 2, with Peter’s great sermon, with fire descending from on high, with community, unity, conviction, & growth, Acts 2 is ONLY built on the foundation of Acts 1. In other words, there is no revival without preparation.

Look, then at Acts 1. How does God prepare the Church for Acts 2, for Pentecost? It starts with expectation - Jesus tells the disciples to expect the Spirit’s presence & power. It moves to calling - Jesus calls the disciples to prayer & understanding that he will return some glad morning (so there’s a deadline on its way - come quickly, Lord Jesus!). It then moves to organizing, getting ready for revival - there’s no mistake that Judas Iscariot’s replacement is chosen here of all places; the reviving Church needs key, apostolic leadership, and God has the right man lined up for the job. And it launches after Sabbath-rest

It’s no mistake that God poured his Spirit out on Pentecost, 7 weeks + 1 day after that Passover when Jesus paid the price for our sin by dying on the Cross. 50 days later, on a Sunday, the Church leaps out, shining in the light of a Risen Lord & Savior, emboldened by God himself, the Spirit firing them up (literally!) and sending them out with the gospel message of forgiveness. There is no revival without preparation - and God prepared his people, his Church, for just such a revival as Pentecost.

Honestly, that’s what was missing from the Pentecostal revivals of old - that sense of preparation. Were we lining up the right people, the right resources? Were we dedicating time in prayer & anticipation? Were we waiting for God to pour it out... or were we trying to pencil God into our calendars and hoping he’d bless it this year? Let’s look for revival, yes! But let’s look first and ask - what ought I be doing to be ready for revival, true revival? How is God preparing us today? God bless you - Pastor Chris

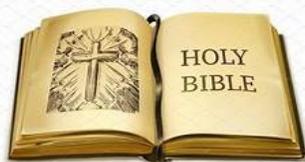
We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love - for Jesus, who died, and is now gone above.

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of Light who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain.

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love. May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

(WP McCay, a Presbyterian minister from Hull, England)



### June Sermons

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**MISSIONARY NEWS**

June 15th @ 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Jean Legters**, our Mexico Missionary, will give a powerpoint presentation on her field progress. Everyone is welcome to attend

*Thank you to everyone for all your concerns, calls, texts, visits, food, etc... during the sickness and death of our precious mother, Lenora Watford Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen and the entire Watford family*

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May 19, 2025

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

"...For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, to give you hope, and a future" (Jer. 29:11). This year marks 58 years since I came to live and serve the Lord here in Mexico. I did not know the plans God had for me, but I would not trade my life for any other.

I want to share with you some highlights so far this year in our various ministry and outreach opportunities as well as updates on our family and future plans. Here at the San Pablo Seminary, we are in the final months of the spring term which will end with music recitals, a choir concert, and the graduation taking place on June 13. This year 5 students will finish their associate degrees in biblical studies, 4 on-campus and 10 online students will graduate with a B.A. in theology, 4 in sacred music, 10 in biblical counseling, and 3 more from the M.A. degree program. We are slowly growing back to the numbers we had before the Covid pandemic, and the scholarship support has been a key factor as the monthly tuition and housing costs of around \$250 dollars per month is a heavy burden for most out-of-state students. I thank the Lord for his provision for those who have made sacrifices and stepped out in faith as they come and prepare for a life of service to the Lord in churches within the peninsula of Yucatan and beyond.

We are preparing for a very active camp season this summer. We just had a group of four service volunteers from Ward Church in Detroit, who helped us get ready with several new projects and regular maintenance jobs. They got so much done and yet there seems to be so much more still to do before we are ready for the summer camp season. Just this past Easter break we hosted two large youth camps each of 250 young people. The campgrounds will be rented out every single week and weekend starting in July and ending in September for kids, families and youth retreats. Of all these groups, our camp board is overseeing one week of youth camp, followed by my daughter Debbie directing a kid's camp, and my son Mark also directing another large youth retreat for his and several sister churches. We are looking forward to a group of 27 young people and leaders from Ward Church who will be back as part of the staff at kids camp the first week in August. There are many ways you can be part, even if you are not able to come and experience camp with us. Funds are being raised to complete a remodel project in the original camp building, a lot of painting and repair work that is constant due to the humidity and salt water/air is also needed. Camp participants from villages, the projects on the outskirts of Merida, and from out of state are also waiting for word on scholarship support in order to pay the \$75 dollar camp fee. Last year we received a gift that paid the full cost for 15 children from the projects of Merida and there is now a waiting list as more desire to come to kid's camp. Funds are also being raised for transportation costs as the bus rental for the round trip to and from camp costs around \$700 dollars. If you or your church are interested in helping, or even better- coming for a work or service visit, it is often a life-changing experience that we can attest to ourselves.

Earlier this spring, Dr. Will Ackles and his wife, Nancy came to teach in the seminary. During their stay, we were able to visit many congregations on weekends where he preached, I took my keyboard to accompany the worship, and Nancy learned to sing some songs in Maya and helped me with the sale of Bibles, hymn books and Christian literature. On one of these weekend trips, we visited a very remote village I had never visited, Cisbichen, for a baptism service. The church is a very rustic structure, made of stick walls and a tin roof, with wooden benches and people who dearly love the Lord.

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June 12 through July 7 I will be traveling in the US with my son Daniel as chauffeur and guide. We will be visiting many friends and churches who support the ministry here from the states of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Missouri. Healthwise, I have been able to keep diabetes under control without medication but following a very strict diet. The macular degeneration that has affected my eye-sight has caused me to only be able to read very large print, but I am able to see enough to get around, cook, and teach some of Diego's homeschool courses. With age I have developed arthrosis in my right elbow which makes the process of walking with a walker rather difficult and painful. We are getting a second opinion, but studies seem to show it will require surgery for a special type of prosthesis later this summer. I am praying about having the surgery done here in Mexico because I have an excellent orthopedic surgeon. The biggest drawback, however, is that Medicare is not available in Mexico. We are hoping to schedule the surgery in time to recover and travel to St. Louis for my granddaughter Alyssa's December wedding to my soon to be added grandson, Austin, a Christian young man whom she met in law school. Each of my grandchildren are studying and serving the Lord in the places to which God has called them. I can testify of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness from generation to generation.

As we will soon be moving into summer, I trust that each of you will find time to rest and relax and thank the Lord for those plans of a future and a hope He has given each one of us.

Your servants for Jesus' sake,  
*Jean Legters*, for the family

Daniel's phone number, where I may be reached while traveling is: (314) 223-9453

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(Matthew 8:26-27)

It happens this way - you're going along, you're living your life, you're doing church, praying, reading, all the right things, and then it happens. The rug gets metaphorically (or literally) pulled out from under you. Troubles come - not one or two, but as Claudius laments to Gertrude in Hamlet, in whole battalions. The clouds gather, the storm breaks all around, and you ache from the pressure. You start considering every option, you start looking for any solution, you flounder, rowing as hard as you can against the wind, against the current, but get nowhere, and fast.

But you ask yourself: "O me of little faith! Have I not seen the hand of my Lord, my Savior, my God in my life? Have I not felt his sovereign grace, grace as of a Savior who even death and all the powers of hell could not defeat? Have I not received the promise of an eternal, unbreakable, everlasting connection to Christ Jesus, my God and my Lord - for whom nothing is impossible? Why, then do I let these storms affect me so profoundly?"

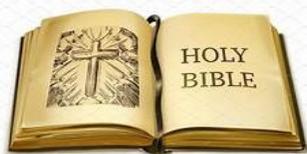
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Is it failure to believe? Or is it the (present) human condition? You see, we were meant for perfect fellowship, perfect relationship, perfect alignment with God, and because of sin, that perfection is broken. We were made to glorify God and fully enjoy him - and we can't and the storms we face, whether health or wealth or decision or distress, the storms we face remind us all too clearly that this world in which we live is broken - and needs God's hand to fix it. How do we get through them, then? More faith? More perseverance? What gets us through these hard times, these stormy places in our lives?

Well... here's the good news in a nutshell: Mark 9:24 & Matthew 7:7-11. We cry out to Jesus. We ask our Lord for help & guidance, we turn to our Lord in prayer and praise, we proclaim: "We believe! Help us through our doubt! Help us ask! Help us seek! Help us know what we need to know! Help us experience again the joy of our salvation, that joy unspeakable, full of glory, the half of which has never been told. Get our eyes off the storm - and get our eyes on Jesus."

Does this mean the storm ends? Even Peter, in Matthew 14, when he walked out on the sea, did so during the storm. And that storm didn't end until Jesus told it to - after he & Peter had walked together back to the boat. Sometimes it's like that for us. The storm doesn't end. But we put our hand in Jesus' hand and keep our eyes on him through it. So don't be afraid of the storms we face. Keep instead your eyes on Jesus - and never be afraid to ask him for his presence, and his help.

God bless you! *Pastor Chris*



6<sup>th</sup>:  
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**July Sermons**  
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John 6:1-14  
Matthew 14:22-33  
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# 2025

*From the Pastor...* "But you, man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith."

- 1 Timothy 6:11-12a CSB

"Greetings from me and my family to all of you, the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Bishopville, and grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!"

- me, August 2015

For (just) over ten years now, I have praised our Lord for the opportunity to serve the Bishopville Church and Community, and I thank Him for each & every one of you. Ever since we first got here, you've made us feel truly at home - like we're part of the family. It's been my greatest joy to live our lives with you, to see kids graduate and start careers and families, to baptize the babies of folks who were themselves (in my mind) only kids when I first got here, to marry families together, and to work and worship alongside you.

So what's next for us?

A decade ago, I had no way to know (for certain) how God would bless me, my family, my church, and my hometown - but he has! I had no way to know what doors he would open, what people he would bring into our church family, what an amazing welcome they would receive (I hear all the time about the incredible job our church does at helping people feel like part of the family). I had no idea what the future would hold, the challenges we would face - and overcome! - by God's guidance, by the godly leaders he's given & giving us, and by the solid commitment of everybody in our church family.

Think about it - we got past 3 presidential elections. We got past the closure of the LCCM. We even got through Covid - and rebuilt every program we worried we'd lost because of it, rebuilt them and more! We're adding Sunday School classes, we're growing at VBS, we're feeding the community, we're reaching so much further than before - and it's all because of how God works and has been working in our midst.

As a friend of mine likes to say, I'm neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but what I can say the future holds is what Paul tells Timothy in his first letter. We're going to keep on fleeing from sin. We're going to keep on pursuing righteousness and godliness. We're going to keep on being faithful to God. We're going to keep on loving each other. We're going to keep on enduring with gentleness. And we're going to keep on standing up for each other - and for what's right. We're going to fight the good fight and we're going to see God do amazing things, for the next decade and beyond, should our Lord tarry.

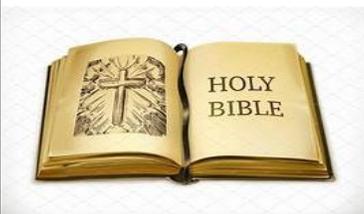
These past ten years have amazed me with our God's love for us - May he bless you!

*Pastor Chris*

### August Sermons

- 8/3    **The Lawful Law**    1 Timothy 1:3-11  
 8/10    **Shipwrecked**    1 Timothy 1:15-20  
 8/17    **Intercession**    1 Timothy 2:1-10  
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We did need to take her a couple of times to our dermatologist. With the help of two separate friends who had a wheelchair van, she was able to get out for the first time since March. She had her usual suspicious skin spots. Two biopsies showed squamous cell cancer that required a second trip. So now, the squamous has been cut away!

After the second trip, I surprised her with a trip to her hairdresser, and our good friend **Tonya at Tangles Styling Salon** was so gracious to squeeze her in. Tonya has been Pam's stylist for well over 20 years! See just really loves Pam!

I guess we all take for granted the basic functions that we all perform each day to take care of ourselves. Pam is in the unenviable position of depending on others for so much and she wants so bad to keep getting stronger. She just might have that special desire to continue to improve. She's on the right track!



June, 2025

Carroll and Pam Baker  
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More than a hairdresser...  
a dear friend to Pam

## FCA Team Football Camp... Here I come!

Meanwhile, my summer ministry is about to take my usual turn, in an unusual way. For nearly 20 years, I've been able to staff one or more of our FCA Team Football Camps. A few months ago, I didn't think it would be possible. With Pam needing round the clock care, I couldn't see myself leaving her for too long.

I'm so thankful for our girls, **Kathryn and Michaela**. They said that they could take turns staying overnight. Coupled with our usual help during the day, it looks like I can have all the hours covered. So from Sunday afternoon, July 6 through Saturday afternoon July 12, I will be at Team Camp at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, about an hour away.

My role at camp for many years has been the **pizza guy**. Even though the players really chow down in the cafeteria at dinner, we know that they will want more food before lights out. So the players will order pizzas during the afternoon and their coach will give me their order and money during dinner. It sounds easy but over 400 football players will typically order 150-200 pizzas! (One night last summer, we did 243 pizzas, a new record!) Just imagine the logistics of getting that many pizzas back to campus, stacking them for each team, and getting them distributed. It is about an hour of organized chaos!



The next morning my car smells great!

I'll also greet each team as they enter the cafeteria. The players need a little pep talk to remind them to not waste food and to clean up their table when they're done. They usually do OK, but the reminder really helps.

Then of course, I'll help out on the field. I'll see a lot of football, and I'll meet many players. After each game, both teams will take a knee together, and a player will lead the teams in prayer. Just imagine football brothers kneeling together after competing. It's a great sight and it's an opportunity for each team to build spiritual leadership.

Then there are those impromptu moments that I'll have with various players and teams... and coaches too. It just seems like if I have even just a few minutes with a coach or athlete, it is a divine appointment. It's exciting to trust God for an opportunity to sow a seed. We just never know what God will do.

We will really need much prayer this week. Thanks so very much for lifting us up! This will be a faith stretching week! What a privilege to trust Him with all the details!



Joining our Home Team is easy.

*Carroll + Pam*

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Sunday, Sept. 14th @ 12 pm  
Lunch & activities provided



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**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**

*From the Pastor...* “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.” –Deuteronomy 30:15-16 (ESV)

At the end of the 1st five books of the Bible is the curious book we call Deuteronomy. The name itself means 2nd Law, and a lot of Deuteronomy covers ground we’ve already been on if we were to have read the story of the Exodus just before it. Not only that, but it’s chock-full of laws - it includes a retelling of the 10 Commandments, the Greatest Commandment (called the Shema), laws about prophets and priests, laws about kings and servants, even laws about an event that will (or should) only happen once in Israel’s national history.

So how is it that Bible scholars tell us Deuteronomy is “the Romans of the Old Testament”? Isn’t Romans all about how we are justified by faith alone in the Lord Jesus? Doesn’t Romans have that famous road that starts with sin and its wages, moves to God’s demonstration of love in Christ Jesus at the cross, and tells us to confess the Lord Jesus for salvation by God’s good grace?

How can a book called the 2nd Law be like Romans?

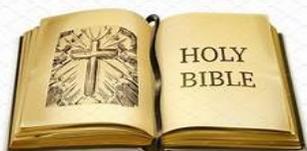
Well... just look at how Moses & God the Spirit wrote Deuteronomy. It starts with reminding the next generation of God’s people about how they got where they were - it starts with sin and sin’s consequences. Then it moves into God’s provision for his people, how God made them a people, gave them a law, gave them a covenant, a permanent contract - the demonstration of God’s love in a sacrifice that would cover sin. And then it ends telling God’s people to make a choice: Confess the Lord God for salvation, and that salvation is a gift of God’s good grace.

I find that amazing. The story of God’s grace for us, the story of God’s plan to save us and forgive our sins, the story of Jesus echoes all throughout the Bible - even all throughout Deuteronomy. And just as Jesus asks us to make a choice in John 11:26 and 14:6, Moses asks us to make the same choice, the choice Joshua asks God’s people to make in Joshua 24:15 will you choose to hear the voice of God, calling you to follow Jesus? Or will you choose to listen to another voice - just like Adam and Eve did in the Garden, so long ago? (and think about how that worked out).

God is so good. He tells us over and over again that in him is life and forgiveness, that he is a God who forgives and makes a way - and that way is Jesus. All we have to do is believe in him, obey him, hear his voice, and be saved. It’s the story of Romans, it’s the story of Deuteronomy, it’s the story of Jesus - and thanks to him, it can be our story, too.

- - Hallelujah! Pastor Chris

### September Sermons



9/7	Mystery of Godliness	1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
9/14	A Godly Worker	1 Timothy 4:6 - 5:2
9/21	The Good Fight	1 Timothy 6:11-16
9/28	Only the Word	Psalms 119:89-96

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

We have finally received our new playground equipment and are very thankful to all who have provided the funding for this to happen. We also thank all the people who helped assemble it. What a great Church family we have!

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Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

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**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$14,213.77
YTD Income received:	\$135,734.85
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$146,152.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,852.95
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$149,639.31
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$144,136.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,165.00
YTD Income received:	\$7,945.00
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**Night Circle: Mon. Sept. 15th @ 7:00 pm**

**Host: Kathryn Welch**

**Men of Church: Sept. 17th @ 7:00 pm**

**Host: Perry McCutchen**

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- 26th: Sarah McCutchen Family

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



Manning B. Lloyd	4	William Burns Tindal	2
Betty Manning Heriot	10	Sherian McLendon	4
Julie Cothran	12	Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Caroline Welch	13	Helen Burns Belk	7
Charlie Ipock	14	Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20	Kent McCutchen	10
Katelyn Bell	21	Mary Parnell	12
Ernie Muldrow	21	Aaron Easters	16
Bert Cousar	22	B.J. Kerr	17
William Frazier	24	Marilyn Adams	19
Ansley Nesbit	24	Dawn Nesbit	24
Patrick Parnell	24	Betty Ann Cooper	25
McKinnon Logan	26	Amelia Reese Hyman	27
McCants Lloyd	29	Mia Kathryn Welch	27
Wendy Welch	29	Johnny McCutchen	28
		Steven Terrell, Jr.	28
		Bo Dickinson	29
		Anna Grace Kirven	30

**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**

**OFFICE HOURS** **Business Office Hours**  
 Monday - Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Unless otherwise noted

**2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**  
 Sept. 1st, Oct. 7th – 13th,  
 Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd - 29th & 31st  
 Please contact office to update records (via email)

**Homebound**  
**HOMEBOUND Members**  
 Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence  
 Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence  
 BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center  
 Beth McCutchen @ McCoy for rehab  
 Hugh Tindal @ his home  
 Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville

**Project WarmUS**  
 First Baptist Church is accepting blanket & warm coat donations on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, from 10am – 2pm until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 Items will be distributed to anyone in need

**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 welcome to join us

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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
 A PROJECT OF SAMARITANS PURSE®  
**Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry**  
 Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.  
 We are collecting caps, toys, coloring books & crayons, notebooks, pencils & pencil sharpeners. Due to new regulations, we **cannot collect or send any SOAP or warfare items. Monetary gifts can be made payable to BPC noted: "OCC".** See display in Education Bldg

**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. **We collected \$346 in May!**  
**Thanks to all who participate!**  
**Next Coin Collection Date: November 9, 2025**

**"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.  
**Next collection date: November 30th**

## Mission News from Mexico

Yesterday's high: 96°  
Yesterday's low: 75°

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63021 Ballwin, MO  
My Mexico phone #: 011 521 999 225 7958

August 17, 2025

Dear prayer partners and friends,

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Ps. 103:1. The whirlwind trip to the US of nearly 4 weeks could not have been better. Daniel and I visited many friends and churches in seven states with great blessing. How wonderful that was to briefly step into the lives of friends I am unable to see very often, and learn of their trials and joys, and be able to pray for and with them during our time together. I do not take lightly this unique privilege and honor that the Lord gave me.

Since returning, I have been attending piano and violin recitals and participating in a panel discussion at my church on congregational music. I attended the Sac Be Presbytery meeting in the town of Yokdznot where we were able to sell about \$750 worth of Bibles, hymnbooks and related material at discounted prices. Prices have skyrocketed on printed materials recently, so the discounts are helpful to the ministers and leaders laboring in remote areas of our state.

Now we are seeing a full camping season. Mark returned from a youth camp of 220 held the end of July. Debbie directed children's camp the first week of August with the help of 27 young people who came from Ward Church in Detroit, Michigan. Please pray for all the decisions that have been made by those attending camp and the hearts that were touched and transformed through the power of God's Word shared at each event. There are at least four other Christian camps being held within the next two weeks. In addition to praying for these retreats, we would also ask for prayer for the future leadership of our camp as changes among the governing board are in process. May those who continue in the camp ministry remain and may God be glorified in the decisions that have to be made.

The San Pablo seminary reopened August 11. At this moment, there are 12 new students who will be coming but more are from music than theology. Cost is about \$275 per month for room and board and tuition.

Dr. Will and Nancy Ackles were here August 2-12 conducting baptisms and a wedding in the town of Chemax. The mother of the groom was a former music student of mine in a village where Dave was the pastor. In early September, Diego will begin fifth grade at Debbie's school along with five other fifth and sixth graders. This will be a big change for him, AND for me. He is excited about the prospects of studying with other kids and I am eager to find new ways to serve the Christian homeschool community as we begin the new school year.

In my last letter, I talked about the possibility of elbow surgery because of the arthrosis in my right elbow. After talking with three doctors, I have decided not to do anything at this time. They all suggested it is a difficult surgery and although it would take away the pain I would lose some mobility in my arm. Some helpful suggestions were given which I am now implementing.

In closing, I would like to share with you some of the words of a couple hymns, which have been helpful to me. Some have asked me how I can do the things that I do. It is only the Lord's strength in my life that enables me to continue serving Him.

### Day by Day

Day by day, and with each passing moment / Strength I find to meet my trials here  
Trusting in my father's wise bestowment / I have no cause for worry or for fear.  
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure / Gives into each day what he deems best.  
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure / Mingling toil with peace and rest.

### He Giveth more Grace

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater, / He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To added affliction, he addeth his mercy / To multiple trials, his multiple peace.  
His love has no limit, his grace has no measure / His power has no boundary, known onto men.  
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus / He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. The ministry here would not be possible without the Lord's grace and provision, and without your constant encouragement and partnership in the work.

I am thankful for your care and support and encouragement.

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

Any tax-deductible gifts for our ministry (family, seminary, or camp) may be sent to:  
Son Raise Missionaries Services  
4395 Idlewood Dr. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49519

August 31, 2025

Dear Family and Friends of David and Estelle Abernathy,

I'm writing to share that after 39 years of faithful ministry, David and Estelle Abernathy will retire from Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., effective August 31, 2025. We thank the Lord for David and Estelle and their contribution to the work of Bible translation as they participated in a global movement of seeing Scripture translated for all people still waiting.

David and Estelle have spent much of their service to Wycliffe at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Estelle has worked in the JAARS housing and accounting offices. David has served in public relations and maritime services, and has also prepared exegetical study materials and edited the work of other researchers. In this task, David used his exegetical training and knowledge of biblical Greek and Hebrew. From 1991 to 1993, the Abernathys served in Oaxaca, Mexico, at the linguistic and translation study center, and from 2005 to 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya, where David taught biblical exegesis, Greek and Hebrew.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers, financial investment and encouragement for David and Estelle throughout the years. Your partnership has been a vital part of their successful ministry. I pray you have been encouraged to see the incredible ways God has moved around the world as people encounter Him through Scripture in a language and format they clearly understand, knowing that you have been a part of making that possible! David and Estelle are retiring to Waxhaw. In their retirement, they look forward to volunteering with SIL and JAARS as the Lord and health allow.

David and Estelle have some retirement savings and Social Security coverage, but their resources are limited and may not be sufficient to provide for all their needs. Wycliffe's retirement policy allows eligible retired members to receive retirement income from existing donors who choose to continue giving. If you'd like to continue supporting the Abernathys and you have an automatic bank transfer in place, no further action is needed. If you normally mail your gift to Wycliffe, please send a note with your gift stating, "Preferred for David and Estelle Abernathy's retirement." Wycliffe will issue tax-deductible receipts for these gifts. Please call Donor Relations at 1-800-992-5433 for assistance with your donations.

Please join us in prayer for David and Estelle as they make this major life and ministry transition. Thank you again for the significant role you've played in making their ministry possible and for your part in reaching all people with God's Word! We are grateful for your partnership in this Kingdom work. If you have any questions about this status change, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at [gws\\_totalrewards@wycliffe.org](mailto:gws_totalrewards@wycliffe.org).

Until all the nations worship,



Dr. John Chesnut  
President/CEO  
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**WORLD COMMUNION**  
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# 2025

*From the Pastor...* From Ligonier Ministry's 2025 "State of Theology" survey (thestateoftheology.com):

- 53% of American evangelicals agree that "Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature."
- 53% think that "The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being."
- 47% believe "God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam."

How many of you remember playing "hide-and-seek" as kids? You and your friends would go out in the yard or playground, they'd take off, you'd face the tree or pole and count, "1-2-3..." until you reached 100, then you'd shout out: "Ready or not, here I come!"

When he writes the last letter he will ever write, the Apostle Paul says this to Timothy: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out..." In other words, "Ready or not, preach the Gospel!"

The statistics from Ligonier's 2025 survey are - as I admitted in my last message for September - pretty disturbing. These stats point to a lack of Biblical & theological precision that itself is the symptom of a shallow understanding of the Bible. These stats point to a people unconvinced of the urgency of the Christian mission and the unimportance of the Christian Church (which comes out as people saying, "I can worship anywhere - why do I need to go to church on Sunday?"). These stats point to the American Church's unreadiness to preach, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel.

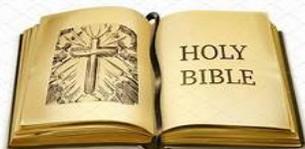
And yet Paul, to Timothy, to the church he served at Ephesus, at the very tail end of his life boldly proclaim, "Ready or not - preach the Gospel."

It's a situation like that faced by John & Peter, on trial before the Jewish council in Acts 4: Two former fishermen facing down a room full of the most prominent theologians, biblical scholars, & religious legal minds their culture had ever known. Or like Stephen, later in that same book, facing that bloodthirsty & offended mob, emotions unchecked, stones in their hands, murder on their minds. Or even like Luther, centuries later, facing down the combined political & religious power of popes, bishops, princes, and emperor.

How did these men stand in the face of such power? What could they do? Ready or not, they preached the Gospel.

What does that even mean? We've all heard the expression - and probably used it: **"You're preaching to the choir."** It means we're telling somebody something they already know, and agree with. But here's the thing - look at 1&2 Timothy, at Romans 1, at 1 Corinthians 15, at Ephesians, at Luke 1 or Acts 1, or 1&2 Peter, or 1,2,&3 John, any & every book of the New Testament, and even every book of the Old. They're all doing the same thing, all proclaiming the same message. **They're preaching the Gospel to the choir, to those who already know the Gospel, to the family, the people of God... whether that family is ready or not.**

That's where we start. We start by preaching the Gospel to us. We start by reminding ourselves of the importance, the beauty, the amazing greatness of the story of Jesus - for as he himself declared: God so loved the world - and you & me - that he gave us Jesus so that we might believe in him and be saved. Ready or not; it's the Gospel. - - Pastor Chris



### October Sermons

10/05

Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:1-20

10/12

Saved by Faith

Genesis 15:1-7

10/19

Great Things He has Done

Psalm 8:1-9

10/26

Christ My Salvation

Colossians 1:13-23

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

The Session has set up a new Building Fund, to hold funds for upgrading some of our doors to breakaway doors and to upgrade our very old HVAC systems. We thank everyone who can help fund these needed upgrades to our Church.

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The 2025 Elder Nominating Committee is accepting nominations and will meet soon to secure 3 names for the c/o 2028 Elders. Please prayerfully consider if asked, to serve as an Elder. Nomination forms are in the SS classes & Sanctuary. Please place nominations in offering plate on Sunday or bring/email to office or give to a committee member. Committee Members: Reneé Bell & Reese Atkinson (Co-Chairs), Marsha McCutchen, Katie McCutchen, William Frazier  
Nominations are due: October 12th



**World Communion**

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

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1st Baptist Church is accepting blanket & coat donations until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Items will be distributed to anyone in need

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Host: Cindy Welsh, in Fellowship Hall

Night Circle: Mon. Oct. 13th @ 7:00 pm

Host: Melinda Atkinson

Men of Church: Oct. 15th @ 7:00 pm

Host: Reese Atkinson



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### Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.

We are collecting caps, toys, coloring books & crayons, notebooks, pencils & pencil sharpeners. Due to new regulations, we **cannot collect or send any SOAP or warfare items. Monetary gifts can be made payable to BPC noted: "OCC". See display in Education Bldg**

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Next collection date: November 30th

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Daylight Saving Time  
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Thank a  
Veteran on  
November 11th



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*From the Pastor. . . “Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain, a way for the thunderbolt, to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the empty places where no man lives? To satisfy the waste and desolate land, to make the ground sprout with grass? Has the rain a father...?” –Job 38-25-28a*

There was a song that got popular when I was a kid about spending time alone “in the cold November rain” (yes, that song written by Axl Rose). It’s interesting to me how often the Bible talks about rain - at least 99 times . . . which is nearly as often as when we talk to our neighbors - especially those who work in agriculture - about rain on any given month.

Typically, yes, the idea of November & rain go hand in hand, even though our actual wettest month in South Carolina is either March or August (depending on how close to the coast or the mountains you live). Maybe it’s the effect of that old 80s “power ballad” or maybe it’s just that poetic idea of Autumn & rain going hand-in-hand. (In all actuality, for SC on average, November is our driest month - go figure.)

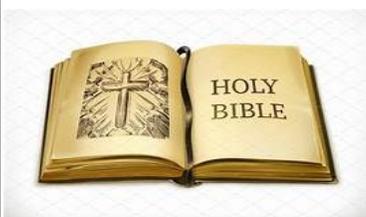
Rain is so many things to us. It’s life-giving, plant-watering, crop-growing. It pollinates, aggravates, accumulates. It seems to be a mystery to “other” drivers, it seems to come exactly after you’ve washed your car, or on days you plan for hikes or picnics, it seems to be capricious - dodging certain areas while soaking others. It’s something to celebrate after a dry spell, yet it’s something to worry about during a wet season. It can be delightful, dreary, and at the same time, dangerous. But more than any of that, rain slows us down.

I can’t recall who it was, whether it was a teacher or classmate, a pastor or farmer who told me that every time it rained, they would go out and sing the Doxology: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...” He did this because rain is the gift of God. Throughout those 99 instances in the Bible, God uses the rain to bless, to judge, to draw his people together, and to slow them down so that they might see the hand of God at work. Notice that in Job, when God addresses the sufferer, he points to the rain, uses the rain to slow Job down to see: Here is your God. This is what he does. He gives rain in its season - and he gives healing & rest.

So whether it’s November or March, whether it’s an all day soaker or just a sprinkle, take time when it rains. Slow down. Maybe even sing a little. Rain is God’s gift, even the “cold November” kind. God bless you all - Pastor Chris



### November Sermons



11/02	<b>A Mighty Fortress</b>	<b>Psalm 46:1-11</b>
11/09	<b>The Promised King</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7:1-17</b>
11/16	<b>The Promised King</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 17:14-20</b>
11/23	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>1 Samuel 8:1-18</b>
11/30	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b>

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**October 2025 Statistics (3rd Qtr)**

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YTD Expenses disbursed: \$192,926.71

**Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$184,305.00**

**Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)**

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

MTD Income received: \$2,215.00

YTD Income received: \$11,975.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$18,000.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$27,810.40

The Session has Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 16th for the purpose of electing 3 Elders to the c/o 2028. The 2025 Elder Nominating Committee will present the following 3 names to serve

**Beth Grant**

**Gregg McCutchen III**

**Tim McElhenny**

**2025 ENC Members:**

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**Marsha McCutchen, Katie McCutchen, William Frazier**

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



**Daylight Saving Time ends**  
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**Don't forget to set your clocks back 1**  
**hour on Saturday Night, before bed**

**Monday, November 24th**  
**Bishopville PC @ 6:00 p.m.**

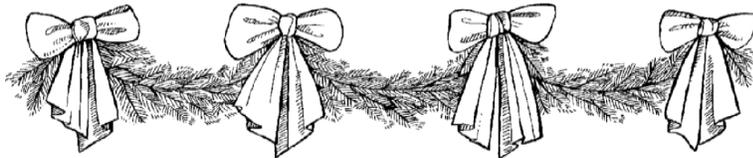
**Guest speaker: Roshonda Pratt**

*Harvest Banquet*

**All Women invited**



## Christmas Events



**Don't forget your Poinsettia order (s).**  
 Order forms are in the Sanctuary & in  
 the Church office. Plants will adorn the  
 Sanctuary **Nov. 30th - Dec. 21st**  
**Cost: is \$19.00/pp.**  
**Order deadline: Nov. 16th. Make**  
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**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, December 24th**  
**BPC Sanctuary @ 5:30 p.m.**



[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

**Hanging of the Greens Service**  
**Sunday, November 30th @ 11 am**  
 Come join us as our Sanctuary  
 comes alive with the sights and  
 sounds of the Advent season



[WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG](http://WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG)  
**Learn about Wreaths Across America's**  
**Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach**

**Wreaths Across America Ceremony**  
**Saturday, December 13th**  
**At 11:30 a.m. in the**  
**Bishopville PC Cemetery**  
**We'll honor 68 veterans**  
**All are invited to attend**



**Children's Christmas Program**  
**Sunday, December 21st @ 11 am**  
**(Tentative date)**

### Advent Candle Readers/Lighters

- Nov. 30th (1st) Billy & Liz Simon**
- Dec. 7th (2nd)**
- Dec. 14th (3rd)**
- Dec. 21st (4th)**

Dear Gwen and Bishopville Church,

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support of the ministry here in Yucatán. I appreciate so much the many years that you have been involved in the work here. I have a very urgent prayer request now.

When I was there in June, I showed some pictures of the camp that my in-laws had begun at that location in 1967, the year they were able to begin the payments for the property. Since they were foreigners, they were not able to own property in Mexico, but they decided to put it in the hands of a civil association, which would oversee the legal affairs of the camp. In addition, a governing board was named, which would see to the maintenance and rental to various church groups. They did not want to put it only in the name of a Presbyterian church because they wanted it to be open to all evangelical churches for their use. Things have gone very well until my husband's death in 2013 when the civil association began to take more and more Steps. Today we have a situation that was never envisioned by anyone. The civil association says that since they are the owners of the camp, they are now going to run it. They sold over 2 km of beachfront property this spring and have now asked the governing board to turn over all its funds, contacts and contracts because they are going to tear down and rebuild the dining room. This is needed, but not possible at this time since camp is rented out until in November and there is a wedding this month. Work could be done in December January, and February when the camp is generally not in use. We have the governing board have tried to look for help in the church session, Presbytery, and Synod but since the association is not a religious association they have said they are unable to help. We now have a lawsuit against them until a judge. Can decide if they are legally able to take over in the way that they are. My daughter says it is possible that they will not allow her to run the children's camp or my son the youth camp that he always does in July. We also have a house there and are afraid that they may say we can no longer have it or go to it. The camp belongs to the Lord and we want only his will to be done. But we are praying. Also that justice will be done in this situation. To this end we asked for your prayer support that God will do his will with regard to the camp. Thank you so much. This is urgent because the association went to the camp today, where my son was, with lawyers and cameras. They are putting up cameras everywhere to see who comes and goes. Our lawyer has suggested that our house be lived in seven days a week so I go out Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon, my son, Wednesday through Friday and my daughter, Saturday and Sunday there is a Mexican law that says that if you are living in a house, it cannot be taken away from you

Blessings,

Jean Legters

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December

**2025**

*From the Pastor. . . When the Wise Men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt. (Matthew 2:13-14)*

Out of all the things that get included in church Christmas plays & pageants, all the moments with angels and shepherds, with kings and wise men, with stars and camels (and sheep and cows), this one moment from Jesus' birth never gets mentioned. Sure, we sometimes remember that he was dedicated at 8 days old, that Simeon & Anna blessed him. Sure, we sometimes talk about how many months passed between Jesus' birth and the wise men's visit. But how often do we talk about the darkest moment in the story of Jesus' birth - that Herod the King, the Roman ally & puppet, friend of Augustus Caesar himself, orchestrated the mass murder of children in Bethlehem, a city supposedly under his own protection...

And that, of all places on earth our infant Lord would find shelter, it would be Egypt.

What could all this possibly mean? Is this all just to fulfill obscure prophecies from Jeremiah, Lamentations, & Hosea? Is this only a connection to the political ambitions of evil kings & governments? What could this possibly mean - especially in light of the Christmas narrative?

This is one moment you really hope you never see in a kids' Christmas pageant. And yet... Here's a father, aware of the significance of God-given visions & dreams. Here's a mother, ready to go at the drop of a hat, ready to pull up stakes and go when that vision lands.

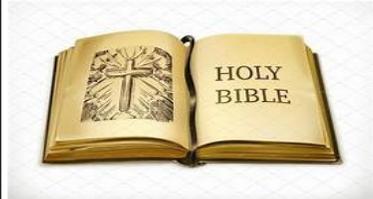
Here's parents who, when the angel comes, will do whatever it takes to make sure their child is as safe as they can be - even if it means pulling him (and themselves) out of bed in the middle of the night and walking some 90 miles in order to get out of Herod's territory - from one province into another. (By the way, when people make a big deal about Jesus immigrating to/from Egypt, they miss the point that moving from Judea to Egypt would be akin to moving to Georgia from South Carolina - it's all still the Roman Empire).

What God is doing with this moment is (1) pointing out the faithfulness of Joseph & Mary. They take God seriously and God's messages seriously - and they show this by GOING. They don't meditate, they don't procrastinate, they motivate, and they obey God's warnings.

(2) This moment indeed points out how God not only had a plan in motion, but that even the wickedness of politicians & governments couldn't stop or hinder that plan. And (3) This moment shows how something that once seemed so safe (in this case Bethlehem) could become so dangerous while someplace that once seemed so dangerous (Egypt) could be used by God to give his people - his very own Son - shelter when he was at his most vulnerable.

So what are WE doing with this strange, tragic, & powerful Christmas moment? How does it inform & transform our understanding of Jesus' Advent?

Hopefully we see it's about more than gifts, more than cards and carols, more than pageants and even presents. It's about our willingness to be like Joseph, to be like Mary, to listen, to hear, and to act on what God reveals. Even if it takes us out of comfort and into Egypt. But especially as long as it keeps us safely connected to Jesus.. Merry Christmas! - Chris

<u>December Sermons</u>			
	12/07	2nd Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10
	12/14	Children's Christmas Program	
	12/21	4th Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16
	12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	
	12/28		Titus 3:4-8

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

The Session met on November 9th. Congratulations to our new Elders: Beth Grant, Gregg McCutchen III, and Tim McIlhenny. Farewell to the 2025 Elders rolling off at the end of December - Ryan McCutchen, Wendy Welch, and Cindy Welsh. Thanks for doing such a great job the past 3-6 years.

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<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$199,079.00</b>

**Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)  
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**Congratulations to Elders c/o 2028**

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- 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

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



Michael Jeffords	5
Sara Catherine Corbett	6
Gordon Eckley	8
Becky Crichton	9
Mike Monroe	13
Dawn Levers	14
Maggie Corbett	15
Tom Kerr	18
Jennifer McCutchen	18
Billy Simon	20
Jane Clyburn	22
Retta Tindal	24
Brooke Welch	24
Wyatt Frazier	28
Rena Smith	29



Robert McCutchen III	2
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Chip Smith	3
Bill Tindal	3
Kody Mills McCutchen	4
Lila Dow Frazier	9
Will McElveen	9
Keith Hyman	11
John Crues Bell IV	12
Bill Conway	13
Steven Welsh	13
T-Bo Ellen	16
Reid McCutchen	17
Ruby Nell Bailey	20
Tim McIlhenny	21
Georgia Y. Broughton	24
Aidan Hilditch	25
William Clyburn Ipock	26
Mills Lloyd	28
Brooke Harrington	30
Amber Harrington	30
Josh Kirven	30
John Latimer	30
Katie McCutchen	30



**Circle's & Men of Church will not meet in December. They will resume in January**

**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**

**OFFICE HOURS** **Business Office Hours**  
 Monday - Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Unless otherwise noted

**2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**  
**Dec. 8th; 24th - 29th & 31st**  
 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 calendar(s) in kitchen.  
 Everyone is welcome to join us

## Homebound

**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**

**We are cleaning stones in our cemetery.**  
 Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or contact  
**Wendy Welch**

**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. **We collected \$165 in Nov.!**  
**Thanks to all who participate!**  
**Next Coin Collection Date: May 17, 2026**



**Samaritans Purse**  
**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Shoebbox Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.

**Thank you to everyone that helped and donated items**  
**We mailed 88 boxes this year**



**“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.

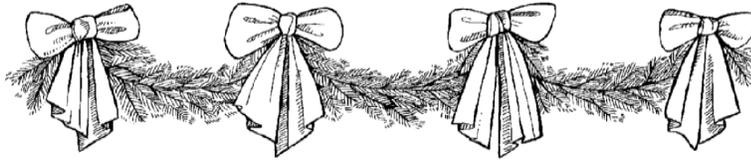
**Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.**

**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.

**Next collection date: March 29, 2026**

## Christmas Events



**Children's Christmas Program**  
Sunday, December 14th @ 11 am  
Christmas lunch to follow

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)



WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG  
Learn about Wreaths Across America's  
Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach

**Christmas Eve Service**  
Wednesday, December 24th  
BPC Sanctuary @ 5:30 p.m.



**Wreaths Across America Ceremony**  
Saturday, December 13th  
At 11:30 a.m. in the  
Bishopville PC Cemetery  
We'll honor 70 veterans, this year  
All are invited to attend



### Candle Lighters

- Dec. 7th (2nd) Melinda & Reese Atkinson
- Dec. 14th (3rd) Wendy & Benny Welch
- Dec. 21st (4th) Annie & Tim McIlhenny
- Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve) Jennifer & Perry McCutchen

Angel Trees are in both  
Tower rooms. Please  
take a tag and return a  
gift by December 11th,



We will celebrate Communion on  
Sunday, January 4, 2026.  
Communion is gladly served in  
the homes of those who can't at-  
tend services.  
Please contact the Pastor or an  
Elder for extended services.  
January Communion Elders:  
Matt Bramlett & Steven Frazier