

The Scroll

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**Daylight Saving Time
ends November 2nd.
Fall back 1 hour on Sat.**

Thank a
Veteran on
November 11th



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Business Office Hours

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

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 5:00 pm

Key Officers and Staff

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

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

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.)

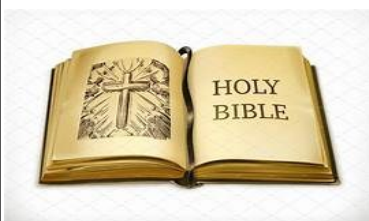
Rain is so many things to us. It's life-giving, plant-watering, crop-growing. It pollinates, aggravates, accumulates. It seems to be a mystery to "other" drivers, it seems to come exactly after you've washed your car, or on days you plan for hikes or picnics, it seems to be capricious - dodging certain 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	A Mighty Fortress	Psalms 46:1-11
11/09	The Promised King	2 Samuel 7:1-17
11/16	The Promised King	Deuteronomy 17:14-20
11/23	Christ the King	1 Samuel 8:1-18
11/30	Hanging of the Greens	1 st Advent

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met on October 12th . The Finance committee is working on the 2026 Budget. We will be electing 3 new Elders for the c/o 2028. Please be in prayer for all our Elders.

. The Property committee is working on several projects to maintain the grounds & buildings

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: Oct. 12th @ 8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***Jimmy McCutchen & Ryan McCutchen**

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

October 2025 Statistics (3rd Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 56 Sunday School: 35

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$11,469.35

YTD Income received: \$170,076.61

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$182,690.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$20,720.26

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:

Reneé Bell & Reese Atkinson (Co-Chairs),

Marsha McCutchen, Katie McCutchen, William Frazier

You may use your smart phone or smart device for online giving by scanning this QR code

Please leave your name and where funds are to be designated

***SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR*****NOVEMBER 2025**

2nd: Reneé Bell
9th: Wendy & Beny Welch
16th: Jackie & Ray Drayton
23rd: Jim & Barbara Latimer
30th: Hanging of the Greens

DECEMBER 2025

7th: 2nd Advent - Poinsettia Array
14th: 3rd Advent - Poinsettia Array
21st: 4th Advent - Poinsettia Array
28th: Steven & Kerry Frazier

JANUARY 2026

4th: Michael Blades
11th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
18th: Reneé Bell
25th: Carol Latimer Finethy

FEBRUARY 2026

1st: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
8th: Iris Thomas Family
15th: Ann & English Cooper
22nd: Reneé Bell

**MARCH 2026**

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

APRIL 2026

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

MAY 2026

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

JUNE 2026

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

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



Ari Dickinson	3
Rawlins Crues Smith	3
Jerry Adams	4
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Maddie Varn Dailey	8
Jill McElveen	9
Eddie Boykin	10
Catherine Bell Smith	12
Cally Bell	14
MaryAnna Welsh	14
Peggy Corbett	15
Barbara Latimer	20
Missy Kirven	20
Don Grant	22
Perry McCutchen	22
Dr. Leon Hunt	23
Jackie Drayton	25
Jane Harrington	27



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

FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

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

Bishopville PC @ POB 66
Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: Post Office returns all street mail

Business Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 8th; 24th - 29th & 31st

Please contact office to update records (via email)

HOMEBOUND Members

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

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



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. Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or 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 \$346 in May!**

Thanks to all who participate!

Next Coin Collection Date: November 9, 2025



**Samaritans Purse
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebbox Ministry**

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

We will have a packing party on November 9th, after Church. Pizza will be provided

**“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

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



Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 2nd @ 2 am.
Don't forget to set your clocks back 1
hour on Saturday Night, before bed

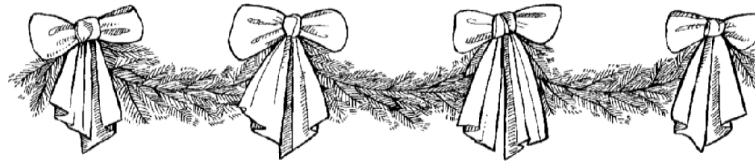
Monday, November 24th
Bishopville PC @ 6:00 p.m.

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
checks payable to BPC w/memo: Poinsettia

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



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



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



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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

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