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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Business Office Hours

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. Tim McElhenny
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Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

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From the Pastor “This is the message that you have heard from the beginning: That we should love one another” (1 John 3:11).

How many of us remember in elementary school how, every second week of February (give or take), classes would take a few days to build mailboxes? They’d usually be shoeboxes wrapped in red paper and decorated with little white and red hearts, with a slot cut out on top so that your classmates could slip in little notes with cheap candy taped on, all saying, “From your Valentine.” And maybe, just maybe, for that person you liked a whole bunch, you’d write an extra little XOXO or tape a second piece of candy - just so they’d know you really cared. Ah, yes. Valentine’s Day. A day set apart by the church for love.

SO how is it that the church has long associated the idea of loving one another with an old, old holiday named for an obscure bishop best known for being “the patron saint of lovers, people with epilepsy, and [believe it or not,] beekeepers” (Encyclopedia Britannica, www.brittanica.com). In other words, when we think about days focused on love, we think about Valentine’s day, February 14...

But who was Valentine? And what does he have to do with love?

All we really know about him is that he was a Christian pastor jailed & martyred by the Roman government sometime in the late AD200s. He was arrested during a wave of anti-Christian persecution either for providing marriages for Roman soldiers who’d been forbidden to marry, or for providing marriages to Roman commoners looking to avoid being drafted into military service. When he was arrested, he - according to Church tradition - would regularly write his daughter notes, signed “from your Valentine”...

Which became the inspiration for Christians handing out notes calling ourselves “your Valentine” to those people we love. Or at least those we like a whole bunch.

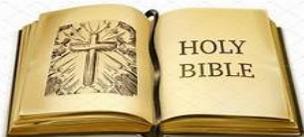
Just like some people want to abandon Christmas because of some obscure co-opted Roman yule/solstice festival, some want to abandon Valentine’s day because, again, Christians co-opted the Roman Lupercal festival celebrating romantic love for a more general festival celebrating the legacy of love that Roman emperors & soldiers couldn’t destroy - the legacy of Christ Jesus.

The Bible tells us that God demonstrates his love for us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died to redeem us, and that the way we live our lives as Christians ought to be defined by love. Greater love, Jesus tells us, doesn’t exist, that a man, a God would lay down his life for those people he loves, and God so loves us that he sent his Son, Jesus to do exactly that! And that message - as Valentine himself would attest - is worth dying for. And as Valentine’s descendants would attest, it’s worth living for, too.

That’s why Christmas outlives & outshines the solstice. That’s why we hand out Valentine’s Day cards instead of invitations to Lupercal feasts. The Romans and their festivals weren’t conquered by Christian swords, but by Christian love. And the world we live in today, a world increasingly loveless, sensual, emotionally broken? We don’t need swords or vitriol, technological marvels or ancient secrets. What we need is to preach, to share, to live in, and shine the light on true love: The love of a God who defines himself as love.

The love of a Son who gives himself to purify his bride. The love of a Spirit who shows us and enables us to live in godly love. That’s Valentine’s true legacy. More than sweets or notes or sweet notes - it’s the legacy of love.

Blessings - Pastor Chris



February Sermons

2/1	John 3:11-24
2/8	John 4:1-6
2/15	John 4:7-21
2/22	John 5:1-20

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met on January 11th.. The Property committee is working on several projects to maintain the grounds & buildings. We have a Building Fund set up for anyone that would like to contribute to the upcoming building projects, such as getting breakaway locks on several doors, etc...

Due to inclement weather, our Congregational Meeting to receive the 2025 Statistics has been moved to February 1st.

We will have an Elder Training, every 3 weeks, beginning on February 15th @ 8:30 am.

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

FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL:

Reneé Bell & *Gregg McCutchen

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

January 2026 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 63 Sunday School: 31

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$10,874.23
YTD Income received:	\$10,874.23
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$18,994.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$20,901.82
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$20,901.82
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$21,398.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$600.00
YTD Income received:	\$600.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00

Adult Fellowships

Morning Circle: Wed., Feb. 11th @ 10:30 am in FH
Host: Diane McElveen

Night Circle: Monday, Feb. 16th @ 7:00 pm
Host: Betsy Bramlett

Men of Church: Wed. Feb. 18th @ 7 pm in Kit
Host: Jimmy McCutchen & John Muldrow

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



Gideon Sunday

Sunday, February 15th, during Worship
Everyone is invited to attend

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

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

JULY 2026

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

AUGUST 2026

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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



- Kayla McCutchen 1
- Deane McCutchen 7
- Hampton Gaskins 15
- Martha Kay Hunt 15
- Benny Welch III 15
- Patrick Finethy 17
- Laura Parnell 19
- Bubba Muldrow 20
- Myers Varn Floyd 21
- Corrie Davis Tindal 23
- Shirley Wallace 28



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

Kids for Christ Valentine Luncheon
 Sunday, Feb. 15th, after Church
 Everyone is invited



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

Jewish Voice Coin Collection

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

Thanks to all who participate!
Next Coin Collection Date: May 17, 2026

“Blessing Box” Ministry



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

Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.

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

**Bishopville PC @ POB 66
 Bishopville, SC 29010**

NOTE: Post Office returns all street mail



Business Office Hours

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

Unless otherwise noted below

2026 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

February 16th; May 19th - 26th; July 6th;
 September 7th; October 6th - 12th;
 November 3rd & 24th - 30th;
 December 1st & 22nd - 29th

Please contact office to update records (via email)



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



- 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**



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child ongoing Shoebox Ministry

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

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

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

Next collection date: March 29, 2026