

The Scroll

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2026

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Business Office Hours

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

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 5:00 pm

Key Officers and Staff

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

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor... Here we are, now six months into 2026. Our denomination's annual meeting (called General Assembly) happens, Flag Day (best holiday in the year) happens, summer break happens, cookouts, pool parties, picnics, summer planting and yard work - Yes, it's June, and there's a lot happening!

This June is especially exciting as we're building up to our nation's 250th birthday & independence celebration. Like me, you've probably seen all the new planters & freshly painted hydrants, the decorations going up. There will be VBS to plan for, vacations to take, trips to make, and plenty of sunscreen to buy and use.

So what if I asked you, in the middle of all this happening, in the middle of all the "June-ness" of June 2026, what if I asked you to... Fast.

Say what? You might react that way. After all, fasting is deliberately sacrificing something - like daytime meals, or flavored drinks, or (dare I suggest it) coffee, and replacing that something with dedicated prayer and connection with God. Why on earth would we fast, especially in the middle of June? It's too nice out, after all. Well... Look back up at that first paragraph and look at all the things happening in June.

Did you notice that, ahead of the 250th, ahead of the picnics and pools, even ahead of gardening, I mentioned our denomination's General Assembly? I did that on purpose, and that purpose is why I'm not only asking for a fast, I'm going to be preaching about what can and does happen when God's people fast to God for a purpose.

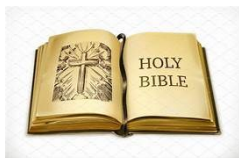
And what purpose? As many of you know, our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) is a terrific, loving, warm church that has, as her core, a firm belief in the Bible as our guiding principle, and a strong desire to have a culture of warmth and love as a way to live that guiding principle. We EPCs are a nice church - and that's why we need some fasting and prayer for the upcoming GA.

Sometimes when you're nice, it's hard to say "No" to someone or something that's just outside of where God needs you and calls you to be. Maybe it's a marginally "good" thing, maybe it's a wolf in sheep's clothing, maybe it's whatever it is - but when you're nice and have established a reputation and culture of "niceness", saying No can be painful, even if it's the absolute right answer.

And, at this moment in our young denomination's history (the EPC is, after all, only 44 years old), we have a question coming to GA where we need the clarity, discernment, and strength to speak the truth in love, as Christ tells us, and say: "No."

SO please, this June, fast and pray for the 2026 EPC General Assembly. Pray for Tim & me, and all our other delegates as we travel, the week of Flag Day to Denver, CO and meet. Pray for clear minds. Pray for Biblical faithfulness. Pray for Holy Spirit discernment. Pray for the EPC and the strength she needs to stand strong. God bless you!

Pastor Chris



June Sermons

6/7:	Daniel 6:10-22
6/14:	Joel 1:1-14
6/21:	Jonah 3:1-10
6/28:	Acts 13:1-3

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met on May 17th. 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, maintenance, etc...

The Session has begun the process of reviewing the membership rolls. If you have any updates to your record or know of someone, please email the Church office.

We are continuing our Elder Training, every 3rd Sunday.

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

Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: June 14th @ 8:30 a.m.

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***John Gentry & Reneé Bell**

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

May 2026 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 64 Sunday School: 31

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$18,058.67
YTD Income received:	\$118,738.42
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$94,970.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,129.82
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$93,693.99
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$94,770.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$855.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,596.70
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00

You may use your smart phone/device to give online by scanning this QR code 



or use Zelle (pref.) from your bank to:
bishopvillepc@gmail.com

Please leave your name and note where funds are to designated, on all online gifts

Remember our HOMEBOUND

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

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

JUNE 2026

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

JULY 2026

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

AUGUST 2026

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

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



OCTOBER 2026

- 4th: Liz & Billy Simon
- 11th: John & Karen Gentry
- 18th: Christine Shirley Family
- 25th: Mike Monroe

NOVEMBER 2026

- 1st: Reneé Bell
- 8th: Wendy & Benny Welch
- 15th: Ray & Jackie Drayton
- 22nd: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 25th: Hanging of the Greens

DECEMBER 2026

- 6th: Poinsettia Array
- 13th: Poinsettia Array
- 20th: Poinsettia Array
- 27th: John & Karen Gentry

January 2027

- 3rd: Michael Blades
- 10th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 17th: Reneé Bell
- 24th: Carol Latimer Finethy
- 31st: **OPEN**

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




Harrison Blake Smith	4	Reese Atkinson	8
Stephen Latimer Welch	6	Covington Ipock	8
Ray Drayton	8	Frank Lawson Tindal	8
Cameron McElveen	10	Kim Easters	11
Conner Welch	13	Betsy Bramlett	12
Lacie McElveen	14	Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Rev. Chris Parnell	14	Avarie Easters	14
Marsha McCutchen	16	Allen Corbett	15
Hugh Tindal III	16	Andi Hyman	15
Katherine Dickinson	17	Ashley Latimer	21
Liz Simon	25	Andrea McCutchen	24
Annie McIlhenny	27	Libby Corbett	26
Isaac Bailey	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

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

2026 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:
 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

Save the Dates

Vacation Bible School "Illumination Station"
Sunday July 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



HOME COMING - 188 years and counting...
Sunday, October 11th
 Keep watching newsletters and bulletins for more info

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!
We collected \$77.65 in May. Next collection: Nov. 15th

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



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry
 Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds and/or items for the shoeboxes. We collect all year & mail in November



“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.** We are receiving food & cash gifts

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: August 30, 2026

MISSION NEWS

June 2026

Yesterday's high: 104

Yesterday's low: 75

Mx phone #: 011 521 999 225 7958

750 Carman Woods Dr.

Ballwin, MO 63021

May 21, 2026

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

Another school year is ending and we are aware of how much the Lord has blessed each of our initiatives so far. The end of school and the start of summer are busy but exciting times here, and it all happens in the hottest months of the year! At San Pablo seminary, we are preparing for the graduation on June 4, followed by a week-long choir tour to the state of Chiapas. This road trip serves to promote our music and theological programs and to recruit new prospective students. It is an intense week of traveling and singing but the students enjoy the time they spend together and the sights of mountains that are so different from Yucatan. The trip costs about \$175 dollars per person, which many of the music school students have been able to raise but there are still some who are trying to cover their fees in order to be able to go. If you would like to contribute toward this end-of-year experience there is time to help those with the greatest need.

The seminary graduates include five from the school of music, four from the school of theology, and 35 in biblical counseling and youth ministry. I want to thank those of you who have personally supported our students in prayers and financial scholarships throughout this year. It has made a huge difference for those you have helped. They graduate next month with hearts full of gratitude for having had this opportunity. Please pray with us that God will keep these graduates close to His heart and use them greatly as they step out in service unto Him and His Kingdom.

At Schoolhouse Mérida, Debbie's Christian homeschool, 11 seniors will be graduating from high school in June. The student population at Schoolhouse now also includes my grandson, Diego, who is almost a 6th grader! Debbie took on this ministry shortly after Dave passed away and started to teach in our remodeled garage with 5 students. 13 years later the homeschool group has moved into a two-story house and now serves 43 students who are nationals and expats from all around the world. Schoolhouse has offered us a springboard to reach young people through its student evangelism ministry called Luz y Sal (Light and Salt). Student leaders and school staff host a Luz y Sal youth retreat each year. This past April we were honored to have a guest speaker, Mark Ordus, the youth pastor at Ward Church in Detroit, who came to camp with his son and two other leaders. Some of the students who participated asked if we could continue meeting twice a month. This has now led to a new student outreach called Circles- small group discipleship meetings aimed at deepening our relationship with Jesus and with one another. It has been humbling to see the way God uses our small homeschool group to reach the hearts of our students and their friends.

As we head into our summer camp season, our hearts remain heavy because the situation at camp Porvenir continues to be tied up in court. We have not been allowed to enter the camp property nor our house which we last saw in early November. In addition, we were told that we would not be allowed to direct any activities there this summer. We understand it will take some time for the legal process to unfold because the court system is overwhelmed and our case has not yet been scheduled for an initial hearing. When it does, we will need to have the funds and documentation ready to sustain what may still be a long battle. This is a time of preparation and also for prayers. We pray that through legal intervention the courts will allow us back into camp, that our home and camp would remain untouched, that in the end the fraudulent property sales will be revoked, and that a new, God-fearing leadership will be instated to continue the vision that started this ministry over 60 years ago.

In the meantime, Debbie has secured dates at another campsite for our annual children's camp July 13-15. Children ages 6-12 come from the villages I visit as well as the city of Merida. As in the past, we are seeking sponsorships for children in the housing projects and poorest neighborhoods in the south of Merida. These children live in cardboard and tin roof shacks. Many of them have never even seen the ocean which is 25 minutes away from the city. Camp costs about \$75 dollars per child and the bus to transport the children to and from camp costs about \$150 dollars. We are hoping to raise the funds to allow at least 15 children from these marginal communities to attend KidsCamp. The address and information for how to send a donation for this need will be noted at the end of this letter.

June 2026

MISSION NEWS

Mark and Altia's church is also changing things a bit this year; they're making plans to host a large-scale youth conference instead of a summer youth camp. The conference will be held at the convention center here in Merida on the last weekend of July. Young people from all over Mexico will be attending, and my grandson, John, will be assisting with the sound system and the worship band. Please pray for the young people who will be present and the speakers who will share the Word, that the gospel and God's power would be evident to all, touching hearts and changing lives for His glory. My granddaughter Ellie and her husband Sam, who recently made me a great-grandma with the birth of their baby Lucas, are also going through a transition within their church. In their desire to focus on strengthening family bonds within the body of Christ, they are joining the children's ministry leadership team and slowly taking on some new responsibilities this summer. Pray for them as they are in a season of new beginnings both as a family and ministerially.

And speaking of new beginnings, Daniel will also soon have a change of pace as well. He will be back in Mexico with a mission team from his church in St. Louis the week of July 11-18. They will help in the construction of a retreat center for our Sac-Be Presbytery and leading VBS in the towns of Citilcum and then Izamal. He has had a busy spring with 3 graduations - son Caleb graduated from Calvin University on May 9th with a degree in Biochemistry and Spanish and is getting ready to go on to a physician's assistant program next. His daughter Alyssa and her husband Austin graduated on May 14th from law school and are spending their summer preparing for the upcoming bar exam in July. His youngest, Owen, graduated from high school May 18th and will be traveling with Daniel on the mission trip before going on to Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. It will be good to have them both home even if just for a few days. My daughter-in-law Debbie will continue teaching PE at a Christian elementary school in St. Louis, and has been Daniel's strongest encourager in his decision to accept a call to full-time ministry. Upon his return from the mission trip in Mexico, he will not be going back to the usual soccer coaching and classroom at Westminster Christian Academy but rather he will begin work with Great Commission Coaching. This team of pastors provides churches and church leaders with resources and support for their growing congregations all over Latin America in their ministry areas like discipleship, children's ministry, leadership training, evangelism, church vision, men's and women's ministries, etc. If you would like to learn more about this mission organization, or help Daniel raise the needed support for ministry, you may contact him personally at dlegters@wcastl.org. My heart is filled with gratitude to the Lord when I consider the way Mark, Daniel, Debbie, and each of their families are active in ministry in the US, Mexico and beyond. He promised to be faithful from generation to generation and we are now seeing the fourth generation rise up to follow and serve Him!

Some of you may be aware I have been battling severe elbow arthrosis for over a year now. This spring I have been experiencing the most debilitating pain which has led me to seek an elbow and forearm replacement surgery on May 20th. Pray with me for a good recovery that will permit me to continue playing the piano once again. On a brighter note, my fractured ankle has healed sufficiently so that I am able to resume visiting the villages and serving at my church once again. It has been very encouraging to see all of these brothers and sisters whom I had not seen in almost four months. The Sac-Be Presbytery meeting will be held July 8-10 in the village of Maxcanú, where Dave had been pastor at one time. I look forward to being there and seeing my pastor friends and other church leaders whom I did not see in January as I was unable to attend.

Whether your summer is quiet or whether it signals the start of a full season, I trust the words of this old hymn ring true for you:

He gives more grace when the burdens grow greater / He sends more strength when the labors increase,

To added affliction, He addeth his mercy / To multiplied trials, He multiplies peace.

His love has no limit, His grace has no Measure. / His power has no boundary known onto to men
For out of His infinite riches in glory, He giveth / And giveth and giveth again.

May you be aware of the Lord's presence each moment and know that He is faithful to supply every one of our needs. Blessings and thank you again for your loving support which strengthens and encourages us daily, Your servant 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

Carroll and Pam celebrate 40 years!

An Anniversary trip that I didn't think was possible last year

Carroll and Pam Baker
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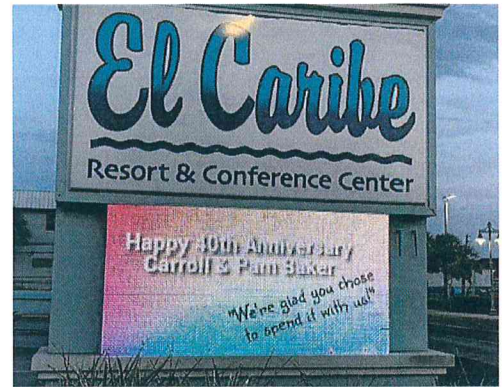
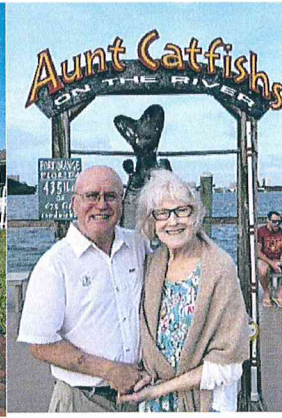
To celebrate, we headed back to **Daytona Beach** where we met in 1983. We staffed the Summer Beach Project, and as God would have it, our discipleship groups were paired together for outreach and church. As the summer progressed, we developed a friendship. On our last weekend of the Summer, I asked her out. We went to the **Ponce Inlet Lighthouse** and then dinner at **Aunt Catfish's on the River**. We talked and laughed for hours! We finished the night by driving on the beach and listening to oldies. It was a fun night for sure, but we couldn't have predicted what God would do. After we married in 1986, we went back to staff the Summer Project a second time, right after our honeymoon. So for our 40th Anniversary, **we just had to** return to Daytona where it all started.



Michaela Taylor

BIG NEWS!!

We are becoming grandparents! **Michaela** and her husband **Collyn** are expecting a baby girl, due in September. We are so excited!



For the first time since 1983, I climbed the 203 steps to the top of the **Ponce Inlet Lighthouse**, the tallest in Florida, and survived! At **Aunt Catfish's**, we had the best table by the river, and when we were ready for our check, our server informed us that our doggie **Harley** was picking up the tab, with a little help from **Zac, Michaela and Kathryn!**

Of course, we had to stay at the **El Caribe**, where we met in 1983. They even had our names on the marquee!

One other surprise. **Zac, Michaela and Kathryn** also treated us to a Couples Massage. What a nice anniversary gift!

Our return to **Daytona Beach** was so memorable, and we had a wonderful time.

What a difference a year makes. Pam has gone from a Hospice Hospital bed, to a wonderful 2nd Honeymoon! God has restored her in such an amazing way. She's better now than even five years ago!

All honor, praise and glory to God! He has continued to sustain us!



We are so thankful for your part in our lives and ministry. We have a number of special friends who have been a part of our Home Team of financial support for nearly our entire 40 years. And for that we are so grateful!



Carroll + Pam

