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Daylight Saving Time begins on March 9th.
Don't forget to Spring forward 1 hour Saturday night, March 8th.

Ash Wednesday,
March 5th begins
the season of Lent

Ash Wednesday

March
2025

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Business Office Hours

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

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 4:00 pm

Key Officers and Staff

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

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

“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.”

But because we have not hoped in a lie, because we do have both original sin AND an all-powerful Savior in Christ Jesus, we can join with the singer of Psalm 148’s glorious song of praise: “Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly armies. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him...” (Psalm 148:1-4a, CSB) Praise him indeed! -Pastor Chris

March Sermons/Scriptures

2nd:	2 Corinthians 3:2
9th:	1 Thessalonians 3:9
16th:	2 Timothy 3:16
23rd:	1 John 3:23
30th:	John 3:30

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met February 9th. Renee Bell had our devotional & prayer.

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.

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

Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: March 9th @ 8:30 a.m.

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***Ryan McCutchen & Jimmy McCutchen**

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

February 2025 Statistics (1st Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 65 Sunday School: 39

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$14,193.55
YTD Income received:	\$25,367.10
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$36,538.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$16,188.66
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$30,941.61
Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed:	\$29,766.00

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$1,000.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,365.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,600.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,600.00

Fellowships

Morning Circle Wednesday, March 12th @ 10:30 am. Marsha McCutchen will host

Night Circle: Monday, Mar. 17th @ 7 pm at the home of Diane McElveen

Men of Church: Wed. March 19th @ 7 pm

*** The Morning Circle & Men meet in FH**



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Please join us as we host a Lent Lunch on Wednesday, April 16th @ 12:00 p.m. Hosted by the BPC Women

MARCH 2025

- 2nd: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 9th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 16th: Louise McCutchen
- 23rd: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 30th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

APRIL 2025

- 6th: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen
- 13th: Renee Bell
- 20th: Hugh & Retta Tindal
- 27th: Sarah McCutchen Family

MAY 2025

- 4th: Kathryn Welch
- 11th: Lila Mae Welsh family
- 18th: John & Karen Gentry
- 25th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

JUNE 2025

- 1st: William Welsh family
- 8th: Dot & Buddy Wilson family
- 15th: Renee Bell
- 22nd: W. Gregg McCutchen III
- 29th: The Latimer Family

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR



JULY 2025

- 6th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- 13th: Henry & Harriett Watson family
- 20th: William & Pat Monroe Fields
- 27th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

AUGUST 2025

- 3rd: Bert Cousar
- 10th: Bill & Debbie Tindal
- 20th: Bill Welsh Family
- 24th: Michael Blades
- 31st: John Latimer

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 7th: Renee Bell
- 14th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 21st: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
- 28th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

OCTOBER 2025

- 5th: Liz & Billy Simon
- 12th: John & Karen Gentry
- 19th: Christine Shirley Family
- 26th: Mike Monroe

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



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



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

April Special Events

- 4/6: Communion Sunday
- 4/13: Palm Sunday
- 4/16: Lent Lunch @ BPC
- 4/17 Maundy Thursday Communion
- 4/19: Easter Egg Hunt (tentative)
- 4/20: Easter Sunrise & breakfast

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:

May 13th - 20th & 28th, July 2nd,
Aug. 27th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 7th - 13th,
Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd - 29th & 31st
Please contact office to update records (via email)



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
- Hugh Tindal @ his home
- Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville



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



The Kids for Christ Mission raised \$202 with their Valentine luncheon. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped

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 participates!
Next Coin Collection Date: May 11, 2025



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry
Thank you to everyone who helps pack or do-

ates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.
We packed 81 shoeboxes, in 2024!
See display in Education building



“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. **2025 dates: Mar. 30th, June 29th, Aug. 31st, Nov. 30th**

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