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The Session will meet, as needed, to make appropriate & safe decisions regarding Church services & gatherings.

All updated info will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

*April Elders-On-Call:
Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar*



2020

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

8:30 am - 6:30 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
Unless otherwise noted

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.

Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.

Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor's Desk... The Righteous will Sabbath by Faith (part 3 of 5)

When I was getting my English degree, my creative writing professor used to say, “Show, don’t tell!” It was easier to “show rather than tell” you about the first of my “5 favorite places” at the church with video. However, because I wanted to keep this article in line with my video series on sabbath with the Lord in faith, let me “show” you - as closely as I can - one of my favorite spots in the church...

When I see it, there are people everywhere, milling about, moving around, sitting, standing, talking. When I hear it, there are conversations and greetings, from the young lady’s bright “Hello!” to the little boy’s “Hey.” It’s a place I can smell, I can taste, from the coffee to the food, from the sweets to the (occasional) shrimp, from the cakes to the donuts, a delicious place. What I can feel are warm handshakes and hugs, pats on the back and soft taps on the shoulder. What I know is that this is such an amazing part of our culture, our church, our Sabbath...

God says the righteous will live by faith, and we’ve been exploring what that means by studying the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5. Look at what God says about the time set apart for the Sabbath itself: ***Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.***

Now let’s start with the obvious. God didn’t make the Sabbath a day - he made a day for the Sabbath. And God didn’t make us, human beings, to keep the Sabbath - he made the Sabbath to keep us... well, sane, safe, secure, to keep us loved and loving, to keep us rested and ready, to keep us...to keep us close to him.

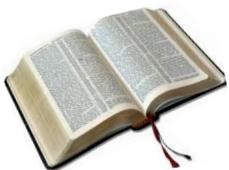
To tell you the truth, that’s why the Deuteronomy version of the Ten Commandments is (slightly) nearer & dearer to me than the version in Exodus 20. This, the 4th commandment, the Sabbath-day commandment is a little different. In Exodus, we’re told to keep the commandment in order to be like God, who after his 6 days of labor, rested. In Deuteronomy, though, something’s very different. In Deuteronomy, we’re told to keep the commandment because God did a very different sort of work - ***the work of salvation***. In Exodus, we commit ourselves to have a day of Sabbath with God to be holy like God; in Deuteronomy, we commit to this day to be *with* the holy God who saved us.

So what can you & I do to “Sabbath by faith” like the righteous are supposed to do? We can start by knowing what Sabbath is - and isn’t. It isn’t a day; it’s time. It isn’t a building; it’s a place. It isn’t rest; it’s resting with. Sabbath is the ***time*** we give back to God - who gave us every second, minute, & hour of our lives. Sabbath is the ***place*** we dedicate to meeting together, with God’s people & with God. And Sabbath is you & me resting with the God who saved us and the other people God saved.

That’s why our “half-hour coffee hour” is such a special part of my Sabbath, every week - but it wouldn’t be the same without you, without Sunday School before it, or without the Worship service that follows it. Embrace the Sabbath, enjoy the Sabbath, rest with God in the Sabbath. He made it for you & me!

Prayer - (from Jonah 4) Lord my God, no matter where I am I know that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. So I pray to you - and I give you my life. Be glorified in me. Help me to learn more about your love, help me to rest with you and in you. Protect my community and my nation, heal the sick, feed the hungry. Guide me always into your Sabbath, Lord, my God. Amen. Blessings to all - Pastor Chris

April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) all physical services & gatherings have been cancelled for the month of April. Mini-sermons & other info are broadcasted online. [Just click on this link](#)

News from the Session...

At a time such as this, it is ever more important to lean on our faith with the knowledge that God is providential and in-control. We are all having to adjust to new norms, manage financial stains, and live under the barrage of news cycles. But God has not changed. He still sent his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ to redeem us, and to justify us in His eyes so that no matter what happens here on Earth, our Heavenly home awaits. It is this peace we, as a Session, pray for and that we ask be imparted upon this Church through the Spirit. A peace which overcomes all of the noise and a centering-shift of self to see God in the midst of struggle.

As a Session, we are here for you. Pastor Chris has pushed out messages and sermons on our social media pages and website. The Session has met numerous times to confer about when it would be appropriate to congregate once again. Still too, progress is being made with roofing matters as it nears completion. In other words, though uncertainty persists, the Session is doing all it can to glorify God through prayer for the Church and glorification of the sanctuary. As many of you know, all services/meetings have been cancelled through the end of April. The Session will meet again and provide further updates.....

In the interim, hold steadfast in prayer and look to Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is with her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us."

Should there be anything we can do, please let us know.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL
Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar
 Next Meeting: TBD

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Church Business office will remain closed, but email & postal mail, is checked and acted on, daily as applicable. All donations/tithes can be mailed to POB 66

March 2020 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 40 Worship - 58

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$16,731.35
YTD Income received:	\$39,849.42
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$53,205.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,852.60
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$44,317.26
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$48,755.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$0.00
YTD Income received:	\$250.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00

Elder Class of 2023

Elder nominations are being extended due to COVID-19 Virus. Please complete a form and submit to the Church office or to a Committee member. Nomination forms are in SS rooms and in the Sanctuary.

Election date: TBD

2020 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Matt Bramlett & Cindy Welsh, Chairs
 Dwayne Sweatman Kathryn Welch
 Susan Cline Andrea McCutchen

If you wish to not serve, please contact a Committee member or the Church office



The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who recently lost family & friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you
Rose Rodgers Calder, Aunt of Jenny McCutchen
For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. — Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Dot Cothran @ her home**
- Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin
- Louis Shirley @ his home**
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Johnny McCutchen @ his home**
- John & Doris Bell**, The Manor, Florence



Presbyterian Women RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions

You can order through our website or the link below to help support them year round
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



Please contact the Church office if you or your child will be graduating from High School or College this year



Resolve to pray each day

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus)...

All Church services & events have been cancelled for the month of April, this includes Communion & all Easter services. Future services & events will be determined and posted on our website & Facebook page.

Please keep all essential employees & their families in your prayers, along with all officials & employees that help govern our state, nation, & world

Please protect yourself, your family & all those who are vulnerable by following the safety guidelines set forth by our government

Happy Birthday April | May

Gwen Steinmeyer	2	Madison Bramlett	7
Melinda Atkinson	3	Zeke Gaskins	7
Kerry W. Frazier	3	Hank Welch	8
Dot Cothran (100th!)	4	Jimmy McCutchen	13
Kathryn Welch	4	Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13
Reneé Bell	13	Beth McCutchen	17
Doris Bell	14	Nicholas Jeffords	23
Kathryn Hart	19	Ricky McCutchen	23
Tyner Bramlett	20	Katherine Folsom	25
Caroline McCutchen	20	Virginia Kerr Beard	28
Devin Atkinson	22	Debbie Tindal	28
Susan Hilditch	23	Tim Kirven	31
Ryan McCutchen	25		
Gregg McCutchen III	27		

Pastor's Sunday Bible Study

Pastor Chris is working on an online face-to-face Bible study and as soon as he learns how to use these online tools, he'll get that going.

He's also looking at using Facebook live for videos as well.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

MISSION NEWS

Yesterday's high: 99 / Last night's low: 70

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Dear prayer partners and friends,

"Lord! I am bursting with joy over what you have done for me. My lips are full of perpetual praise... Join me everyone. Let's praise the Lord together... Let's make his name glorious to all." Ps.34:1-3 (The Passion Translation)

In January the Sac Be Presbytery met here in Merida. A recent graduate of San Pablo seminary was ordained. On February 15th I took part in the ordination and installation of another graduate from Chiapas. He is pastor of a large Chol congregation here. And on March 21st we will be taking part in another similar service for an extension center graduate. All of these young men are eager to serve the Lord with the training they have received. May their ministries be used by the Lord.

We have had various visitors in this new year. We had a nice weekend with Julie Madeira at the end of January and Dr. Will and Nancy Ackles are here for the months of February and March. He is teaching in the seminary and preaching on weekends in the villages where I continue to visit. He is an encouragement to these places who do not have a regular pastor. We have been enjoying some delicious meals of Yucatecan food. It is always a joy to me to see village friends and learn of their needs. There are health problems, marital problems, financial problems, etc. such as some of you experience.

The seminary reopened February 4. We have about 50 students in the Merida campus, but many others studying by extension or two-year programs. Tuition is about \$175 per month but some students find it very difficult to pay this amount. Currently I am helping four students with some scholarship money I have received.

The camp property was used by church groups all year long last year, either by the week or by the weekends. The property taxes have not been paid for three years although the money is available. Unscrupulous politicians from the nearby town of Dzidzantun want to obtain this very beautiful and valuable property. They do not allow the board to pay. We have a lawyer working on this situation and we are praying it gets resolved soon.

Three grandchildren have recently celebrated birthdays, Diego(5) belonging to Debbie, Caleb (16) belonging to Daniel, and John (19) belonging to Mark. Daniel's daughter, Alyssa, applied to and was accepted at four colleges and has chosen to attend Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the fall. Health wise, I have had problems with a pulled muscle in my leg and have been going to therapy off and on. My eyes also are more blurry and I cannot read for long on my iPad. But I am so thankful for what I am still able to do. But I am so thankful for what I am still able to do. We hope to travel as a family in May to St. Louis for Alyssa's high school graduation but given the current situation it may not happen. I will not be traveling elsewhere this year, but Daniel will be bringing a work group down from his church in July to continue working on the Sac-Be Presbytery retreat center if they are able to travel by then.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's victorious resurrection, may the sacrifice for our sin impact your life as never before.

P.S. once again my son Daniel is sending out these letters so I am not able to add a personal note. May the Lord bless you.

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

Any gifts for the camp or our ministry may be sent to (please make note it's a new address):

Son Raise Missionaries Services

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Wyoming, MI 49519