

# The Scroll

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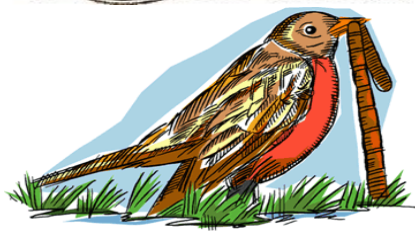
**We've restarted our gatherings, unless otherwise noted (see schedules inside)**



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**APRIL  
2022**

### **SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.**

### **Business Office Hours**

**9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)**

**Unless otherwise noted**

### **Adult Choir Practice**

**Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.**

### **Key Officers and Staff**

**Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Ryan McCutchen, Asst.**

**Treasurer: Ray Drayton / Billy Clyburn, Asst.**

**Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer**

**Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Louise McCutchen, Asst.**

**Custodian: Melinda Atkinson**

**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**

*From the Pastor's Desk...* It's Easter, at long, long last!

It feels like it's been 11, maybe even 12 months since we last had Easter. I know, I'm being silly... but can you imagine waiting not 11 or 12 months for Easter, or even the 11 or 12 weeks, or 11 or 12 days... but 11 or 12 Centuries for Easter?

*O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord - how long?*

These are the first lines of Psalm 6, written by King David - 11 or 12 Centuries before the first Easter, that glorious Sunday when Jesus rose from his grave in Jerusalem. Look at what he's asking God - how long will it be before I see you? How long will it be before you take away my sin? How long will it be before I experience the fullness of your grace? How long will it be before I am completely reconnected with you, Lord my God?

As Christians, it's easy to get impatient with God - and I say that as honestly and as pastorally as I can. Something bad happens, someone we love is unsaved, we're in a bad place, so we pray. That's what we're supposed to do - we pray. We pray. We pray some more. We wait. We pray again. We wait some more. We keep on praying, we keep on waiting, and we keep on wondering... until we cry out: God, what's taking so long?

Hey look! We sound just like King David!

How did David manage to keep his faith, even though this particular prayer - that he would see God do that great work, the Resurrection of Christ, the confirmation of hope, the completion of God's plan to forgive sinners through Jesus... how did David manage with waiting 11 or 12 Centuries to see his prayer answered that first Easter?

David managed because he knew that God had been faithful in keeping His promises to David's ancestors - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Naomi, Ruth, and so on.

David managed because he knew what had been written about God - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the books written by Moses & Joshua during and about the Exodus, God freeing His people from slavery.

David managed because he knew how God had "shown up" in his life - keeping him safe from lions, bears, wolves, giants, and kings, giving him friends like Jonathan and Ittai and Mephibosheth, people who loved him like Michal.

David managed because he knew his prayers weren't just about what he needed from God, wanted from God, or hoped for from God - his prayers were how he kept in touch with the God who made him, spoke to him through the prophets, kept him, called him, and saved him. David managed because David knew God.

Do we know God - especially when we're waiting and waiting and waiting for that prayer to get answered? Do we remember how God has been faithful to our ancestors - those men & women who built up our church & community, our family? Do we see & read God's promises in the Bible regularly, loving them like David did (read Psalm 119). Do we look at & celebrate how God has already "shown up" over & over again in our lives? Do we let our friends help remind us of God's goodness, because they're part of God's goodness to us? Do we know God?

It makes waiting - whether 11 or 12 minutes or 11 or 12 millennia - so much easier.

God bless you & Happy Easter!! – Pastor Chris



### April Sunday Sermons

3rd: *Living the Law of Love*  
 10th: *This Palm Sunday*  
 17th: *This Easter Sunday*  
 24th: *The Grace of Jesus Christ*

**Romans 14:13-23**  
**Romans 15:5-13**  
**Luke 23:1-24:12**  
**Romans 16:17-27**

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Happy Springtime! I can't believe how quickly 2022 is passing (I'm still writing 2021 on checks/letters). Things at the Church have been quite active. Hopefully many - if not all - have seen the completed Blessing Boxes, in Fellowship Hall. A huge shout-out and thank you to Perry and Ryan McCutchen whose employees built them. They look beautiful, are extraordinarily sturdy, and built to last. The Plexiglas allows passers-by to easily see into the boxes, open and access them, and so on and I'm just so pleased how they turned out. One of the Blessing Boxes will soon be placed on the Church grounds facing the County Courthouse, close proximity to our playground and parking lot. This will allow people easy access to it and affords us the chance to quickly get one up and operational. We are still contemplating where to locate the other two boxes. Inside will be non-perishable foods, necessities, and of course, Bibles. Should you be inclined to donate goods and/or money for the cause, please let us know.

Another big shout-out to Adam Cooper. Many of you may have seen new floors being installed in the nursery rooms. This work has been overdue and Adam has graciously donated not just his time, but expertise, and is completing all the labor. If you haven't seen the work nor thanked Adam, please do this upcoming Sunday. We've also installed a good many new light fixtures around the Church to make lighting better in various areas as well, so as you can tell, the Church has been quite busy over the past months.

In that vein, the Session has seen such a great response to the Blessing Boxes, that it wants to further explore mission opportunities in which the Church can engage. The Church has innumerable spiritual gifts and we, collectively, ought to share those gifts to more fully bring about the Kingdom of God. **So at our March 27th Family Night Supper, come with ideas on Church missions, things you would like to see the Church doing, and most importantly, plans on how those goals may be accomplished.**

Also, keep an eye out on the upcoming calendars as we have a number of events coming up, including our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Maundy Thursday Communion, Easter Sunday Service, and more. Blessings to all! If anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us on the Session know.

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**  
**Next Session Meeting: April 10th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Gregg McCutchen & Ryan McCutchen**

**\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities**

**March 2022 Statistics**

**Attendance Average's**

**Worship: 55 Sunday School: 21**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received: \$9,945.13

YTD Income received: \$39,728.73

**Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$50,676.00**

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$17,911.43

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$44,964.12

**Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$46,756.00**

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

MTD Income received: \$800.00

YTD Income received: \$2,420.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$412.42



**NO Men of Church in April**  
**We will resume in September**

**PW Circles****April Circle Hostesses**

**Night (18th) ..... Wendy Welch**

**Morning (19th) ..... Marsha McCutchen**

**Circle meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall**

**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 will return all mail sent to street address**

**\*\*\*You may also donate through our website\*\*\***

**Business Office Hours**

**Monday - Wednesday**

**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Unless otherwise noted**

**2022 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:**

**April 13th (Wednesday)**

**May 25th - 30th (Wed. - Mon.)**

**June 29th - July 5th (Wed. - Tues.)**

**August 17th - 22nd (Wed. - Mon.)**

**September 5th & 6th (Mon. & Tues.)**

**October 5th - 10th (Wed. - Mon.)**

**November 23rd - 28th (Wed. - Mon.)**

**December 20th - 27th (Tues. - Tues.)**

**Please contact office to update any pertinent information to your records (pref. by email)**



## SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

**APRIL 2022**

3rd: Cindy Welsh  
 10th: Hugh & Retta Tindal (Palm)  
 17th: Renee & Crues Bell (Easter)  
 24th: Sarah McCutchen Family

**MAY 2022**

1st: Kathryn & Hank Welch  
 8th: Lila Mae Welsh Family (Mother's Day)  
 15th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
 22nd: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
 29th: OPEN

**JUNE 2022**

5th: William Welsh Family  
 12th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family  
 19th: Crues & Renee Bell (Father's Day)  
 26th: OPEN

**JULY 2022**

3rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 10th: James & Harriett Watson Family  
 17th: Kathryn & Hank Welch  
 24th: OPEN  
 31st: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**AUGUST 2022**

7th: Bert Cousar  
 14th: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
 21st: Bill Welsh Family  
 28th: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

4th & 11th: OPEN  
 18th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
 25th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

Please contact Church office to use an OPEN date (preferably by email) or to change date or be added/removed from running calendar

Happy Birthday

# April May

Cyndi Eckley	1	Madison Bramlett	7
Gwen Steinmeyer	2	Zeke Gaskins	7
Melinda Atkinson	3	Hank Welch	8
Kerry W. Frazier	3	Jimmy McCutchen	13
Kathryn Welch	4	Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13
Renee Bell	13	Beth McCutchen	17
Doris Bell	14	Nicholas Jeffords	23
Kathryn Hart	19	Ricky McCutchen	23
Tyner Bramlett Logan	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		



## Homebound

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence  
**BJ Kerr** @ McCoy Nursing Center  
**Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin  
**Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home  
**Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte  
**Hugh Tindal** @ his home

## Holy Week Events

**Palm Sunday - April 10th**

**Maundy Thursday Communion**

**April 14th @ 6:00 p.m. @ BPC**

**Communion Elders Bert Cousar, Cindy Welsh, Charlie Ipock**

**Good Friday - April 15th**

**Easter Sunrise service & breakfast**

**Sunday, April 17th @ 7:00 a.m. @ BPC**

**Don't forget to visit and place flowers on the Living Cross**

**2nd quarter Communion**

**April 17th @ Worship Service**

**Communion Elders: Eddie Boykin, Matt Bramlett, Perry McCutchen**



## Presbyterian Women RADA fundraiser for Ministry & Missions

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



## Prayer Resources for Students & Faculty

Prayer & resource guides are available through the Church office (just call during office hours or send an email) or you may [click here to view them online](#)



## New Ministry on the Horizon!

### “Blessing Boxes”

These boxes look like oversized mailboxes and will be stocked/maintained with food, necessities, and Bibles. They will be placed throughout the City and we anticipate our children stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church about the progress. **We will collect items on the 1st Sunday of each month**, during Worship services. Items needed: non-perishable & canned ready-to-eat foods (pop-top) and prepackaged hygiene products (ex: toothbrush/toothpaste), etc...



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 9th**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

At the home of Jared & Hannah Amell (200 Ellen Circle). Each child is asked to bring an Easter basket with 12 candy filled plastic eggs

Lunch will be provided

Hosted by Bethlehem United Methodist Church



## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Parents and/or Grandparents of small children are urged to volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday mornings



## Jewish Voice Ministries

**In November we collected and sent \$495.51 to help Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe!** Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and can be picked up and dropped off any time of year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates! Next Collection Date: MAY 15th ...**

**Small change can create BIG change!**

**The Kids for Christ will have a food sale on Easter Morning, between SS & Church. All proceeds will go to Jewish Voice Ministries. Donations welcome for the sale**

**All 5th Sunday loose offerings will be placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund. Please note “Kids4Christ” on all gifts outside this timeframe> Please make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence, as well. Thank you for supporting our Children and helping them to make wise life choices and caring for others, especially those in need or less fortunate**



**Everyone is invited to a drop-in birthday celebration on Saturday, April 16th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall to honor Kathryn Hart's 90th birthday**

**No gifts please**

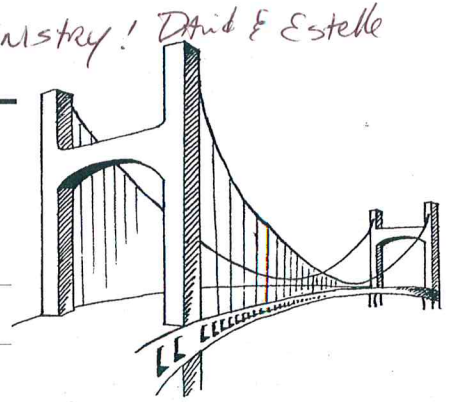


*We appreciate your partnership with us in our ministry! David & Estelle*

# BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

March 2022



## 2022—a year for anniversaries

In our November newsletter we related some personal numbers for us and our family—how many years we have served in Bible translation, how many years we have been married, and how our family has grown. This year we are observing some anniversaries, both for our organization as well as for ourselves. Here they are:

- 80 years since the founding of **Wycliffe Bible Translators** (founded in 1942)
- 50 years **of marriage** since August of 1972 (we have been a couple for 51 years, and it is 52 years since our first date)
- 45 years since **finishing college**
- 45 years since **becoming parents**
- 35 years since we became **members of Wycliffe Bible Translators**, and left our home in Charlotte for a career journey that has taken us to Dallas, Tx, Tucson, Az, Oaxaca, Mexico, Nairobi, Kenya, and now to Waxhaw NC.
- 25 years since I began doing **exegetical summaries**
- 25 years since I began a weekly **prayer partnership** with a friend (and it's still ongoing)
- 25 years since we **moved into this house**—by far the longest time we have lived in one place anywhere
- 15 years since **becoming grandparents**
- 15 years since **we came back from Kenya**

We thank God for his faithfulness through all those years!

## Helicopter dedication

On January 13 we dedicated a helicopter for use at the JAARS Center, and thanked God for providing it. It will be used here in Waxhaw for training purposes for our own pilots and mechanics who will serve overseas, as well as for the more than twenty other agencies whose pilots and mechanics we also help to train.

Aviation has been an enormous help for Bible translators over the years. When a friend of ours began work in Indonesia over 40 years ago, **it took him four days to hike** between the village where he lived and

worked, and another village where people also spoke the same language. Years later, after airstrips were created in both places, **it took twelve minutes to fly** from one village to the other.

The helicopter you see here represents a step forward in our aviation programs. **Helicopters can land just about anywhere**, whereas a fixed-wing airplane has to have a runway. In some parts of the world, concern about cutting trees in a rain forest is so great that it can be next to impossible to get permission to cut down several thousand feet of jungle forest for the runway. Obviously a helicopter can serve there much more easily. This one has a turbine engine and runs on jet fuel, which is readily available all over the world, whereas aviation gasoline is extremely expensive and difficult to get. Another advantage of a turbine engine is that **it can fly at higher altitudes** than a gasoline engine can. Since some of the places we serve in the Pacific area are very mountainous, that is a great help for those translation programs.





## Bible translation needs

Here are some graphics that give the big picture for Bible translation around the world



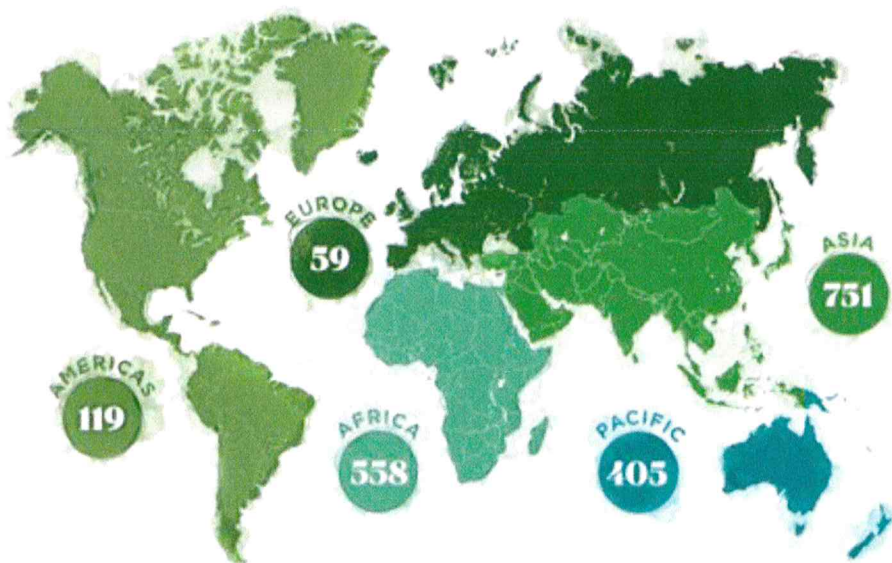
*1.5 billion people don't have a full Bible in their language*



*1800+ languages, 145 million people, don't have any Scripture at all in their language*



*350+ sign languages are still waiting for a video Bible translation*



The number of languages still needing Bible translation work to start by region of the world

Please pray for local translators and advisors and consultants to complete this Great Task

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### We give thanks...

- For our half-century of marriage!
- For the privilege of serving in Bible translation for 35 years, and for 35 years of support in that ministry from many friends
- For 25 years of challenging and rewarding exegetical work
- For ongoing health, safety, and adequate financial support

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### Please pray...

- For skill for me and my team as we produce translation helps for translators in Psalms, Exodus, Numbers, Philippians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Jonah, Genesis, and Leviticus
- For continued progress in Bible translation programs worldwide, and especially for translation programs for the deaf

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