

# The Scroll

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# AUGUST

# 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...* They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, Sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is He who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him. (John 9:34-38 ESV)

So here's Jesus and the church, walking down the street. They come across a man who was born blind. Never seen the sun, never seen the moon or stars, never seen a baby's smile, never seen the ocean or trees, never seen the sky or his own parents' faces. The church looks at Jesus and asks him: "Why did this happen? Did his parents sin and he was punished for it? Did he sin in his mother's womb? Did God know he was going to sin? Why is he blind? Why? Why?!"

You can imagine (if you'd like) Jesus shaking his head like my Uncle Allen used to when me or my cousin would say something... well, that made him shake his head. Jesus instead says, "No. It wasn't his parents' sin, it wasn't his sin. He was born blind so that God's works might be shown through him." And then Jesus heals the man and goes on His way. Now, as you might expect, that got the man some attention. Here's a guy, born blind, been blind all his life, everybody knows him: "That's that blind guy!" And here he is... not blind! So they take him to the local preachers and say, "Hey - how'd this happen? This guy was blind, and now he can see. How did that happen?" So the preachers call for a forensic investigation. They call his mom & dad and ask, "Was he really blind? Is this really your son? Are you sure? You are?" So the preachers go back to the man and start asking him: "Who did this to you? You don't get better from blindness - who did this to you? Did Jesus do it? You know he's a sinner, don't you?" And the man replies, "Well, I don't know about that. Nobody's ever cured blindness before. Seems like the sort of thing you'd have to be really holy, really close to God to make happen, if you ask me." And the preachers shout him down, "What do you know? You're just a sinner, too. Get out of here." And Jesus heard... well, you can read John 9:35 for yourself.

I don't know if you were paying attention, but throughout John 9, there's a series of questions. First is "WHY?" Why did this happen? Why is he this way? Why is she that way? Why am I...? Why? Second is "HOW?" How did you do this? How did he do this for you? How can I get what you get? How? Third is "WHO?" Who gave you that? Who did that for you? Who can I blame for this? Who can get me out of that? Who? But I hope you notice how Jesus answers each of these questions.

When the disciples ask "WHY?" he explains - so that God can be glorified when I heal him. Why are people hungry around me? So that God can be glorified when the church feeds them. Why is she lonely? So that God can be glorified when you visit her. Why does he hurt? So that God can be glorified when I share my life - and my Savior Jesus with him.

When the people ask "HOW?" Jesus explains - by obeying Me, even in the little things like washing mud out of your eyes. It doesn't take something HUGE, BIG, SPECTACULAR. As God himself said through Zechariah, don't overlook the little things - things like smiles, kindness, helping. Maybe it's helping a poor old man pick up his spilt cans. Maybe it's comforting a crying momma in a McDonalds. Listen for Jesus saying "Do this" - and do it.

And we all know the answer to the last one. "WHO?" It's Jesus - it's always Jesus. "Lord, I believe." Amen and amen. - Pastor Chris



### August Sunday Sermons

7th:

*God the Father Almighty*

**Exodus 34:1-10**

14th:

*God the Son our Lord*

**Philippians 2:1-11**

21st:

*God the Holy Spirit*

**Joel 2:17-32**

28th:

*God the Triune*

**Matthew 28:16-20**

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Well, it's been an eventful summer and as we head toward kids going back to school, we've been thrilled to have the Dickinson's kick-off an exciting and fun event of Music Camp! This has been in the works for many months, maybe years, so we are thrilled the time has struck. The Session has been working hard at creating new ministries such as this, the Blessing Boxes, and contemplating others such as; visiting the elderly and creating ongoing care packages. Should you have something that has been on your heart or mind, we certainly would love to hear it.

Please keep families, parents, teachers, and our youth in your prayers as they begin school. This summer has seemed to fly-by, though we are so fortunate to have had a fairly "normal" summer given all that has gone on in the past years.

We welcome anyone that doesn't have a Church home to visit ours, our doors are wide open.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us on the Session know - God Bless!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**  
**Next Session Meeting: August 14th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**AUGUST ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**Matt Bramlett & \*Gregg McCutchen**

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

**Welcome to the c/o 2025**

- Ryan McCutchen
- Wendy Welch
- Cindy Welsh

Thanks to our 2022 Elder Nominating Committee:  
 Matt Bramlett, Diane McElveen, Jennifer McCutchen, MaryAnna Welsh



**Annual Church Picnic**  
**Location, Time & Date: TBD**  
**Keep checking upcoming bulletins for more info**  
**If you are willing to host, please email the Church office**

**July 2022 Statistics**

**Attendance Average's**

**Worship: 49 Sunday School: 14**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$17,070.55
YTD Income received:	\$106,368.80
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$118,244.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$18,451.09
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$114,846.30
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$119,677.00</b>

**Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses**

**(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)**

MTD Income received:	\$300.00
YTD Income received:	\$5,245.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.0
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$1,657.24

**The Men of the Church & the PW Night Circle resumes in September**  
**The Morning Circle has dis-banned**



Please contact the Church Office to be added, changed, and/or removed from the Circle, Men of Church, Coffee (when resumes), Flower, and/or Nursery calendar and/or to update pertinent personal information

**SUMMER CLEANUP**

**Saturday, August 6th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**To complete any tasks not finished on the Master Cleaning/Repair Chart in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone can come out and help, it would be very appreciated.** You can check off items that you have already cleaned/repared and add some that you think are needed. **Please leave chart in Fellowship Hall so we'll know what has & hasn't been completed**



**SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR****AUGUST 2022**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

4th: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
 11th: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen  
 18th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
 25th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**OCTOBER 2022**

2nd: Liz & Billy Simon  
 9th: Ray & Jackie Drayton  
 16th: Christine Shirley Family  
 23rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 30th: Mike Monroe

**NOVEMBER 2022**

6th: Crues & Renee Bell  
 13th: Wendy & Benny Welch  
 20th: Ray & Jackie Drayton  
 27th: Hanging of the Greens - 1st Advent

**DECEMBER 2022**

4th - 25th: Advent & Christmas Poinsettia's

**JANUARY 2023**

1st: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen  
 8th: Kerry & Steven Frazier  
 15th: Renee & Crues Bell  
 22nd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
 29th: Carol Latimer Finethy

**FEBRUARY 2023**

5th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
 12th: Iris Thomas Family  
 19th: OPEN  
 26th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

**MARCH 2023**

5th: Renee & Crues Bell  
 12th: OPEN  
 19th: OPEN  
 26th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

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

Calendar runs September to September

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

**Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence

**BJ Kerr** @ McCoy Nursing Center

**Laura Latimer** @ McCoy Nursing Center

**Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home

**Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte

*Happy Birthday*

**August September**

<b>Bobby Thomas</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Manning Bramlett Lloyd</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Billy Clyburn</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Paul Terrell III</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Leila Ethel McCutchen</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Jeff Varn</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Eddie Varn</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Betty Heriot</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Mary Ellen Gaskins</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Julie Cothran</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Brittany A. Hyman</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Caroline Welch</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Steven Frazier</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Charlie Ipock</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Grayham Geddings</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Virginia Clyburn-Ipock</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Matt Bramlett</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Suzanne Simon</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Mary Laney</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Bert Cousar</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Jennifer Bailey</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Lindsay Simon</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Lydia Conway</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>William Frazier</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Ernie Muldrow</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Ansley Nesbit</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Debra Welsh</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Patrick Parnell</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Diane McElveen</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Crues Bell III</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sidney Easters</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Reese Atkinson</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Victoria Ipock</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>McCants Lloyd</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Benji Harrington</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Wendy Welch</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Sara Abbett Kirven</b>	<b>30</b>		

**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 our street address**

**Business Office Hours**

**Monday - Wednesday**

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

**Unless otherwise noted below**

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

**July 1st - 5th (Fri. - 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)**



**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>



**Volunteers Needed in Nursery**  
Please help, on a rotation schedule, so everyone gets a chance to enjoy the worship service on Sunday mornings

Thank You



To my Church Family: Thank you for the Bible and Devotional! And Thank you for always praying & supporting me! - Lacie McElveen

The Lee County Salkehatchie Camps wishes to thank all of the Church members who nourished our bodies and souls on Wednesday, July 29th at your refreshing luncheon! The curly chips was a real treat and so original. Thank you also for your support and endorsement at each one of our 3 sites. It is so amazing to see so many Churches coming together to make our service work in the Bishopville area so meaningful over so many years. Your Church shows God's love and action with purpose. Your Church is a true blessing to your community.  
- Sincerely, Camper Barb Christ

## Kids for Christ Ministries



### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

The Kids for Christ are collecting items for the Samaritan Purse shoebox mission. We will have drop boxes and supplies/info in the Fellowship Hall soon. We're collecting: School Supplies, Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, hair pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, personal hygiene (ex: toothbrushes, wash clothes, cups, utensils), etc... Please look for our exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change



### "Blessing Box" Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Quarterly Daily Breads, and Bibles and have been placed throughout our community 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 @ Worship.** Items needed: non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods and prepackaged personal & hygiene products (ex: toothbrush/toothpaste, utensils, salt/pepper), etc...

### Jewish Voice Coin Collection



**In April, 2022, we had a bake sale and collected \$423.32, to help Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe!** We have coin banks in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and dropped off any time of the year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates!**

**Next Coin Collection Date: NOVEMBER 13th ... Small change can create BIG change!**

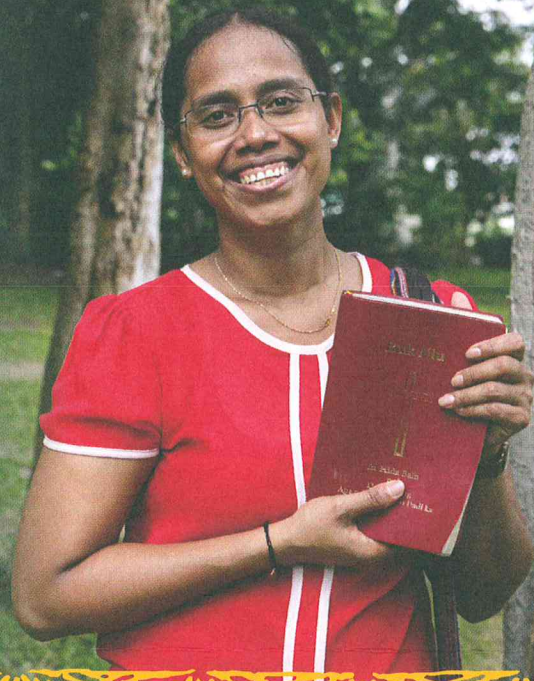
**All 5th Sunday loose offerings will be placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.** Please note "Kids4Christ" on all gifts outside this timeframe. Please make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence. Thank you for supporting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



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# INFOCUS

**Are You Open to  
Bigger Blessings?**



Sometimes God asks us to give up one blessing for a better one. It's a pretty easy choice when the new blessing is right in front of us. But it's much harder to let go when God asks us to give up something good, in faith, before we know what the new blessing is or when we can expect it.

This was the sort of difficult decision that Misriani Balle faced in 2003 when a Bible translator asked her to leave her promising career to help translate the Helong Bible — a job she knew almost nothing about.

Although a Bible translation wasn't available in Helong when Mis was a child, the Indonesian Bible was an important part of her family's life. So when a Bible translator began work on a translation of the New Testament into Helong, Mis' parents were thrilled.

As the work progressed, Helong speakers in various churches on Semaui Island helped check the translation drafts to make sure they communicated clearly and accurately. When Mis' parents' church hosted one of these community checks, they asked Mis to come home and help. Although reluctant to take time off work from her government job, she agreed.

Mis' role was to serve food to those working on the translation — not to participate in the community checks. But one day as she was listening to them work, they asked her opinion about a particular passage and she responded with a good suggestion. Realizing that Mis had great potential, the translator sat down with Mis and offered her a higher education if she came to work on the project.

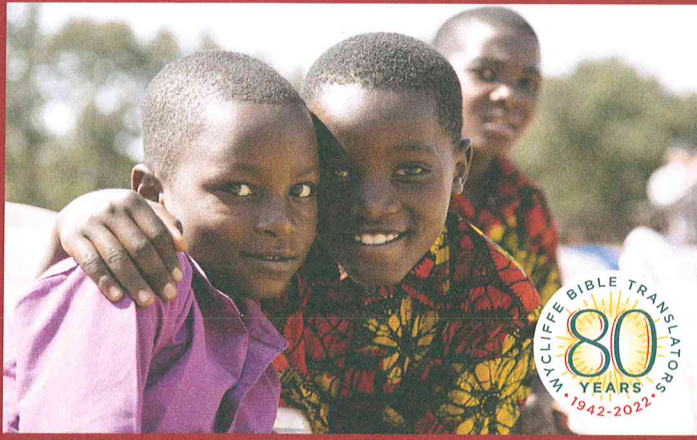
At first Mis responded with a firm no. How could she step away from her career to go work with someone she had just met doing a job she knew almost nothing about? But to her surprise, nearly everyone in her family and church told Mis she should take the opportunity. Not only would Mis get to pursue a college education, but she would be able to help them get the Scriptures in Helong.

When the translator's last morning on the island arrived, he approached Mis once again and asked her to reconsider, saying, "Why don't you go and ask God what he says?" As she prayed, questions and doubts swirled in her head and no clear answer came. But Mis heard herself saying yes to the Bible translator's offer.

Over the next nine years, Mis helped complete the Helong New Testament and finished a college degree paid for entirely by generous ministry partners in Australia. Following the Helong New Testament dedication in 2012, an anonymous sponsor offered to send Mis to graduate school in Thailand. With this training, Mis has more confidence and hopes to help with other Bible translation efforts in Indonesia or wherever God calls her.

Although Mis had to give up the security of her career in order to pursue God's plan for her life, her family could not be more thrilled. For them, nothing is more important than having the Bible in their language. And God has continued to abundantly provide.





## CELEBRATE WYCLIFFE'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY!

For more than 80 years, we've been passionate about helping people access Scripture in a language and format that speaks to their heart. Your prayers, gifts, partnership and service have helped advance God's Kingdom in people groups around the world. Thank you!

Celebrate our 80th anniversary by watching a new video at [wycliffe.org/80](http://wycliffe.org/80).



## INDONESIA FAST FACTS\*



POPULATION:  
**277,329,163**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF LANGUAGES:  
**700+**

AREA COMPARATIVE:  
**Approximately 3 times  
the size of Texas.**

*\*Source: cia.gov*

## A GLIMPSE OF INDONESIA

Stretching across the Indian and Pacific Oceans, Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous nation. The country is made up of more than 13,000 unique, complex and diverse islands and is home to more than 700 distinct people groups, each with their own languages and cultures.

The church in Indonesia is growing, but many people haven't yet heard about the hope found in the Bible. Traditional beliefs are prevalent in many areas, and some people live in fear of ancestral spirits. But Scripture is powerful and transformative, and teams are working hard to connect local people to God's Word.

*You can make a difference in places like Indonesia by joining our prayer team. Sign up at [wycliffe.org/prayer](http://wycliffe.org/prayer) to receive prayer emails on various countries, people groups and more to help you pray about what God is doing around the world.*



## WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- » That God will call more local translators like Mis to further the work of Bible translation in Indonesia and around the world.
- » The remaining languages across Indonesia that are still waiting for Scripture.
- » Praise: The impact that Scripture is having on the hearts and lives of many people in Indonesia.

*\*Source: Wycliffe Global Alliance, September 2021.*