

# The Scroll

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## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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### February 2019 At A Glance

3rd: LCCM / Souperbowl offering  
10th: Session / Kids Valentine supper  
17th: PWCT  
18th: Night Circle  
19th: Morning Circle  
20th: Men of Church



### March 2019 At A Glance

1st: World Day of Prayer  
3rd: LCCM food collection / Transfiguration  
6th: Ash Service & Lenten Lunch @ BUMC  
10th: Session / Daylight Saving Time begins  
17th: PWCT  
18th: Night Circle  
19th: Morning Circle  
20th: Men of Church  
27th: Family Night Supper  
31st: First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing

February  
2019

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

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)

### Key Officers and Staff

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session  
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer  
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager  
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor



# Bishopville Presbyterian Church

**February Elders-On-Call:**  
**\*Charlie Ipock & Steven Frazier**

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- Sunday, 3rd:** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
LCCM food gifts / Souperbowl Sunday  
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton  
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
- Sunday, 10th:** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
8:00 a.m. Stated Session  
6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Valentine supper  
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal  
Flowers: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
- Sunday, 17th:** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 a.m. PWCT  
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen  
Flowers: Family of Iris Thomas
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Susan Cline)
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Chris Parnell & Gene Williamson)
- Sunday, 24th:** Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
Coffee: William & Judith Watkins



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**OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar**  
February 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st;  
April 14th & 21st; May 5th & 26th; June 16th,  
23rd, & 30th; July 21st; August 4th & 25th;  
September 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29th  
Please contact the Church office if you would  
like to reserve one of these dates

**Business Office Hours**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
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Unless otherwise noted

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Printed materials available, upon request, through office



**LCCM February Collection**  
**~ CANNED SOUPS ~**

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on  
Sunday, February 3rd for our monthly Altar collection





A few years back, Laura & I were eating in Hickory when we had one of those “what is wrong with you?” moments. You know, that moment when all you can do is cock your head to the side, raise your eyebrow, and, with incredulity ask someone, “What is wrong with you?” It happened at a pancake restaurant when she & I watched a group at a table, one-by-one, walk out on their unpaid bill. Laura looked at me, and I looked at her, and we both looked at the table full of empty plates and said, “Did that really just happen?”

Sometimes we Christians get this picture in our heads about Jesus - how he looked, what his voice sounded like, or whether or not he liked gravy with his grits (what messiah wouldn't?). But I've noticed over the years that, when we start putting together our mental images of Jesus, we tend to leave a couple of things out. There are some things we could imagine about Jesus, but we wouldn't because... well, because they wouldn't be “Jesus-like” in the normal way in which we view Jesus.

Maybe I'm not being clear. Let's try a mental exercise - conjure up Jesus in your mind... now make him laugh. Not just some holy smile, not some divine chuckle, but one of those genuinely belly-busting laughs. What did that look like? Now think about Jesus as a 10 year-old boy, climbing a tree. Now picture Jesus, standing and looking with incredulity and anger at something wrong - imagine Jesus having a “What is wrong with you?” moment.

You probably think I've lost my mind - but bear with me. Early on in Mark's Gospel, Jesus shows up at church, finds a wounded man, and heals him. Nothing special, right? This is just what Jesus does, right? But look at what Mark says: “Jesus said to them, ‘Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’” (Mark 3:4-5, ESV)

What happened was this - Jesus & his disciples, on their way to church, picked some grain and ate it. His disciples were hungry, what all the travelling, preaching, & healing they'd been doing, and so they picked some grain to chew on. Some Pharisees, also travelling with Jesus, went to Jesus to complain, to which Jesus responded, “The Sabbath was made for people, not the other way around.” So they get to church, and there, in the church, is a man with a withered hand - and the Pharisees cluck their tongues, narrow their eyes and wait. You see, according to their theologians, to heal someone on the Sabbath was an even bigger no-no than plucking grains. Jesus could point out an Old Testament rebuttal to eating - but to heal? That was definitely working, and Jesus would definitely be wrong to do such a thing.

And this is the point at which we find that “what is wrong with you?” expression on Jesus' face. How clouded could their minds have become to let a human being suffer just for the sake of being proved right? How hard-hearted could they possibly be? How could they get Jesus so wrong? The thing is, you & I have to wonder, could we get Jesus or the Bible wrong this way? Could we make Jesus look at us this way? What's really happening here?

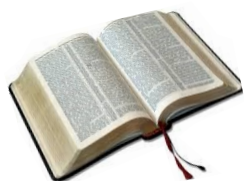
One of the biggest difficulties Jesus faces during his ministry are people who think they know what God wants or expects, and so they add their own spin to the Bible in order to make God agree with them. It's people who want God to fit their particular prejudices or preference, and so they twist or build up on the Bible things that appease their particular biases. The Pharisees, among the people Jesus encounters, are particularly quick to do this. Now, let's be clear about something - the Pharisees' intentions are good. They legitimately think they're helping people by being extra-specially careful about God's laws. But, what aggravates Jesus is that these extra-special precautions are actually getting in the way of people coming close to God. The “extras” make God seem spiteful or unapproachable, and at worst, just plain mean.

Jesus' mission is to show God in his purest essence - the Savior, the Redeemer, the Re-Creator. He's here to make things right. So, when we get the temptation to add to, to build onto God's expectation for the church, when we think the Bible's not enough, we need to double-check ourselves. What sort of facial expression might this get?

Through it all, we know that Jesus came to seek and to save, and to help us get it right. Just like he asks the man in the synagogue, he's asking us to stretch out our hands, to reach for him, and to make sure we're holding on tightly to whom we need to hold on tightly, and we're letting go of what we don't need.

Glory to His Name! Pastor Chris

### February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



**3rd:**

*Getting it Right*

**Mark 3.22-35**

**10th:**

*Growing Faith*

**Mark 4.30-42**

**17th:**

*Active Mercy*

**Mark 5.1-20**

**24th:**

*Leaps of Faith*

**Mark 5.21-43**



**News from the Session...**

2019 is off to a roaring start! Bishopville Presbyterian Church was the beneficiary of a gracious gift of property from Ralph DesChamps, and the Session and other members of the Church have been hard at work maintaining and transferring ownership of the property to the Church. In addition to this property, the Session has been managing the Gregg St. property - also gifted to the Church - to position that property in the most advantageous situation moving forward. In addition, unfortunately, many of you may have heard a rather high-pitch noise some weeks ago from the organ. There is a leak in the roof which allowed water into the organ, and the Session is moving as expeditiously as possible to resolve that issue.

Many of you may have heard that after many devoted years, Beth Grant has been called to a larger role at her home church, and has stepped down from leading the Solid Rock Sunday School Class. From everyone at the Church, and Session, Beth, we love you and cannot thank you enough for all you have done for this Church and its Youth. We'll continue to pray for you as you move forward in your new role.

Filing those footsteps of Beth, Virginia Clyburn-Ipock will now lead the Solid Rock Sunday School Class. She is greatly looking forward to the opportunity and getting to know and lead the wonderful youth of the Church. From the Church and Session, thank you Virginia, and we could not be more excited!

We also have updates from the choir! Just this past week, the newest member of our Church, Andrea McCutchen, shared a most poignant story. Just recently, while listening to our wonderful choir, she told her husband, Ryan, "Hey, I think I'd like to do that." Ryan was somewhat surprised and unbeknownst to him or her, Bo Dickinson came to Andrea's workplace the very next week and said, "Would you want to join the choir?" Divine intervention for sure, and yet another example of God's presence in our midst.

Finally, a very 11.4 lbs. congratulations to Kerry and Steven Frazier on the birth of Lila Dow Frazier! They are grateful for a healthy baby girl, answering even more prayers!

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: February 10th @ 8:00 am**

**FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL****\*Charlie Ipock & Steven Frazier**

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**January 2019 Statistics**

Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 65

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received:	\$7,743.21
YTD Income received:	\$7,743.21
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$17,663.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,712.56
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$15,712.56
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$15,484.00</b>

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

MTD Income received:	\$500.00
YTD Income received:	\$500.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,500.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,500.00

**Circle Hostesses for February**

**Night (18th) ..... Debbie Tindal**  
**Morning (19th) ..... Susan Cline**

\*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

**Souperbowl Sunday****February 3rd**

We'll collect money & food to help support LCCM. Please mark gifts "Souperbowl"

**Men of Church****Wednesday, February 20th****7:00 p.m.**

Host: Chris Parnell & Gene Williamson  
 Please join us for good food & good fellowship

***In Our Thoughts & Prayers***

Our congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family & friends. Our thoughts & prayers are with you

**William Ray "Bubba" Copeland, Jr.****Shiles Preston "Chip" Fraser****Andy Coleman** (Kelly McCoy Coleman's husband)**Billie Smith Jones** (Jackie Drayton's cousin)**Judy Sylvester****Jean Howard Skinner Reynolds**

*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****Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

## Sunday School Class for Young Adults



We are very excited about our Sunday school class for our 20+ Younger Adults

With the leadership of Rev Parnell and many young members of the church, we will discuss and analyze topics and issues pertinent to Younger Adults, such as: marriage, parenthood, work/life balance, and study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world. We will have monthly dinners, outside of Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.



**Community Ash Service**  
**Bethlehem United Methodist Church**  
**March 6th @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Lunch Schedule:**  
**March 6th @ 12:00 noon**

**Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

**April 10th @ 12:00 noon**

**Bishopville Presbyterian Church**

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend.  
A missions love offering will be collected



**Presbyterian Women online fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** They are selling kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making

top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link to help support them.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

**Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study**  
**Women's Group: Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm**  
**Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm**

**Daylight Saving Time begins**  
**March 10th @ 2:00 a.m.**

## FEBRUARY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	English Cooper	Kerry Frazier
10th	Jackie Drayton	Cindy Welsh
17th	Gaskins Family	Betsy Bramlett
24th	Betty Manning Heriot	Wendy Welch

# Happy Birthday



Kayla McCutchen	1	Bo Simon	2
Laura Latimer	4	Louise McCutchen	3
Harry Woodmansee	4	Carol Latimer Finethy	4
Hampton Gaskins	15	Emmett Kerr	5
Martha Kay Hunt	15	Katie Ellen	7
Benny Welch III	15	Bill Gaskins	8
Patrick Finethy	17	William Corbett	9
Laura Parnell	19	Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10
Bubba Muldrow	20	Lena McCutchen	10
Myers Varn Floyd	21	Meredith Gaskins	12
Shirley Wallace	28	Emmie McCutchen	19
<b>Kids Valentine Meal</b> <b>For our congregation</b> <b>Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>@ 6:00 pm</b> <b>Please join us and help</b> <b>support our youth</b>		English Cooper	20
		Tyson Eckley	22
		Louis Shirley	22
		Jane Huggins	26
		Peyton Welch	27
		Carl Frazier	29
		Cindy Welsh	29
		Bill Tindal, Jr.	30
		Lian Latimer	31

*Dear Church family, John and I want to thank you for your prayers and kindness especially the Kids for Christ, for the fruit basket @ Christmas. I am feeling better and hope to get back to Church soon. The Lord has been good to me and I am blessed to know each of you. Sincerely, Ernie Lea Muldrow*

## Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ asks anyone willing to help this ministry to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" coin bank from the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries.

Thanks in advance for your support! **Next collection date: May 12th**

To learn more visit: [www.JewishVoiceToday.org](http://www.JewishVoiceToday.org)



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# BRIDGES

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David & Estelle Abernathy

January 2019



## Etc.

‘Et cetera’ is Latin for ‘and the rest’. In this newsletter we thought we would share with you some of the ‘etc.’ type things we do here at the JAARS Center, things that are not our regular work assignment, but that we also do just as part of living and working here.

I give a fair amount of time as a volunteer in our **JAARS youth ministry**. There are easily fifty or more high school and middle school students whose parents work here, and because of the distance from here to some of the larger churches where our members attend, many of our youth would not be able to be involved in a viable youth ministry at church. More importantly, the unique cross-cultural experience of missionary kids can make it hard for them to relate to others their age who have not had those experiences. In our JAARS youth ministry those high school and middle school youth coming back from overseas can have fellowship with other students who can understand their experiences, and they can even re-connect with kids they knew in the countries where they and their parents have been living for the last four years or so. This is a great help to their adjustment to living here in this country.

My role involves relating to both high school and middle school kids in various settings. That usually requires about six to eight volunteer hours a week outside my normal work assignment. Sometimes I am an additional adult providing supervision for an activity, or chaperoning a retreat or outing, or just relating as another adult friend to the students. I also lead a Saturday morning Bible study for high school boys.

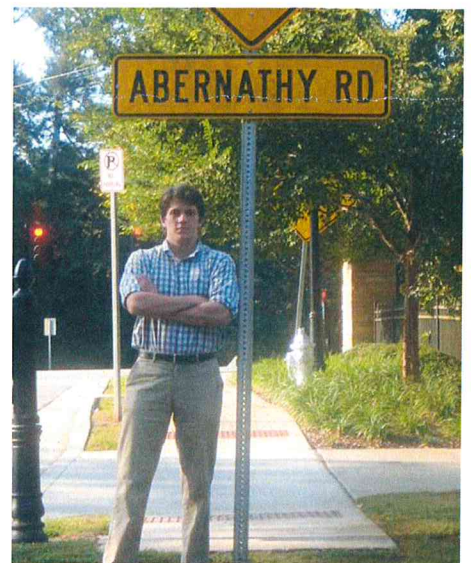
**Estelle** has some ‘et cetera’ involvements as well. The main one is that she helps with the distribution of donated bread and other food items that have been removed from the shelves at local stores and given to the JAARS Center. The arrangement we have is that JAARS sends a driver and van to pick up ‘day old’ bread, or other food items that are about to go out of date, and then people who are assigned to work here at JAARS can come each week and take what they need at a significantly discounted price—100% off!

### Where’s Waldo?

Forget about Waldo—where is Philip? Our youngest son, Philip, was sworn in as a recruit in the **United States Marine Corps** on Friday, January 4. He leaves for boot camp at Parris Island, SC, on January 22, just four days before his 20th birthday. After about 12 weeks in basic training he will go on to several stages of advanced training, some of which will be in North Carolina, though not anywhere near Waxhaw.

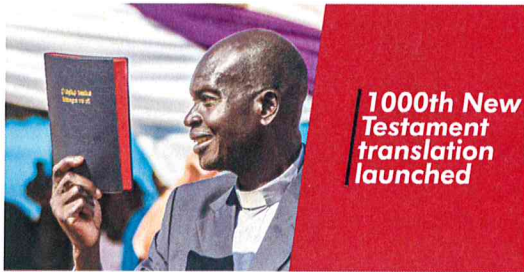
This is something that Philip has wanted to do for years. He had even enlisted in September of 2016 when he was a senior in high school, but was disqualified by a heart murmur. Earlier this year however the Department of Defense removed that heart murmur condition from its list of disqualifying conditions, so when Philip learned that he went back to the Marine recruiter and began the process again.

Would you please pray with us for Philip, that God would preserve him spiritually, physically, and in every other way as he begins this journey into potentially dangerous territory? You could pray for us too, as this will be a big adjustment for our family as well.





(photo and text adapted from <https://www.wycliffe.org.uk/get-involved/resources/press-releases/1000th-new-testament-translation-launched/>)



### **The 1000th New Testament**

The 1000th New Testament translation completed with involvement from SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators was launched on August 11, 2018, in a **celebration in northwest Uganda**. The translation is for the Keliko people and represents the first time they can hear and read the New Testament in their own language.

The Keliko people, whose homeland is in South Sudan, traveled from all around to be present. Many came from local refugee camps in Uganda, but others hitched rides from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The event was attended by church leaders and local government dignitaries, as well as by international visitors from across Africa, Europe and North America.

The translation represents a triumph over adversity. Twice the translation efforts have been interrupted by civil war in South Sudan. The second time that happened, the team fled South Sudan, mostly to northern Uganda, but continued their work. "The translators are all Episcopalian pastors. They are very godly men and they pressed on," comments Jackie Marshall-Ringer, director of SIL in South Sudan. "Although we have provided technical and advisory support throughout, this is clearly a project that belongs to the Keliko church."

"The translation represents remarkable persistence on the part of the Keliko people to have the Bible in their own language," said James Poole, executive director of Wycliffe Bible Translators (UK). "That it also happens to be the 1000th New Testament that Wycliffe and SIL have been involved in made it an extra special celebration."

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### **We give thanks...**

- For faithful supporters and prayer partners, and for financial provision
- For progress in the Old Testament lectionary exegetical summary project

### **Please pray...**

- For additional employment for Michael. His work hours have been cut and one of his side jobs has phased out. He needs full-time employment
- For Philip as he begins his career in the US Marine Corps

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