



## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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



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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. (temporary on hold)

#### **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

## The SCROLL

From the Pastor's Desk... So this little menace is my daughter's pug-dog, Capella (we all call her Pella for short). If you've been around the neighborhood around 6 or 7 in the evening, usually right after dinner, you've probably seen us with Pella on her "evening constitutional." (we have to say it that way to keep the other dogs from getting jealous)

One of the things Pella does - every night - is to walk round and round us on her leash. For every step I take, she takes somewhere around fifty, going in

loops around me as I walk. Why would she do this? Well, I'm no dog psychologist, but if I had to guess, I'd say she runs in loops around me because she doesn't want to miss anything... and all she does is end up wearing herself out by the end.

I don't know about you, but I used to struggle with reading the book of **Romans**. I felt a lot like that pug—that for every page I read, I was going in circles fifty times over. There's so much there, so much theology, so many Old Testament connections, so many New Testament connections, there are so many rich concepts and ideas like justification, sanctification, glorification, there's so much going on that I used to actually groan (inwardly, of course) whenever the preachers would say, "Let's turn to the book of Romans." Just like Pella's walk, Romans would wear me out.

So how do we walk through Romans without going round and round?

Look with me at Romans 1:1-7, which is Paul's opening statement to the Roman church: Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read that out loud. Now ask, what is Paul saying? He's telling us who he is - Jesus' servant, sent to share the Gospel. He's telling us who Jesus is - God's Son, King, Risen, Alive, and Lord. And he's telling us who we are - we belong to Jesus, we are loved by God, and we are called to be saints.

Here's the thing: You can use these three truths to create a very simple outline the book of Romans. Really? Look at chapters 1-8 - it's about how God saves us from ourselves, from our sins, from death itself through Jesus! Look at 9-11 - it's about how God loves us, chose us, and is glorified by saving us. And then look at chapters 12-16 - it's about how we are called to live, behave, and be saints. And, peppered throughout the book - who Jesus is, and what Jesus is doing through the Apostle Paul.

So my advice is this: Don't be intimidated by Romans, and don't worry about going round and round with it, getting nowhere. Hook into the purpose for this book - to help us know Jesus, to help us know how God loves us, and to help us know how to be God's saints. And if you need help with it, don't hesitate to ask!

Grace to you & peace! -- Pastor Chris

February Sunday Sermons

Pulpit Supply - CH (LTC) Jennifer Cooper
United with Jesus Romans 6:1-15
Who can save me? Romans 7:12-25
No Condemnation! Romans 8:1-11

#### NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

What a crazy month January has been! I can only assume we've made history having to cancel 2 worship services in a row due to snow and ice, but as always, the Session is discerning how best to keep the congregation safe yet also provide opportunities to worship.

Hopefully during these past two weeks you've had an opportunity to see God in the awesomeness and glory He has shown in sending such beauty. I am always amazed by snow. Each snowflake is different, just like all of those created in God's imagine, and yet God's hand is in each person and each snowflake.

What an amazing God we serve that is not off in some distant place, but rather, sends the things He has created to be spouses, friends, and loved ones, yet also he sends things such as snow with His personal touch to remind us of the things above.

We certainly look forward to seeing everyone again soon. If anyone has any questions or concerns about matters covered at our January 30th Congregational Meeting, please let us on the Session know.

If there is anything the Church or Session can ever do to help any of you, please let us know.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session Next Session Meeting: February 13th @ 8:30 a.m.

#### FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

\*Ray Drayton, Cindy Welsh

\*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Souperbowl of Caring
Our Church will collect an offering on
Sunday, February 13th to help fund &
maintain the Blessing Boxes, that will help
benefit members in our community that are
in need of food, basic essentials, etc...
You may write a check to BPC, noted
Blessing Boxes, to help or simply donate on
the 13th, to participate



Ash Wednesday
March 2nd
BUMC will be have an
Ash Wednesday service
@ 12;00 noon

#### **January 2022 Statistics**

Attendance Average's Worship: 51 Sunday School: 17

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$18,179.05
YTD Income received: \$18,179.05
Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$16,892.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$13,263.33
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$13.263.33
Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$14,016.00

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

MTD Income received: \$900.00
YTD Income received: \$900.00
MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

Men of Church
February 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
Host: Steven Frazier
Please join us for good food & good fellowship

#### **PW Circles**

**February Circle Hostesses** 

Night (14th) ...... Ann McIllhenny
Morning (15th) ... Diane McElveen
Circle meetings will be 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

Bishopville PC POB 66

Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: Post Office will return all mail sent to street address



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)

#### SANTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR



#### **FEBRUARY 2022**

Jim Ed/MaBeth McCutchen 6th:

13th: Iris Thomas family

20th: OPEN

27th: Marsha/Jimmy McCutchen

6th: Renee & Crues Bell 13th & 20th: OPEN

27th: Steven & Kerry Frazier

#### **APRIL 2022**

3rd: OPEN

10th: Hugh & Retta Tindal (Palm Sunday) 17th: Renee & Crues Bell (Easter Sunday)

24th: Sarah McCutchen Family

#### **MAY 2022**

1st, 22nd, 29th: OPEN

8th: Lila Mae Welsh Family (Mother's Day)

15th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

#### **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 & 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



The Kids for Christ will serve a Valentine meal to our congregation on Sunday, February. 13th (a) 6:00 pm

Please come out and support them

Kayla McCutchen	1
Laura Latimer	4
<b>Hampton Gaskins</b>	15
Martha Kay Hunt	15
Benny Welch III	15
Patrick Finethy	17
Laura Parnell	19
<b>Bubba Muldrow</b>	20
Myers Varn Floyd	21
Shirley Wallace	28



# Happy Birthday Coruary March

Bo Simon	2
Louise McCutchen	3
Carol Latimer Finethy	4
Emmett Kerr	5
Katie Ellen	7
Bill Gaskins	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	<b>26</b>
Peyton Welch	27
Carl Frazier	29
Cindy Welsh	29
Bill Ťindal, Jr.	<b>30</b>
Lian Latimer	31

#### **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

### Thank You

Our family greatly appreciates all the many acts of kindness following the death of Bob. He grew up in this Church, made his Profession of Faith, and actively participated in Pioneers, Sr. High Fellowship, and the Youth Choir. His Christian life was influenced by so many dedicated members of Bishopville Presbyterian Church. Please continue to keep his wife, Beth, his children, grandchildren and siblings in your prayers. Love in Christ, the Latimer Family

# **Local Mission News**

#### 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

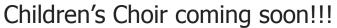


Prayer Resources for Students & Faculty Prayer & resource guides are available through the Church office (just call during office hours or send an email) or you may click here to view them online



#### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

Parents/Grandparents of small children are urged to volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. There's a sign-up sheet in the Bell Tower room, or you may email/call the Church office



Thank you to all that are interested in a Children's Choir @ Bishopville PC. We have enough families interested with Children aged 4 - 7 to make a choir possible!

We will be in touch soon. Thanks, Ari Dickinson



#### **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!



# New Ministry on the Horizon! "Blessing Boxes"

These boxes will look like oversized mailboxes and will be stocked/maintained with food, necessities, and Bibles. We are in the process of building four of them and placing them throughout the City. We anticipate our children stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church about the progress. We are hopeful to have at least one, completed soon to reveal to everyone.

Souperbowl collection on February 13th will help fund this ministry

All <u>5th Sunday</u> 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

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# Missionary News

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Yesterday's high: 84

Last night's low: 63

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January 7, 2022

Dear prayer partners and friends,

As the new year begins, Psalm 31:15 tells us "my times are in your hand." Just as we did not know what 2020 and 2021 held for us, we do not know what will happen in 2022. If our confidence is in the Lord we do not need to be concerned. He will be with us.

Many have been asking about the legal situation of the camp property. The camp Porvenir hearing which was scheduled for November 21 was postponed until March, 2022, as requested by the team of attorneys acting as prosecutors on behalf of the judge seeking ownership of part of our property. Our attorneys agreed to the new date as it means we can continue gathering evidence to prove our case. While marking all the boundaries of our property, the president of our camp board met an old man who served as the town sheriff of the township that used to be on the southern border of camp. The township no longer exists, having been sold in parts to neighboring ranches, and the prosecution claims our boundaries could be incorrectly marked as our original boundaries mention the township limits. However, the sheriff and also the ranch owners have drawings of how the properties were divided and all those drawings are consistent with ours, showing us as their neighboring ranch on the north side. The sheriff has agreed to serve as a witness that our boundaries, as shown in the original title, continue to be what they are today. The process of having the boundaries marked and also approved on city records through satellite imagery takes time, and the prosecution has now granted us this time to get those documents and witnesses ready for the final hearing.

The civil lawsuit, where we request a judge reverse the fraudulent titles on 52 separate lots within our camp property limits, is set to go into effect on January 3rd, as soon as the courts resume work after the holiday period. We continue praying that the Lord protect his property and bring justice in both the penal and the civil court cases. Proverbs 19:21 says "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

The government has been lifting restrictions and then putting them back in place is Covid continues to spike. Schools are continuing online for the next two weeks but malls, restaurants and churches are open with everyone using mouth masks at all times. If you are outside your home you are required to wear a mask. I am able to go out to the villages again on weekends and to play the piano at my church, which is something I am very grateful for.

In the family news, we are all celebrating that Ellie, Mark's daughter, became engaged December 18 to Sam, a fine young man from Mark's church, originally from Mexico City. Daniel's daughter, Alyssa, is in Oviedo, Spain for this spring semester with a program through Calvin University. Diego, Debbie's son, turned seven on January 1 and we celebrated with him eating tacos at his favorite restaurant.

We are all thankful for the Lords provision and protection in 2021 and look forward to what He will do in 2022. I would like to close sharing the words of hymn I learned many years ago. We would all like to know what the future holds but we know that God is the one in control.

"If we could see beyond today as God can see, If all the clouds would roll away, the shadows flee."

O'er present griefs we would not fret, Each sorrow we would soon forget,

For many joys are waiting yet For you and me.

If we could see, if we could know we often say But God in love a veil doth throw across our way. We cannot see what lies before And so we cling to Him the more, He'll lead us till this life is O'er Trust and obey."

May you have a happy, healthy and blessed new year.

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: Son Raise Missionaries Services / 4395 Idlewood Dr. SW / Wyoming, MI 49519