

# The Scroll

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**Due to the COVID-19 virus all Sunday Worship Services will begin @ 10:00 am, until further notice. No other gatherings, during pandemic, unless noted**



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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Session will meet, as needed, to approve appropriate & safe decisions regarding services & gatherings. All updates will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

***February Elders-On-Call:***  
**Ray Drayton & Cindy Welsh**

### COVID SERVICE SCHEDULE

**NO Sunday School**  
**NO Fellowship & Coffee**  
**Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.**

### Business Office Hours

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

### Key Officers and Staff

**Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Ryan McCutchen, Asst.**  
**Treasurer: Ray Drayton**  
**Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn**  
**Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer**  
**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**

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*From the Pastor's Desk...*

*Revelation 1:3: Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.*

I quit Twitter. Like many of you, I watched 2020 unfold through the lens of social media - and like many of you, I was deeply concerned by what I saw there. Throughout the pandemic, the election, the protests, the riots, the violence, the spread of critical race theory, the cultural shift, the racial & political tension, the lockdowns, the school and business closures, throughout everything I saw, social media - Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and so on - exacerbated, heated up rather than cooled down what happened throughout 2020. Now, I knew just as much as I know anything, God is Sovereign. None of this is out of our God's hands. Psalm 47:8 reminds us, "**God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**"

So why did I quit Twitter? Why did I massively scale back my use of Facebook? Why am I strictly limiting my "ingestion" of social media - **and strongly encouraging you to do the same?** I had an insight while watching skateboarder-turned-journalist Tim Pool and his panel when they were discussing the polarization of American politics, and one of his panelists brought up an interesting point. He theorized the trouble we face stems from the fact that our primary form of communication with each other has shifted from voice-based to text-based. In other words, you're far, far more likely to get an email, a text message, a one-sided snapchat than a call or other form of face-to-face interaction. Why does that matter? How does that "de-civilize" our communication? How does that make things, particularly hard-to-deal-with things like lockdowns & politics & pandemics worse? Text is just that - written words.

Tell me this: when you read what I just wrote, did you "hear it" in your mind in my voice? Or your own? What tone did you hear it "said" in? Optimistic? Gloomy? Harsh? Did you hear me say it in my "preacher voice"? One of the most interesting things I learned (in what little I've learned) about American Sign Language is the importance of your face in signing. Your face - like your voice and body-language - when speaking sets the tone. Am I asking a question? Am I being sarcastic? Am I trying to be funny? Am I being serious? My tone, my face, my gestures, my voice all communicate those things, just as much as, if not more than the words I speak! And this is the problem with social media; 95% or more of it is text-based communication, or it's one-sided videos. Worse than that are the algorithms & other mechanisms social media uses to reinforce our own perspectives, put us in echo chambers and - worst of all - addict us to social media. We are visual creatures, and social media can manipulate us, if we're not careful, if we're not mindful, into becoming addicted more and more to the drama, the outrage, the stress-inducing "high" of social media. And, brothers & sisters in Christ, I can say this: God does not want this for us.

We are speaking creatures made by a speaking God. God's first act in all of recorded history is to speak: "Let there be light," God said. God speaks to Moses through the burning bush. God speaks to Abraham face-to-face. God speaks to you & me through the Living Word Himself Jesus Christ. More than that, throughout the Bible, throughout the written text of God's Word, God repeatedly encourages, instructs and commands His people - you & me - to speak His Word. Get that? The God who speaks to us and made us to speak commands, instructs, and encourages us to speak, to sing, to read his word aloud. The Psalms are songs to be sung. The Laws are answers to be spoken. The Prophecies are mysteries to be shared. The Proverbs are wisdom to be preached. The Gospel is news to be told. As a matter of fact, Biblical scholars like to point out that God's Word came to us originally by "oral tradition" - the spoken word, taught from generation to generation, face-to-face. We're meant to speak with each other, to have questions and answers, to have points of view and tones and laughs and frowns, misunderstandings & clarifications. And here's the thing about social media & text communication: You miss just those incredible things.

So speak. Call somebody. Facetime or Skype. Detox off social media - and be social. And, more than anything else: Listen and be blessed! - Pastor Chris



7<sup>th</sup>:  
14<sup>th</sup>:  
21<sup>st</sup>:  
28<sup>th</sup>:

### February Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

**For so they persecuted the Prophets...**

part 6  
part 7  
part 8  
part 9

Esther 4:1-17  
Ruth 1:1-17  
Ruth 4:9-17  
Acts 8:1-8

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION...**

It seems like we've just wrung 2020 in and yet, here we are now rolling into February. Time continues to move by, yet, in doing so, we seem to find a great deal of turbulence. Whether that be COVID, politics, economic issues, or race issues, there is no shortage. Yet, I am reminded by what God did so many years ago when rescuing His people from captivity in Egypt. Recall, after the dramatics of the sea parting and burning bush, God told His people: *"you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."* Exodus 19:6.

It often gets lost in translation (literally) that to be holy means to be set apart. In other words, God has "set apart" His people, and us, His church, are those very people. This church - Bishopville Presbyterian Church - are those very people. Normal people like you and me, have been set apart to be a beacon of God's light and grace. It's a tall order; yet, it is God's will for us and part of His redemptive plan.

We, His church, should so strive for reconciliation, love, ethic, and the like, that people should look to us and ask the question: What is their hope? It is that question we should strive to be asked as a church, and as children of God. with blessings!

**In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session**

**Next Session Meeting: February 14th @ 11:00 am**

**FEBRUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL**

**\*Ray Drayton & Cindy Welsh**

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



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

**Ash Wednesday  
February 17th  
BUMC will be doing a  
"drive-through" imposition  
of Ashes. Time: TBD**

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**

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

**Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin

**Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte

**Hugh Tindal** @ his home

**Dick & Beth McCutchen** @ their home

**January 2021 Statistics**

**Worship Attendance average: 40**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received: \$12,771.55

YTD Income received: \$12,771.55

**Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$17,627.00**

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$13,472.35

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$13,472.35

**Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$14,849.00**

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

MTD Income received: \$1,100.00

YTD Income received: \$1,100.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.66

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$12.66

**A Brief History of the Grandfather Clock**

In a Virginian lady's home, she has a grandfather clock. One morning, I watched as she "wound it up." I began to think about grandfather clocks. I learned that it all began in 1582 with an 18-yr-old lad who was praying in the cathedral of Pisa, Italy. The pious young man was distracted by a swinging chandelier that had just been lit by the lamplighters. He began to time the swings. Later, in his workshop, he continued to study the movement of pendulums. The boy's name was Galileo! He did not make a clock, but his work inspired Christiaan Huygens, a Dutch astronomer who was in pursuit of a more accurate clock for predicting the movement of the stars and planets. In 1656, Huygens successfully "hitched" a pendulum to the workings of a clock. It revolutionized clock-making by greatly increasing the accuracy of timepieces. Typical clocks could be off as much as 15 minutes every day. Huygens reduced this discrepancy to about 60 seconds per day. His creation was the very first prototype of what would later be called the "long case clock." At the time, these clocks were named "wags-on-the-wall" since their pendulums were short, and "wagged" back and forth like the tail on a dog. Before too long, the clocks were encased in wood. The clocks became known as "grandfather clocks" thanks to a song written in 1875 by Henry Clay Work, an American songwriter & composer. He named the piece "The Grandfather Clock." The popularity of Work's ballad swept the nation, and by the early 1880s the long case clock was known as the "grandfather clock." We are like those clocks. Sometimes we need "winding up" so that we can be faithful witnesses to the correct time. -T. Merrill





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## 2021 Flower Calendar

### FEBRUARY

14th: Jim Ed & Mabeth McCutchen  
21st: Family of Iris Thomas  
7th & 28th: OPEN

### MARCH

7th: Renee & Crues Bell  
28th: Steven & Kerry Frazier  
14th & 21st: OPEN

### APRIL

4th: Kerry & Steven Frazier  
11th & 18th: OPEN  
25th: Rob McCutchen, Jr. Family

### MAY

9th: Lila Mae Welsh Family  
16th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
2nd, 23rd & 30th: OPEN

### JUNE

6th: William Welsh Family  
13th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family  
20th: Retta & Hugh Tindal  
27th: OPEN

### JULY

4th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
11th: Harriett Watson Family  
18th & 25th: OPEN

### AUGUST

1st: Bert Cousar  
8th: Debbie & Bill Tindal  
15th: Bill Welsh Family  
22nd: OPEN  
29th: OPEN

### September

5th: Retta & Hugh Tindal  
12th: William Watkins  
19th: Jennifer McCutchen  
26th: OPEN

# Happy Birthday February March

Kayla McCutchen	1	Bo Simon	2
Laura Latimer	4	Louise McCutchen	3
Hampton Gaskins	15	Carol Latimer Finethy	4
Martha Kay Hunt	15	Emmett Kerr	5
Benny Welch III	15	Katie Ellen	7
Patrick Finethy	17	Bill Gaskins	8
Laura Parnell	19	William Corbett	9
Bubba Muldrow	20	Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10
Myers Varn Floyd	21	Lena McCutchen	10
Shirley Wallace	28	Meredith Gaskins	12
		Emmie McCutchen	19
		English Cooper	20
		Tyson Eckley	22
		Jane Huggins	26
		Peyton Welch	27
		Carl Frazier	29
		Cindy Welsh	29
		Bill Tindal, Jr.	30
		Lian Latimer	31



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Please note "LCCM" on all  
gifts. NO FOOD COLLECTED,  
during C-19 pandemic

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Bishopville PC  
POB 66

Bishopville, SC 29010

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returned by Post Office

Business Office Hours: Mon-Wed from 9:00 - 6:00

### 2021 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

February 10th - 15th

March 31st

May 26th - 31st

June 9th - 14th

June 30th - July 6th

August 18th

September 6th & 29th

October 11th

November 24th - 29th

December 22nd - 28th



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information to our records