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January 2020 At A Glance

5th: LCCM food & cash gifts / Communion
12th: Session
15th: Men of Church
19th: PWCT / Congregational Meeting
20th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
21st: Morning Circle
24-25: Presbytery Meeting
26th: Family Night Supper

February 2020 At A Glance

2nd: LCCM food gifts / Groundhog Day
9th: Session / Kids for Christ Valentine meal
12th: Business Office closed
16th: PWCT
17th: Night Circle / Business Office closed
18th: Morning Circle
19th: Men of Church
22nd: Life Line Screening @ BPC
26th: Ash Wednesday service & lunch @ BUMC

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



January



2020

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

8:30 am - 6:30 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
Unless otherwise noted

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.
Treasurer: Jerry Adams / Billy Clyburn, Asst.
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

JANUARY

Bishopville Presbyterian Church
January Elders-On-Call: Matt Bramlett & Aaron Easters

- Saturday, 4th:** 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
- Sunday, 5th:** LCCM food gifts, Cents-Ability offering, 1st Qtr. Communion
Coffee: Martha Kay Hunt & Laura Parnell
Flowers: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen
- Sunday, 12th:** 8:00 am Session
Coffee: Kim & Aaron Easters
Flowers: Renee & Crues Bell family
- Wednesday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Hosts: Matt & Jerry)
- Sunday, 19th:** 9:00 a.m. PWCT
11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
- Monday, 20th:** Church Business Office closed for holiday
7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Host: Betsy Bramlett)
- Tuesday, 21st:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle
- 24th - 25th:** Presbytery meeting @ Darlington PC
- Sunday, 26th:** 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
Coffee: Ray & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock



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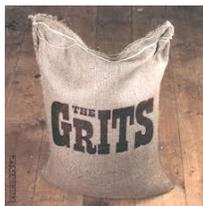


OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar
January 19th; February 23rd,
March 8th & 15th; April 5th, 12th & 19th;
May 3rd, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th;
August 23rd & 30th; September 27th

Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date

NEW Business Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



LCCM January Collection ~ GRITS ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, December 1st for our monthly collection



From the Pastor's Desk... "Theology is practical: especially now. In the old days, when there was less education and discussion, perhaps it was possible to get on with a very few simple ideas about God. But it is not so now." (CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 4.1)

I came across my senior yearbook the other day - "**Bustin' through in '92!**" It was a simpler time... I remember that, in my senior year at Crescent High, I joined as many groups as I possibly could. French Club, Mock Trial, Youth-in-Government, FCA, Block-C, just about any club I could be on, I joined. I guess I wanted either to experience as much as I could of my school before I graduated - or that I wanted to see how often I could get my photo in the yearbook.

While I'm not a part of nearly as many groups as I was back in 1991-92, I'm still active in a few groups. One of the most interesting groups I've joined is a pastors' group for EPC ministers. Any & every EPC Teaching Elder (or "**T.E.**", as I'm affectionately known by at least one member of our church) can be a member of this group. We share prayer requests, resources, ask each other questions, answer (as we're able) questions, participate in surveys, and share what's happening in our ministries with each other. I've been prayed for, I've prayed for other ministers, I've asked for & gotten answers to questions, I've learned about our denomination, and I've gotten to share my experience & answers to some others' questions. I have been blessed by this group.

Lately, I've noticed a theme, a direction, a pull or leading that many of us in the group have felt. Independently, we've been drawn to similar resources, books, articles, even a couple of documentary resources, all surrounding the same topic: **The importance of good, right theology.**

The quote I attached from CS Lewis was published in 1952; if he felt the pressing need for the church to embrace good, strong, right biblical theology nearly 70 years ago, imagine how stridently Lewis would write today! This is a theme throughout the Bible, as well as throughout the history of the Christian Church itself. We need a good, strong understanding of what the Bible teaches, of who we are in relationship to God, and of who God - Father, Son, & Holy Spirit - truly is and what he does. In a so-called "Age of Information" nothing could be more important for the Church.

We don't have the luxury our parents had - where Christendom & a Christian Ethic was pervasive in American culture. Here's a sampling of some of the issues our sister churches are facing: Youth group students beginning to transition from female-to-male. LGBTQ issues. Addictions of every flavor - alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, pills, porn, you name it. Depression. Suicide. Religious pluralism - from neighborhood Mormon missionaries to the online atheist community. Political polarization. Racial tension & hate. Persecution.

Sure, the Church has faced these things before, and we're blessed here in Bishopville to be pretty insulated from a lot of this. But our neighbors, more importantly, our brothers & sisters in Christ are dealing with these things - everything I've brought up is something a sister church in our denomination has had to deal with, or is currently facing. Please pray for them! And this is why we're going the direction we're going, starting this month. We're looking at the 5 most important things every church needs, the 5 "Only's" that keep every church going through these difficult & often-times impossible-seeming situations. So be in prayer, for me, for your session, and for each other. Pray that we understand & teach clearly, that we lead well, that we hear our flock - and that we hear our Savior as he leads us into the Truth that sets us free.

Glory to God most high! - Pastor Chris

January Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

Series: The 5 Only's



5th:	<i>Only the Bible</i>	2 Timothy 3:16 - 4:8
12th:	<i>Only Christ Jesus</i>	John 14:1-15
19th:	<i>Only Grace</i>	Ephesians 2:1-10
26th:	<i>Only Faith</i>	Romans 3:21-31



Pastor's Bible Study ~ Sunday's @ 5:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted

News from the Session...

Happy New Year! 2019 saw many positive developments for the Church, and the Session has many items to accomplish for 2020. Should there be anything you'd like to see at the Church for the upcoming year, please do talk to an elder or member of the Session. God's spirit certainly has been working through our members in continuing to foster such a loving and caring community of saints at Bishopville Presbyterian Church. Continue to pray for Pastor Parnell and his family, the members of the Church, and those members who are unable to regularly attend, for they certainly feel the warmth of those prayers. There is nothing more important and meaningful we can do than lift up our brother's and sister's in Christ. May 2020 bring you closer to Him, and us closer to His image.

Next Session Meeting: January 12th @ 8:00 am

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Matt Bramlett & Aaron Easters**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 19th**, during worship service, for the purpose of; reporting the 2019 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2020 budget and the Pastor's 2020 Terms of Call, for approval

1st Quarter Communion

January 5, 2020

Elders in charge: Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen
Cents-Ability offering and canned food items will also be collected for the LCCM (You must note "LCCM" on check or envelope for special donation)



New Business Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

Church Business Office Closed

January 20th for holiday



We practice each Thursday @ 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and would love to have new voices join us!!!



January Family Night Supper

Sunday, January 26th

@ 6:00 pm

Please bring a covered-dish and join us

December & EOY 2019 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 34 Worship - 69

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

*MTD Income received: \$48,960.10

*YTD Income received: \$203,385.21

*includes \$6,000 from Cemetery Fund for grounds

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$217,970.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$25,015.43

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$205,000.04

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$217,970.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$800.00

YTD Income received: \$16,960.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,000.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$8,607.32

Souperbowl Sunday

February 2nd

We will collect offering to help support the LCCM.

Please mark gifts "LCCM" or "Souperbowl"

January Fellowship

Women's Circles

Night (Mon. 20th) Betsy Bramlett

Morning (Tues. 21st) Diane McElveen

Men of Church

Wed. 15th Matt Bramlett/Jerry Adams

We would love for you to join us in any of these groups for good food & good fellowship



Prayer Requests

Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm

Prayers for the white "confidential" prayer cards from Sanctuary lockbox are received



Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Louis Shirley @ his home

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Johnny McCutchen @ his home

John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence

Church News & Events



Presbyterian Women RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions

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



Let's Be Healthy Together!

Life Line Screening
Bishopville Presbyterian Church
Saturday, February 22nd
8:20 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Catch health problems before they go too far. We will offer 5 important screenings for only \$149

- Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)
- Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1.888.653.6450
To register for your appointment and receive a \$10 discount, call the number above or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners
February is Heart Healthy Month!!!

JANUARY HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
5th	Melinda Atkinson	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
12th	Crues Bell	Jill McElveen
19th	Betsy Bramlett	Debbie Tindal
26th	Ann Cooper	Wendy Welch

Happy Birthday



Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3	Laura Latimer	4
Chip Smith	3	Harry Woodmansee	4
Bill Tindal	3	Hampton Gaskins	15
Kody Mills McCutchen	4	Martha Kay Hunt	15
John Bell, Jr	9	Benny Welch III	15
Will McElveen	9	Patrick Finethy	17
John Crues Bell IV	12	Laura Parnell	19
Bill Conway	13	Bubba Muldrow	20
Steven Welsh	13	Myers Varn Floyd	21
T-Bo Ellen	16	Shirley Wallace	28
Ruby Nell Bailey	20		
Aidan Hilditch	25		
William Clyburn Ipock	26		
Jean Woodmansee	26		
Mills Lloyd	28		
Brooke Harrington	30		
Amber Harrington	30		
Josh Kirven	30		
John Latimer	30		



Kids for Christ
Annual Valentine Banquet
February 9th @ 6:00 p.m.
Watch bulletins for more details

Thank You



When counting my blessings I hardly know where to begin. It is so nice to be remembered at Christmas. Thank you to the session, the Kids for Christ and our dedicated choir for thinking of me. May we all remember that Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.

Blessings to all, Louise McCutchen

Thank you to everyone who made my Christmas brighter by your generosity & kindness. I pray you all have a GREAT 2020! Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Dear friends in Bishopville, Thank you so much for your faithful gifts and prayers during the past year. I am so glad I was able to visit in June. The Lord has blessed me in making it possible to be able to travel some. I pray for the Church every week and all it's outreach programs. Blessings in this Advent season. - Jean Legters

*We are so thankful for your faithful support... What a blessing! Some of our friends have been able to increase their giving or become an Automatic Monthly Partner (AMP). Just visit: <https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker>
Thanks so much! For God's glory!! - Carroll Baker*



Lee County GameDay brings the teams of Lee County together for the 18th time

November 2019

Carroll and Pam Baker
336 Brickling Road
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There are always lots of smiles at the Lee County GameDay. When the public school **Lee Central Stallions** have a pregame meal with the private school **Lee Academy Cavaliers**, the players experience something that doesn't happen enough. The two schools are only about 5 miles apart but the students don't interact often. Their cultures may be different, yet they have more in common than they realize.



Lucky # 7s

These two players enjoy getting their picture together. **Morgan Brown** of **Lee Academy** says that he enjoys talking to the Lee Central players each year. **Naquan Peebles** of **Lee Central** says that Lee County GameDay is important to him because it helps him to "get close to Robert E. Lee Academy." You can tell by their smiles that they mean it!



Lee County GameDay October 11, 2019
Where Lee County Comes Together

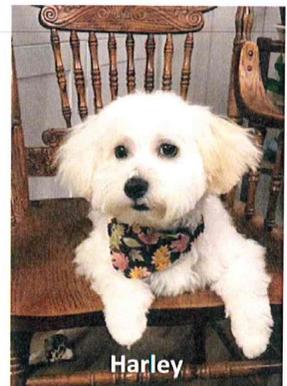
Has the Lee County GameDay made a difference? We certainly hope so. One thing is for sure... every player on both teams has sat down for fellowship together for 17 years. These future Lee County leaders have enjoyed their time together each year.

Along the way we are able to challenge the players to a deeper walk with Christ. This year the players heard from former **USC Football Chaplain Adrian Despres** who encouraged these young men to trust Christ as their Lord and Savior and 35 men responded!

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to do something like this. Invite the teams, find a location, buy some food, and secure a speaker. The end result is that lives are changed and Lee County definitely comes together!

And finally, say hello to our latest addition. "Harley" is a 6 month old **Coton De Tulear** that God sent our way! (If you had ever heard of this breed, you're way ahead of us!) He is a sweet, happy go lucky little fella, who loves being around us. He makes us laugh a dozen times every day, although it is like having a toddler around the house. No more empty nest!

Thanks so much for all you do for our family and ministry.
God has really blessed us with your friendship!



Harley

Carroll + Pam

Coaches, Students and Teams are being impacted through our ministry with FCA.

Carroll and Pam Baker
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063

That's why your continued support is so important!

The unlikely coach's Bible Study ... that makes sense!

An offshoot of the our Lee County GameDay has produced an unusual Bible Study. When I asked Lee Central's Justin Danner and Lee Academy's David Rankin about the possibility of meeting for a Coach's Bible Study, they both gave a hearty "Yes" to the idea. Imagine that... a black public school coach coming together with a white private school coach to study God's word together. We've been able work through a study called Wisdom from the Playbook, taking a look at coaching principles in the Gospels. It has been so fun to meet often this semester and both men have enjoyed their time together. They have great respect for each other and have been open to sharing their victories and defeats as they learn to follow Christ.



Over 60 students attend the FCA Middle School Retreat

At Crayton Middle School, 7 attended last year, but this year 20 attended. Our huddle coach **Babs Marshall** knows that it's worth the time and effort. The school even provided a charter bus!

At Camden Middle School our huddle Coach is **Dawn Partin**. She is also a **Guidance Counselor** and she fully understands the impact the retreat has on her students. Her own kids trusted Christ at the Middle School Retreat many years ago. She makes sure that her school is well represented each year and she trusts the Lord for scholarships for kids who need extra help.



The **Camden Military** guys come from a variety of backgrounds and most attend CMA for academic or behavior reasons. **Col. John Heflin** knows that his guys need a relationship with Christ. He has already asked about the date for next years retreat!

Team Camps—Over 200 local players attend Team Football Camp



Camden High School Football finished 12-1 and made it to the Upper State finals, their best season in many years. Yet what may not make the sports page is the fact that many lives were changed at FCA Team Football Camp. Coach **Brian Rimpf** makes Team Camp an important part of their offseason.

God is at work through the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Thanks for partnering with us!

Carroll + Pam