

# The Scroll

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## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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### July 2019 At A Glance

- 2-5: Church Office closed for holiday
- 7th: LCCM food gifts / Communion
- 7-11: First Baptist VBS
- 11th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 14th: Elder Sunday / Kids for Christ Circle
- 18th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 21st: Elder Sunday
- 26th: Rev. Parnell's 4th Anniversary @ BPC
- 28-3rd: Montreat Youth Conference

### August 2019 At A Glance

- 4th: LCCM food gifts
- 9th: Kids for Christ Circle meeting
- 11th: Session / Church Picnic
- 29th: Church Office closed for vacation



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.)  
Unless otherwise noted

### 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*  
*July Elders-On-Call: Wendy Welch & Gregg McCutchen*

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- 2nd - 5th:** Church Office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 7th:** 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
 LCCM food altar gifts  
 Coffee: Meredith, Missy, Melinda  
 Flowers: Charlie & Virginia Ipock  
 11:00 a.m. Communion & Cents-Ability offering
- 7th - 11th:** 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. VBS @ First Baptist Church
- Thursday, 11th:** Church Office closed
- Sunday, 14th:** 5th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: OPEN  
 Flowers: Family of Harriett Watson  
 11:00 am Elder Sunday (Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit)  
 3:00 p.m. Kids for Christ Circle in FH (book bag packing)
- Monday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Joint Circle
- Thursday, 18th:** Church Office closed
- Sunday, 21st:** 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman  
 11:00 a.m. Elder Sunday (Charlie Ipock in pulpit)
- Friday, 26th:** Rev. Parnell's 4th Anniversary @ BPC
- Sunday, 28th:** 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer  
 Flowers: JimEd & MaBeth McCutchen

 <p>Find us on Facebook</p> <p>Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed</p>	 <p><i>OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar</i>  <i>July 21st;</i>  <i>August 4th &amp; 25th;</i>  <i>September 15th, 22nd, &amp; 29th</i>      Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates</p>
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**LCCM July Collection ~ CEREALS ~**  
**Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, July 7th for our monthly Altar collection**





*The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." - Genesis 3:14-15*

My cousin Andy & I used to love to explore the woods behind my grandparents' house. They owned hundreds of acres of old hardwood forest, along with some pulpwood pine tracts, and we used to spend hours out there. We found a stream down there—not quite big enough to be a creek, too big to be a branch—and he & I decided to find out where it came from. We wanted to see its spring. So he & I walked upstream, following that little stream until it dwindled into a branch, that branch until it dwindled into a trickle, and that trickle until it became a little muddy patch at the bottom of a red clay gully. And there, bubbling out of that muddy patch, were the first drops of water that made up that stream—which we found out later, joined other streams and became part of the Rocky & Savannah Rivers.

Gospel is the word we use when we talk about Jesus' story, that incredible thing he did for us during his life, ministry, sacrifice, & resurrection. Gospel is, literally, "good news"—"god-spell" if you speak Middle English (*and who doesn't?*). Gospel is wonderful, gospel is awesome, gospel is celebration—in fact, that's why there's a whole genre of music called "gospel music". It comes from people getting excited about & moved by the story of Jesus' love, the story of Jesus' life, the story of Jesus' Cross. It's not just "news"—it's *the* Good News, the best, greatest, most wondrous amazing news of all time! It's Gospel, and it flows from God to us like a river of grace.

But where does it all begin? Where does the Gospel start? From where does this river "spring"?

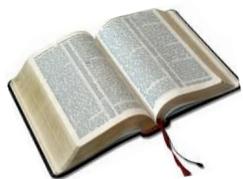
Here's the obvious truth—you don't need good news until you've lived through something bad. And, just like that, we know exactly where the Gospel starts: All the way back "In the beginning..." In the beginning, God made the heavens, the earth, the seas, the skies, the plants, the animals, and human beings. He gave them only one rule: "Obey me & live. Disobey me & die." Sadly, the first humans *did* exactly what God said *don't*. And so God, being holy & just, gave them their punishment. He spoke over them a literal bad word: The Curse. The Serpent who tempted would be forced to crawl; the Woman who had been deceived would have painful childbirth; the Man who had chosen sin would be bound to the Creation, rather than his Creator. He would die—and all mankind would, along with Adam, taste death.

*Yet...*

Even in the Curse, we see the first seed planted, the first ray of sunshine peeking from behind that storm-cloud, the first muddy bubbling of that mighty river of grace—the First Gospel. It happened when God cursed the Serpent to crawl: The woman's offspring, God said, will one day crush the Tempter. Think about that—in that one phrase, God pours out grace, even in the midst of the curse! The Woman, who'd been deceived, who'd been cursed with painful childbirth... would have a child one day who would crush her Tempter. The Man, who'd sinned, who'd been cursed with suffering & death... would have a son, a successor one day who would obey God and earn eternal life. The Tempter, who'd succeeded in corrupting God's creation, who'd been cursed to eat dust... would meet his end one day—along with the sin, the death, the destruction, the despair he'd brought into the world.

If that doesn't sound like Gospel, nothing else can! This is the source, the spring—and the river of grace that grows from that spring has a name: Jesus. Jesus is the fix for the curse, Jesus is the savior God promised wa-a-ay back in the Garden of Eden, Jesus is the Gospel. He is the one, who at the cross, defeats Satan (serpent), cares for his mother (Eve), and conquers and overturns the power of death for all mankind who follow him (Adam). Paul even calls Jesus the "second Adam, through whom life everlasting came into being!" Thank God for the source, for the Gospel, for Jesus! Blessings! - Pastor Chris

### July Sunday Sermons



**7th:**

***Pop's Bible***

**2 Corinthians 2:12-14**

**14th:**

**Dr. Leon Hunt in pulpit**

**21st:**

**Charlie Ipock in pulpit**

**28th:**

***Hope & Boldness***

**2 Corinthians 3:4-12**

**News from the Session...**

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! I trust everyone is having a wonderful summer and looking forward to some time off for July 4<sup>th</sup>. This holiday always beckons recollection to times past and the courage of this country's forefathers. While often we look back with satisfaction of the steps taken and accomplishments made, we also need to recall that even though in today's divisive culture there is a need for prayer to lift up our leaders. There is no doubt we all have our differences regarding political matters but we must recall that our heavenly father instructs us to lift those up in leadership roles. Much as our forefathers struggled mightily with the issue of rebellion and starting a new country, we must be prayerful for those making difficult decisions on behalf of our country, state, and local governments. So this 4<sup>th</sup> of July take time to lift up those guiding this country and beyond and let those prayers be heartfelt.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session Meeting: August 11th @ 8:00 am**

**JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL**  
 \*Steven Welsh & Charlie Ipock  
 \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

**Summer Pulpit Supply's**  
**July 14th: Dr. Leon Hunt**  
**July 21st: Charlie Ipock**

**Communion & Cents-Ability offering**  
**Sunday, July 7th**  
 Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Church. Please contact the pastor or an elder for extended services.  
 Cents-Ability offering will help fund LCCM (please mark all special offerings)  
**July Communion Elders:**  
**Charlie Ipock & Jerry Adams**



<b>June 2019 Statistics</b>	
<b>As of June 27th</b>	
Average Attendance: SS - 35 Worship - 60	
<b>Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses (operating)</b>	
MTD Income received:	\$10,052.55
YTD Income received:	\$79,519.36
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$105,978.00</b>
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,124.52
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$101,574.88
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$108,592.00</b>
<b>Non-Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses</b>	
<b>(Memorial, Building, &amp; Cemetery Funds)</b>	
MTD Income received:	\$8,030.00
YTD Income received:	\$12,150.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.41
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,594.91

**Church Office Closed**  
**July 2nd - 5th**  
**July 11th & 18th**  
 Email periodically checked, when applicable

**New Address: John & Doris Bell**  
**The Manor**  
**2100 Twin Church Rd, rm#100**  
**Florence, SC 29501**

**Our HOMEBOUND Members**  
**Dot Cothran @ her home**  
**Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin**  
**Louis Shirley @ his home**  
**Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte**

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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

**Johanna Aurelia Cerutti Steinmeyer**  
**George Melvin Cumalander**  
**George Michael "Mike" Sellers**

*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)*

**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.



**The Kids for Christ Israel Coin Collection Ministry**

If you haven't turned in your coins, please send them to the office so they can be sent to Jewish Voice

Ministries. Through our support, indigent people in many countries receive: Free medical & dental care, water filters, if needed, opportunity to receive prayer & hear of Yeshua (Jesus). Thank you for your continuing support, prayers and coins for God's chosen people



**Presbyterian Women ongoing fundraiser for Ministry & Missions.** We are selling kitchen items from *RADA*, a company that's been making top quality

kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit the link below or visit our website to help support them.

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

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin. - Mother Teresa



*Thank You! Rebecca is cancer-free (Praise God!) & they were able to harvest enough of her own body's stem cells in order to do a transplant. She appreciates everyone for their prayers for her, her husband Keith, & their son Dylan - Chris Parnell*

*Thank You for all your prayers of comfort and support for my family during and after the death of my Mother-in-Law, Joan Steinmeyer, and for your continuing prayers for my daughter, Valerie, who is still having major issues after a head-on collision in April. Love, Gwen*

*Dear Friends, on behalf of the McDaniel family, I would like to thank the Church and its members for the calls, cards, food, visits, prayers and love that you gave us during our time of illness and loss. It is friends like you that have helped us during this time. With love, Don R. McDaniel & Family*

JULY HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
7th	Kirven Family	Cindy Welsh
14th	Jimmy McCutchen	Wendy Welch
21st	Marsha McCutchen	Jill McElveen
28th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Debbie Tindal

Happy Birthday  
**July August**

Reese Atkinson	8	Bobby Thomas	1
Covington Ipock	8	Caroline J. James	5
Frank Tindal	8	Chloe Jeffords	5
Kim Easters	11	Billy Clyburn	6
Betsy Bramlett	12	Susan Cline	7
Gregg McCutchen IV	12	Leila McCutchen	7
Robin Jeffords	13	Edie Varn	8
Avarie Easters	14	Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Bob Latimer	14	Brittany A. Hyman	11
Allen Corbett	15	Steven Frazier	12
Isabelle McCutchen	18	Grayham Geddings	13
Ashley Latimer	21	Matt Bramlett	15
Andrea K. McCutchen	24	Mary Cousar Laney	18
Libby Corbett	26	Jennifer Bailey	22
Daphne Dickerson	26	Lydia Conway	22
William Watkins	31	Diane McElveen	26
		Sidney Easters	27
		Benji Harrington	30
		Sara Abbett Kirven	30

**July Special Events:**

- Communion
- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Vacations
- Summer Camps

**August Special Events:**

- Church Picnic
- School resumes

**First Baptist Church  
Vacation Bible School  
July 7th - 11th  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Theme: Into the Wild**



***Operation Christmas Child***

***Pre-teens are accepting donations for shoeboxes***  
Needed Items: Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, personal hygiene items (ex: toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc. Please see exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change



**Kids for Christ  
Circle Meeting  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall**



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we pack book bags for Lee County, Va. children in need. Food & Nursery will be provided. Please see exhibit in the Fellowship Hall for items needed.

**Book bags donations are due by July 14th**



***Welcome... Recent Visitors***

***Jean Legters & her son, from Mexico***

***Gordon & Cyndi Eckley***

***Virginia Hearon Meldrum, from Georgia***

***Ann & Ronnie Houck***

***Brett Frazier***

***Adam & Jennifer Cooper, from Columbia***

**Montreat Youth Conference 2019 - "Let Love Lead"**

Three of our HS students; Brooke Welch, Sidney Easters and Avarie Easters will be attending Montreat Youth Conference in July, along with students at First PC, Hartsville, where they hope to have many opportunities to grow in their faith and commitment to serve the Lord. Please be in prayer for each of them. They have agreed to be interviewed by Pastor Chris upon their return. We look forward to reading the article about their experiences in the August SCROLL



**Annual Church Family Picnic**

**Sunday, August 11th**

**4:00 p.m. Activities begin**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner**

**At the home of Steven & Debra Welsh**

**Hosted by Welsh's & Frazier's**



### **What does the Bible say about praying together?**

The Church is under the attack of the enemy like never before. Our leaders and each of our brothers and sisters in Christ need our prayers. As members of the body of Christ we are to lift up one another!

“Prayer meetings were the arteries of the early Church. Through them, life-sustaining power was derived. The condition of the Church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer!” ~ C.H. Spurgeon

### **Praying together unifies us as a body of believers**

In John 17:22-23, Jesus prays, *“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity.”* Praying together, as a group of believers helps bring the unity that Christ prayed for.

### **Praying together allows us to encourage and support other believers**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”* By praying together for common needs, struggles, and times of celebration, we are able to encourage the other believers in our lives and motivate one another on to love and good deeds.

### **Praying together is not more powerful than individual prayer**

Jesus is present whenever and however someone prays, whether it be a large group, an individual, out loud, or in silence. Remember, prayer isn't meant to bend God to our will. Prayer is how we ask for, cooperate with, and rejoice in God's plan. The “power” in corporate prayer (praying in a group together) is in its ability to unify us around God's will, not get things from God. God wants to hear our fears, our confusion, our celebrations, and we can speak to Him simply, candidly, and honestly. God hears all prayers, whether we say them out loud or speak them in our minds, whether we pray as a group or individually. Both are biblical, and both are powerful, but corporate prayer opens up our hearts to the needs of others. Not only does it bring encouragement, repentance, edification, joy, and the feeling of love among believers, but it shows togetherness and the body of Christ working together submitting to the will of God.

2 Corinthians 1:11 (ESV) *“You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.”*

Matthew 18:19-20 *“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”* 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

When is the last time you prayed for your Church body? What about your pastor? Staff? Leadership? Have you prayed for your Sunday School teacher? Have you interceded on behalf of issues taking place in your Church or decisions that need to be made?

**Every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Session room, women from BPC join together in prayer for the needs of this Church and its members, our community, nation, and world. You are encouraged to come join other believers in prayer. There is always a place for you around the table!

## The Baker's Empty Nest

May 2019

This edition is dedicated to our wonderful twins, Michaela and Kathryn. They have both reached some exciting milestones! Its just seems like yesterday...



It was July 3, 1996, at Pam's 2D week ultrasound, that we first heard about twins. Later that day, we passed out Doublemint gum!

Time has flown by...when they were born on October 24, 1996, our lives were definitely changed!



Zac, age 6, was a great big brother. The girls always seemed to know that he was OK.



Lots of dance recitals... and a few basketball games as well.



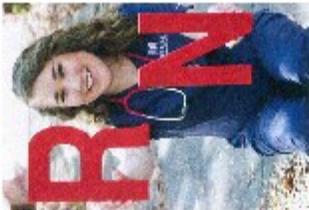
And of course... they loved our Leah!



For Kathryn, a dream becomes a reality...



In December, Kathryn graduated with a degree in Nursing from Midland's Tech.



In February, she took the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and passed it on the first try!

In March, she accepted a position at Sandhills Pediatrics here in Columbia.



But now let's fast forward to 2019

### **Michaela's last few weeks have been like a fairy tale...**

She received the School of Journalism and Mass Communications Outstanding Citizen Award. She is only the second recipient of this award. (The first was big brother Zac in 2013!)

They were so impressed with her, that they also hired her as a Visual Communications Coordinator.



On May 3, Michaela picked up a fiancé and a ring when Collyn Taylor asked her to marry him. (She said Yes!)

They are high school sweetheart hearts!



She also graduated... Magna Cum Laude!

Kathryn was so sweet and helped Collyn make his engagement to Michaela so special...including a surprise engagement party afterwards.



October 17, 2020 will be the big day!



Michaela and best friends hanging out with Cucky at the USC Harseshoe. These girls met as freshmen in 2015.

So there you have it... our little girls have grown up!

We are so very proud. What a blessing they are!

**Pam is also doing much better as well. We are so thankful!**

We're so grateful for you standing with us. You really are part of our ministry and family!



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