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July 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.

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

From the Pastor's Desk... So I was at the store the other day and saw a new line of products called "Goodness & Grace." It got me wondering... First, what does "Grace" have to do with kitchen and dining room decorations (I can guess you'd want them to be "Good"), and second, do the people who named their potholders and wall mounts "Goodness & Grace" even know what "Grace" really is? And then, as thoughts often do, I started wondering (again)...

Do I know what grace is? How would you or I define the idea, the word, the concept of "grace"? Well... The world defines "grace" as a free gift, something given that's undeserved. It's a token of affection. It's a particular goodness or generosity about someone or something. It's... well, "grace" is nice. I bet you & I have heard some version of this definition for years. But here's something I started wondering. How does God define grace? In other words, do I know what grace is - the way God defines it in the Bible? Where might we go for a Biblical definition of "grace"?

Well, we'd go to the end of a life lived in grace, the life of a man whose actions and zeal cost many Christians their lives, who persecuted God's church and himself was persecuted for the Church. We'd go to some of the last written letters of the Apostle Paul. We'd go to his letter to Titus, one of his students and pastor-trainees. Let's read... Titus 2:10-14, For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

So look at how God the Holy Spirit, through Paul & his life lived in grace, defines "grace":

(1) Grace brings salvation. Wait, doesn't Jesus save? Yes, and He is the manifestation of God's grace. Jesus was given to us by God the Father, and Jesus freely gave Himself to us, and the Holy Spirit undeservedly helps us receive that gift, that grace who Himself is Jesus the Christ! So what does God say grace is? Grace is God saving us through Jesus.

(2) Grace trains us Christians. The biggest mistake we can make about being saved is that, once we're saved, that's all God gives us, or worst, that's all we need from God. It's not! Grace is God's ongoing presence, teaching, & training in our lives. Training? To do what? Grace is God training us to live holy & helpful lives - holy because that makes God happy, and helpful because we serve each other & our community.

(3) Grace helps us wait & worship. Finally Paul tells Titus that grace, the way God defines it, helps us to wait for Jesus' return. The world we live in isn't easy for us Christians, nor will it ever be, until Jesus comes back. Knowing we have His free gift, knowing we have His presence, knowing we have His love & mercy, that helps us wait for Him - and while we wait, those very things, that very grace helps us to worship Him fully, in spirit and in truth.

I hope this has been helpful. I know Paul has helped me, as have many Paul-like teachers throughout my life and ministry. God bless you! - Pastor Chris



July Sunday Sermons

3rd:	<i>A Nation of Freedom</i>	1 Peter 2:1-17
10th:	<i>Mercy over Judgement</i>	James:2
	Charlie Ipock in pulpit	
17th:	<i>The Kingdom's Greatest</i>	Matthew 18:1-14
24th:	<i>Shaking Heaven and Earth</i>	Hebrews 12:18-29
31st:	<i>Greeting Friends</i>	3 John 1-15

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

What a Hot Summer! Please try to stay hydrated and check in on any elderly and/or homebound people.

The next time you're at the store, grab some non-perishable items or maybe some personal and/or hygiene items for our Blessing boxes. The Kids for Christ will collect items on the first Sunday of each month. We are very excited to be placing our last Blessing box in or near Garrett Field/Levy Park.

We are in search of a host for our Annual Church Picnic (usually the 2nd week of August). If anyone is interested, please contact the Church office, via email.

In July, We'll serve Communion on the 3rd, I will fill the pulpit on the 10th (In Chris's absence), and on the 17th we will hold our Elder election for c/o 2025.

We are very excited that Bo & Ari Dickinson have been secured to provide a Mini-Music Camp for our younger youth on July 26th - 28th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, and we expect to have some local Churches involved.

We welcome anyone that doesn't have a Church home to visit ours, our doors are wide open.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us on the Session know.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: August 14th @ 8:30 a.m.

JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Perry McCutchen & Charlie Ipock**

***denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities**



**3rd Quarter Communion
July 3, 2022**

Elders in charge: Ray Drayton,
Ryan McCutchen

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services. Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services

Churchwide Picnic



**Annual Church Picnic
Location, Time & Date: TBD
Keep checking upcoming bulletins
& August newsletter for more info**

June 2022 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 55 Sunday School: 23

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$11,009.50

YTD Income received: \$89,298.25

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$101,352.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$20,618.46

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$96,395.21

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$104,269.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses

(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received: \$400.00

YTD Income received: \$4,945.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$00.0

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$1,657.24

**Men of Church & PW Circles
will resume in September**



Please contact the Church Office to be added, changed, and/or removed from a Circle, Men of Church, Coffee (when resumes), Flower, and/or Nursery calendar and/or to update pertinent personal information



**Congregational Meeting
Elder Election c/o 2025
Date: July 17th**

The 2022 Elder Nominating Committee will place into nomination the following three names for c/o 2025 Elder:

- **Ryan McCutchen**
- **Wendy Welch**
- **Cindy Welsh**

The floor will be open for nominations, for members who discern that God is calling another person to be elected, other than those nominated by the Nominating Committee. In the event that the nominees are greater than the number of Elders to be elected, the congregation will vote by secret ballot. Please prayerfully consider the persons you elect, as they will help govern our Church.

The 2022 Elder Nominating Committee:

Matt Bramlett, Diane McElveen,
Jennifer McCutchen, MaryAnna Welsh

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR**JULY 2022**

3rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
 10th: Watson Family
 17th: Kathryn & Hank Welch
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: Jim & Barbara Latimer
 11th: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen
 18th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
 25th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

OCTOBER 2022

2nd: Liz & Billy Simon
9th: OPEN
 16th: Christine Shirley Family
 23rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
 30th: Mike Monroe

NOVEMBER 2022

6th: Crues & Renee Bell
 13th: Wendy & Benny Welch
 20th: Ray & Jackie Drayton
 27th: Hanging of the Greens - 1st Advent

DECEMBER 2022

4th - 25th: Advent & Christmas Poinsettia's

Please contact Church office to use an **OPEN** date (preferably by email) or to change date or be added/removed from running calendar

Calendar runs September to September

Happy Birthday

July August

Reese Atkinson	8	Bobby Thomas	1
Covington Ipock	8	Billy Clyburn	6
Frank Tindal	8	Leila Ethel McCutchen	7
Nick West	8	Edie Varn	8
Kim Easters	11	Mary Ellen Gaskins	9
Betsy Bramlett	12	Brittany A. Hyman	11
Gregg McCutchen IV	12	Steven Frazier	12
Avarie Easters	14	Grayham Geddings	13
Andi Hyman	15	Matt Bramlett	15
Caitlin Cooper	19	Mary Laney	18
Ashley Latimer	21	Jennifer Bailey	22
Adam Cooper	24	Lydia Conway	22
Andrea K. McCutchen	24	Ernie Muldrow	22
Libby Corbett	26	Debra Welsh	25
Daphne Dickerson	26	Diane McElveen	26
William Watkins	31	Sidney Easters	27
		Victoria Ipock	28
		Benji Harrington	30
		Sara Abbett Kirven	30

SUMMER CLEANUP

There's a Master Cleaning/Repair Chart in the Fellowship Hall (on table, under TV) for anyone that wishes to help spruce up the Church. You can check off items that you can clean/repair and add some that you think are needed. We'll have an **official Clean-Up Day on August 6th** to complete anything not finished. Please leave chart on table so we'll know what has & hasn't been completed

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center

Laura Latimer @ McCoy Nursing Center

Dick & Beth McCutchen @ their home

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

Email & Postal mail, is checked and acted on, daily as applicable. Please mail donations to:

Bishopville PC

POB 66

Bishopville, SC 29010

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

**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

2022 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

July 1st - 5th (Fri. - 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)



**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>



Volunteers Needed in Nursery
Please help, on a rotation schedule, so everyone gets a chance to enjoy the worship service on Sunday mornings



Mini-Music Camp

Tuesday, July 26th - Thursday, July 28th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For youth that have graduated 5th grade and under.
The Camp will be taught by Ari & Bo Dickinson



Kids for Christ Ministries



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

The Kids for Christ are collecting items for the Samaritan Purse shoebox mission. We will have drop boxes and supplies/info in the Fellowship Hall soon. We're collecting: School Supplies, Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, hair pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, personal hygiene (ex: toothbrushes, wash clothes, cups, utensils), etc... Please look for our exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change



"Blessing Box" Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Quarterly Daily Breads, and Bibles and have been placed throughout our community and we anticipate our children stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church about the progress. **We will collect items on the 1st Sunday of each month @ Worship.** Items needed: non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods and prepackaged personal & hygiene products (ex: toothbrush/toothpaste, utensils, salt/pepper), etc...



Jewish Voice Coin Collection

In April, 2022, we had a bake sale and collected \$423.32, to help Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe! We have coin banks in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and dropped off any time of the year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates!**

Next Coin Collection Date: NOVEMBER 13th ... Small change can create BIG change!

All 5th Sunday 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. Thank you for supporting our Children and helping them make wise life choices and caring for others, especially those in need or those who are less fortunate

***Praise the Lord; Praise God our Savior!
For each day he carries us in his arms.***

Psalm 68:19



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God is so faithful. He really does carry us, especially during the toughest of times. He continues to give us ministry opportunities as we serve Him through the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Meeting with these guys has been a highlight each week.

These guys are all athletes at **Lugoff Elgin HS**. For the past few months we've had a lunchtime Bible study covering some of the basics of our walk with God. Our Bible Study is called, **Core: 8 Essentials for strengthening your faith**. Athletes really understand what it means to "strengthen their core." What started with 2 guys has actually grown to 6 guys, with a few others that may participate this summer. Each of these guys have indicated a strong desire to attend an FCA Leadership Camp or Sports Camp this summer.

What a privilege to minister with FCA. Whether with teams, coaches or the athletes themselves, God has definitely given us an open door! Pray that these guys and many more will be able to attend one of our camps. But more importantly, that they will be transformed by the Holy Spirit!

Pam and Carroll Celebrate 36 years



The constant sound of the river was so refreshing.

Meanwhile, Pam and I just celebrated our 36th anniversary! We were able to take a few days in the mountains near Chimney Rock, NC in our favorite River Cottage on the Broad River. We enjoyed our dinners on a screened-in porch overlooking the river. There was nothing fancy about the accommodations, but the river was spectacular!

As the years keep flying by, we're reminded of God's watchful care over our lives.

Being in ministry is such a privilege...

1. To trust Him for all the details of our lives.
2. For Him to work IN US, and THROUGH US.
3. To share the message of His greatness, love and forgiveness.

.... And it's an incredible privilege to have you on our team. Thanks so much!!!

Carroll + Pam



Dinner on the porch was great although the chef was questionable!

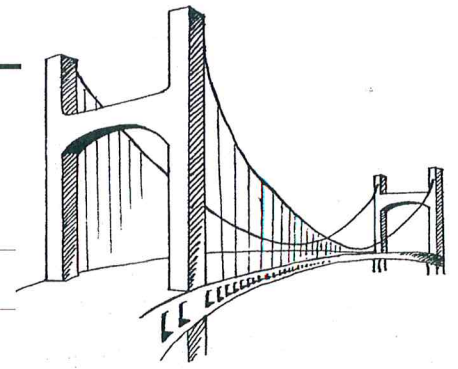


Mother's Day with Michaela and Kathryn... so much cuteness in one picture

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

June 2022



The time that is given us

A friend and I were talking recently about how few of our former teachers are still living. Our parents are gone now, as are most of our aunts and uncles, as well as any number of former colleagues and friends. As the hymn “Be Still My Soul” says, “The time is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord.” While neither he nor I were contemplating an imminent death, because of our ages we naturally give thought to what we are doing with the time that we still have on this earth, whether for full-time ministry, or just for day-to-day life and relationships.

In *The Fellowship of the Ring* in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy Frodo confides to Gandalf, “I wish the Ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened.” Gandalf wisely replies, “So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”

It was God who decided the point in history into which we would be born, as well as the place, the family, and the circumstances. We had no control over any of that. But we *can* determine what we do in the moment in time we find ourselves, and with the remaining time that is given us.



Gandalf and Frodo
From *The Fellowship of the Ring*

What about retirement?

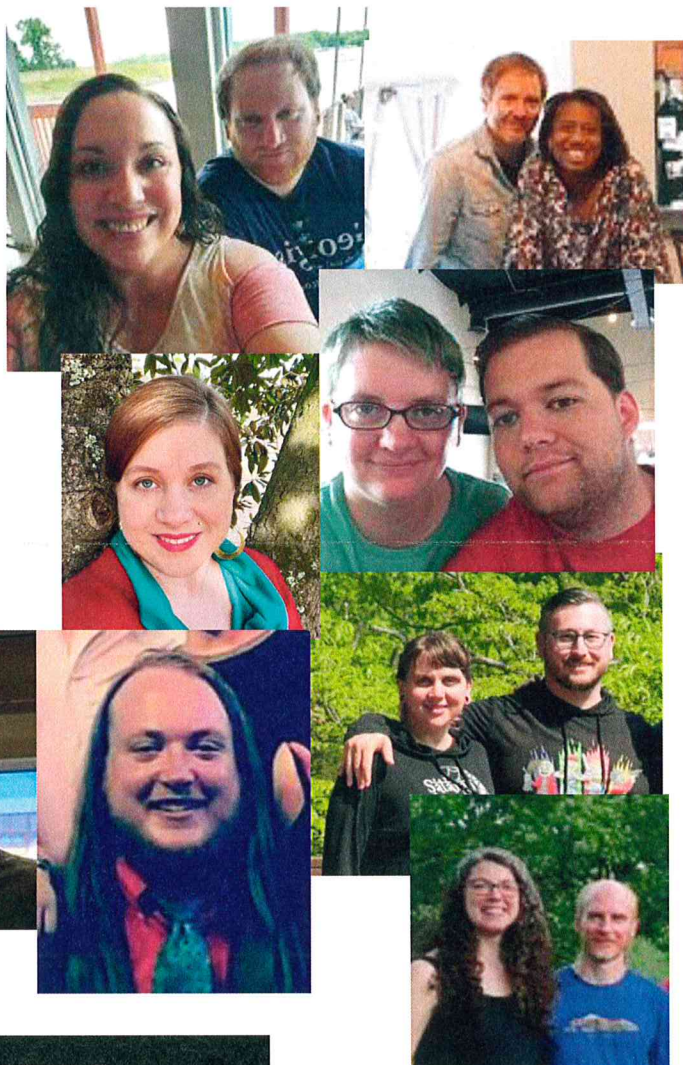
Over the last year I have seen that my strength and energy are slowly waning. We would like to be able to give more time to our eight children, their five spouses, and our six grandchildren, and would like to be able to plan to retire in the not-too-distant future. However, for financial reasons that’s not an option that is open to us. But we believe that God has providentially put us here, with the resources we have, the gifts that we have, the strength and vitality we still have, and the opportunities that we have. Our hope is that we will be faithful to make the most of all of that. We would ask you to **pray** that by his grace God will **strengthen and enable us** to do that – we are both 69 years old this year – and that he would also provide the income and health that we will need to continue doing our tasks in the larger ministry of Bible translation.

Our family moving on

Life moves on, and some of our children are moving on as well. Stephen and Holly added Logan to their family on May 25; they live in Gastonia, NC. Emily is in the process of establishing her own psychotherapy practice. Michael will be moving soon to Northern Virginia to begin a doctoral study program in music, and Meredith and Jimi have moved to Wilmington so she can get a second degree, this one in Graphic Design. Philip may soon be discharged from the Marine Corps, though we don’t know when, and will probably be coming here for a bit, though we don’t know for how long. Katherine and Matt are looking to buy a house.

We would ask for your **prayers** for each of them, that **God would guide them** and be present with them in all their decisions and moves.

Logan Andrew Abernathy, born to Stephen
and Holly on Wednesday, May 25.



Clockwise from top left: Logan,
Holly and Stephen, Jonathan
and Carmen, Meredith and Jimi,
Matt and Katherine, Lora and
Paul, Michael, Philip, and Emily

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For the privilege and blessings of being in this work for these 35 years
- For all the people we have known, both here in the US, as well as overseas
- For the health and strength we have
- For the financial provision we receive

Please pray...

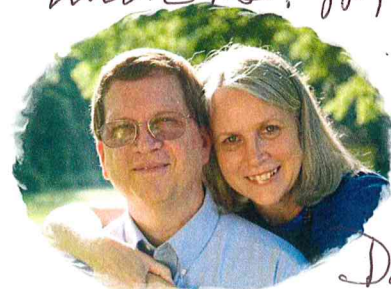
- For strength and energy to continue working at a good pace to help finish the task of Bible translation worldwide
- For guidance for our children as they move on in their paths of life

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