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June 2019 At A Glance

- 2nd: LCCM food gifts / Session
- 3rd: LifeLine Health Screening @ BPC
- 9th: Gideon Sunday - Chris out of pulpit
- 9-12: VBS @ BUMC
- 16th: Father's Day / Jean Legters visits
- 17th: Church Office closed for vacation
- 22nd: Fellowship Hall reserved
- 23rd: BPC feeds a Salkehatchie group
- 26th: BPC feeds all Salkehatchie groups

July 2019 At A Glance

- 2-5: Church Office closed for holiday
- 7th: LCCM food gifts / Communion
- 15th: Joint Circle meeting
- 18-22: Church Office closed for vacation
- 26th: Rev. Parnell's 4th Anniversary @ BPC
- 28-3rd: Youth @ Montreat Camp



- 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.)

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

JUNE

Bishopville Presbyterian Church

June Elders-On-Call: Aarons Easters & Steven Frazier

- Sunday, 2nd:** 7th Sunday of Easter
LCCM food altar gifts
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: Family of William Welsh
8:00 am Stated Session
- Sunday, 9th:** Day of Pentecost
Gideon Sunday (Rev. Ralph Sims, Camden)
Coffee: Bert Cousar & Debbie Tindal
Flowers: Family of Dot & Buddy Wilson
6:00 p.m. VBS begins @ BUMC
- Monday, 10th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Tuesday, 11th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Wednesday, 12th:** 6:00 p.m. VBS @ BUMC
- Sunday, 16th:** First Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
Coffee: Jenny McCutchen & Jackie Drayton
Flowers: Hugh & Retta Tindal
9:30 a.m. Jean Legters' Mission presentation
- Tuesday, 17th:** Church Office closed
- Saturday, 22nd:** 10 am - 4 pm Fellowship Hall reserved
- Sunday, 23th:** Second Sunday after Pentecost
12:00 p.m. BPC feeds one Salkehatchie team
Coffee: Diane & Jill McElveen
- Wednesday, 26th:** 12:00 p.m. BPC feeds all Salkehatchie teams
- Sunday, 30th:** Third Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee: Church provided



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OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar

May 26th;

June 23rd, & 30th; July 21st;

August 4th & 25th;

September 15th, 22nd, & 29th

Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates

Business Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

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



LCCM June Collection ~ CANNED VEGETABLES ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, June 2nd for our monthly Altar collection





Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4)

We all have our little "guilty pleasures" - you know, the escapist romances, the soap operas, the sci-fi marathons, the video games, the cheesy '80s movies. For me, it's *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, a silly little late-80s movie about two California teens who, through time travel and music, change the world. *Bill & Ted* is known for giving Keanu Reeves his start, and for playing with the already silly idea of time travel in a pretty, well, late-80s and "most excellent" way. If you haven't seen it, let me spoil the movie's ultimate message by saying, "Be excellent to each other" and "Party on, dudes!" Like I said, "guilty pleasure" - maybe Laura would say, "Not guilty enough..." I particularly love the theme song from *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, a song titled "In Time" by Robbie Robb. It's one of those "**accidentally Christian**" songs into which you often run. By accidentally Christian, what I mean is a song or poem or story that, whether intentionally or not, has a Christian message. Here's why I say "In Time" is accidentally Christian; the lyrics say:

No fear, no loss, no tears, the time is almost here. Our dreams will all come true, I promise you, 'Cause I can see for miles and miles . . . One heart, one soul, one mind, Our eyes will not be blind. We'll see this rain come down without this sound, We can all, we can all break free. In time we'll be dancing in the streets all night!

Tell me that's not a redeemed world Robbie Robb is singing about - a world like the one John describes in Revelation 21, where everything is made new by the One who makes all things new, a world where the streets are for dancing, voices are for singing, and eyes are for seeing the King of Glory face to face! Now, if I could change one lyric from "In Time", I'd say in that second stanza, "*We'll see his reign come down, and with a trumpet sound, we can all, we can all break free! In time...*" But that's just me.

How many times do we run across "accidentally Christian" messages in the world around us? Whether it's the theme song from a guilty-pleasure 80s movie or a character in a video game or TV series, whether it's a series of allusions in a poem or book we've been reading, how often do we run across messages that reinforce or echo the Gospel of Jesus, the story of the Bible? Not only do we have a culture that - at least for the last 400 years - has been saturated with the Church & the Bible, we also have the presence of God himself, the Holy Spirit, who pours out what we call "common grace". That simply means that the Spirit of God is at work in the world in general, helping people - even artists, writers, & singers - pick up on, whether they intend to or not, the message that, "God so loves this world that He gave it His only Son..."

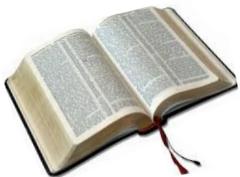
So here's the bottom line: How do we, the Church, respond to the "**accidentally Christian**" messages around us? Do we recognize them? Do we appreciate the work of the Holy Spirit, do we celebrate the work of the Church Fathers & Mothers that made this possible? Better yet, do we take advantage of these messages when we interact with our non-Christian friends, coworkers, & family? Do we point out, when we're watching *Bill & Ted*, "Hey, that song sounds like what God's going to do at the end of time"? Do we say to a friend, when we're reading *The Lord of the Rings*, "Did you know that J.R.R. Tolkien was a Christian and a friend with C.S. Lewis?" When we're riding in a car with our friends, and Audioslave's song "I am the highway" comes on, do we mention, "This sounds just like what David says in Psalm 139, when he's struggling with God's presence"?

So, how can we do this? How are we going to be able to both recognize and comment on accidentally Christian messages to the people we'd like to introduce to Jesus? First, by knowing the Bible. We need to have a working knowledge of the message of the Bible, a firm grasp of the Gospel especially, so much so that we can't help but notice. Be in love with the story of Jesus forgiving you! Second, you'll never have a conversation with a non-Christian about an accidentally Christian message unless you have non-Christian friends. Yes, the Bible has several warnings about how bad company corrupts good character—so choose these friends carefully. But the message of the Bible is resoundingly this: The Church reaches the Lost by living among the Lost. Make friends, and introduce those friends to Jesus.

Finally, we can connect the accidentally Christian to the non-Christians we know best of all by connecting to & following the Holy Spirit's leading. He'll help us make the right friends, he'll give us the insights & opportunities, he'll guide us through those conversations - and all the while, he'll use our words, our studies, our prayers in order to reach people with their Savior Jesus' love - even if he has to use *Bill & Ted* in order to do so. Praise the Spirit for his work!

Blessings in Jesus' name - Pastor Chris

June Sunday Sermons



2nd:	Grace & Peace to You	Galatians 1:3-12
9th:	Gideon Sunday (Rev. Ralph Sims, Camden SC)	
16th:	<i>In Faith, be Blessed</i>	Galatians 2:15-3:9
23rd:	<i>Heirs of the Promise</i>	Galatians 3:15-29
30th:	<i>For Freedom I am Free</i>	Galatians 5

News from the Session...

Greetings, and welcome to summer! We've already suffered through record heat the last few weeks of May, and God willing, things will cool down so we may enjoy part of the summer. As we crawl into the summer, remember we have vacation bible school coming up which will be hosted by the Methodist Church. We have other exciting events planned for kids that we are working on confirming for the summer as well so please do consistently check the Church calendar and of course we'll keep everyone abreast of those events. A big thank you to those who came and assisted in the "Church Cleanup" just a few weeks ago too. We cut shrubs, power washed, cleaned interior walls, painted, replaced lights, cleaned out the kitchen, and many, many other housekeeping matters to keep the Church looking spring and spry. If you see anything else which needs attention, please continue to let Elders or members of the Session know. Have a blessed June!

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

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL
 *Aaron Easters & Steven Frazier
 *denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



c/o 2022 Session

- Matt Bramlett
- Ryan McCutchen
- Cindy Welsh

Please keep all our Elders in your prayers

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



May 2019 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 39 Worship - 74

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$10,426.55
YTD Income received:	\$69,466.81
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$88,315.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,386.02
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$80,450.36
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$85,614.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$875.00
YTD Income received:	\$4,120.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

Joint Circle Meeting
Monday, July 15th
7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

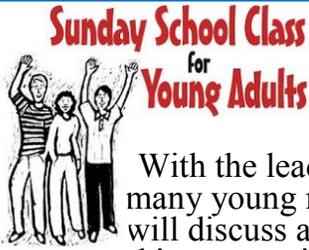
Church Office Closed
June 3rd (open 5th instead)
June 17th
July 2nd - 5th
July 18th - 22nd
Email periodically checked, when applicable

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

Fena Margaret Stalvey McDaniel
Janice Newsome Holland
Hunter B. Christmas, friend of Melinda Atkinson
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)



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.

JUNE HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
2nd	Ann Cooper	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
9th	English Cooper	Jill McElveen
16th	Gaskins Family	Betsy Bramlett
23rd	Jackie Drayton	Debbie Tindal
30th	Betty Manning Heriot	Kerry Frazier



Jean Legters Presentation
Sunday, June 16th
Fellowship Hall
during Sunday School

Jean Legters will be in the US and will visit our Church to provide an update from the Mission field in Mexico, where she spent most of her life. Please join us!

Happy Birthday

June July

Harrison Blake Smith	4	Reese Atkinson	8
Stephen Welch	6	Covington Ipock	8
Ray Drayton	8	Frank Tindal	8
Cameron McElveen	10	Kim Easters	11
Conner Welch	13	Betsy Bramlett	12
Lacie McElveen	14	Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Rev. Chris Parnell	14	Robin Jeffords	13
Jenny McCutchen	15	Avarie Easters	14
Marsha McCutchen	16	Bob Latimer	14
Hugh Tindal III	16	Allen Corbett	15
Katherine Dickinson	17	Isabelle McCutchen	18
Patrick Jeffords	23	Ashley Latimer	21
Patricia Latimer	25	Andrea K. McCutchen	24
Liz Simon	25	Libby Corbett	26
		Daphne Dickerson	26
		William Watkins	31



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

- June Special Events:**
- Gideon Sunday
 - Vacation Bible School
 - Jean Legters visiting
 - Salkehatchie Summer
 - End of School Year

- July Special Events:**
- Communion
 - Vacation Bible School
 - Summer Vacations
 - Summer Camps



Presbyterian Women 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>

Welcome... Recent Visitors
Adam & Jennifer Cooper
From Columbia, SC

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

Vacation Bible School ~ The Mane Event

Sunday - Wednesday

JUNE 9th - 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Pre-Registration (preferred)

[Click here to register and/or to volunteer](#) or visit this link:

<https://www.myvbs.org/www.bumcroarvbs/>

For more info, call: BUMC 803.484.6037 or

Beth Grant 843.858.3949



FUN-Music-FUN-Snacks-FUN-Games-FUN-Adventure-FUN-Experiments-FUN-Friends-FUN



Operation Christmas Child
Pre-teens are accepting donations for shoeboxes

Needed Items: Toys, Baseball Caps, Visors, bobby pins/barrettes, costume jewelry, shoeboxes, person hygiene (ex: toothbrushes & wash clothes), etc... Please see exhibit, in Fellowship Hall, as needs change



Kids for Christ
Circle meeting

Friday, June 7th
6:30 pm

Please join us at the home of Kim & Aaron Easters (2064 Tomahawk Rd. Lamar) for our second K4C Circle meeting!
Food & Nursery will be provided

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

Life Line Screening Event
June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Life Line is a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, offering affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

Also register in the office or Fellowship Hall



Let's Be Healthy Together!

Salkehatchie

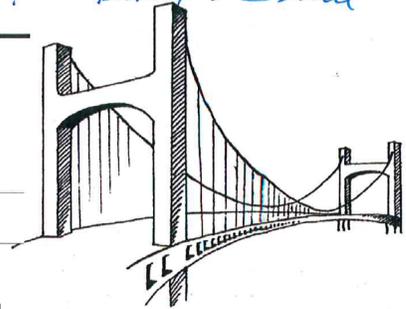
Salkehatchie teams arrive in Lee County on June 22nd, helping the needy in our community. We will host and feed 1 team on Sunday, June 23rd and all teams Wednesday, June 26th. Please help, if asked

THANK you AGAIN for your partnership with us! David & Estelle

BRIDGES

David & Estelle Abernathy

April 2019



Scripture comes to the Gungu people

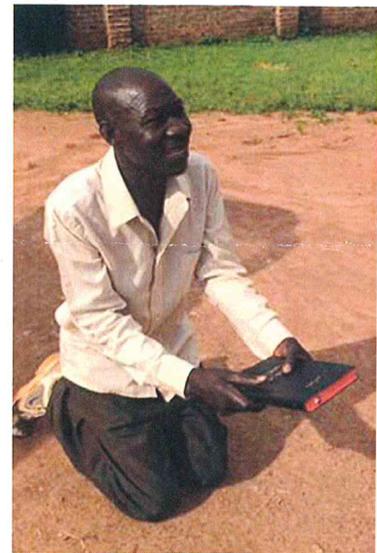
In a village in Uganda, the guard on duty at the local radio station opened the gate and greeted the team arriving with New Testaments. He eagerly watched as a young radio presenter opened a box and took out a copy of the recently published Scriptures. The guard had heard the excitement surrounding the Gungu New Testament the day before, when a special event had been held to dedicate the newly printed books. There, many people had heard God's Word in their language for the first time, and because many were inspired to buy copies, the team had run out and had to send to a nearby town for more.

Now, whispering, the guard asked his colleague to read a verse from Matthew. The presenter read the verse aloud while the guard listened closely: "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" (Matthew 16:26 NLT). The guard urged the man to read it again, which he did.

Seeing the guard's interest, the team decided to give him a New Testament. The man leapt with joy, knelt on the ground, raised his hands in the air with excitement, laughed and hugged the Bible to his chest. "I've done so many bad things in my life," he said, "but now salvation has come to me. The Lord is with me!"

Still kneeling and swaying, he kept thanking them for the New Testament, and he called out the name of Jesus with great joy. Then he got up and started dancing spontaneously with the radio presenter, unable to hide his excitement — a moving and a powerful testimony to the impact of God's Word in the mother tongue. Someone asked if the guard knew how to read. "No," said the presenter, "but now he will be asking the young people in his home to read that Bible to him."

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Made in God's image

I have often reflected on what it means to be made in God's image. One of the most fundamental affirmations in Christian belief is the doctrine of the Trinity, that God exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This means that for all eternity God has existed in relationship, and at the center of such relationships is love, personality, and communication. The executive director of SIL, Dr. Michel Kenmogne, has pointed out that communication in language is one of the features of our bearing God's image—that we communicate, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always communicated within the community of the Trinity. For us, just as with the Trinity, communication in language is at the center of personhood and of love.

God is a communicator—the *original* communicator. Hebrews 11:1-2 tells us that in the past God communicated through prophets in many ways, but in these last days *he has spoken through his Son*. The Word of God, the Bible, is the record of God's long history of communicating with us, as well as the record of the life and message of the Son of God. Translating the Bible into the languages of the linguistic minorities of the world is the goal toward which our organization works. Thank you for whatever part you have had in our efforts toward reaching that goal!

Update on the Lectionary project

I have been working for much of the last three years on the Old Testament Lectionary Exegetical Summary Project, providing translation helps for pastors and missionaries wanting to translate the Old Testament portions that are read each Sunday in liturgical churches (such as Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, etc.). Of the 154 readings, 45 have been published electronically (all from Isaiah). Another 60 are ready to be typeset and published, 30 are near ready for typesetting, and 19 are in the beginning stages. I have authored 46 of the readings, and proof-read or edited 89 of the others, which represents thousands of pages of text. A few months ago I received an email from a Catholic official in the Vatican who assured me that they were enthusiastic about the project and were willing to assist in any way that might become necessary. This is encouraging. Your ongoing prayers for the project would be appreciated.

Philip is now a United States Marine



Philip left home on January 22 for Marine Corps boot camp, which is twelve weeks of mentally and physically demanding training. It culminated in 54 hours of field testing known as The Crucible, during which recruits get little sleep and endure considerable strenuous physical activity, including hiking 47 miles while carrying up to 45 pounds of gear. He graduated from boot camp on April 19.

Then on April 30 Philip will go to a Marine base near San Diego for advanced infantry training. We ask your prayer that God would guide and protect him wherever he goes.



PFC Philip Abernathy, USMC

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks...

- For progress in the Old Testament Lectionary Exegetical Summary Project. We are about 2/3 the way through
- For faithful supporters and prayer partners, and for financial provision

Please pray...

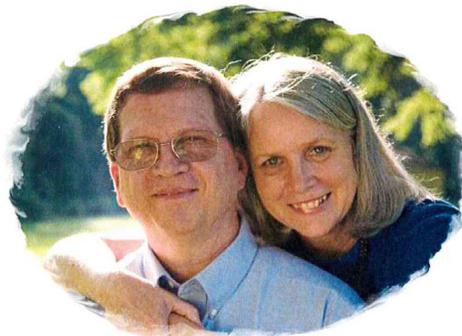
- For the Lectionary project material to be done well, and that it would be distributed to translators in the field
- For permanent employment for Michael teaching music
- For Philip as he goes on to the next phase of his career in the US Marine Corps

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