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Due to the COVID-19 virus all Worship Services will be shortened and begin @ 10:00 am, with no other gatherings, including Nursery, Fellowship, & Choir, until further notice



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

The Session will meet, as needed, to make appropriate & safe decisions regarding Church services & gatherings.

All updated info will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

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

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



From the Pastor's Desk... God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am." And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, Say this to the people of Israel: **YAHWEH [He Is]**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations." (Exodus 3:14-15)

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end. (Luke 1:31-33)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the **Holy Spirit**." (John 20:21-22)

On June 14, too many years ago for me to think about, in a little county hospital in the upstate, I was named. Momma - because she "liked the name" - wanted me to be Christopher, and so I have been ever since. I guess I liked my name alright, until I went to Crescent High, and found out the name "Chris" was the 2nd most popular name for boys in the 1980s, especially at Crescent. If a teacher wanted to get ½ the guys in school to stop what they were doing, they'd just yell "Chris!" Joke's on them - my middle name was the 3rd most popular name. I could go virtually incognito...

Momma liked my name, but here's the thing - as I grew up, and especially after I met Jesus and did a little studying, I really came to appreciate and love my name. Interestingly, as I've shared before, my name actually fits my profession. The Latin root of Christopher is "Christ-bearer," and that's what God has honored me by letting me do as my calling - carry the name of Jesus in preaching, teaching, & ministry.

I think it's a sad thing that, in our American culture, so many times anymore names are just... names. Names used to mean things, whether they meant a particular family connection (think Williams'son or Mac'cutchen) or profession (Smith comes to mind) or place of origin (English or Scots or French) or perhaps a family trait or hope (Parnell means "little rock" in old/middle English). To misquote Mr. Shakespeare, after all, what's in a name?

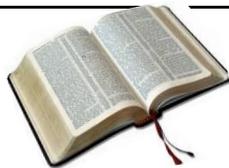
What CAN be in a name? When we look at the Bible, we can't help but run into significant name after significant name - from Adam (man) & Eve (mother of all life) to Abraham (father of nations) & Sarah (princess) to Peter (rock) and Barnabas (son of encouragement), names in the Bible are powerful ways in which God shows us and teaches us about His connection to us and our lives. And, even more significantly than peoples' names in the Bible are the names with which God introduces Himself - Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - to you & me, His people. How does God want us to know Him? What are the main three names of the Holy Trinity, this One God we serve?

First is the name God gives Moses in Exodus 3: **YHWH** (probably pronounced "Yahweh" - ancient written Hebrew doesn't have vowels). That's kind of a strange name, but it makes incredible sense when we look at it in the context of Exodus 3. God is introducing himself to an enslaved people, a people who had - and lost - their personal connection with him over the 400 years they'd been in Egypt. When Moses asks, "Who can I tell the Israelite people you are?" God says, "I Am who I Am" - and then says, "Tell them Yahweh is my name." Yahweh, by the way, is the Hebrew expression, "**He Is**." He is self-sufficient. He is pre-existent. He is all-powerful, all-mighty, all-knowing. He is God - and we, because He saves us, are His.

Second is the name the angel tells Mary to give God's Son: **Jesus** (that's Greek to me; the Hebrew name is Yeshua—or Joshua). Again, just like Yahweh means "He Is," Jesus - in Hebrew - means "God saves." Isn't that wild? Put that name into the Apostles' Creed, for instance. "I believe in God-Saves, God's only Son, my Lord. I believe God-Saves was born to the virgin Mary. I believe God-Saves suffered under Pontius Pilate. I believe God-Saves was crucified, died, and buried, that God-Saves rose from the dead, and that God-Saves will one day come again in glory to rule heaven and earth!" (whoops! I slipped some Nicaea in there, too) God the Father's name tells us about His attributes; God the Son's name tells us what He has done for us - He saved us.

Finally, and certainly not leastly, the name Jesus gives us for the third Person of the Trinity is: The **Holy Spirit** (literally, in both Greek & Hebrew, the languages the Bible was written in: "the Holy Breath"). Why does this name matter? In the beginning, when does Adam become a living being? When God "breathes" into him. In the new beginning, when does the Church become a living being - taking on the role of the "body of Christ"? When Jesus "breathes" into us. The Holy Spirit is - as the song sings - the very air we breathe as Christians, the empowering Person of God living within us and with us. To call Him the Spirit is to remind ourselves that we cannot live without breathing. We die without breath. And this is the Holy Breath, God Himself living inside you & me.

My prayer, then, for you & me is to know God by name - that we know Yahweh, our Father, who IS, WAS, and forever WILL BE all we need, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Guide, and our Friend. My prayer is to know Jesus by name - God saved us from our sins, doing what we could not, would not even dare dream to do, dying in our place, giving us perfect obedience, loving us "while we were yet sinners." My prayer is for us to know the Holy Spirit, having our being, living in Him and His power always. Know God - know God by name. Blessings! - Pastor Chris



June Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

June 7th:	Making a Marriage	Genesis 2:18-25
June 14th:	What are you carrying?	Isaiah 46
June 21st:	A Godly Dad	Joshua 14:6-14
June 28th:	Winner takes all	1 John 5:1-5

Due to COVID-19, Worship will be @ 10 am, with no choir, fellowship or nursery

News from the Session...

The summer is already upon us, feeling as though spring was lost with COVID-19 and all of its difficulties. But, it seems life is slowly coming back to normal, whatever normal may now entail. We on the Session are keeping agile so as to respond to the needs of the Church and ensure we have the safest environment possible for our members. Regardless, we welcome and do ask that should you have any suggestions or alternative means by which to deliver the Good News we have about Jesus Christ, please let us know. Rev. Parnell has done an outstanding job of utilizing digital resources and I'm hopeful that we'll continue to do as best we can to communicate to the members of how to access and utilize those resources. We'll continue to pray for all of the Church members, our leaders, and those affected by this pandemic too. But as we begin our slow climb back to normalcy, do not miss the opportunity to see how God is active in this circumstance. Even in challenges, God is working in our midst, and in that midst we see the grace that leads us to Him.

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

**JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL
Aaron Easters & Steven Frazier
Next Stated Meeting: TBD**

**Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus)...
All Church events, except Worship have
been cancelled, until further notice.
Worship Services are each Sunday @
10:00 a.m., using social distancing. We will
not have the choir participating and we
will not have a Nursery or Fellowship
time. Other events will be determined and
posted on our website & Facebook page**



**Canned Food & Monetary gifts
for Lee County Cooperative
Ministries (LCCM)
1st Sunday of each month
Please note "LCCM" on all
LCCM monetary gifts**

May 2020 Statistics

Worship Attendance average: 45

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$15,147.55
YTD Income received:	\$84,242.72
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$88,675.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,210.79
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$73,723.28
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$82,780.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$300.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,165.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00

Congregational Meeting Elder Election c/o 2023

Date: TBD

2020 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Matt Bramlett & Cindy Welsh, Chairs

Dwayne Sweatman

Kathryn Welch

Susan Cline

Andrea McCutchen

**If you wish to not serve, please contact a
Committee member or the Church office**

Church Business office hours are

**Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Email & Postal mail, is checked and acted on,
daily as applicable. All donations/tithes can be
mailed to**

**Bishopville PC
POB 66**

Bishopville, SC 29010

**NOTE: All mail sent to our street address will
be returned by Post Office**

Upcoming Vacation/Holiday Office closings:

June 9th - 15th

July 1st - 6th

August 19th

September 2nd - 7th

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Louis Shirley @ his home

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence



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Before he died, a father said to his son; "Here is a watch that your grandfather gave me. It is almost 200 years old. Before I give it to you, go to the jewelry store downtown. Tell them that I want to sell it, and see how much they offer you."

The son went to the jewelry story, came back to his father, and said; "They offered \$150.00 because it's so old."

The father said; "Go to the pawn shop."

The son went to the pawn shop, came back to his father, and said; "The pawn shop offered \$10.00 because it looks so worn."

The father asked his son to go to the museum and show them the watch.

He went to the museum, came back, and said to his father; "The curator offered \$500,000.00 for this very rare piece to be included in their precious antique collections."

The father said; "I wanted to let you know that the right place values you in the right way. Don't find yourself in the wrong place and get angry if you are not valued. Those that know your value are those who appreciate you, don't stay in a place where nobody sees your value."

Know your worth.



Harrison Blake Smith	4	Reese Atkinson	8
Stephen Welch	6	Covington Ipock	8
Dwayne Sweatman	7	Frank Tindal	8
Ray Drayton	8	Nick West	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	Ashley Latimer	21
Patrick Jeffords	23	Andrea K. McCutchen	24
Patricia Latimer	25	Libby Corbett	26
Liz Simon	25	Daphne Dickerson	26
Isaac Bailey	29	William Watkins	31



2020 is Our Church's year to host Vacation Bible School, but due to COVID-19, we have not scheduled a date yet. We are hoping to have VBS at end of July or early-mid August. As soon as things become more safe, we will meet and make a decision of when and if we can make it happen in 2020. Please keep our children, along with all others in your prayers!

Salkehatchie 2020 Summer Camp Cancelled

Dear members of BPC,

We express our sincere appreciation for your faithfulness in supporting the Lee County Salkehatchie Camp. We sadly report that the 2020 summer camp has been cancelled, due to the potential spread & risk of the coronavirus. We look forward to what God has planned for 2021.

Sincerely, Salkehatchie Summer Service team



Congratulations to 2020 High School Graduates

William Brandt Boykin

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina Technical College
Son of Robin & Clay Boykin
Grandson of the late Eunice & Eddie Boykin and
Linda & John McCaskill

Ezekiel “Zeke” Smith Gaskins

Graduated SC Governor’s School for Science & Math, plans to attend Clemson University,
studying Biological Sciences
Son of Meredith & Bill Gaskins
Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen,
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Hodge, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gaskins

Amber Nicole Harrington

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina Technical College to pursue
a Nursing degree
Daughter of Jane & Benjamin Harrington
Granddaughter of Roberta “Bert” & the late Richard F. Cousar, and Patricia Harrington and Phil
Harrington

Brooke Taylor Harrington

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Central Carolina Technical College to pursue
a Nursing degree
Daughter of Jane & Benjamin Harrington
Granddaughter of Roberta “Bert” & the late Richard F. Cousar, and Patricia Harrington and Phil
Harrington

Sara Abbett Kirven

Graduated Robert E. Lee Academy, plans to attend Clemson University studying
Packaging Science
Daughter of Missy & Tim Kirven
Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen, and Anne & Gary Tyner

Steven Paul Terrell III

Graduated West Florence High School, plans to attend Clemson University, majoring in Forestry
Son of Renee & Steven Terrell II, and Tara Bennett James
Grandson of Diane & the late William McElveen

2020 Honor Marshall

Sidney Marie Easters

Junior at Hartsville High School
Daughter of Kim & Aaron Easters
Granddaughter of Marie Brown & the late Herbert M. Brown and
the late Elizabeth & Owen Easters

**Please email the Church Office no later than June 22nd of HS/College
student/teacher awards/honors for the July SCROLL**