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Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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March 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: World Day of Prayer
- 3rd: LCCM food collection / Transfiguration
- 6th: Lenten Lunch & Ash Service @ BUMC
- 10th: Session / Daylight Saving Time begins
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church
- 24th: Ipock baptism
- 27th: Family Night Supper



Don't forget to Spring forward an hour March 10th

March
2019

April 2019 At A Glance

- 7th: LCCM food collection / Communion
- 10th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
- 14th: Palm Sunday / Session / PWCT
- 15th: Night Circle
- 16th: Morning Circle
- 17th: Men of Church
- 16-19: Church Office closed
- 18th: Maundy Communion @ BPC
- 19th: Good Friday service @ BUMC
- 20th: Easter Egg hunt (BUMC hosts)
- 21st: Easter Sunrise & breakfast @ BPC

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



Bishopville Presbyterian Church

March Elders-On-Call: Wendy Welch & Steven Welsh

- Friday, 1st:** World Day of Prayer
- Sunday, 3rd:** Transfiguration Sunday
LCCM food gifts
Coffee: Melinda, Meredith, Missy
Flowers: Renee Bell
- Wednesday, 6th:** ASH WEDNESDAY
12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ Bethlehem United Methodist Church
6:00 p.m. Ash service @ Bethlehem United Methodist Church
- Sunday, 10th:** First Sunday of Lent
2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
Coffee: Marsha McCutchen & Brittany Hyman
- Sunday, 17th:** Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. PWCT
Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer
- Monday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Debbie Tindal)
- Tuesday, 19th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Jackie Drayton)
- Wednesday, 20th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 24th:** Third Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson
Flowers: Avarie & Sidney Easters
11:00 a.m. Victoria Catherine Ipock baptism
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper (Christian Ed. Committee)
- Sunday, 31st:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
Coffee: Church provided
6:00 p.m. First Baptist 5th Sunday Singing



Don't forget to like us on Facebook, to receive our news feed



OPEN 2019 Flower Calendar
March 10th, 17th & 31st; April 14th & 21st; May 5th & 26th; June 16th, 23rd, & 30th; July 21st; August 4th & 25th; September 1st, 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 March Collection ~ RICE ~
Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, March 3rd for our monthly Altar collection





Mark 9:21-24: *Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can"! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*

There are few passages in the Bible as poignant as this: A father cries out to Jesus, begging for the Master's help for his son, a boy afflicted with a terrible evil spirit that constantly seeks the boy's destruction. Can't we all hear the pain in his voice, even across the centuries and the written page, "Help me!"

But for what is this desperate father actually pleading? What does he ask from Jesus with that amazing, almost too deep for words, anguished cry, "*I believe; help my unbelief!*"? What help does he really need?

And here's the best question of all: When have you or I been in the situation in which we find this father - where he has belief, he has Jesus right there with him, but something is holding him back, something isn't as "connected" as it should be, and he knows, deep in his heart, there's something more, just on the other side. When have we been there, wanting to say to Jesus ourselves, "We believe; help us with our unbelief!"

William L. Lane, in the New International Commentary writes about this father, "*His cry expresses humanity and distress at being asked to manifest radical faith when unbelief is the form of human existence.*" I think he hits the nail on the head. Jesus is offering him everything he's ever needed, particularly the solution to the most dire, most desperate situation in which this father has ever lived, a darkness few can imagine - the catastrophic illness of a child. Jesus looks at him & expresses sympathy ("How long?"), and then says to the man, "All things are possible if you believe." Keep in mind, this is the same Jesus who told his Church in John 14, "I've done some pretty amazing things - but even greater things than I did, that's what you'll do, because I'm sending you the Holy Spirit" (*my paraphrase*). I don't know about you, but I can't say I've done "greater things" than Jesus. I'm not even sure I've seen "greater things".

Over & over, I've had conversation after conversation with Christians who, like me, wonder where the "greater things" have gone? At the same time, in these same conversations, we can't help but look around at our culture, at our country, and realize that our nation, indeed our entire world *needs to see & experience* these "greater things" of Christ Jesus through his Church!

And so, we're like this anguished father; "*Unbelief is there, and of himself he cannot conquer it*" (JA Chadwick, *The Expositor's Bible*). We believe in Jesus, we believe in the Holy Spirit, but because of our upbringing, because of our tradition of western rationalism, because we've been brought up with special effects & scientific discovery, it's hard for us to take the kinds of "leaps of faith" that Jesus is asking this father to take. Let's put ourselves in his shoes for a minute - he went to doctors; they failed. He went to the Church (the disciples); it failed. He's now facing someone who says, "if you believe..." Might that father be thinking, "Yes, but what if he fails me, too - can I bear that kind of let-down again? Can I deal with that kind of disappointment again?"

And yet - he *wants to believe* in Jesus. He wants to believe that Jesus is the solution to his & his family's deepest, darkest problem. He *wants to believe* that, in Jesus, all things are possible. He *wants to believe*. So here's the question for you & me - do we want to believe? Do we really want to see the "greater things" that Jesus has in store for Bishopville, for Lee County, for America & the world? Do we really want to see Jesus bring racial & familial reconciliation, a transformation of our culture, a return to morality and honor? Do we want to believe that we & the people we love the most can be healed? Do we want to believe?

David Platt, in his book *Radical*, challenges the American Church this way: "I dare you to test the claims contained in the gospel, maybe in a way you have never done before." He's saying this - Want to believe. Want to see the "greater things". Want to transform the world through the Holy Spirit, through the Gospel, through Christ Jesus. Want to believe. I want to believe! Lord, help me with my unbelief, too - I know you can.

Pastor Chris

March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



3rd:

Shake off the Dust

Mark 6:1-13

10th:

Loaves & Fish

Mark 6:30-52

17th:

Signs & Wonders

Mark 8:1-21

24th:

Prayer & Fasting

Mark 9:2-29

31st:

Come Unto Me

Mark 10:13-31

News from the Session...

As we pull out of the cold weather and start to put up our sweaters, we also need to take time to reflect on the holiday season and prepare for what it points us to: Christ's resurrection. As we move into the Easter season, the Session and other church leaders are preparing to celebrate the atonement of our sins through Christ's resurrection. Though we often are bombarded with distractions of the reason for Easter, it is important as we begin to slowly move toward it so we are able to reflect on its importance and understand how everything moves in its direction, by the time Easter arrives, so that the full gravity of its significance becomes more readily apparent. The Session and church leaders are preparing exciting sermons and experiences for the congregation this Easter season and it is with eager anticipation that we look forward to the season and all that Christ brings. May you have a blessed month and know that the Session and its leaders are praying for each of you as we move toward this ever exciting time of the year.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: March 10th @ 8:00 am

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Wendy Welch & Steven Welsh**

*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities



Victoria Catherine Ipock
March 24th

Daughter of Charlie & Virginia Ipock
Granddaughter of Billy Clyburn &
Jane Clyburn; and sister of Covington & William Ipock

Thank You



Dear Church family, thank you for your phone calls, prayers, flowers, food and cards and to the Kids for Christ for the fruit basket at Christmas. Each one of you mean so much to me. You are so kind and caring.
Much Love, Kathryn Hart

February 2019 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 45 Worship - 65

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$17,074.84
YTD Income received:	\$24,818.05
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$35,326.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,237.71
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$29,950.27
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$30,631.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,460.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,960.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$82.50
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

March Fellowship**Circle Hostesses**

Night (18th) Ann Cooper

Morning (19th) Jackie Drayton

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church Hosts

Wednesday (20th) ... Needed

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Charles Finch

Ella Frances McLeod

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)

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Elder Class of 2022

Nominations are being accepted throughout March. Please complete a form and submit to the Church office or to a Committee member. Nomination forms are in SS rooms and Sanctuary.

Nomination Deadline: March 24th

2019 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Aaron Easters, Chair

Wendy Welch, Co-Chair

Bill Conway

Debbie Tindal

Susan Cline

Andrea McCutchen

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

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.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Community Ash Service
Bethlehem United
Methodist Church
March 6th @ 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Lunch Schedule:

A light lunch and short devotion will be held. Everyone is invited to attend

March 6th @ 12:00 noon
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

April 10th @ 12:00 noon
Bishopville Presbyterian Church



Presbyterian Women online fundraiser for Ministry & Missions. They are selling kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making

top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link or our website to help support them.

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



Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study

Women's Group: Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm

Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm

MARCH HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
3rd	Kirven Family	Jill McElveen
10th	Jimmy McCutchen	Debbie Tindal
17th	Marsha McCutchen	Jennifer McCutchen
24th	Cameron & Jill McElveen	Kerry Frazier
31st	Dawn Nesbit & Caroline McCutchen	Charlie & Virginia Ipock

Happy Birthday

MARCH

APRIL

Bo Simon	2	Gwen Steinmeyer	2
Louise McCutchen	3	Melinda Atkinson	3
Carol Latimer Finethy	4	Kerry W. Frazier	3
Emmett Kerr	5	Dot Cothran	4
Katie Ellen	7	Kathryn Welch	4
Bill Gaskins	8	Reneé Bell	13
William Corbett	9	Doris Bell	14
Isabelle Tindal Bailey	10	Kathryn Hart	19
Lena McCutchen	10	Tyner Bramlett	20
Meredith Gaskins	12	Caroline McCutchen	20
Emmie McCutchen	19	Devin Atkinson	22
English Cooper	20	Susan Hilditch	23
Tyson Eckley	22	Ryan McCutchen	25
Louis Shirley	22	Gregg McCutchen III	27
Jane Huggins	26		
Peyton Welch	27		
Carl Frazier	29		
Cindy Welch	29		
Bill Tindal, Jr.	30		
Lian Latimer	31		

Daylight Saving Time begins
March 10th @ 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to Spring forward 1 hour!



Family Night Supper

Sunday, March 24th
6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered-dish and join us!!!

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ asks anyone willing to help this ministry to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" coin bank from the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries.

Thanks in advance for your support! **Next collection date: May 12th**

To learn more visit: www.JewishVoiceToday.org

Fresh Start in 2019

January 2019



Carroll and Pam Baker
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
336 Brickling Road
Irmo, SC 29063
Online giving - <https://my.fca.org/>
cbaker@fca.org

I'm amazed at how fast the days just go flying by! What seems like 2 or 3 months is actually 6 months! With that in mind I had better start planning for our family vacation and maybe even shopping for Christmas!

Great News!

We are so glad to report that Pam has shown lots of improvement over the past month. Her balance is obviously better, and she has much more strength and stamina as well. Who knows... maybe she'll even sign up for the ladies church softball team! She's pretty tough... she would probably bat clean-up!



The new and improved Pam!

Mailing address change has caused problems...

Some of our donors who have mailed checks have unfortunately had their checks returned. First of all, I was late changing our official address with our FCA Support Center. I didn't think it would be a problem because the post office was to forward all mail from our old address. For some reason the USPS had problems forwarding our FCA checks since the receipt had Suite 113 listed above the 100 Executive Center Drive. Although the Postal Service had always delivered our mail with no issues, they had trouble forwarding it.

I'm so sorry for this. For a few donors, Their year end contribution didn't make it on time and will have to be credited to 2019. In the meantime, make sure you mail any ministry checks to our new address or use our online giving - <https://my.fca.org/>.

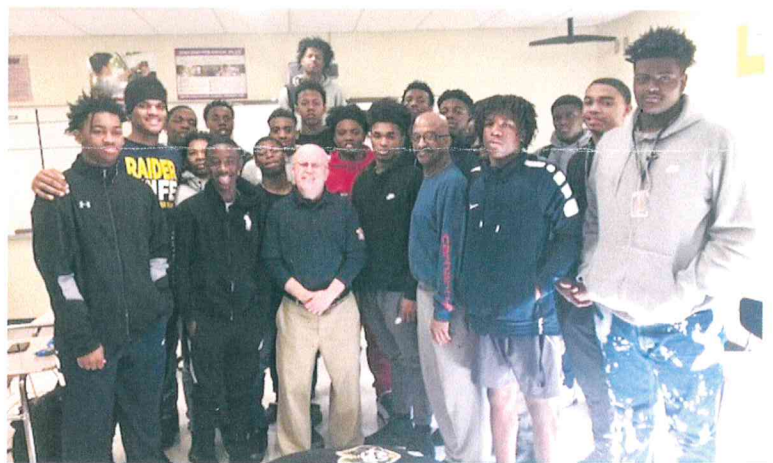
Keenan Basketball Team

In the past few weeks I've had an opportunity to speak to the **Keenan HS** basketball team a couple of times. They are one of the top teams in the state of South Carolina and **Coach Zach Norris** has led his team to several State Championships. He told me his team was undefeated, but something was missing.

In my time with them, I've shared some principles from John Wooden, the greatest motivation from Colossians 3:23 and the Great Commandment. I've really seen God begin to work in their lives. Coach Norris let me know that he saw a change in a few of his players within a few hours. Later that day, after they pulled off a 1 point victory, the players did something that they had never done... **They Prayed as a team!** They gathered to pray and thank God for watching over them and guiding them through this event in their life. It's a little thing, yet such a big step for them. God is obviously working on this team!

Use this for our support from now on.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
Carroll Baker
P. O. Box 12657
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Keenan High School - #1 AAA Team in South Carolina

Thanks for ministering with us... your faithful teamwork is such a blessing !!

Carroll + Pam