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March 2020 At A Glauce 6th: World Day of Prayer 8th: Daylight Saving Time begins / Session 14th: Fellowship Hall reserved 15th: PWCT 16th: Night Circle 17th: Morning Circle 18th: Men of Church 19th: First Day of Spring 29th: Family Night Supper Loose offering goes to Kids for Christ	Apríl 2020 At A Glance 1st: Lenten lunch @ BPC / LCCM food/cash gifts 4th: Easter Egg Hunt @ BPC (Tentative) 5th: Palm Sunday / Communion / Cents-Ability 8th: Church Business Office closed for Holiday 9th: Maundy Thursday Communion @ BPC 10th: Good Friday service @ BUMC 12th: Session / Easter Sunrise service & breakfast 15th: Men of Church 19th: PWCT 20th: Night Circle 21st: Morning Circle 24-25: Presbytery Meeting
DAYLIGHT- 1112 SAVING 10 1 2 TIME 8 2 3 Begins March 8th	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**

8:30 am - 6:30 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



BÍSHOPVÍLLE Presbyterían Church March Elders-On-Call: Charlie Ipock & Jerry Adams

Sunday, 1st:	LCCM food & monetary gifts / 1st Sunday of Lent Coffee: Ann Cooper & Lian Latimer Flowers: Renee & Crues Bell	
Friday, 6th:	World Day of Prayer	
Sunday, 8th:	2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins / 2nd Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. Stated Session Coffee: Wendy Welch & Melinda Atkinson	
Sunday, 15th:	9:00 a.m. PWCT / 3rd Sunday of Lent Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit	
Monday, 16th:	7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Host: Kathryn Welch)	
Tuesday, 17th:	10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Host: Louise McCutchen)	
Wednesday, 18th:	7:00 p.m. Men of Church (Hosts: Chris & Gene)	
Sunday, 22nd:	4th Sunday of Lent Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley Flowers: Avarie & Sidney Easters	
Sunday, 29th:	5th Sunday of Lent 11:00 a.m. Loose offering goes to Kids for Christ mission 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper 6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Singing @ 1st Baptist Church Coffee: Church provided	

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**Business Office Hours** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Unless otherwise noted

**OPEN 2020 Flower Calendar** March 8th & 15th; April 5th, 12th & 19th; *May 3rd*, 24th & 31st; June 28th; July 19th; August 23rd & 30th; September 27th Call the Church office if you wish to reserve a date

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



LCCM March Collection ~ RICE ~ Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, March 1st for our monthly collection

Flowers: Kerry & Steven Frazier



# <u>The SCROLL</u>

**From the Pastor's Desk...** "Pay attention!!" How often did I hear that phrase growing up? One of my jobs every summer was to mow the lawn, especially after we moved from "downtown" Iva out to the country. Now, this should have been a simple enough job for a boy my age (10, 11, & so on), except... I tended to daydream while cutting the grass, maybe I would think up little stories or fantasize about games I could be playing or toys I could buy or build or...

"Pay attention! Look at what you're doing to the grass!" Momma or Daddy would yell out to me in the middle of a half-cut line of grass.

There are 29 times the Bible uses the phrase "pay attention" or "pay careful attention" - but two of them in particular, a command from Jesus and a warning from Paul, stand out to me: Luke 17:1-3; Jesus said to His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves!" Acts 20:27-28; "I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood."

The reason these two exhortations stand out to me is that they are both given to leaders in the church. Jesus is speaking to the Twelve, the future foundations of his church (see Revelation 21:14). Paul is talking to the elders of the Ephesian church - and we know how Paul felt about elders (see 1 Timothy 3). These are the leaders of the church, and these leaders of the future & ongoing church are being warned: "Pay attention!"

Pay attention to what? This is a hard thing to say, but not everything that says it is "Christian" actually belongs to Christ Jesus. Not every person who teaches something they say is "Christian" actually teaches Biblically sound teaching or doctrine. Not every preacher who puts out a "Christian" sermon or book actually proclaims Christ Jesus or Jesus' Word. Some of them get Jesus wrong. Some of them use the Bible wrongly. Some of them take verses out of context, twisting their meaning, and using the Bible to profit themselves - as Paul warns about in Philippians 1:17. And some, well-intentioned but misled & poorly studied, end up leading people astray.

"Pay attention!" Jesus says. So how do we do that, as Christians, as church members, especially for those of us called as undershepherds of Jesus' Church? By doing what Paul says he did at Ephesus - he taught "the whole counsel of God". He taught God's Word, the Bible, in its completeness. He didn't extract verses he thought would back up his own preferences, he didn't shy away from hard teaching, he didn't back off controversial doctrines & passages. He taught what God said - and by doing this, he did what another Apostle told all of us to do in 1 John 4:1. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

We pay attention by remembering that Jesus, his Father, and the Holy Spirit, is the Author of the Bible. It is God's Word, and God the Son, God the Father, and God the Spirit together as One God wrote & gave it to us. There's no magic formula, there's no secret revelation (like some cults teach), and there's no way to earn or manipulate God's favor. God gives undeserved grace to us, and that grace is given through the work of Jesus - especially His Great Work on the Cross. Are some parts of the Bible harder to understand than others? Yes - even Peter thought so (read 2 Peter 3:16). But should we avoid them? No - we should let the Bible be its own first & best interpreter, and the Holy Spirit be our guide into His truth. And the Bible is clear, unmistakable about this: Salvation is through Jesus and Jesus alone, and when He saves you, you will bear fruits that reflect that salvation. If you understand nothing else about the Bible, understand that - and rejoice!

Pay attention - Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and He is our Life. As we come to Him this Easter Season, let's rejoice, let's be glad in Him. Blessings to all - Pastor Chris

March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures			
	1st:	The Righteous will Work by Faith	Nehemiah 4:15-23
	8th:	The Righteous will Learn by Faith	<b>Romans 12:1-9</b>
	15th:	The Righteous will Relate by Faith	Ephesians 5:21-6:10
	22nd	The Righteous will Sabbath by Faith	Deuteronomy 5:6-21
	29th:	The Righteous will Survive by Faith	Job 42:1-6

# <u>News</u>

#### News from the Session...

It has been an incredibly busy start to 2020 for Bishopville Presbyterian Church! As Pastor Parnell has mentioned from the pulpit, we are getting a new roof! This process has taken some time, but we are pleased with the agreed upon scope and timeframe of the work, which should get underway in the coming days and take a few weeks. There are certain areas of the roof on which we'll be focusing, and should serve us well for years to come. We also are starting a new "Children's Church." During nursery, the infants are staying in the room we typically call the nursery and the older children are moving over to the adjoining room, which has been spruced up by many members of the Church. This will allow us to have a more regimented "Church" program for the kids, and so far, we're off to a great start with some wonderful materials.

We have some new ministries which are sprouting as well and as usual, the youth of the Church continue to share God's spirit with people all the way to Zambia! The Spirit is active at the Church and we all on the Session continue to pray for Pastor Parnell and all the members at the Church. Should there be anything we can do, please let us know.

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

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL \*Charlie Ipock & Jerry Adams \*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities Next Session Meeting: March 8th @ 8:00 am

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

The congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who recently lost family & friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you "Pete" McCutchen, uncle of Lena & Leila McCutchen

Henry Moses, brother of Bill Conway Josey Hearon, Jr. Bob Walden

#### Donna Alexander

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 Louis Shirley @ his home Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte Johnny McCutchen @ his home John & Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence

#### **February 2020 Statistics**

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Average Attendance: SS - 42	Worship - 66			
<b>Budgeted Income &amp; Expenses (operating)</b>				
MTD Income received:	\$12,554.21			
YTD Income received:	\$23,118.07			
<b>Budgeted YTD Income Needed:</b>	\$35,470.00			
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$13,097.98			
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$26,464.66			
<b>Budgeted YTD Expenses:</b>	\$29,224.00			
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses				
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)				
MTD Income received:	\$250.00			
YTD Income received:	\$250.00			
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00			
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00			

#### Circle Hostesses for March Night (16th) ..... Kathryn Welch Morning (17th) ..... Louise McCutchen

Daylight Saving Time begins March 8th @ 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour on Saturday Night

Men of Church Wednesday, March 18th @ 7:00 p.m. Host: Chris Parnell & Gene Williamson Please join us for good food & good fellowship



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

#### **Elder Class of 2023**

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 in the Sanctuary.

Nomination Deadline: March 29th2020 Elder Nomination Committee MembersSteven Frazier & Cindy Welsh, ChairsDwayne SweatmanKathryn WelchSusan ClineAndrea McCutchenIf you wish to not serve, please contact aCommittee member or the Church office

# Church News & Events

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Lenten Lunch

**Good Friday** 

NURSERY

Charlie & Virginia

Debbie Tindal

Wendy Welch

Kerry Frazier

Cindy Welsh



~ Sunday's (a) 5:30 pm ~

## **Mission News**

### Coaching Coaches

who will coach other coaches and athletes cbaker@fca.org

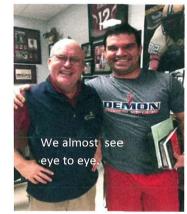
Carroll and Pam Baker 336 Brickling Road Irmo, SC 29063 cbaker@fca.org January 2020 Support address: Carroll Baker – FCA P.O. Box 12657 Columbia, SC 292 11 To give online: https://my.fca.org/carrollbaker

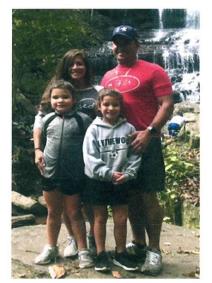
#### **Coach Knight becomes an Athletic Director**

When I first began to minister with FCA in 2002, I didn't know a single coach. After nearly 18 years, I can honestly say that coaches are now some of my best friends. I always hope to see God work in their lives and see them trust the Lord to work in the lives in their players.

Yet coaches don't always stay in one place. Meet **Coach Garrett Knight**. God has moved him along from coaching basketball and football at **Lugoff Elgin HS**, to become the **Athletic Director at Great Falls HS**.

Coach Knight was part of a coaches Bible Study at Lugoff Elgin for several years. As he began to grow he really sensed the Holy Spirit was working in his life.





Kathy and Garrett with their twin girls, Gabrielle and Gillian.

He really was **FAT... Faithful, Available and Teachable**! As God was using our time together to impact his life, he began to desire to impact his players. When I suggested that he might impact his basketball team by taking them to our High School retreat, he jumped on it, although his players actually thought they were going to a basketball camp! Eventually he took his team to our Team Basketball camp in the summer and many players rededicated their lives to Christ.

Garrett says that his involvement in FCA has prepared him to be an Athletic Director, and he says, "FCA has taught me to be a servant leader, and as an AD, I am now called to serve not only players, but coaches as well." I'm sure that he will serve **Great Falls HS** with a true servant's heart! Plus, he will be instrumental in helping to start FCA at his new school, impacting all the students!

His wife Kathy is a 1st grade teacher and also coaches soccer at **Blythewood HS**. Just like us, they have twin girls! They have even taken an extra step and have also joined our Home Team of financial support. He is so appreciative of our time together and says, "I wanted to give a portion back to FCA for the blessings in life that I have been granted because of a close walk that I have now with Jesus."

Thanks for helping us to impact coaches and athletes in South Carolina! God is at work!

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