

The Scroll

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Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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Due to the COVID-19 virus all Sunday Worship Services will begin @ 10:00 am, until further notice. No other gatherings, during pandemic, unless noted



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

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Session will meet, as needed, to approve appropriate & safe decisions regarding services & gatherings. All updates will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

March Elders-On-Call:
Charlie Ipock & Perry McCutchen

COVID SERVICE SCHEDULE

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 / Ryan McCutchen, Asst.
Treasurer: Ray Drayton
Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



2021

From the Pastor's Desk...

Jesus says, "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who wait for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks." (Luke 12:35-36)

365 or so days ago, everything changed. A pandemic, national & local shutdowns, school closings, virtual everything, mail-in & early voting, no Sunday School, no VBS, no homecoming, limited worship services, video worship services, zoom, masks everywhere - worst of all, *no coffee hour!!* I keep going back to what a doctor friend of mine said back then: "We're living through history right now." If only it were a cookies & cream sort of history instead of this Covid & 2020 sort.

Sadly, we don't get to choose our little bit of history - but we do get to choose how we'll live through it. Jesus once told a story about some people in an anxiety-filled situation. They were servants, waiting for their long-overdue master. He was running badly late from a feast, and they were stressed out, worn out, and ready to give out. For all they knew, he might turn up at 10, or at 2, or maybe not even until 6 in the morning! They didn't know when he would get there - they just knew he was coming, and he expected them to be waiting for him. Literally and figuratively, these servants were in the dark about where their master was and when he was going to show up. And that was the worst part. They needed to be ready to open the house for him, to feed him, all the while keeping watch over their master's house to protect it from thieves. Talk about a long night!

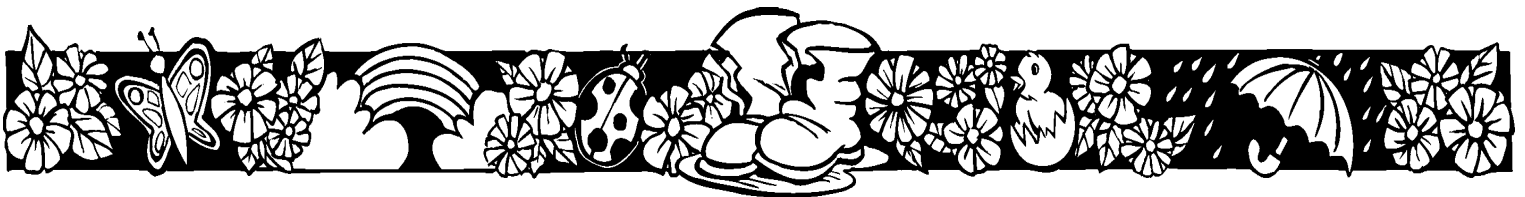
What is Jesus telling us?

365 or so days ago everything changed - except for the fact that more than 1,980 years ago everything already changed for the BEST!! Hey, brothers & sisters, we're in the season of Lent. Brothers & sisters, we're already getting ready for our annual celebration of Jesus' death & resurrection. Brothers & sisters, we're living in *Anno Domini* - our Lord's Year. Brothers & sisters, Jesus is coming back one day, sooner today than ever before in history! And nothing will upend, upset, or upstage God our Father's plan to send Jesus back for us. Jesus is telling us to keep our lamps lit. To keep our fire going. To keep looking up in eager expectation that today might be that Day. To keep waiting for our Master to come home in glory and triumph, for His trumpet to sound. To keep waiting and anticipating - but not with stress. Oh no. Jesus wants us to wait for His return with eager anticipation.

We're not waiting on some human master to come back, grumpy and drunk. We're not waiting on some nobody. We're waiting for the King of kings, the Lord of lords. We're waiting, as Dr. Kistemaker points out, for the Lord who, when we open the door for him, will come in, will dress us in his own robes, will set us at His and His Father's table, and will eat with us, and we with Him forever & ever. We're waiting on Jesus.

Brothers & sisters, until He gets back, I pray for you in His name that He will bless you, that He will fill you with all His joy - joy that shakes Heaven because He saved you!

Blessings-Pastor Chris



March Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

For so they persecuted the Prophets...



7th:
14th:
21st:
28th:

part 8
part 9
part 10
part 11

Revelation 1:12-20
Revelation 5:6-14
Revelation 13:1-10
Revelation 19:11-21

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

Happy March! We slowly seem to be crawling out of the depths of COVID and it has been exciting to see our attendance slowly increase back at Church and see some new (albeit becoming familiar) faces in the pews. The Session has been working away on a number of items, the main being that of repairing the large, stained-glass window on the "Hardees" side of the Sanctuary. We've just approved work to be done to stop the moisture intrusion and repair the stained-glass, and we anticipate that occurring in the next two months. The sheer amount of rain we've received this year has not helped the situation, and if you've looked recently, the interior beneath the stained-glass is really getting worn, so this work really needs to take place sooner rather than later. In additional news, we plan on re-implementing nursery for the month of March and continuing forward. Gwen and I are getting together a nursery calendar and it will look/feel the same as pre-COVID with the kids going over subsequent to the Children's Sermon. Virginia and I have both received two vaccine shots, so given that, we'll serve as the nursery workers for the 1st 2 weeks to get things rolling. We are not starting back Sunday School yet, the nursery will simply be during worship service.

If there is anything the Session can do for anyone, please do let us know!

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: March 14th @ 11:00 am

MARCH ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Charlie Ipock & Perry McCutchen**

***denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities**



Parents of small children: We're restarting our Nursery program on Sunday mornings. There's a sign-up sheet in the Bell Tower room, if you are interested

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dick & Beth McCutchen @ their home

February 2021 Statistics

Worship Attendance average: 32

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$16,275.60
YTD Income received:	\$29,047.15
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$35,254.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12,605.24
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$26,077.59
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$29,746.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$520.00
YTD Income received:	\$1,620.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$12.66

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5th

Please keep our Community, Country & World in your prayers, as we celebrate symbolic solidarity around the world! This year is particularly important with all the complications and disruptions due to the coronavirus



Daylight Saving Time Begins - March 14th

Don't forget to Spring forward 1 hour



Maundy Communion

Thursday, April 1st

@ 6:00 p.m.

Communion Elders: Charlie & Cindy

Easter Egg Hunt (tentative date/time)

Saturday, April 3rd

@ 11:00 a.m.

BPC Vacant lot

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 4th @ 7:00 a.m.

Second quarter Communion @ 10:00 a.m.

Communion Elders: Matt & Ryan



Presbyterian Women
RADA fundraiser
for Ministry & Missions

You can order through our website or the link below to help support them year round
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>

2021 Flower Calendar



MARCH

7th: Renee & Crues Bell
28th: Steven & Kerry Frazier
14th & 21st: OPEN

APRIL

4th: Kerry & Steven Frazier
11th & 18th: OPEN
25th: Rob McCutchen, Jr. Family

MAY

9th: Lila Mae Welsh Family
16th: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen
2nd, 23rd & 30th: OPEN

JUNE

6th: William Welsh Family
13th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family
20th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
27th: OPEN

JULY

4th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
11th: Harriett Watson Family
18th & 25th: OPEN

AUGUST

1st: Bert Cousar
8th: Debbie & Bill Tindal
15th: Bill Welsh Family
22nd: OPEN
29th: OPEN

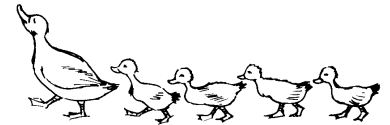
September

5th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
12th: William Watkins
19th: Jennifer McCutchen
26th: OPEN

Please contact the Church office if you would like to use one of the OPEN dates above (preferably by email)

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 (100th!)	4
Katie Ellen	7	Kathryn Welch	4
Bill Gaskins	8	Renee 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
Jane Huggins	26	Gregg McCutchen III	27
Peyton Welch	27		
Carl Frazier	29		
Cindy Welsh	29		
Bill Tindal, Jr.	30		
Lian Latimer	31		



Monetary gifts for the LCCM”
1st Sunday of each month
Please note “LCCM” on all gifts. **NO FOOD COLLECTED**, during C-19 pandemic

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

**Bishopville PC
POB 66**

Bishopville, SC 29010

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

Business Office Hours: Mon-Wed from 9:00 - 6:00

2021 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

March 31st

May 26th - 31st

June 9th - 14th

June 30th - July 6th

August 18th

September 6th & 29th

October 11th

November 24th - 29th

December 22nd - 28th



Please contact office to update any pertinent information to our records