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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

May Elders-On-Call:
Ryan McCutchen & Steven Frazier

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

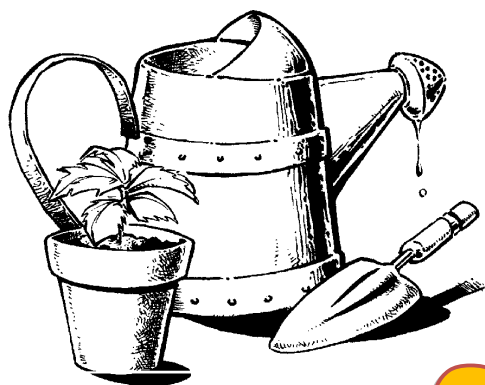
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Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



MAY 2020

From the Pastor's Desk... *What an incredibly strange April! And it's looking to be a strange May, to boot.* There's been nothing like what we saw last month in my lifetime - no church services, stay-at-home & quarantine orders, businesses & restaurants closed (some temporarily, others permanently), online church & doctor visits, conflicting sets of data & reporting... Whew! Makes you want to catch your breath, doesn't it? It will be nice when we get back to some sense of "normalcy" - back to the way things were before. Or... Or maybe there are some things about what we *used* to think were "normal" that we should reconsider. Think about this: How many times - before coronavirus - did families sit together & eat? How easy was it - before coronavirus - to skip church for 1, 2, maybe even 3 weeks and not even cross our minds? How often - before coronavirus - did we even think about locally-owned businesses when we went out shopping? When - before coronavirus - did we wonder (& worry) about supply-chains & food-chains, about manufacturing & industry, or about the jobs our neighbors have? Is this a "normal" we really want to go back to?

Maybe, just maybe this virus and the government's reaction (or overreaction, depending on your particular point-of-view) has been a way in which God - who does this sort of thing from time to time - is getting our attention and forcing us to reconsider what we think is "normal." Maybe, just maybe, God is encouraging us to look for an old, "new normal" to put in place of what we've had... What do I mean? I've been reading the so-called "Songs of Ascent", which are Psalms 120-134. I'd strongly encourage you to read them, too. You can do this in a single sitting, believe it or not. The longest is 132, and it's only 18 verses. By contrast, Psalm 119 is 178 verses long, and 120-134 are 101 verses all-together! Now, these are called "Songs of Ascent" because they were all written with the theme of God's people coming up to Jerusalem, to the Temple, to worship God. It's a God-given quirk of Israel's geography that, no matter how you travel to Jerusalem, you have to go up the hill - you have to ascend. These songs, some written by King David, some written before he was king, some written by Solomon his son, some written hundreds of years after David, all focus God's people on coming together to worship. So what do God's people sing as they "ascend" to worship God? They sing about their troubles - their distress (Ps. 120). They look for their help, & their Helper (Ps. 121). They're happy they get to go to church at last (Ps. 122)! They ask God for mercy (Ps. 123). They sing about their rescue from trouble (Ps. 124). They sing about God protecting them (Ps. 125). They sing for joy and more joy (Ps. 126)! They ask God for wise help (Ps. 127). They pray to God for their children's sake (Ps. 128). They pray to God for their own sake, their own pain (Ps. 129). They ask God for forgiveness (Ps. 130). They ask God for humility (Ps. 131). They look to the Savior God is giving them (Ps. 132)! They sing about how God has connected them to each other (Ps. 133). And they sing God's praises (Ps. 134).

Look at all those issues, all those prayers, all those songs - songs about God, songs about the Savior, songs about the Church, songs about family, songs about forgiveness & mercy, joy & hope, salvation & protection. Don't those songs sound like songs you & I could all too easily sing? Don't those songs sound like songs that would catch on around us? Maybe what our world needs - whether we're talking about our homes, our neighborhoods, Bishopville, Lee County, South Carolina, the USA, the whole world itself - maybe what we need is a new, old set of songs to sing. Maybe what our world needs is an "old, new normal" - a normal where the church (you & me) is singing to her God daily as we go "up" through our lives. After all, we don't have to wait for a once-a-year pilgrimage to see God's mercy poured out. It's a daily, minute-by-minute thing! Jesus throws that door wide open in John 20:21, saying, *"Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, in this same way I am sending you!"* How is Jesus sending us? With the message - God so loved the world that He gave us Jesus. Jesus so loved the world that He gave us His life & death & resurrection!

So let's sing our way to a whole new normal - an "old, new normal" - where families love, where churches sing, where God's people share & give & help & heal, where Jesus' name & mission are lived out. Let's sing our way to a whole new normal - and give the world something to really talk about.

God bless you - and keep safe! Pastor Chris



May Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

May 3rd:	God's Sure Oath	Psalm 132
May 10th:	A Mother's Pattern	2 Timothy 1:3-12
May 17th:	Sin doesn't rule	Romans 6:1-14
May 24th:	In a Strange Place	Psalm 127
May 31st:	There is Power!	Joel 2:23-32

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

News from the Session...

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Session has decided to restart Worship Services, beginning May 3rd, but it will be shortened and begin @ 10:00 am, with no other gatherings, including Nursery, Fellowship, & Choir, until further notice. As a safe guard, the Sanctuary will be cleaned prior to and after all services, we will provide sanitizer for anyone needing it, and you may wear appropriate protective gear.

The Education building, Kitchen, and Fellowship Hall will remain closed. We will only use the 2 tower doors and the grooms room door (ramp).

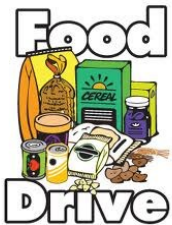
The Session will meet briefly after the May 3rd service to plan for the Baccalaureate service and to set a new date for the Elder election

Your Shepherd of Flock, should be in contact with each member on their list, shortly

Should there be anything we can do, please let us know.

In Christ, Your Session

MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL
Ryan McCutchen & Steven Frazier
 Next Stated Meeting: TBD



Canned Food & Monetary gifts for
 Lee County Cooperative Ministries
 (LCCM)

1st Sunday of each month

Due to the coronavirus, we will not have the children bringing food to the altar, as normal. Please leave all food items in the Bell Tower room, in the far left corner (beside cabinet, under bell rope). Please make sure to note all monetary gifts "LCCM" when writing checks or placing cash in envelopes

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Church Business office will remain on a short schedule, but 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

April 2020 Statistics

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$19,735.00
YTD Income received:	\$59,584.42
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$70,940.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,360.03
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$61,607.29
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$68,018.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$220.00
YTD Income received:	\$620.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00

Elder Class of 2023

Elder nominations are being extended due to COVID-19 Virus. 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.

Election 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

*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

John Crues Bell, Jr.

Agnes Ross Graham Drayton

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

Doris Bell, The Manor, Florence

John Crues Bell, Jr.
01/09/1928 - 04/16/2020



**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>



**Please contact the Church office
if you or your child will be
graduating from High School or
College this year. Please send
your information by email**

**Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus)...
All Church events have been cancelled,
until further notice.**

**Worship Service will restart May 3rd @
10:00 a.m., with a shorter format, using
social distancing. We will not have the
choir participating in the service and we
will not have a Nursery or Fellowship
time. Other events will be determined and
posted on our website & Facebook page
Please keep all essential employees & their
families in your prayers, along with all of-
ficials & employees that help govern our
state, nation, & world**

**Please protect yourself, your family & all
those who are vulnerable by following the
safety guidelines set forth by the CDC and
if you are a COVID-19 survivor, please
consider donating blood to help others**



**Dear Lord, may Your Holy
Spirit inspire us to pray, to
give, to love, to serve, and to
proclaim the gospel, that the
name of Jesus Christ might be
glorified around the world.**

Happy Birthday May | June

Madison Bramlett	7	Harrison Blake Smith	4
Zeke Gaskins	7	Stephen Welch	6
Hank Welch	8	Dwayne Sweatman	7
Jimmy McCutchen	13	Ray Drayton	8
Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13	Cameron McElveen	10
Beth McCutchen	17	Conner Welch	13
Nicholas Jeffords	23	Lacie McElveen	14
Ricky McCutchen	23	Rev. Chris Parnell	14
Katherine Folsom	25	Jenny McCutchen	15
Virginia Kerr Beard	28	Marsha McCutchen	16
Debbie Tindal	28	Hugh Tindal III	16
Tim Kirven	31	Katherine Dickinson	17
		Patrick Jeffords	23
		Patricia Latimer	25
		Liz Simon	25
		Isaac Bailey	29



Thank You

*Michael has been discharged
from Encompass and sent home
to continue his recovery!! We are
so grateful for all the prayers.*

*God has been good! Michael has great mobility and
movement and his speech is improving as well.*

- Susan Cline

*All of The Bell Family would like to thank you from
the bottom of our hearts for all the sweet messages,
beautiful cards, flowers, and plants that you have
sent to us. We love our Church family and all of
these gestures have helped us get through a very
heartbreaking time. Please continue to pray for all
as we go through this terrible Pandemic together.*

- Sincerely with love, Cruess and Renee

God, help the healthcare teams to be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this virus. God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic and deliver them from anxiety for their own loved ones and give them compassion for every patient in their care. God, help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that many would ask about the reason for their hope. Give them opportunities to proclaim the gospel. God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down His life for the sake of love. We glorify His name as you equip us with everything needed for doing Your will.

- Amen



Ministry and Health Update

March 2020

Carroll and Pam Baker

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Sowing Seeds behind the scenes

In the past 15 months, it has been a privilege to meet often with the **Keenan HS Basketball** team. God really dropped this ministry right into my lap, totally unexpected. I knew that they had a good team, but I didn't realize just how good. (They won the **AAA State Championship** last year.) So, for over a year, I've been able to meet often with them. We've talked about trusting God, knowing God, serving Him, living for Him, and playing for His glory. At Christmas we studied the names of Jesus and we talked often about what means to surrender our lives to Him.

Many of the guys listened and have taken steps of faith that they've never taken. Meanwhile, the Raiders rolled through their season, went undefeated in region play, cruised through the class AAA playoffs, and won their second straight championship!

But there's more! As I worked with the players, I've also been able to challenge **Coach Norris** and the entire coaching staff. I'm trusting God to work in their lives too! (I may have even stepped on a few toes along the way.) There's still more work to do!



Raekwon Horton,
AAA Player of the Year,
holds the trophy.
(No, we're not twins!)

Special Prayer for Pam

Since Pam has rheumatoid arthritis, her immune system may not protect her adequately. We have sensed the Lord's protection over the years, and we are really trusting the Lord for his incredible protection! In the midst of this, she did have to have surgery to remove a basal cell cancer from the side of her nose. This was followed by plastic surgery to repair the big hole that was left. This will take some time to heal.



Pam, after Mohs surgery to remove the cancer, prior to plastic surgery. The purple line is where skin eventually was taken to graft onto the side of her nose.

UPDATE: The surgery was successful!! Now let the healing begin.

Ministry might look different for awhile

Our leadership has been closely monitoring the spread of the corona virus. So far there have been 81 confirmed cases with one death in the state of South Carolina. This week, SC Governor Henry McMaster shut down all schools. We've had to cancel our High School Retreat scheduled for March 27-29, and we are uncertain about our camps this summer.

As we look ahead, ministry might look a little different for several weeks and I may not have many face to face opportunities with Coaches and Athletes. Yet we know our sovereign Lord is in control. We continue to trust Him to work in us and through us. We know there will be new ministry opportunities ahead and we must be ready to take fresh steps of faith. *In the meantime, I'll be able to take care of Pam and I can be undefeated at home!*

Your Partnership is so Special

We will also trust in Him for our ministry finances. Your prayerful, faithful support really means so much. We are so thankful for your vital role in our family and ministry and we couldn't serve with FCA without you!

Carroll & Pam

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

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April 2020

There's no way we could have seen this coming. Things were going along quite well. We looked ahead to summer ministry plans and we were praying for even more teams and students to be involved. Pam was doing OK with her health. We looked at our year end investment statements and were optimistic.

In February, we asked, "Where is Wuhan?"

We bought our usual multi-pack of toilet paper, not knowing what was ahead.

Pam's dermatologist calls and says, "The spot on your nose is basil cell carcinoma. Mohs surgery is scheduled for March 17, plastic surgery to follow.

Then in March...

Schools are closed and contact with Coaches and Athletes will have to be done virtually.

Wash your hands, stay at home.

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Even though the world is turned upside down, nothing's changed in heaven!

None of us ever thought this could happen, yet God has not been caught by surprise. He never says "Oops" or "oh-no" or "how'd that happen." While our schedule is different, we are still able to reach out to coaches and athletes.

Quarantining with Pam

After 2 surgeries, Pam is healing quite well. Although her face has been bloodied and bruised the past month, we can see the great lengths that the plastic surgeon has taken to repair the hole on her nose that the skin cancer left. There will be one more surgery in the next few months then hopefully, all she'll need is time to heal.

Since my number one ministry is my family, this has been a time of taking care of Pam. When we both said, "In sickness and in health," neither of us could have predicted what that might mean. For Pam, medical issues have never been life threatening, but another opportunity to trust God. The past month it has been necessary for Pam to remain at home to avoid any exposure to the coronavirus. So, I've been home most of the time as well.

So, I've been the one doing the cookin' and the cleanin' and the washin' and the ironin' and the sewin'... (actually no ironing and sewing.) It's been another opportunity to be patient as I've cared for the patient!!

God continues to provide

For sure there is concern about our ministry support going forward. Yet we know that since God has called us, He will provide. He was already at work, even before the pandemic!! We are so thankful for the incredible team of friends who support our ministry so faithfully. Thanks for being such a vital part of our lives.

In the meantime, don't forget to wash your hands!

Lovingly,

Carroll + Pam