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Mother's
Day



MEMORIAL DAY



MAY 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Business Office Hours

9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
Unless otherwise noted

Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Ryan McCutchen, Asst.

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Custodian: Melinda Atkinson

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor's Desk... Have you ever had one of those moments...? Maybe you're reminiscing with a friend about that football game way back when, or maybe with your family about some event you all were there for, or maybe you & your spouse are thinking back to that thing one of the kids did... but you look and think: Hey! We're remembering the same thing... but differently.

What do I mean? A few years back, my wife & kids & I rode bikes on the Virginia Creeper trail, and during that ride, a relative broke her knee, a daughter flipped her bike, a son & daughter jumped in a creek, we all got muddy, and we ate burgers at a little restaurant just off the trail.

Now suppose you talked to my wife about that trip, and she told you that we all got muddy, one of our daughters flipped the bike, a relative broke her knee, we ate burgers at a little restaurant just off the trail, a son & daughter jumped in a creek... oh, and we saw a snake on a bike bridge.

Would you assume that I lied to you? Or that my wife did? I hope not; these are all real events that happened that day, which is why we don't ride the Virginia Creeper trail anymore.

So we all know (or should know) that Jesus' first sermon boiled down to this: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is right here, right now!" How do we know this? The Bible tells us so, in Mark chapter 1, of course. But what did Jesus *do* first? In other words, what was Jesus' first recorded miracle? And why does it matter?

Well... Mark & Luke both tell us the 1st "big" thing Jesus does after he starts preaching is to cast a devil out of a man in the Capernaum synagogue. Matthew tells us that the first miracle Jesus does was to heal a leper in Capernaum when he's coming home from preaching the Sermon on the Mount. And John tells us that the first miracle Jesus did was to turn water into wine when he was at a wedding in Cana.

So who's right? Is somebody lying to us? Did Matthew or John "get it wrong"?

Welcome to what has been called the "**Synoptic Problem**" (Synoptic is a fancy word for "seeing things together"). Why do the 4 books about Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John) tell the same story, but differently? Take this first miracle. Was it at Capernaum or Cana, or somewhere in between? Was it water into wine, or healing a man's leprosy, or curing him of demonism? Was it on a Sabbath, or some other day of the week? They all saw or interviewed people who saw Jesus' life firsthand... so why do they see what should be the same things differently? Can we trust the Bible?

Let me start with this: Absolutely YES. You CAN & SHOULD trust the Gospels. But what about these differences? How do we explain them, especially to our non-Christian or on-the-verge of being Christian friends?

First we've got to get past a certain historical bias. In other words, they did things differently nearly 2,000 years ago and in another culture & tradition than we do, what with our cameras, cell phones, news sites, twitter feeds, facebook, etc. For years, the Bible was given through what we (today) call oral tradition. In other words, like that bike trip, each writer, Matthew, Mark (hearing it from Peter), Luke (hearing it from Mary & others), & John are telling the story how they heard it, how they remember it. Different things stick out in each of their minds. They're telling the true story of Jesus to different crowds of people. They have different reasons they want to share the true story of Jesus.

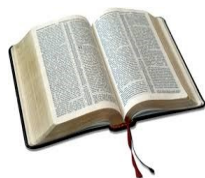
Think about it this way. If I told the story of our not-so-great bike ride to my buddies, wanting to get a laugh, I'd emphasize details that are funny - like the mud & the kids in the creek. If my wife told the story to a friend wanting to explain why we don't ride that trail anymore, she'd emphasize details that aren't - like the fall & the injuries & the snake.

So Luke & Mark are talking to a more Gentile, less Jewish audience. Mark wants people to know Jesus got straight to work, didn't dilly-dally, so he tells it one way. Luke wants people to know how much Jesus cares about people, so he tells the same story another way. Matthew is thinking about how Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, so he remembers that leper being healed and Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament promise about healing lepers. And John remembers that wedding, when Jesus first did something that only God can do - and he wants everybody to know Jesus is very & truly God.

Four writers, four memories, four stories, and all of them the Word of God. B.B. Warfield calls this phenomenon the "**concurrent operation**" of the Holy Spirit and the human writers of the Bible. It's like a stained glass window; each of the Gospels, each of the writers is like a pane in the window, and the light that comes through them is shaped & colored - but God is the One who not only shines the light, but crafted the windows.

So if you ever worry about the differences in the Bible (and some of you have asked), I hope this has helped. After all, as John himself puts it in 20:31, These stories are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Amen to that! —Pastor Chris



May Sunday Sermons

1st: *God Heard Me*
 8th: *Lent to the Lord*
 15th: *Raising my Ebenezer*
 22nd: *The Lord Looks on the Heart*
 29th: *No Regret*

1 Samuel 1:1-20
 1 Samuel 1:27 - 2:12
 1 Samuel 7:12-17
 1 Samuel 16:6-17
 1 Samuel 15:17-29

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

What a wonderful Easter Season we are wrapping up here at the Church and it has been such a joy to see so many people. At our Easter Service, we have over 100 attendees, we had a wonderful turn-out for the Maundy Thursday service, another outstanding turn-out for Good Friday and as always, the Easter Sunrise service was impactful! Thank you to everyone who helped bring these events to life. In other exciting news, our second Blessing Box is up! It is located by the homeless shelter in Town and we're in the process of stocking it now. Next time you're at the store, grab some canned goods with pop-tops! It is an exciting time at the Church and if with COVID lifted, the doors are wide open, come and see us! If anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us on the Session know.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session
Next Session Meeting: May 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.

MAY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Bert Cousar, Matt Bramlett, Eddie Boykin**
***denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities**



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to **Helen Burns Belk**, daughter of Phillip & Terri Ann Tindal Belk, on Sunday, May 22nd. The proud grandparents are Bill & Debbie Tindal. This Baptism is conducted on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, Anderson

Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 15th, during Worship

We will honor our graduating high school senior with the traditional presentation of a Bible. Graduates (HS & College) are asked to wear graduation attire

c/o 2022 High School Graduate

Lacie Elizabeth McElveen

Graduates Lee Academy, May 20th
 plans to attend Clemson University
 to major in Agribusiness

Daughter of Will & Jill McElveen

Granddaughter of Diane & the late William McElveen

Please notify the office, via email, no later than June 22nd of student/teacher awards/honors for the July SCROLL

April 2022 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 71 Sunday School: 26

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$10,477.55
YTD Income received:	\$50,206.28
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$67,568.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,611.17
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$62,575.29
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$65,925.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$1,575.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,995.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$412.42

Men of Church & PW Circles
will resume in September

FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

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**Bishopville PC
 POB 66**

Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: Post Office will return all mail sent to street address

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**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

2022 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

May 25th - 30th (Wed. - Mon.)

June 29th - July 5th (Wed. - Tues.)

August 17th - 22nd (Wed. - Mon.)

September 5th & 6th (Mon. & Tues.)

October 5th - 10th (Wed. - Mon.)

November 23rd - 28th (Wed. - Mon.)

December 20th - 27th (Tues. - Tues.)

Please contact office to update any pertinent information to your records (pref. by email)

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

MAY 2022

1st: Kathryn & Hank Welch
 8th: Lila Mae Welsh Family
 15th: Jim Ed/MaBeth McCutchen
 22nd: Debbie & Bill Tindal
 29th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

JUNE 2022

5th: William Welsh Family
 12th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family
 19th: Crues & Renee Bell (Father's Day)
 26th: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen

JULY 2022

3rd: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
 10th: James & Harriett Watson Family
 17th: Kathryn & Hank Welch
24th: OPEN
 31st: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

AUGUST 2022

7th: Bert Cousar
 14th: Debbie & Bill Tindal
 21st: Bill Welsh Family
 28th: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen

SEPTEMBER 2022

4th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
 11th: Jenny & Gregg McCutchen
 18th: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
 25th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

Please contact Church office to use an OPEN date (preferably by email) or to change date or be added/removed from running calendar

Calendar runs September to September

Happy Birthday

May June

Madison Bramlett 7
 Zeke Gaskins 7
 Hank Welch 8
 Jimmy McCutchen 13
 Terri Ann Tindal Belk 13
 Beth McCutchen 17
 Nicholas Jeffords 23
 Ricky McCutchen 23
 Katherine Folsom 25
 Virginia Kerr Beard 28
 Debbie Tindal 28
 Tim Kirven 31

Harrison Blake Smith 4
 Stephen Welch 6
 Dwayne Sweatman 7
 Ray Drayton 8
 Cameron McElveen 10
 Conner Welch 13
 Lacie McElveen 14
 Rev. Chris Parnell 14
 Jenny McCutchen 15
 Marsha McCutchen 16
 Hugh Tindal III 16
 Katherine Dickinson 17
 Patrick Jeffords 23
 Patricia Latimer 25
 Liz Simon 25
 Isaac Bailey 29

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Dick & Beth McCutchen @ their home

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

It Help's to have a Great Partner

There was a tailor named Mendel in the old country and he was worried about his business. Mendel was down to his last money and was torn between buying a sign and getting food for his family. Mendel decided to pray.

"Dear God," he said, "I don't know what to do. If I buy a sign it may bring in business, but I need to buy groceries for my family...and if the sign doesn't bring in sales, we will starve."

God replied, "I'm your partner, Mendel, buy the sign. Don't worry, your family won't starve."

So, Mendel bought the sign and business took off. The tailor fed his family and all was well. However, as time passed it became evident that Mendel couldn't keep up with orders all by himself. He contemplated hiring on a helper, but wondered if he could afford it. So, he asked God if getting help would be a prudent move.

"Go ahead," God tells Mendel, "I'm your partner, Mendel, hire some help, you'll do okay."

And so Mendel did. And business took off beyond his wildest dreams. After a time, the tailor decided to move his business to America, where the sky was the limit. But he needed a larger site that would accommodate the growing demands of his business. As he surveyed certain locations, he found a perfect storefront, but the rental price was really steep.

"God," Mendel again prayed, "I found the perfect place to relocate my business. But the cost of the lease worries me. I don't want to get in over my head."

"Go ahead and get a lease on the store, Mendel," said God. "I'm your partner, Mendel. Trust me, you'll be okay --I haven't steered you wrong yet, have I?"

So Mendel signed a lease on the 5th Avenue store and profits from his business went through the roof. Out of heartfelt gratitude, Mendel proposed to the Almighty that he dedicate the store to Him.

... And the next thing you know, "Lord and Taylor" had dozens of stores throughout the country.



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Prayer Resources for Students & Faculty

Prayer & resource guides are available through the Church office (just call during office hours or send an email) or you may [click here to view them online](#)



**New Ministry
“Blessing Boxes”**

These boxes look like oversized mailboxes and will be stocked/maintained with food, necessities, and Bibles. They will be placed throughout the City and we anticipate our children stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church about the progress. **We will collect items on the 1st Sunday of each month**, during Worship services. Items needed: non-perishable & canned ready-to-eat foods (pop-top) and prepackaged hygiene products (ex: toothbrush/toothpaste, spoon/fork), etc...



Nursery Volunteers Needed

Parents and/or Grandparents of small children are urged to volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday mornings



Jewish Voice Ministries

On Easter morning we had a bake sale and collected \$423.32 to help Churches, recently planted in Ethiopia & Zimbabwe! Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and can be picked up and dropped off any time of year, in the office. **Thanks to everyone who participates! Next Coin Collection Date: MAY 15th ...**

Small change can create BIG change!

All 5th Sunday loose offerings will be placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund. Please note “Kids4Christ” on all gifts outside this timeframe> Please make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate the need on your check or correspondence, as well. Thank you for supporting our Children and helping them to make wise life choices and caring for others, especially those in need or less fortunate

Reflecting on 20 years with Fellowship of Christian Athletes



April 2022

Carroll and Pam Baker
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803-206-2542 (mobile)
To give online:
<https://my.fca.org/carr ollbaker>

Yes, that's hard to believe that it was 20 years ago that we made a major ministry change from Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) to the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

In 20 years, a lot has happened...

We've seen Zac, Michaela and Kathryn go from elementary school to college grads.

We went from 2 cars to 3 cars, to 4 cars... then back to 3 cars and now 2.

Pam's had "umpteen" procedures and surgeries ... (I've lost count!)

In 2002, I didn't know a single high school coach. Now high school coaches are some of my dearest friends. My times with coaches in their offices has been incredible! Seeing them impact their athletes for a lifetime has been amazing!

"Oodles" of teams have attended FCA team camp.

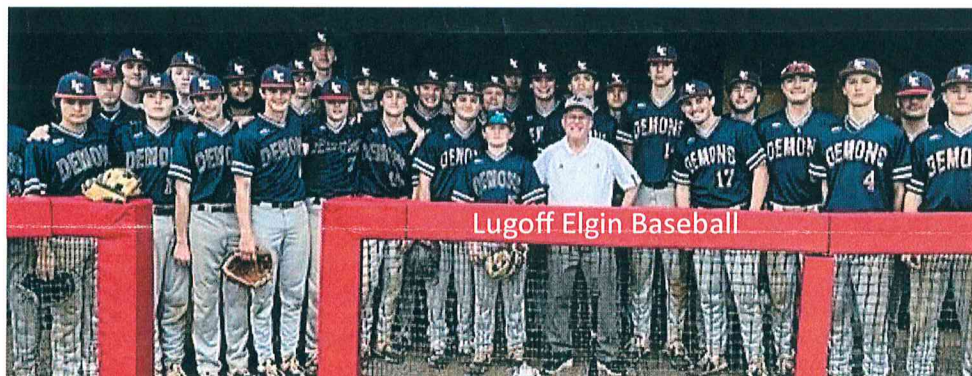
I've spoken to "oodles and oodles" of teams, challenging them to grow in their relationship with God.

I've been with my teams 4 times as they have won **State Championships**.

But more importantly, seeds have been sown and lives have been changed. There have been many obvious lives that have been transformed and there have been many lives that we'll find out about in heaven.



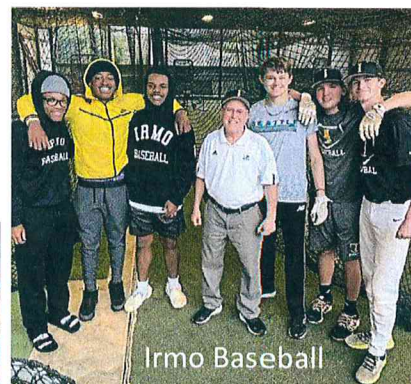
Carroll being recognized for 20 years!



This spring has brought on a new season for me. I've been speaking regularly to the baseball teams at **Irmo High School** and **Lugoff Elgin High School**. (I may be in trouble in next week when the teams will play each other twice!) Just yesterday, an Irmo player surrendered his life to Christ in the locker room!

I've also met nearly every week with a group of athletes at Lugoff Elgin during their lunch period. It's been great to cover some spiritual basics with our FCA Bible Study called "The Core." Athletes understand what it means to strengthen their core.

Thanks for your incredible faithfulness as you pray for us and stand with us financially. We have an amazing Home Team!!



Irmo Baseball

Carroll + Pam