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



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Printed materials available, upon request, through office

The Session will meet, as needed, to approve appropriate & safe decisions regarding Church services & gatherings.

All updates will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

October Elders-On-Call:
Aaron Easters & Matt Bramlett

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



2020

From the Pastor's Desk...

Matthew 13:55, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?" (ESV)

I was 8 years old when my brother Matthew was born. I can still remember staying at an aunt's house while Momma & Daddy went off to the hospital to welcome him home - and I can still remember how much he cried when he got home (love ya, bro!).

Over the many years since, I've come to realize there's something profound & unique about the relationship between brothers. Even though we're nearly a decade apart in age, we share a bond - very much like my dad shares with his brothers to this day. I can talk to my brother like almost no one else on this planet. We used to play together as kids, we have similar interests, we even have very similarly weird senses of humor (much to both our wives' chagrin).

So it makes me wonder about the relationship between Jesus his half-brothers, especially those half-brothers James & Jude who later became Christians and leaders in Jesus' church. What was it like to grow up in under the same roof as Jesus? What was it like to sit around the table for dinner with him, to spend Hanukkah or Passover with him, to go to synagogue with him on Sabbath, to work beside him in their father's shop? What was it like?

It's interesting that James & Jude both rejected Jesus during his ministry on earth, but after his resurrection, they both joined his church and became integral parts of it. James, according to 1st Corinthians, even saw Jesus after the Resurrection! Jude & his wife travelled and served in the ministry field with Paul and John. And both men, both of these half-brothers of Jesus, wrote letters to the Church which the Spirit himself inspired to become part of our Bibles! And, in a powerful way, they honored their half-brother Jesus by becoming more than brothers to him - they became servants of his Kingdom.

Wait, wait, wait... our American sensibilities are turned around by such an idea. How is it honorable or good or positive for a brother to become the "servant" of another brother? Doesn't becoming someone's "servant" diminish one and elevate the other? This bothers us, if we're honest - we don't really understand it, and we really want to push it away. Interestingly, James and Jude both have a response to us.

James writes, "My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory . . . My beloved brothers hasn't God chose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?" (James 2:1, 5).

What does that have to do with us? Let's ask it another way - isn't our concern for fairness, for equity, for position, for honor, 9 times out of 10, somehow connected to our own situation? Of all the people we are inclined to show partiality to, aren't we ourselves at the top of our lists? Let me give you an Example - when I read Luke 15, I tend to identify & sympathize with the older brother. Why? I'm the elder brother in my family. James is preaching humility - put me 2nd or maybe even 3rd . Jesus comes first. Those Jesus has commanded me to love come 2nd. Humility - and sometimes this is the hardest spiritual discipline we can ever attempt to practice. As humans, especially as humans saturated in a "Me-first" centered culture, a consumerist, comfort-driven culture, we don't like being 2nd. We don't like delayed gratification. We don't like to hear the Bible talk about Christians being poor, or afflicted, or persecuted, or in a minority power situation. We like to hear how we'll be healthy, wealthy, loved & lauded - which is why the false teachers of the prosperity cults are so popular in America.

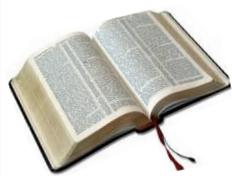
Let me give you a practical, if indirect example of what James is really getting at. When our sister was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, both my brother & I volunteered to be tested as stem-cell donors, should she have needed. We put our own situations, our own comfort, our own needs 2nd in order to serve (literally, become the servant of) our sister. We didn't do this because we were elevating her; we didn't do this because we felt inferior to her. We wanted to serve her because she needed it - and because we love our sister. James & Jude humble themselves to Jesus (1) because Jesus is worth worshipping!, but (2) because they love him. Humility grows out of love.

Jude encourages us this way, saying "You, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (20-21). Know what the Bible teaches & believe it. Depend on prayer & the Holy Spirit. Know that God loves you - after all, he gave you Jesus.

We're going to have to wait until we "all get to heaven" to talk to James & Jude in order to find out what it was like having Jesus in their house growing up. But in the meantime, we can read their letters. Let James & Jude encourage you, let them challenge & provoke you, let them warm your hearts knowing that you are hearing the love of Jesus the Savior, coming directly from his beloved servants, his half-brothers James & Jude.

God bless you! Pastor Chris

October Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



Oct. 4th:

Oct. 11th:

Oct. 18th:

Oct. 25th:

Cain's Way

Snatched from the Fire

Doxology

The Anointed King

Jude 8-16

Jude 17-22

Jude 24-25

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

News from the Session...

The cool weather is finally upon us! As the seasons begin to change, remember that the Session still remains steadfast in setting forth appropriate and safe measures to worship and continue the most full operations of the Church. We will continue “as is” with the Worship Service, though are hopeful later in the Fall to be able to begin to have nursery and Sunday School. In the interim, we would encourage everyone to continue to serve one another in various mediums so as to continue our growth in Scripture and Spirit. We did, however, decide to have Communion Service in October.

Materials (such as: SS, Daily Bread, newsletters, etc...) are available upon request. If you would like, please let us know and we'll provide those to you.

The Session continues to pray for all of those in & outside of the Church, and if we can help in any way, please let us know.

Please continue to social distance as our cases are unstable. We invite anyone who wishes to worship with us on Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m. Sanitizer & Masks are available for anyone needing them.

The Session will meet Oct. 25th, after worship, to decide upcoming schedule & events.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock - Clerk of Session

OCTOBER ELDERS-ON-CALL
Aaron Easters & Matt Bramlett
Called Session: Oct. 25th, after worship

September 2020 Statistics	
Worship Attendance average: 33	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$15,362.55
YTD Income received:	\$139,821.92
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$159,615.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$20,856.19
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$143,249.89
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$162,859.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses	
(Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$450.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,740.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,200.00



Communion Sunday
October 18th
Communion Elders:
Ryan & Gregg McCutchen



Wreaths Across America
Saturday, December 19th
11:45 a.m.
BPC Cemetery
Everyone is welcome to attend

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home

Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin

Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence

Congregational Meeting

Elder Election c/o 2023

Sunday, October 11th

The following names have been submitted from the 2020 Elder Nominating Committee to represent the class of 2023 Elders:

- **Ray Drayton**
- **Charlie Ipock**
- **Perry McCutchen**

The floor will be open for nominations, for members who discern that God is calling another person to be elected, other than those nominated by the Nominating Committee. In the event that the nominees are greater than the number of Elders to be elected, the congregation will vote by secret ballot. Please prayerfully consider the persons you elect, as they will help govern our Church.

2020 Elder Nomination Committee
 Matt Bramlett & Cindy Welsh, Chairs
 Kathryn Welch Susan Cline Andrea McCutchen



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Flower Calendar

OCTOBER

- 4th: Liz & Billy Simon
- 11th: Christine Shirley Family
- 18th: Charlie & Virginia Ipock
- 25th: Mike Monroe

NOVEMBER

- 1st: Crues & Renee Bell
- 8th: Wendy & Benny Welch
- 15th: Ray & Jackie Drayton
- 22nd: Naomi McCutchen Family
- 29th: Hanging of Greens

DECEMBER

- 6th - 20th: Christmas Poinsettia Array
- 27th: OPEN

Happy Birthday October November

Bayard Huggins	1	Ari Dickinson	3
William Burns Tindal III	2	Rawlins Crues Smith	3
Sherian McLendon	4	Jerry Adams	4
Claire Ashley Parnell	4	Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8
Mary Grace Hilditch	10	Maddie Varn	8
R. Kent McCutchen	10	Jill McElveen	9
Mary Katherine Parnell	12	Eddie Boykin	10
Aaron Easters	16	Catherine Bell Smith	12
B. J. Kerr	17	Judith Watkins	12
Marilyn Adams	19	Cally Bell	14
Dawn Watson Nesbit	24	MaryAnna Welsh	14
Betty Ann Cooper	25	Peggy Corbett	15
Amelia Reese Hyman	27	Ashleigh Nesbitt	18
Mia Kathryn Welch	27	Missy Kirven	20
Johnny McCutchen	28	Perry McCutchen	22
Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28	Dr. Leon Hunt	23
John Hampton Cloyd	29	Jackie Drayton	25
Bo Dickinson	29	Teresa Sweatman	26
Anna Grace Kirven	30	Jane Harrington	27
Dick McCutchen	30	Sissy Jeffords	29
		Lisa Jeffords	30



Canned Food & Monetary gifts for the Lee County Cooperative Ministries (LCCM)
1st Sunday of each month
Please note "LCCM" on all LCCM designated gifts
October designation: DRIED BEANS
Please leave all food donations in Bell Tower room (in LCCM canister)

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

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

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

Vacation/Holiday Business Office closings:

November 4th and November 24th - 25th

December 22nd - 28th

Please contact the Church Office with any contact and/or Email/Calendar/Circle changes

Kid's for Christ Ministry

Our children helped a local family with 2 boys who lost their father, in August, by purchasing and delivering school supplies and clothing to them. We are very proud of how quickly & responsibly they help in times of need!



All loose offering on November 29th will support the Kids for Christ missions

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus)...

All Church events, except Worship have been cancelled, until further notice.

Worship Service: Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m.

Other events will be determined and posted on/in our website, bulletins, newsletters, FB

UPDATES: Rally Day has been cancelled

Homecoming, Picnic, and VBS have been postponed. We will celebrate COMMUNION on

October 18th

I could have never imagined that I would ever need to write a letter quite like this



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As our recent letters have shared much about Pam's surgeries, we were excited to report of her great improvement as her nose healed and we were amazed at just how good it looked. But a few weeks after her last surgery in June, we noticed some changes in her emotional and mental state. We had seen a neurologist for several years as he monitored her memory and her mobility. (That's what led to her shunt surgery in September 2018.)

At first it was just a little forgetfulness. Then she began to seem confused at times. In July, she seemed more and more tired, as well as confused. She had a Sleep Study and it was determined that she had Obstructive Sleep Apnea. (She began using a CPAP machine in late July).

In August, Pam had trouble doing some simple things and she didn't like for me to be gone too long. She began to need my help more and more. I knew that this was very different from the normal forgetfulness we experience as we age.



The New Diagnosis – Dementia

On August 31, we had our first appointment with a new neurologist. After some brief testing, she determined that Pam had the signs of dementia.

Those were difficult words to hear, yet I knew that it was true. I was aware of her decline, but I didn't exactly like hearing the diagnosis.

So Pam has several areas that are being monitored.

She's had 3 CT Scans and her shunt has been adjusted twice to try to help relieve her symptoms.

She started on a new medication for memory on September 3, but the side effects have been brutal and caused a loss of appetite, more confusion and difficulty falling asleep. This has caused even more tiredness. As I write this, we are going to discontinue this medication. We will need to try something different.

CPAP sleep therapy has been difficult since she had trouble falling asleep while taking the new medicine.

The New Normal... still figuring it out

We are in the early stages of navigating this new season of life for Pam and I. Obviously much has been placed on my plate and the uncertainties ahead can really be draining. One thing is for certain... we serve a great God who loves us incredibly and who promises to lead us through even the darkest valley without fear, since He is with us. Life and ministry may look a little different, but we will continue to trust Him with all the details.

Still Celebrating the Days - "Because Every Day's an Anniversary"

I've enjoyed celebrating our major anniversary years and days...Like 1000, 5000, 10,000 and our 12,000th day Anniversary on her birthday in 2019. I've coined a phrase that I think is original... **"Because every day's an Anniversary!"** I will continue to celebrate the big days and the odd numbered days, because every day will continue to be an Anniversary, now more than ever.

Speaking of special days, pray for us this month as we head toward **Michaela's wedding to Collyn Taylor on October 17th**. It's hard to believe that we're almost there!

Thank you for all you do for our ministry and family.

Carroll + Pam