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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



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to receive our news feed

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
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

September Elders-On-Call:
Bert Cousar & Gregg 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 / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen
Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

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From the Pastor's Desk...

It was five years ago this month that I tackled the question I get asked so many times as a pastor: Why are there so many Bibles out there - which one should I get?

Like everything else in life (even in a year as crazy as this one), this question has come back around again. You see, sometime back in the 1980s the NIV was published, and, unlike most of the other “modern-language” translations that had preceded it, the NIV really caught on in America. Maybe it was the ease of language, maybe it was the broad support of evangelical publishers, maybe it was the broad resurgence of evangelicalism in the US at the time - or maybe, like that famous catch-all in every multiple-choice test any of us ever took, it was “(D): All of the above.”

Since the NIV, there have been a slew of Bible translations, some good, some not as good, and some, well, downright bad. What happened is, since the mid-1980s, Christians have been buying more & more books than ever, and there are lots more Christian authors, it seems, than in any time since I can remember. There are lots more authors from a lot of different denominational traditions, each of which seem to have a “preferred” publisher. So the issue is that these different publishers don’t want to pay each other royalties to use their translations - so they hire a scholarly committee and, well, make their own. So Crossway publishes the ESV, Zondervan the NIV, Holman the CSB, and on & on.

Now let me be absolutely clear - most of these are great translations. Some take the approach that they want to be as close to word-for-word accurate from Hebrew & Greek into English as possible, while others want to be more fluid, sound more like actual English, so they take a thought-for-thought approach. But they all, whether the NIV or the ESV or the NLT or the CSB or the NKJV or even the “good old” KJV, they all are working hard to be as accurate and precise in translating the Bible into English as possible, without letting too much bias or agenda into their translation.

Bias? Agenda? Whatever do you mean? You mean you can translate something from one language into another with an agenda? Do tell...

Okay - you got me. For the most part this doesn’t happen... except when it does. The NKJV wants to sound like an updated KJV. The ESV comes from a heavy Reformed theological background, carrying the tradition of the older RSV & NASB. The HCSB & CSB both deliberately choose to translate the Greek & Hebrew words for “bondservant” as “slave”. These kinds of things are okay - but it’s good to know what’s going on with them.

All that being said, there are some Bible translations you SHOULD NOT use (period). Not all translations come out of pragmatic or noble reasons. The NIV translators wanted 1980s English speakers to have a Bible they could understand (by the way, this was the EXACT SAME reason for the King James translation in 1611). The ESV translators & NRSV translators wanted to include the most recent archaeological and translation discoveries, as well as to update the older RSV & ASV Bibles. Holman wanted a Bible in 2000s & 2010s English. But some “Bibles” were produced by & are designed to prop up non-Christian cults. These “Bibles” are out there, filled with non-Christian & cultic insertions, additions, subtractions, and modifications that bolster cultic beliefs & teachings. For instance, the Mormon production of the Bible will have certain language altered to support the Book of Mormon and their theology. The Jehovah’s Witnesses NWT (New World Translation) changes God’s name consistently to Jehovah, and essentially rewrites Jesus into someone He’s not. And the newest of these cultic “Bibles”, the so-called “Passion Bible” props up a non-Christian power cult that - like the Jehovah’s Witnesses - downplays Jesus in favor of man.

So pray. Pray for the people trapped in cults & false religions, pray that Christians will take seriously how amazing it is that we have the Bible in our own language and so readily available, and pray that God will help us always preach & share the wonderful good news: Jesus Saves! - - Blessings to you! -Pastor Chris

September Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



Sept. 6th:

Order

1 Corinthians 14:20-33

Sept. 13th:

The Greatest Promise

1 Corinthians 15

Sept. 20th:

The Spirit-Led Church Responds

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Sept. 27th:

How Long, O Lord?

Jude

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

News from the Session...

As we inch closer to cooler weather, we can take time to reflect on some things being a constant - like the changing of seasons - and others being out of our control - such as the Coronavirus. But how comforting it is to know that one thing which is constant - God sending His only Son - provides us eternal life. It's this very fact that when we experience change, or even a constant, we should fall into to receive the grace He so freely sent.

Your Session will continue to be in prayer for our country, health care workers, and for all of those in need of this grace. We'll also continue to be prayerful for our congregants. In these uncertain times, know that we are here for you and should you have any requests, please let us know

The Session met on August 23rd and decided to continue with the same Worship format for the month of September. 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 Sept. 27th, after worship, to decide upcoming schedule & events.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock - Clerk of Session

SEPTEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL
Bert Cousar & Gregg McCutchen
 Called Session: Sept. 27th, after worship

Congregational Meeting
Elder Election c/o 2023

Election Date: October 11th, during Worship
2020 Elder Nomination Committee Members

Matt Bramlett & Cindy Welsh, Chairs
 Kathryn Welch Susan Cline
 Andrea McCutchen

Nominations will be accepted throughout the month of September

Ballots are in Sanctuary & Bell Tower room
If you wish to not serve, please contact one of the Committee members or the Church office

August 2020 Statistics
Worship Attendance average: 29

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$14,313.10
YTD Income received:	\$124,459.37
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$141,880.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$16,075.07
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$122,374.51
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$139,212.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$775.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,290.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,200.00

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, Church Picnic, and VBS have been postponed (will update when available)

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home
Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
Doris Bell, Memory Care Manor, Florence



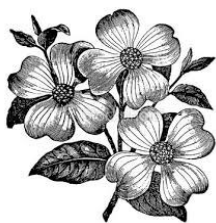
Canned Food & Monetary gifts for the Lee County Cooperative Ministries (LCCM)
1st Sunday of each month
Please note "LCCM" on all LCCM monetary gifts

September designation: FLOUR & SUGAR
Please leave all food donations in Bell Tower room (in LCCM canister)



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>



Flower Calendar

SEPTEMBER

6th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
13th: Judith & William Watrkins
20th: Jennifer McCutchen
27th: OPEN

OCTOBER

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

Please contact Church Office if you would like to be changed, added, or removed from upcoming Flower Calendar. Calendar runs September - September



Church Business office hours

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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

Vacation/Holiday Business Office closings:

September 7th & 14th
October 12th
November 24th - 25th
December 22nd - 28th

Please contact the Church Office with any contact updates and/or if you would like to be changed, added, or removed from any Calendars or Circles

Happy Birthday September October

Manning Bramlett Lloyd	4	Bayard Huggins	1
Steven Terrell III	8	William Burns Tindal III	2
Jeff Varn	8	Sherian McLendon	4
Betty Heriot	10	Claire Ashley Parnell	4
Julie Cothran	12	Mary Grace Hilditch	10
Caroline Welch	13	R. Kent McCutchen	10
Charlie Ipock	14	Mary Katherine Parnell	12
Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20	Aaron Easters	16
Suzanne Simon	21	B. J. Kerr	17
Bert Cousar	22	Marilyn Adams	19
Lindsay Simon	22	Dawn Watson Nesbit	24
William Frazier	24	Betty Ann Cooper	25
Ansley Nesbit	24	Amelia Reese Hyman	27
Patrick Parnell	24	Mia Kathryn Welch	27
Crues Bell	25	Johnny McCutchen	28
Reese Atkinson	29	Steven P. Terrell, Jr.	28
McCants Lloyd	29	John Hampton Cloyd	29
Wendy Welch	29	Bo Dickinson	29
		Anna Grace Kirven	30
		Dick McCutchen	30

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



Resolve to pray each day

Now that most schools and businesses are back in full Session, face-to-face, please keep all our children, parents, teachers, faculty, and employees in your daily prayers, and be considerate of others, during this trying time in the COVID days of 2020.

Please keep all our local, state, & federal officials and employees in your prayers as we face an epic 2020 battle! Please remember to put GOD first in everything you do and pray that He will be in their hearts and minds as they govern our cities, states and nation...