

# The Scroll

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## Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Coffee Time- 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

### Business Office Hours

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)  
unless otherwise noted

### Adult Choir Practice

Thursday's @ 5:00 pm

### Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Reese Atkinson / Asst. Matt Bramlett  
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen / Asst. Billy Clyburn  
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer  
Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer

**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell**

*From the Pastor...* "Why are you afraid, O ye of little faith?" Jesus asked them. Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there came a great calm. And the disciples marveled, wondering: "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?"  
(Matthew 8:26-27)

It happens this way - you're going along, you're living your life, you're doing church, praying, reading, all the right things, and then it happens. The rug gets metaphorically (or literally) pulled out from under you. Troubles come - not one or two, but as Claudius laments to Gertrude in Hamlet, in whole battalions. The clouds gather, the storm breaks all around, and you ache from the pressure. You start considering every option, you start looking for any solution, you flounder, rowing as hard as you can against the wind, against the current, but get nowhere, and fast.

But you ask yourself: "O me of little faith! Have I not seen the hand of my Lord, my Savior, my God in my life? Have I not felt his sovereign grace, grace as of a Savior who even death and all the powers of hell could not defeat? Have I not received the promise of an eternal, unbreakable, everlasting connection to Christ Jesus, my God and my Lord - for whom nothing is impossible? Why, then do I let these storms affect me so profoundly?"

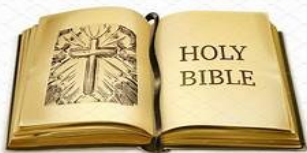
Let me encourage you firstly by saying: Welcome to the club. Job went through it. Abraham did, and so did Jacob. Joseph went through it, as did Moses, as did Jeremiah, as did Hezekiah, as did Peter and Paul and so many of the rest of our "heroes of the faith" that you'd run out of ink for the article before you ran out of examples, especially once we started into all the Luthers, Calvins, Augustines, and all the like. Storms happen, and faithful men & women across all the ages struggle during the storm. So... why?

Is it failure to believe? Or is it the (present) human condition? You see, we were meant for perfect fellowship, perfect relationship, perfect alignment with God, and because of sin, that perfection is broken. We were made to glorify God and fully enjoy him - and we can't and the storms we face, whether health or wealth or decision or distress, the storms we face remind us all too clearly that this world in which we live is broken - and needs God's hand to fix it. How do we get through them, then? More faith? More perseverance? What gets us through these hard times, these stormy places in our lives?

Well... here's the good news in a nutshell: Mark 9:24 & Matthew 7:7-11. We cry out to Jesus. We ask our Lord for help & guidance, we turn to our Lord in prayer and praise, we proclaim: "We believe! Help us through our doubt! Help us ask! Help us seek! Help us know what we need to know! Help us experience again the joy of our salvation, that joy unspeakable, full of glory, the half of which has never been told. Get our eyes off the storm - and get our eyes on Jesus."

Does this mean the storm ends? Even Peter, in Matthew 14, when he walked out on the sea, did so during the storm. And that storm didn't end until Jesus told it to - after he & Peter had walked together back to the boat. Sometimes it's like that for us. The storm doesn't end. But we put our hand in Jesus' hand and keep our eyes on him through it. So don't be afraid of the storms we face. Keep instead your eyes on Jesus - and never be afraid to ask him for his presence, and his help.

God bless you! *Pastor Chris*



6<sup>th</sup>:  
13<sup>th</sup>:  
20<sup>th</sup>:  
27<sup>th</sup>:

**July Sermons**  
Bread & Fish (Communion)  
Charlie Ipock in pulpit  
Stormy Seas  
Assurance

John 6:1-14  
Matthew 14:22-33  
Daniel 7:13-18

**NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...**

The Session met June 8th. We will not meet in July, unless Called. We are planning a Session training program in the Fall for all our Elders

Our wedding policy is still in the process of being updated, after 20+ years.

The Christian Education Committee is currently preparing for our summer Bible School, which will take place July 27th - 29th.

If the Session can do anything for you, please contact the Church Office or send an email.

Love in Christ, Reese Atkinson, Clerk of Session  
**Next Session meeting: August 10th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**JULY ELDERS-ON-CALL:**

**\*Jimmy McCutchen & Ryan McCutchen**

\*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

**June 2025 Statistics (2nd Qtr)**

**Attendance Average's**

**Worship: 65 Sunday School: 32**

**Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)**

MTD Income received: \$43,826.56

YTD Income received: \$110,048.21

**Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$109,614.00**

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$20,377.61

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$111,509.47

**Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$111,309.00**

**Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)  
(Cemetery & Playground Funds)**

MTD Income received: \$1,230.00

YTD Income received: \$5,970.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$0.00

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,538.00

You may use your smart phone or smart device for online giving by scanning this QR code



**FELLOWSHIPS**  
**NO MEN OF CHURCH OR CIRCLES UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

**3rd qtr Communion**

**July 6th, during worship**

**Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services. Please contact the pastor or an Elder for extended services.**

**Communion Elders: Wendy Welch & Reneé Bell**

**JULY 2025**

6th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock  
13th: Henry & Harriett Watson family  
20th: William & Pat Monroe Fields  
27th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**AUGUST 2025**

3rd: Bert Cousar  
10th: Bill & Debbie Tindal  
20th: Bill Welsh Family  
24th: Michael Blades  
31st: John Latimer

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

7th: Reneé Bell  
14th: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
21st: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen  
28th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

**OCTOBER 2025**

5th: Liz & Billy Simon  
12th: John & Karen Gentry  
19th: Christine Shirley Family  
26th: Mike Monroe

**SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR****NOVEMBER 2025**

2nd: Reneé Bell  
9th: Wendy & Beny Welch  
16th: Jackie & Ray Drayton  
23rd: Jim & Barbara Latimer  
30th: Hanging of the Greens

**DECEMBER 2025**

7th: 2nd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
14th: 3rd Advent - Poinsettia Array  
21st: 4th Advent - Poinsettia Array  
28th: Steven & Kerry Frazier

**JANUARY 2026**

4th: Michael Blades  
11th: Kerry & Steven Frazier  
18th: Reneé Bell  
25th: Carol Latimer Finethy

**FEBRUARY 2026**

1st: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen  
8th: Iris Thomas Family  
15th: Ann & English Cooper  
22nd: Reneé Bell

**Please contact the Church Business Office (preferably by email) to change a date or to be added/removed from the running Flower Calendar**





Reese Atkinson 8  
Covington Ipock 8  
Frank Lawson Tindal 8  
Kim Easters 11  
Betsy Bramlett 12  
Gregg McCutchen IV 12  
Avarie Easters 14  
Allen Corbett 15  
Andi Hyman 15  
Ashley Latimer 21  
Andrea McCutchen 24  
Libby Corbett 26



Bobby Thomas 1  
Billy Clyburn 6  
Leila Ethel McCutchen 7  
Mary Ellen Gaskins 9  
Bruttany Hyman 11  
Steven Frazier 12  
Matt Bramlett 15  
Lydia Conway 22  
Ernie Muldrow 22  
Debra Welsh 25  
Diane McElveen 26  
Sidney Easters 27  
Victoria Ipock 28  
Sara Abbett Kirven 30

### FROM CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE

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

Bishopville PC @ POB 66  
Bishopville, SC 29010

**NOTE: Post Office returns all street mail**



### Business Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

### 2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:

July 2nd, Aug. 27th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 7th – 13th,

Nov. 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd - 29th & 31st

Please contact office to update records (via email)



### HOMEBOUND Members

Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence

Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence

BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center

Beth McCutchen @ McCoy for rehab

Hugh Tindal @ his home

Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville



First Baptist Church is accepting blanket & warm coat donations on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, from 10am – 2pm until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Items will be distributed to anyone in need



**Coffee Time: Sunday's @ 10:30 am**  
between Sunday School & Church.  
Anyone who wishes to host, please sign up on the calendar(s) in the kitchen.  
Everyone is welcome to join us



### Vacation Bible School "Magnified"

Let's discover the bigness of God in the smallest of things

July 27th, 28th, 29th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Supper provided. Everyone is welcome**  
Please arrive on Sunday @ 5:30 to register

### Jewish Voice Coin Collection

Thanks to your support, Jewish Voice was able to help meet people's basic need for dental services in war-torn Ukraine. Your generosity shares the hope of Yeshua (Jesus) while providing tangible help to meet real needs – sometimes in desperate situations, like Ukraine. Coin banks are in the Bell Tower room and you can pick up and drop off any time of the year, in the office. **We collected \$346 in May!**

**Thanks to all who participate!**

**Next Coin Collection Date: November 9, 2025**



### Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates

funds for the OCC shoeboxes.

**See display in Education building**



### "Blessing Box" Ministry

These boxes are stocked/maintained with food, necessities, Devotionals & Bibles. Our children are stocking, maintaining, and updating the Church on the progress.

**Collection dates: 1st Sunday of each month.**

### All 5th Sunday undesignated gifts are placed into the Kids for Christ Mission Fund.

Please note "Kids4Christ" on gifts outside this timeframe. Make checks payable to BPC. If it is for a specific need or project, please indicate that on your check or correspondence. **2025 dates: August 31st, November 30th**

**We have a group cleaning stones in our cemetery.**  
Please contact the Church office via email or Wendy Welch, if interested