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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. Tim McElhenny
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen / Asst. Billy Clyburn
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Director: Bo Dickinson / Asst. Lian Latimer

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell



2026

From the Pastor... "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

In other words, God says: "Let's talk." As we begin the 2,026th year of our Lord Jesus, I cannot help but think about the amazing reality that we are made to be like God - in His image we were created. And part of that image we bear, that imago dei, as the Church has called it for generations, is our ability to talk - and the greatest blessing God gifts us through Christ Jesus is ability to talk, not only with each other, but with Him, our maker and our God.

And yet... How often do we forget the reality that Christianity, our faith, our Godliness, our Christ-likeness, our redeemed imago dei, is a conversational faith. In other words, our faith consists not only of our works - our holiness, our service, our donations, gifts & givings, etc. - but also in & through our words. Christianity is conversation.

It's God's own pattern. In Genesis, when God confronts our first parents for rebelling against that one rule He gave them, how did God respond? He called out to Adam: "Let's talk." In Acts, when Jesus confronts Paul for attacking, for persecuting, for murdering Christians and trying to put down the church, how did Christ respond? He called out to Saul: "Let's talk." When Jesus restores Peter in John 21, forgiving his 3x denial; when God deals gently with the prophet in Jonah 4 outside Nineveh, hoping for the worst; when He sends Nathan to confront David for adultery & murder in 2 Samuel 12, in all those instances, what does God do? He calls the sinner and says, as he does to Isaiah in 1:18: "Let's talk."

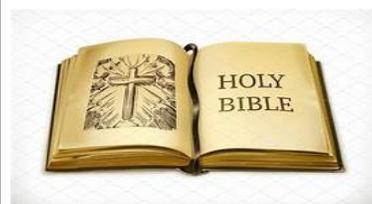
The world began with a Word as we see in Genesis 1. The world is renewed by the Word as told us in John 1 & 19. And the world will end with that same Word as we hear in Revelation 21: "It is finished!"

So why would we believe or act as though conversation - our words - would be so insignificant in the life, the growth, and the building of Christ's Church? Why would we lean on process, or good deeds alone, or governmental policy, or worst (like some cults & false religions), the sword to make converts, to win souls?

What is the Bible? It is God's WORD. What are the prophecies? God's WORDS to His people when they need to hear from Him. What are the Gospels? The Good News about Jesus told to us in WORDS. What about the Epistles, the Revelation, the Wisdom books, the Songs, the Psalms? WORDS of praises, prayers, inspired conversations between the Almighty God - the FIRST TALKER - and His talking creation. It's all about conversation. And just as Isaiah declares, God's conversation, God saying, "Let's talk" to us is all about how He forgives our sin, washes it white as snow... through Jesus.

And so our conversations with each other... Our conversations with the unsaved, the Lost... Our conversations - our WORDS... What ought they be - at least on some level? All about how God forgives, washes away sin... through Jesus. "Hey, can I tell you about him? Let's talk."

Blessings - Pastor Chris



January Sermons

1/04
1/11
1/18
1/25

1 John 1:1-10
1 John 2:1-13
1 John 2:13-27
1 John 2:28 - 3:10

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met on December 21st. The Property committee is working on several projects to maintain the grounds & buildings. We have a Building Fund set up for anyone that would like to contribute to the upcoming building projects, such as getting new breakaway locks on several more doors, etc...

We will have a Congregational Meeting on January 25th to receive the 2025 Statistics. (Info only)

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: Jan. 11th @ 8:30 a.m.

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***John Gentry & Steven Frazier**

**denotes Session devotional responsibilities*

December 2025 Statistics

Attendance Average's

Worship: 85 Sunday School: 41

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$56,943.49
YTD Income received:	\$247,001.32
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$225,456.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$17,431.15
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$224,164.67
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$225,456.00

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

MTD Income received:	\$650.00
YTD Income received:	\$13,285.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$29,125.40



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, January 4, 2026. Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services.

Please contact the Pastor or an Elder for extended services.

**January Communion Elders:
Matt Bramlett & Steven Frazier**

Adult Fellowships

**Morning Circle: Wed., Jan. 14th @ 10:30 am in FH
Host: Marsha McCutchen**

**Night Circle: Monday, Jan. 19th @ 7:00 pm
Host: Ann Cooper**

**Men of Church: Wed. Jan. 21st @ 7 pm in Kit
Host: Perry McCutchen**

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

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

MARCH 2026

- 1st: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 8th: Jim & Barbara Latimer
- 15th: Louise McCutchen
- 22nd: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- 29th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

APRIL 2026

- 5th: Debbie Tindal & Lena McCutchen
- 12th: Reneé Bell
- 19th: Retta & Hugh Tindal
- 26th: Sarah McCutchen Family



MAY 2026

- 3rd: Kathryn Welch
- 10th: Lila Mae Welsh Family
- 17th: John & Karen Gentry
- 24th: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen
- 31st: Don & Beth Grant

JUNE 2026

- 7th: William Welsh Family
- 14th: Dot & Buddy Wilson Family
- 21st: Reneé Bell
- 28th: Gregg McCutchen III

JULY 2026

- 5th: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- 12th: Harriett & Henry Watson Family
- 19th: William & Pat Monroe Fields
- 26th: Reese & Melinda Atkinson

AUGUST 2026

- 2nd: Bert Cousar
- 9th: Debbie & Bill Tindal
- 16th: Bill Welsh Family
- 23rd: Lena & Leila McCutchen
- 30th: John Latimer

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



Robert McCutchen III	2
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3
Chip Smith	3
Bill Tindal	3
Kody Mills McCutchen	4
Lila Dow Frazier	9
Will McElveen	9
Keith Hyman	11
John Crues Bell IV	12
Bill Conway	13
Steven Welsh	13
T-Bo Ellen	16
Reid McCutchen	17
Ruby Nell Bailey	20
Tim McIlhenny	21
Georgia Y. Broughton	24
Aidan Hilditch	25
William Clyburn Ipock	26
Mills Lloyd	28
Brooke Harrington	30
Amber Harrington	30
Josh Kirven	30
John Latimer	30



Kayla McCutchen	1
Deane McCutchen	7
Hampton Gaskins	15
Martha Kay Hunt	15
Benny Welch III	15
Patrick Finethy	17
Laura Parnell	19
Bubba Muldrow	20
Myers Varn Floyd	21
Corrie Davis Tindal	23
Shirley Wallace	28



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 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

OFFICE HOURS **Business Office Hours**
 Monday - Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Unless otherwise noted below

2026 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:
 January 19th; February 16th; May 19th - 26th;
 July 6th; September 7th; October 6th - 12th;
 November 3rd & 24th - 30th;
 December 1st & 22nd - 29th

Please contact office to update records (via email)

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

Homebound

Doris Bell @ Skilled Care Manor, Florence
 Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence
 BJ Kerr @ McCoy
 Beth McCutchen @ McCoy
 Hugh Tindal @ his home
 Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's, Hartsville

You may use your smart phone or smart device for online giving by scanning this QR code. Please leave your name and where funds are to be designated



We are cleaning stones in our cemetery. Anyone with any objections or interest, please contact the Church office via email or contact Wendy Welch

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.
Thanks to all who participate!
Next Coin Collection Date: May 17, 2026

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
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Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry
 Thank you to everyone who helps pack or donates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.
Thank you to everyone that helped and donated items
We mailed 88 boxes in 2025

“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.
Next collection date: March 29, 2026

Yesterday's high: 88°
 Yesterday's low: 68°

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December 10, 2025

Dear prayer partners and friends,

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his loving kindness endures forever." (Psalm 136:1). We are grateful to the Lord for all that has happened in 2025, because his purposes have been fulfilled in our lives.

The seminary reopened in August with seven new music students and five in theology; there are now 35 students, 18 of them living on campus. There are also 75 students studying a four-year course in theology online. This is one of the good results of the pandemic (the online students). The fall semester will come to a close December 11 with a Christmas choir concert and then a short choir tour to some village churches. Due to a particularly long rainy season, I was unable to visit as many village congregations as I usually do, so it will be good to visit them with the choir.

In family news, Debbie had surgery for a torn meniscus on October 30, and continues recovering from this. She has graduated from a wheelchair to two crutches and will soon need only one and then none. It has been difficult for her, but she did teach from her wheelchair around two weeks after surgery. We were very happy to have our good friend Julie Madeira living with us these two months, as she was able to help in Debbie's care (Julie is a retired nurse). Please pray for accelerated recovery time, as we will be traveling to St. Louis for my granddaughter's wedding the third week of December. We will be leaving on the 18th of December in order to be at the wedding of Alyssa, Daniel's firstborn, on the 20th. Daniel and his wife Debbie are also celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary two days later. Grandson Caleb will graduate from college next spring, as will his brother Owen from high school.

In other exciting family news, Sam and Ellie, Mark's daughter, are expecting their first baby in March, already named Lucas, which means I will be a great-grandmother! Younger brother John continues his fledgeling audio production business, and also teaches music (guitar, piano and bass). Diego, currently in fifth grade, will turn 11 on January 1, while we are still in the U.S. We will be returning to Mexico on January 3rd.

We all had birthdays recently, and I turned 85. I had two surprise birthday parties, and shared a thanksgiving celebration with a friend who also turned 85 the day before I did - this in the village of Kimbila. Even the church where I continue to play on Sunday mornings - El Divino Salvador - had a "birthday": they celebrated their 139th anniversary! It has the distinction of being the first evangelical church founded in the city of Merida way back in 1886.

In other news, some of you are aware of the complicated circumstances we have been living this year with regard to camp. After many difficult situations, this past December 4th there was a seven-hour-long meeting between all parties concerned, with the assistance of a mediation team from different presbyteries. Various decisions and compromises were made, and the people involved signed an initial agreement. There are still many, many more issues that need to be resolved, so various meetings are planned. Please continue to pray in this regard, as we are not out of the woods by any means yet; however, there was some progress made. Our Christian lawyers did an excellent job, and we are grateful to those who have been helping with legal expenses. We still have legal expenses, as one of the unresolved issues is the firing of the caretaker after 24 years of service without severance. We have appealed for either a reasonable severance package be presented, or for him to be re-hired. We will keep you informed of progress on this and other issues as they come up. In the end, though, we pray and trust the two groups which have been at odds with each other for many years learn to work together, and we trust and pray that camp would again be a place where God speaks to hearts and calls people to himself.

In closing, especially now that another year is coming to an end, I trust you also are able to say as the psalmist says in Psalm 136: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His loving kindness endures forever."

Your servants for Jesus' sake, Jean Legters, for the family

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