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January



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Coffee Time - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday 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 @ 4:00 p.m.

Key Officers and Staff

Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III / Reese Atkinson, Asst.
Treasurer: Ray Drayton / Billy Clyburn, Asst.
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Choir Dir. Bo Dickinson / Lian Latimer, Asst.
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

From the Pastor's Desk... And so it begins - 2025!

Or, we might say, here we go again! But where are we going? How are we going to get there? What's driving us forward?

My dad loves the Gospel, the good news about Jesus - and he's convinced that the epitome, the fullest telling of this good news is found in Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4). So how is that a full telling of the Gospel of Christ Jesus? What's it saying?

It starts out this way: I gave you what I myself was given, Paul says. Remember when we used to say "re-gifting"? That's what we used to call it when you gave as a gift something you'd been given, and people connected that idea of "re-gifting" as a bad thing, a sort-of ungrateful thing to do. You re-gifted that saucer I got you? Rude.

But this re-gifting isn't rude or ungrateful or mean - this is sharing a gift that's infinitely big, infinitely gracious, infinitely amazing. It's like getting that delicious cake from a neighbor, that joyful visit from a grandparent or grandchild, that good news that just needs telling - look and see this thing! And it's for you, too! I gave you what I got, because what I got was so big and so incredible I just had to share it.

The next part is just as incredible: What I was given, Paul says is this - Christ died for MY sins, those times when I broke God's Law, broke God's purpose, and tried to break God's will. And Christ Jesus died for my sins, died for your sins, took those sins to the Cross and took ALL of God's punishment for those sins onto his own shoulders... and the MOST important thing we can know about God and Christ Jesus and ourselves is that Jesus lived for us, died for us and was buried with our sins for us...

AND THEN! And then he rose again on the third day. Why does that matter? Because if Jesus had any sin - if we had any doubt about him - then he'd have stayed dead, and so would we. But Jesus didn't sin, and so he died innocently, he who never sinned carried EVERY sin and that includes all your sin and mine... so what? So you can count on him. You can trust in him. You can know him. You can follow him. And you can have forgiveness - full and free and wonderful forgiveness and freedom from sin - in Christ Jesus alone.

I'd say that's a gift worth sharing, wouldn't you? So this new year, let's look for opportunity to share this Gospel. We've got an amazing thing, we've got an amazing church family, and we've got an amazing Savior and grace. Let's make this kind of re-gifting a positive trend for 2025.

Blessings - Chris



January Sermons/Scriptures

5 th :	Revelation 16:17-21
12 th :	Revelation 17:1-6
19 th :	Revelation 18:2-8
26 th :	Revelation 19:6-16

NEWS FROM THE SESSION...

The Session met December 8th. Jimmy McCutchen had our devotional & prayer.

The Hanging of the Greens Service was beautiful and our Church is so well decorated. Thank you to all who made this possible.

I cannot believe how fast the past 6 years have passed. I will rotate off of the Session, and as Clerk, at the end of December.

The new officers are Reese Atkinson: Clerk; Matt Bramlett: Asst. Clerk; Gregg McCutchen: Treasurer; Billy Clyburn: Asst. Treasurer; Ryan McCutchen & Steven Frazier: Worship Committee Chairs; Cindy Welsh & Wendy Welch: Christian Ed Chairs; Renee Bell & John Gentry: Witness Chairs.

We had our Christmas program on December 22nd with a Christmas meal afterwards. The Session wishes to thank Beth Grant for her hard work & support of our children and to all others who work so diligently with our children to make these type of programs flow

If the Session can do anything for you, please contact the Church office.

Love in Christ,

W. Gregg McCutchen III, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting: January 12th @ 8:30 a.m.

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL:

Wendy Welsh & Steven Frazier

December 2024 Statistics (4th Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 58 Sunday School: 25

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

*MTD Income received: \$63,140.14

*YTD Income received: \$247,571.69

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$211,582.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$27,807.14

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$225,729.62

Budgeted YTD Expenses Needed: \$211,582.00

*MTD/YTD Income includes cemetery grounds transfer

Non-budgeted Income & Expenses (designated)

(Cemetery & Playground Funds)

MTD Income received: \$1,050.00

YTD Income received: \$7,115.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$6,237.37

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$12,485.00

Communion will be served on Sunday, January 5th, 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

Fellowships

Morning Circle: Monday, Jan. 13th @ 10:15 am

Night Circle: Monday, Jan. 13th @ 7 pm

Men of Church: Wed. Jan. 15th @ 7 pm

*** The Morning Circle & Men meet in FH**

JANUARY 2025

5th: Michael Blades

12th: Kerry & Steven Frazier

19th: Renee Bell

26th: Carol Latimer Finethy

FEBRUARY 2025

2nd: Jim Ed & MaBeth McCutchen

9th: Iris Thomas Family

16th: Ann & English Cooper

23rd: Renee Bell

MARCH 2025

2nd: Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen

9th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

16th: Louise McCutchen

23rd: Kerry & Steven Frazier

30th: Jim & Barbara Latimer

APRIL 2025

6th: Perry & Jennifer McCutchen

13th: Renee Bell

20th: Hugh & Retta Tindal

27th: Sarah McCutchen Family

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR



MAY 2025

4th: Kathryn Welch

11th: Lila Mae Welsh family

18th: John & Karen Gentry

25th: Marsha & Jimmy McCutchen

JUNE 2025

1st: William Welsh family

8th: Dot & Buddy Wilson family

15th: Renee Bell

22nd: W. Gregg McCutchen III

29th: The Latimer Family

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/31st: OPEN

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

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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



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

2025 Business Office vacation/holiday closings:
 Jan. 1st & 20th, Feb. 17th, May 13th-20th & 26th,
 July 2nd, Aug. 27th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 7th-13th, Nov.
 25th & 26th, Dec. 23rd-29th & 31st

Please contact office to update records (via email)

Happy Birthday

January February

Robert McCutchen III	2	Kayla McCutchen	1
Ann West	2	Deane McCutchen	7
Rhetta Simon Cloyd	3	Hampton Gaskins	15
Chip Smith	3	Martha Kay Hunt	15
Bill Tindal	3	Benny Welch III	15
Kody Mills McCutchen	4	Patrick Finethy	17
Lila Dow Frazier	9	Laura Parnell	19
Will McElveen	9	Bubba Muldrow	20
Keith Hyman	11	Myers Varn Floyd	21
John Crues Bell IV	12	Shirley Wallace	28
Bill Conway	13		
Steven Welsh	13		
T-Bo Ellen	16		
Reid McCutchen	17		
Carole Scott	18		
Ruby Nell Bailey	20		
Tim McIlhenny	21		
Aidan Hilditch	25		
William Clyburn Ippock	26		
Mills Lloyd	28		
Brooke Harrington	30		
Amber Harrington	30		
Josh Kirven	30		
John Latimer	30		



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

Homebound

Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Doris Bell @ Memory Care Manor, Florence
- Karen Gentry @ Memory Care Manor, Florence
- BJ Kerr @ McCoy Nursing Center
- Boochie Swearingen @ Wellmore, Tega Cay
- Hugh Tindal @ his home
- Dotty G. Williamson @ Morrell's rehab, Hartsville



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 invited to join our fellowship time

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 participates!**
 November 2024 we collected \$243.03
 Next Coin Collection Date: May 11, 2025



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helped pack or donate funds for the OCC shoeboxes.
We packed 81 shoeboxes, in 2024!



“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: Mar. 30th, June 29th, Aug. 31st, Nov. 30th**



Merry Christmas Dear Friends,

May you experience joy and peace this season as you are immersed in the presence of the Savior.

This will certainly be a different Christmas for us. My dear Pam has really struggled the past few months. When she fell while shopping in August, she was already weak and unbalanced as she walked. A broken collarbone and bruised ribs slowed her down even more. She seemed to improve in late October only to fall again at home, although nothing was broken this time.



Harley is a great caregiver and gives Pam kisses for free!

These physical setbacks, along with some more memory setbacks have caused us to put in motion some extra planning for next year. With her diagnosis of dementia and a new possible Parkinson's diagnosis, we are faced with the sobering truth that we can't really leave Pam at home by herself.



I asked this cutie to marry me 39 years ago on Dec. 18, 1985.

My primary ministry will continue to be Pam. As I am able to secure help for her, I will continue my ministry to coaches and athletes as I serve with FCA. We've used a few hour shifts of homecare each week the past few years. We've also had help from some dear friends. The girls and their husbands have been a huge help hosting Pam during the days they work from home. They even kept her over a long weekend while I snuck away to play golf. It was a break I really needed. But we find it necessary to possibly increase our homecare hours from one shift, to three or four shifts a week. With the help of family, friends and increased home care, I hope to have meaningful hours of ministry on campuses and not worry about Pam.

I've also realized that I can't do this all by myself. I have to do a better job of taking care of myself. I've been warned by many that too many sole caregivers get worn out without help. So the Lord is first, and my ministry is second... but my family is my #1 ministry. This year has been challenging. We are trusting the Lord and know he will continue to sustain us in 2025. His presence and power has breathed strength and encouragement into my heart. We pray the Lord will also guide your steps and grant you a year of health, happiness, and prosperity.

Carroll
Carroll Baker

From Zac, Michaela and Kathryn...

Dad is selling it lightly: this year has been the hardest year with mom. Watching Mom battle dementia and other health struggles has been heart-wrenching. We've seen firsthand the toll it takes on Dad, both physically and emotionally. But seeing how Dad cares for Mom through it all reminds us how strong his love is for her as well as God's unconditional love for us. Our hope for 2025 is increased homecare and other programs to help mom and allow dad to continue ministry for the next couple years before retirement. If you are in the Columbia area and are willing to hangout with Mom for a day, please let us know. It'll be a team effort in this home stretch before Dad retires, but we know God's got this.



The "kids" planned a surprise 70th birthday party for Pam in April. Zac even came from Seattle!

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7, NIV)