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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



2025

From the Pastor... "But you, man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith."

- 1 Timothy 6:11-12a CSB

"Greetings from me and my family to all of you, the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Bishopville, and grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!"

- me, August 2015

For (just) over ten years now, I have praised our Lord for the opportunity to serve the Bishopville Church and Community, and I thank Him for each & every one of you. Ever since we first got here, you've made us feel truly at home - like we're part of the family. It's been my greatest joy to live our lives with you, to see kids graduate and start careers and families, to baptize the babies of folks who were themselves (in my mind) only kids when I first got here, to marry families together, and to work and worship alongside you.

So what's next for us?

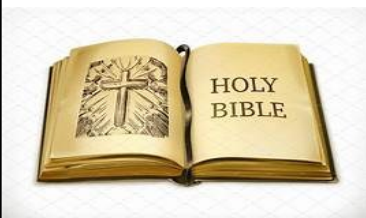
A decade ago, I had no way to know (for certain) how God would bless me, my family, my church, and my hometown - but he has! I had no way to know what doors he would open, what people he would bring into our church family, what an amazing welcome they would receive (I hear all the time about the incredible job our church does at helping people feel like part of the family). I had no idea what the future would hold, the challenges we would face - and overcome! - by God's guidance, by the godly leaders he's given & giving us, and by the solid commitment of everybody in our church family.

Think about it - we got past 3 presidential elections. We got past the closure of the LCCM. We even got through Covid - and rebuilt every program we worried we'd lost because of it, rebuilt them and more! We're adding Sunday School classes, we're growing at VBS, we're feeding the community, we're reaching so much further than before - and it's all because of how God works and has been working in our midst.

As a friend of mine likes to say, I'm neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but what I can say the future holds is what Paul tells Timothy in his first letter. We're going to keep on fleeing from sin. We're going to keep on pursuing righteousness and godliness. We're going to keep on being faithful to God. We're going to keep on loving each other. We're going to keep on enduring with gentleness. And we're going to keep on standing up for each other - and for what's right. We're going to fight the good fight and we're going to see God do amazing things, for the next decade and beyond, should our Lord tarry.

These past ten years have amazed me with our God's love for us - May he bless you!

Pastor Chris



August Sermons

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| 8/3 | The Lawful Law | 1 Timothy 1:3-11 |
| 8/10 | Shipwrecked | 1 Timothy 1:15-20 |
| 8/17 | Intercession | 1 Timothy 2:1-10 |
| 8/24 | Qualification | 1 Timothy 3:1-10 |
| 8/31: | How Strong is Your Faith? | |

Gregg McCutchen III

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

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.

We thank the Christian Education Committee for a wonderful Vacation Bible School. It was very well attended.

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.

AUGUST ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***Reese Atkinson & Steven Frazier**

*denotes Session devotional responsibilities

July 2025 Statistics (3rd Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 59 Sunday School: 31

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$11,472.87

YTD Income received: \$121,521.08

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$127,883.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$22,018.29

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$133,427.76

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$127,527.00

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

MTD Income received: \$810.00

YTD Income received: \$6,780.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$2,748.54

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$9,286.54

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

**FELLOWSHIPS**

NO MEN OF CHURCH OR CIRCLES UNTIL SEPTEMBER

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to report that new playground equipment is in transit and will be installed soon

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR**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

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

MARCH 2026

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

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



Bobby Thomas	1	Manning B. Lloyd	4
Billy Clyburn	6	Betty Manning Heriot	10
Leila Ethel McCutchen	7	Julie Cothran	12
John Gentry	8	Caroline Welch	13
Mary Ellen Gaskins	9	Charlie Ipock	14
Brittany Hyman	11	Virginia Clyburn-Ipock	20
Steven Frazier	12	Katelyn Bell	21
Matt Bramlett	15	Ernie Muldrow	21
Lydia Conway	22	Bert Cousar	22
Ernie Muldrow	22	William Frazier	24
Debra Welsh	25	Ansley Nesbit	24
Diane McElveen	26	Patrick Parnell	24
Sidney Easters	27	McKinnon Logan	26
Victoria Ipock	28	McCants Lloyd	29
Sara Abbett Kirven	30	Wendy Welch	29



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:

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 1st Monday of each month, from 10am - 2pm until Oct. 15th.

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.



We have a group cleaning stones in our cemetery.

Please contact the Church office, via email, or Wendy Welch, if interested

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**

Life... and minsitry

Pam continues to improve!! This week, she took the most steps since she's been home. Using the walker, she maneuvered down the hall almost to the living room! She's not quite ready for pickleball, but it's a start!

We did need to take her a couple of times to our dermatologist. With the help of two separate friends who had a wheelchair van, she was able to get out for the first time since March. She had her usual suspicious skin spots. Two biopsies showed squamous cell cancer that required a second trip. So now, the squamous has been cut away!

After the second trip, I surprised her with a trip to her hairdresser, and our good friend **Tonya at Tangles Styling Salon** was so gracious to squeeze her in. Tonya has been Pam's stylist for well over 20 years! See just really loves Pam!

I guess we all take for granted the basic functions that we all perform each day to take care of ourselves. Pam is in the unenviable position of depending on others for so much and she wants so bad to keep getting stronger. She just might have that special desire to continue to improve. She's on the right track!



June, 2025

Carroll and Pam Baker
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My.fca.org (search for Baker)



More than a hairdresser...
a dear friend to Pam

FCA Team Football Camp... Here I come!

Meanwhile, my summer ministry is about to take my usual turn, in an unusual way. For nearly 20 years, I've been able to staff one or more of our FCA Team Football Camps. A few months ago, I didn't think it would be possible. With Pam needing round the clock care, I couldn't see myself leaving her for too long.

I'm so thankful for our girls, **Kathryn and Michaela**. They said that they could take turns staying overnight. Coupled with our usual help during the day, it looks like I can have all the hours covered. So from Sunday afternoon, July 6 through Saturday afternoon July 12, I will be at Team Camp at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, about an hour away.

My role at camp for many years has been the **pizza guy**. Even though the players really chow down in the cafeteria at dinner, we know that they will want more food before lights out. So the players will order pizzas during the afternoon and their coach will give me their order and money during dinner. It sounds easy but over 400 football players will typically order 150-200 pizzas! (One night last summer, we did 243 pizzas, a new record!) Just imagine the logistics of getting that many pizzas back to campus, stacking them for each team, and getting them distributed. It is about an hour of organized chaos!

I'll also greet each team as they enter the cafeteria. The players need a little pep talk to remind them to not waste food and to clean up their table when they're done. They usually do OK, but the reminder really helps.

Then of course, I'll help out on the field. I'll see a lot of football, and I'll meet many players. After each game, both teams will take a knee together, and a player will lead the teams in prayer. Just imagine football brothers kneeling together after competing. It's a great sight and it's an opportunity for each team to build spiritual leadership.

Then there are those impromptu moments that I'll have with various players and teams... and coaches too. It just seems like if I have even just a few minutes with a coach or athlete, it is a divine appointment. It's exciting to trust God for an opportunity to sow a seed. We just never know what God will do.

We will really need much prayer this week. Thanks so very much for lifting us up! This will be a faith stretching week! What a privilege to trust Him with all the details!



The next morning my car smells great!



Joining our Home Team is easy.

Carroll + Pam