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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 @ 4:00 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... “When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.” (Acts 2:1-2 CSB)

Spring is winding down, school is almost over, the seasons, they are a-changing - and we know this because we see the signs. Plants blooming, farmers & gardeners planting, rains falling, warm-weather heating, and churches revival-ing (wait, is that a word?).

Growing up in Pentecostal churches, that’s how it was. Every spring, we would have at least a week of revivals, either at our own, or at some local church. Preachers from other churches would go to each other’s pulpits, we’d sometimes set up tents in the church yards (hearkening back to the old camp-meeting revivals that started Pentecostalism), drop cords speakers folding metal chairs would be dropped here and there, and we’d spend our nights for that week going to experience hellfire & brimstone preaching, exuberant singing, and revival atmosphere.

So what went wrong?

Let me say, it was at a tent-revival I experienced the 1st true act of God the Spirit during a time when a person spoke in tongues and had a translation - just as 1 Corinthians 14 requires. It was at a revival I had my 1st profession of faith, leading to my baptism in the Rocky River (even though I hadn’t truly possessed yet that faith). It was at a revival... that I figured out that revival needs something more than just that Christian carnival air that, for most of my childhood, came with the announcement: We’re going to have a revival.

What is - rather, what should revival be? It’s an idea that grows out of what happened there in Acts 2, when God our Father & Christ Jesus our Savior “poured” God the Holy Spirit into & onto the living Church, launching we who have been saved by faith in Christ to the glory of the Father, filling us with the Spirit, his gifts, his fruit, and his calling.

Revival, done right, ought to be like the Reformation, a rekindling, a refocusing on the working of God through the Church, getting back to business with that renewed sense of wonder & purpose revivals are - or were - supposed to bring.

So how do we get that right? IT all starts with the model of the disciples. Acts 2 doesn’t come first; Acts 1 does. Acts 2, with Peter’s great sermon, with fire descending from on high, with community, unity, conviction, & growth, Acts 2 is ONLY built on the foundation of Acts 1. In other words, there is no revival without preparation.

Look, then at Acts 1. How does God prepare the Church for Acts 2, for Pentecost? It starts with expectation - Jesus tells the disciples to expect the Spirit’s presence & power. It moves to calling - Jesus calls the disciples to prayer & understanding that he will return some glad morning (so there’s a deadline on its way - come quickly, Lord Jesus!). It then moves to organizing, getting ready for revival - there’s no mistake that Judas Iscariot’s replacement is chosen here of all places; the reviving Church needs key, apostolic leadership, and God has the right man lined up for the job. And it launches after Sabbath-rest

It’s no mistake that God poured his Spirit out on Pentecost, 7 weeks + 1 day after that Passover when Jesus paid the price for our sin by dying on the Cross. 50 days later, on a Sunday, the Church leaps out, shining in the light of a Risen Lord & Savior, emboldened by God himself, the Spirit firing them up (literally!) and sending them out with the gospel message of forgiveness. There is no revival without preparation - and God prepared his people, his Church, for just such a revival as Pentecost.

Honestly, that’s what was missing from the Pentecostal revivals of old - that sense of preparation. Were we lining up the right people, the right resources? Were we dedicating time in prayer & anticipation? Were we waiting for God to pour it out... or were we trying to pencil God into our calendars and hoping he’d bless it this year? Let’s look for revival, yes! But let’s look first and ask - what ought I be doing to be ready for revival, true revival? How is God preparing us today? God bless you - Pastor Chris

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love - for Jesus, who died, and is now gone above.

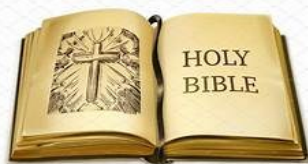
We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of Light who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain.

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love. May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

(WP McCay, a Presbyterian minister from Hull, England)



June Sermons

1st: What is Revival? Isaiah 56:1-8

8th: What is Pentecost Ephesians 3:14 - 4:7

15th: Honor our Fathers Ephesians 6:1-4

22nd: Gifts of the Spirit 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

29th: Revive us Again John 15:1-11

NEWS FROM THE SESSION ...

The Session met May 18th. John Gentry had our devotional

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. Time: TBD

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: June 8th @ 8:30 a.m.

JUNE ELDERS-ON-CALL:

***Cindy Welsh & Renee Bell**

**denotes Session devotional responsibilities*

May 2025 Statistics (2nd Qtr)

Attendance Average's

Worship: 65 Sunday School: 31

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received: \$11,147.55

YTD Income received: \$66,721.61

Budgeted YTD Income Needed: \$91,345.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$19,119.49

YTD Expenses disbursed: \$91,143.86

Budgeted YTD Expenses: \$86,133.00

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

MTD Income received: \$ 870.00

YTD Income received: \$4,740.00

MTD Expenses disbursed: \$2,938.00

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

MISSIONARY NEWS

June 15th @ 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Jean Legters, our Mexico Missionary, will give a powerpoint presentation on her field progress.

Everyone is welcome to attend

Thank you to everyone for all your concerns, calls, texts, visits, food, etc... during the sickness and death of our precious mother, Lenora Watford Jimmy & Marsha McCutchen and the entire Watford family

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: Michael Blades
- 31st: John Latimer

SEPTEMBER 2025

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

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR**OCTOBER 2025**

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

NOVEMBER 2025

- 2nd: Renee 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: Renee Bell
- 25th: Carol Latimer Finethy

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



Harrison Blake Smith	4	Reese Atkinson	8
Stephen Latimer Welch	6	Covington Ipock	8
Ray Drayton	8	Frank Tindal	8
Cameron McElveen	10	Kim Easters	11
Conner Welch	13	Betsy Bramlett	12
Lacie McElveen	14	Gregg McCutchen IV	12
Rev. Chris Parnell	14	Avarie Easters	14
Marsha McCutchen	16	Allen Corbett	15
Hugh Tindal III	16	Andi Hyman	15
Katherine Dickinson	17	Ashley Latimer	21
Liz Simon	25	Andrea McCutchen	24
Annie McIlhenny	27	Libby Corbett	26
Isaac Bailey	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:

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 1st Monday of each month, from 10am – 2pm until October 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. Everyone is welcome to join us



Vacation Bible School
July 27th, 28th, 29th
TIME: TBD
Everyone is welcome

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 do-

ates funds for the OCC shoeboxes.

We packed 81 shoeboxes, in 2024!

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

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