

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service
 9:00 Facebook Video
 10:10 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan 15

1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry
 6:00 Session Meeting
 6:00 GriefShare

Tuesday, Jan. 16

8:00 Home School Coop
 1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 17

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Thursday, Jan. 18

11:00 Children's Adv.
 Workshop
 11:30 Ladies Fellowship
 Luncheon
 6:30 Women's Reflection
 Workshop

Monday, Jan 22

6:00 GriefShare

Tuesday, Jan 23

8:00 Home School Coop
 1:00 Staff Meeting
 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Jan 24

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Friday, Jan 26

Fuller Formation Retreat

Saturday, Jan 27

Fuller Formation Retreat

Sunday, Jan. 28

10:00 Worship Service
 Ordination & Installation
 of New Officers

Monday, Jan. 29

6:00 GriefShare

Tuesday, Jan. 30

8:00 Home School Coop
 1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 31

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Meet Johnny "Bo" Hamilton Pastor for Congregational Care

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am humbled and honored to be invited to serve as your Pastor for Congregational Care. I believe our Lord works in mysterious ways and has been working in my life, and yours, for years to prepare us for this opportunity to serve and worship together. I am excited about what God will do in and through our lives as we journey forward with a goal of building His church and serving His people. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little about me.

I was born on the island of Guam, raised in Hope Mills, North Carolina, and attended Hope Mills Presbyterian Church. I married my high school sweetheart, Shari, and we have one daughter and two granddaughters. I am an Air Force veteran, serving for 24 years, and moved to Summerville in 1992. I worked as a defense contractor for 17 years and retired in 2018.

I started attending Summerville Presbyterian Church (SPC) in 2003 and served as a Middle School Sunday School teacher and youth advisor for 12 years. SPC commissioned me as their Parish Associate in June 2014. As part of my ministry, I facilitated a team that developed and implemented a contemporary service offering for the church and led the "SonRise" worship service for 2.5 years. My other focus was on providing pastoral care, support, and nurture to the congregation. It is in this area that I felt called to also serve the residents of the Village at Summerville, where I joined the staff as an Assistant to the Chaplain in August 2019. I still serve there today.

I realize that as a Christian, each day is an opportunity for me to examine the journey that started when I was baptized at age 12. It is a time to pray, to study, and to reflect. It is a time to grow in my relationship with God and an opportunity to follow Jesus, not my own wishes and desires. God is my guide, whether the journey is difficult or easy. He continues to bless me. He upholds me in sorrow. He quenches my thirst for knowledge and fills my days with challenges. As I journey through life, God is always with me. He refreshes me through His word, His people, and His presence.

It is this belief and experience, that I hope to bring to our ministry at FPC. Jeremiah 29:11 says: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* That is my confident prayer for us all.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Bo



Meet Your Class of 2026 Elders

Linda Heubach, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? One of my favorite Bible verses is: 1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, (NIV) This verse reminds me to put Christ first and remain hopeful, sharing that hope with gentleness and respect.

What most excites you about serving God? Learning to share the gift of the amazing love and joy in the grace of God with others. Ephesians 2:8: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

What is your prayer for our church in 2024? My prayer is that our church will reach out and share with others, in the fruit of the Spirit, and that First Presbyterian church will be a safe place to learn and grow. Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the

Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Richard Kizer, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? One of my favorite Bible verses has always been Jerimiah 29:11, "For I know I have plans for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". This verse always reminds me that God has a plan for me, He knows what my future holds, and that He will always be with me in the good times and the difficult times.

What most excites you about serving God? My excitement in serving God is when I can see a loving Church address the needs of individuals and groups within our community.

What is your prayer for our church in 2024? My prayer for 2024 is that we will continue to spread God's word to a world that is in need of His love, compassion, and forgiveness.

Jerry McSwain, Elder



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? 2 Samuel 22:17-20 (NIV): "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me."

Why? Because, that is exactly what Jesus did for me.

What most excites you about serving God? I am most excited about discipling next generation leaders.

What is your prayer for our church in 2024? My prayer for 2024 is that our church would continue to move forward through individual and congregational expressions of UP, IN and OUT.

Meet Your Class of 2026 Deacons

Russell Brown, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Psalm 37:4-6: "Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun." It lets me know God has my best interest at heart and He can be trusted.

What most excites you about serving God? Excited to see how I can be useful to the rest of the church/world.

What is your prayer for our church in 2024? That we would become more like Jesus and less like the world.

Margaret Huggins, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? 23 Psalm is one of my favorite verses. I use to read it to my Mom, and it would relax her.

What most excites you about serving God? I'm most excited that God has given me the opportunity to serve my family, church, and community.

What is your prayer for our church in 2024? My prayer is for the church to continue to grow.

Matt Still, Deacon



What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why? Luke 9:23, because it's a daily reminder to me to lean and rely on Gods word, grace, mercy, and forgiveness throughout my life.

What most excites you about serving God? Seeing the ways he uses me and those around me regardless of if it's my plan or not.

What is your prayer for our church in 2024? My prayer is that as a church, we would remain grounded in Christ and Christ alone. That we would not over complicate church and the gospel but instead spend our efforts and tools on true community and discipleship focusing on Jesus!

**Ordination and Installation of New Officers
Sunday, January 28
10 a.m. Worship Service**

Women's Workshop

Hello - Goodbye Workshop
Reflecting on 2023 & Preparing for 2024

Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Join us as we gather around the table in community, to laugh, eat desserts and do the important work of reviewing and reflecting on 2023. We'll release 2023 into God's loving care and invite God to reveal to us a word for 2024. We'll even record the moment with a take home craft. *God is walking with us into 2024.*

There's a sign-up sheet in the atrium. For more information, contact Lana McSwain at ledmcswain@gmail.com.

Partnering with the Holemans in Roatan, Honduras

John and Teresa Holeman are headed back to Honduras to serve as medical missionaries at the clinic in Roatan from February 12 to 29. They need our help! Below is the supply list they need for their trip. If you are able to contribute, please place your items in the designated area in the hallway outside of the church office.



Over the Counter Meds:

81mg Aspirin
Benadryl tablets & Liquid for kids
Zinc oxide (diaper cream)
Hemorrhoid cream
Tylenol (liquid for kids)
Children's vitamins
Lidocaine patches

New or Used Items:

Knee braces & Foot boots
Ace bandages
Readers 1 thru 4 strength
Scissors
Underwear, Bras & Socks
(men's, women's, kids)
Baby clothes up to 2T
Pacifiers, bibs, socks



On Sunday, February 4, they will share about their Fall 2023 trip, and we'll commission them for this next trip.

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, December 18 the Session met and...

- Opened with Prayer by Timothy Scoonover
- Interviewed Commissioned Pastor Bo Hamilton
- Approved a motioned to enter into a covenant with Pastor Bo Hamilton to serve as FPC's Pastor of Congregational Care
- Adjourned with prayer

The next session meeting will be Monday, January 15 at 6 p.m.

Reflecting on Our December Activities



Healing Farms Jingle and Mingle



Ladies Christmas Party



LOGOS



Ladies Christmas Party



LOGOS



Youth Christmas Party



Bethlehem Baptist Church
 2449 Santee River Road
 St Stephen, SC 29479

December 31, 2023

Pastor Timothy Scoonover
 First Presbyterian Church
 419 West Main Street
 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Dear Pastor Scoonover,

On behalf of the Bethlehem Baptist Church Family, we thank you for the food donations that we received. The food you donated will make a positive difference for our members as it will help eliminate food insecurity for families in crisis in the community. We are so grateful for your support and we are thankful that we are able to continue our mission to assist our church family and community. Again, we thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,

The Bethlehem Baptist Church Family



January Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Kelly
- 1 Michael Matthews
- 5 Presley Hoffer
- 5 Shirley Rivera-Hicks
- 6 William Devereux
- 6 Tedd Pounds
- 7 Rachel Gallager
- 7 Scott Shepherd
- 9 Anita Shuler
- 10 Jennifer Coffey
- 10 Nicholas Ferez
- 10 Baxter Orvin
- 11 Burt Causey
- 12 Tim Dunlap
- 15 Sal Lackey
- 15 Shelly Rucker
- 15 Jane Williams
- 17 Brantley Brewer
- 18 Trinity Baughn
- 19 Laurie Lusk
- 20 Chris Hawley
- 21 Doug Bowles
- 21 Marcy Erhard
- 23 Grace Cannon
- 24 Chris Wilson
- 25 Adah Brewer
- 25 LeCroy Montgomery
- 25 Anna Propst
- 25 Norma Stever
- 26 Joy Matthews
- 27 Len Graham
- 27 Neva Peagler
- 27 Georgia Spencer
- 29 Janet Lucas
- 29 Roy Smith
- 31 David Riley



Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, Jan. 18 at 11:30 a.m.** This is a good time of fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends. Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.



Ladies Circles Meet on Monday, Jan. 8

All women of the church are invited and welcome. This is a time of fellowship, Bible study and making new friends. Circles meet once a month on the 2nd Monday.

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m. at the church. For more information, contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420 for more info.

Circle 2 will meet at 6 p.m. at the home of Cyndy Britt, 1693 Old Whitesville Rd., Moncks Corner. Give Cyndy a call at 843-509-9614 for more information.

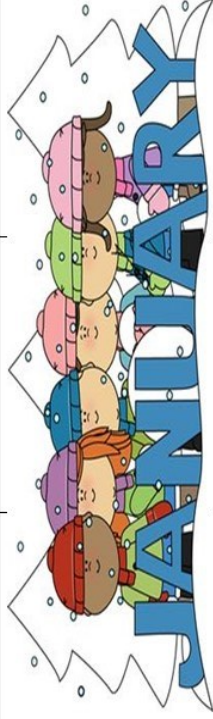
Commitment Report	Budget for 2023	\$495,184.00
	<u>Dec. 31</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 6,969.27	\$ 570,951.94
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 9,522.76	\$ 495,184.00

Food Pantry Ministry

Please bring dried beans and grits for the month of January.



January 2024 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service	1 1:00 Prayers & Squares	2 Office Closed Observance of New Year's Day	3 11:00 Prayer Ministry 6:00 Youth	4 12:00 Mission Ministry	5	6
7 <i>communion</i> 10:45 Congregational Meeting	8 10:00 Circle 1 at the church 6:00 Circle 2 Home of Cyndy Britt 6:00 GriefShare	9 8:00 Home School Coop 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 BLOOD DRIVE 5:30 Soup Kitchen	10 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	11 11:00 Children's Adv. Workshop 11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon 6:30 Ladies Hello- Goodbye Workshop	12	13
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*It hurts to lose someone.
You are not alone.*

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. It's a warm, caring environment that you will find as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief.

**A new session began on Monday, January 8 at 6 p.m. through April 1.
If you missed the first session, you can still join any time.
We meet in the gymnasium.**

**For more information:
contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249 or charatkins17@yahoo.com**

**If you know someone that is grieving and could use the support this group can offer,
please tell them about GriefShare.**

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**Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God,
IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**