



With the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476, a debate began over which pope held authority over the whole church – the one in Rome or the one in Constantinople. Absent a powerful patron, the Western church largely deferred to the Eastern church in religious matters, since the patriarch of the East enjoyed the support of the powerful Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire. However, with the rise of the Frankish Kingdom in the West and the erosion of Byzantine power in the East, the pope in Rome increasingly asserted his authority. While these two major branches of Christianity had been growing apart for some time, the crisis accelerated in the 11th century over the inclusion of the “Filioque” clause in the Nicene Creed. While Christians in the East would say, “*the Spirit proceeds from the Father,*” those in the West would say, “*the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.*”

In 1053, the Patriarch of Constantinople, Michael Cerularius, attacked many practices common to western Christianity. His words came to the attention of Pope Leo IX, who sent a delegation under Cardinal Humbert to reassert Roman authority, something Cerularius refused to accept. Tensions would build as the two factions dug in their heels. Leo died early the following year, which would have nullified the legate’s authority; however, the news was slow to arrive in Constantinople (or was perhaps ignored). Humbert entered the Hagia Sophia on July 16, placing a bull of excommunication on the altar. The act was interpreted to mean that the entire church in the East had been excommunicated. Parishioners rioted, burned the bull, and Cerularius responded by excommunicating the Roman delegation. This is known as the Mutual Excommunication of 1054 – the date traditionally given for the official break between Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy.

In spite of the schism, relations between East and West remained cordial. The sacking of Constantinople by French and Venetian crusaders in 1204, greatly diminished hopes for reconciliation. Communion between the two churches was briefly reestablished at the Council of Florence in 1439, albeit symbolically. Any further efforts all but ended with the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453. (Ironically, the mass exodus of religious scholars from the East to the West would sow the seeds of the Protestant Reformation.)

The Eastern Orthodox Church is the second largest Christian denomination in the world with 300 million adherents. The term “Orthodox” derives from the Greek words *orthos* (“true” or “right”) and *doxa* (“belief”). There are seventeen “autocephalous” (administratively independent) churches in the Orthodox Communion, although there is no consensus among members over which churches are actually autonomous. Each church is led by a patriarch, who oversees the church within particular geographic bounds. Nearly half of Eastern Orthodox Christians fall under the authority of the Russian Orthodox Church (an issue hotly contested by those in Ukraine and the Baltic States). Meanwhile, conversations over reconciliation between East and West continue to this day.

“Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.” – Luke 13:29

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship



3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024



11:00am Worship

All Wear Pink

*Ex. 20:1-17 and Ps. 19;
1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22*

4th Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

8:30am & 11:00am Worship
*Num. 21:4-9 and Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22;
1Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21*

5th Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

8:30am & 11:00am Worship
*Jer. 31:31-34 and Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps.
119:9-16; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

Palm/Passion Sunday- Holy Week
March 24, 2024

8:30am & 11:00am Worship
Egg Hunt after the 11:00am
*Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:2-16
and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion: Isa.
50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16*

*Resurrection of the Lord/
Easter Day*

March 31, 2024

8:30am Beach Worship & 11:00am
Worship
*Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9 and Ps.
118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts
10:34-43; John 20:1-18*



We will begin our monthly collections again in March for Operations Christmas Child

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to leave your donations.

For **March**, we are collecting: soccer balls with pumps, toy cars, and small stuffed animals.

Shalotte Presbyterian Church
Re. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Betsy Braddock | Kitty Green | John Cardwell |
| David Martin | Linda Stackhouse | Kim Smithwick |
| Scott Taylor | Rusty Russ | Steve Wingfield |
| Rich Winslow | Sarah Henry | Lynne Young |

Kitty Green, Clerk of Session

The Board of Deacons

| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Deb Claxton | Brenda Lewis | Lurae Albert |
| Sarah Braddock | Barbara English | Leslie Claiborne |
| Audrey Lee | Rosalee Rockafellow | Tobin Henry |
| Mabel Winslow | Carol Kauffman | Susan Lehmann |



Sunday Worship Services
8:30am and 11:00am

The 11am service is streamed live on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel.

The **Nursery** is available during the 11am service.

Adult/Children/Tween Sunday School is offered from 9:45 - 10:30.

SPC Scholarship Challenge -3/3/24

We will have a special collection on Sunday March 3rd for the SPC Scholarship Fund. **TWO** members will match donations collected on that day up to \$1500. Please support our college bound members!

News From the Session:

At their stated meeting of on February 27, the Session considered information from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina East Community Steering Team regarding a request to join other churches in the East Community to participate in a project to relieve medical debt for those in serious need in out East Community counties. Partnering with the national non-profit, RIP Medical Debt (<http://ripmedicaldebt.org>), the East Community is asking each of the 48 churches to participate in this effort. The Session **APPROVED** participation and requests that the Missions and Benevolence Committee determine the appropriate monies to be contributed to this effort.



GSMA Lenten Worship Services

Wednesday's 12 Noon

March 6; Shallotte Presbyterian Church

March 13; St Luke Lutheran Church

March 20; Camp United Methodist Church



7:00pm Worship Service



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View our church directory online or via the **FREE** mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now."

Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the App store in iTunes, Google store simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

Need help or have questions?

*Please contact __ Christina
910-754-6929*

Need additional assistance? Bring your phone to the church during the week, I am your tech support 9-1:00pm Mon-Friday.

*Are you a shadow box in our online directory?
Steve Wingfield is the man with the camera!*

Once we fill it up with pictures, Instant-ChurchDirectory can be printed out, for those without Mobile apps.

SuperBowl of Caring donations
\$991.00



NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

SPC "UBER" Chariots

There is now an "Uber" service for those who are unable to drive to church. Call Carole Stephenson to arrange transportation to and from Sunday

services, or any church function. Please try to give her a day's notice so she can organize your request with an "Uber" church driver. If you would like to be a driver and assist Carole with this service, please contact her. This committee is needed and will have no committee meetings (Yea)! We now have four additional handicapped parking spaces available on the fellowship side to assist in arrival and departure.

Carole Stephenson
Chairman

Celebration Circle News



Our Celebration Circle met on Valentine's/Ash Wednesday February 14th with 39 ladies attending. Our Bible Study, Lesson 6 from Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts by Olive Mahabir, "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Christ" was led by Lynn Auman. The main idea was "God calls us to affirm that each person is a child of God who should be treated with dignity and equity." Lynn also told us about accommodating a disabled child in her orchestra class who was such a joy for the rest of the class.

The Secretary's report by Susan Alley was approved. Mindy Cardwell provided the Treasurer's update. Beth Spoon reported that Streetreach donations in January was \$550. Our mission for February - the SPC Scholarship Fund. She provided some history about the Scholarship fund. She advised us of other organizations that are supported by the Missions and Benevolences budget. SPC will pack and distribute at The Pantry on February 23rd/24th; the next Red Cross Blood Drive will be the afternoon of February 26th.

Valentines and gift cards have been sent to college students. Life membership nominations were taken during the meeting. Lynn Auman submitted the End of Year Report for SPC Presbyterian Women.

Recognition for the Gifts of Women will be held during Worship on Sunday, March 3rd. Myra Chapman will lead the service. Women of all ages are asked to participate, especially in the Women's Choir! All members of the congregation are encouraged to wear Pink (including the men)!

Members were asked to express their interest in the following PW leadership positions for 2024-2025: PW Coordinating Team – Vice Moderator and Treasurer; Celebration Circle - Vice Moderator.

A training event for Effective Church Leaders will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24th in Burgaw. If interested, contact Carol Kauffman.

Circle members remind all women attending SPC, you're invited to attend and be a part of our Celebration Circle. We are happy to assist with transportation as needed. Please call the church office a few days before the monthly meetings to request a ride. We enjoy meeting with everyone who attends!

Thank you Ed Carter for instructing our Sunday School leaders through a CPR class on Saturday, January 27th.



*John (Bill) and Ann McPhaul
Templeton of Cary
215 Brightmore Dr.
Apt. 106
Cary, N.C. 27518*

62 Units of Blood was collected on Feb 26th, thank you to Tammy McKethan for taking over for Ann McPhaul who made this her mission for years.



INVITING ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES!

Join us on **Sunday, March 24** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service for our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT**.

There will be activities and treats for all. Bring your own basket to fill with eggs.

Look forward to seeing you there!



PORCH South Brunswick Update
Donated in January
Total Donations - 6019 lbs
Total SPC Donations - 151 lbs
Donated in February
Total Donations - 4821 lbs
Total SPC Donations - 206 lbs
Food can be donated all month long at the church.

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY
STATS FOR
January 2024
Number of People Served
(Includes TEFAP)
Children 440
Adults 602
Seniors 461
Total 1,503



Sisters
Of
Strength
we

Please call **Elizabeth Lewis**
for more information
910-754-8493

Come Have Some Fun with the Girls!
It's no secret that an afternoon outing with the girls.....
(movies, lunches, shopping, etc.)

....is one of the things we gals enjoy most!

If you're interested in joining in on the fun,
*would **LOVE** to have you join our growing group!*

Friday, March 22, 2024
11:30am at Eggs Up (Shallotte)

MISSIONS & BENEVOLENCES' SPOTLIGHT ON
CHILDREN'S HOPE ALLIANCE

Children's Hope Alliance is the chosen name of the 2014 merger of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children. The founding organization of CHA began in Charlotte, NC in 1883 supported by the Presbyterian Synod and functioned primarily as orphanages. Prior to the pandemic, CHA was a place of refuge for children suffering from abuse and neglect, and requiring treatment and therapy.

The world is changing and children's needs are changing along with it. The focus moving forward has shifted to helping children within their family unit (whether biological or foster) rather than in group homes (which is much more costly). In 2022, CHA served over 2,500 children and families in 62 NC counties. A family unit is the very definition of home – not a building, campus, or institution. CHA's community-based service array is innovative and successful and growing. Their comprehensive programs give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing a safe family home, a pathway to healing, and a healthy start toward a bright future. Please visit www.childrenshopealliance.org for more insight into their mission and services. Thank you to our congregation for faithfully supporting this worthy cause through our Missions and Benevolences funding.



If you have placed a name on the list below and it needs to be removed, or if you would like to add a name please call or email the Church Office, 910-754-6929, church@atmc.net



Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families:

Pat Bell, Bella Black, Cynthia Boland, Marlana Braddock, Olivia Carelock, Pat Dobbins, Sheila Ehr Gott, Nancy Elwell, Hank Evans, Charles Greene, Marie Harrison, Richard Hilton, Mary Mac Holcombe, Scott Outlaw, Lantz & Peggy Lackey, Juanita Latham, Audrey Lee, Josh Long, Bob Mayhew, Lucie Oakle, Carol & Chuck Partridge, Anita Payne, Dean Rowell, Kaitlyn Smith, Lee Sullivan, Jim Townsend, Cindy Wilson.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Matthew 5:3-6

A Note from the Stewardship/Finance Committee

The following is a brief summary of our giving and related expenditures of the Operating Fund for the 1 month ended January 31, 2024 with comparative amounts for 2023 and 2022

| | 2024 <u>Actual</u> | 2023 <u>Actual</u> | 2022 <u>Actual</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Pledges & Other Offerings received | \$ 36,019.71 | \$ 31,760.93 | \$ 33,173.46 |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| Staff Ministry | 15,218.30 | 16,114.12 | 14,458.40 |
| Local Program Ministry | 822.15 | 488.12 | 434.37 |
| Property and Grounds | 8,453.47 | 8,107.36 | 4,795.49 |
| Administration | 1,412.58 | 1,447.83 | 1,226.63 |
| General / Sessional | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Missions and Benevolences | <u>5,161.00</u> | <u>4,987.00</u> | <u>5,407.00</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>31,067.50</u> | <u>31,144.53</u> | <u>26,221.89</u> |
| Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>\$ 4,952.21</u> | <u>\$ 616.40</u> | <u>\$ 6,951.57</u> |

A thought to consider....

“Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field”

Deuteronomy 14.22

Reminder:

When making a contribution to a specific fund or purpose, please make your check payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church and indicate on the memo line which fund you are contributing to. By doing this you will enable us to credit the contribution to the proper fund and insure you get credit for your contribution on your giving statement. We are unable to deposit checks that aren't made payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church. Also, the bank has requested checks be written in dark blue or black ink, as the electronic check scanners have difficulty reading other colors correctly.

Thank you from the Finance Committee, especially Linda Rowell, Treasurer.

Thank you,
The Finance Committee

SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Shallotte Presbyterian 2024 Golf Tournament

Mon. June 24, 2024

Shallotte Presbyterian Church is conducting their 16th annual Captain's Choice Community Charity Golf Tournament at Carolina National on Monday, June 24, 2024. Shotgun start at 8:30 AM. Registration and breakfast opens at 7:00 AM.

The cost is \$95 per golfer and this covers green and cart fees, range balls, continental breakfast, awards lunch, all tips and 20 Chance Auction tickets.

We are limiting the field to the first 120 golfers who submit their entry form and fee. If you want to play, we encourage you to submit your entry form and fee ASAP to ensure you a spot. The deadline is Friday, June 14, 2024. You do not need a team to register.

There will be 3 playing Divisions: Men's, Ladies, and Mixed. There will also be closest to the pin and long drive contest for all divisions, and plenty of games. There will be multiple winners in each division to be determined by how many teams are in each division. All prizes will be awarded to the winners at the awards luncheon afterward.

SILENT AUCTION WILL BE THE SAME

We typically have \$5,000 worth of items to auction, as always 100% of the funds received is given to those non-profits in need in our community. The Silent Auction will be held online again this year, and will close when everyone tees off.

All Silent Auction winners can pay for their winning bid items at lunch time.

THE 2023 TOURNAMENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We want to thank all those who participated or volunteered in last year's tournament. \$15,000 in proceeds were donated to 12 different non-profits or charities that focused on helping people in Brunswick County.

To register, go to:

www.ShallottePresGolf.org

For questions, please contact: Wayne Tillman at 732-306-0426 or hwaynet01@gmail.com

Church Family

Special Thanks to my SPC family for the cards, calls, texts, food, and PRAYERS, after my recent back surgery. You guys are the GREATEST!! I could not have made it without your kind and loving support!

Erskine Blount



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT SPC?

God brings to the body of Christ the members it needs to do the work it is called to do. The Holy Spirit may just be calling on your experiences, gifts and perspectives to breathe new life into our ministry!

If you're interested in learning more about the church or the membership process, please contact the church office.

(The process is easier than you might think!)
(910) 754-6929 or, church@atmc.net.



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Job Opportunity - Media and Technology Specialist

Job Summary

The Media and Technology Specialist is responsible for ensuring excellence through the skillful use of audio/video technology, live streaming technology, and social media channels. The Media and Technology Specialist is also for training and leading volunteers who are equipped to serve with excellence.

Ministry Accountability

The position reports to the pastor while also working closely with the Worship Committee to produce impactful, meaningful worship experiences using modern technology. **Other duties assigned as deemed necessary by the Pastor.**

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED required, post- secondary education in a related field preferred.

A minimum of two year's experience in a relevant position; experience in a church environment a plus.

Strong work ethic with ability to work a flexible schedule with minimal supervision.

Demonstrate strong working knowledge or ability to learn existing or acquired technology.

Experience working with WordPress, Facebook, YouTube and other communications platforms.

This is a part-time position regularly scheduled to work up to 10 hours per week as agreed upon between the incumbent and the Pastor. Set up, video and stream worship services on Sunday mornings and other special services.

Send resumes to church@atmc.net



We will be adorning our sanctuary with Geraniums this **Easter Season!** If you wish to participate, please fill out a form and leave it in the office with \$16

payment in cash or check made out to Shallotte Presbyterian Church by **March 22.**