



THE CHURCH VOICE

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Among the questions I receive most frequently as a pastor is one concerning the *Apostles' Creed* when we say, "I believe...in the holy *catholic* church." People ask, "Why do we affirm faith in the 'catholic church'? Didn't we break from the Catholic Church a long time ago?"

Well, yes and no. To explain, one must make a distinction between "Catholic" and "catholic". Now, Catholic (big "C") refers specifically to the Roman Catholic Church – popes, priests, pointy hats, etc. The term "catholic" (small "c"), however, refers more generally to the *entire* Christian church. The word "catholic" derives from two Greek words, *κατά* (*kata*), meaning "completely" and *ὅλος* (*holos*), meaning "whole". Thus, when we say, "I believe...in the holy *catholic* church," we are declaring that we are a "completely whole" body of faith with Jesus Christ as its head.

Almost every Christian denomination affirms faith in a universal, catholic church. Yet while most mainline Protestant churches believe ourselves to be in fellowship with all Christians, traditional Roman Catholic doctrine makes no distinction the "Catholic" church (big "C") and the "catholic" church (little "c"). Therefore, to be outside to the Catholic fold is to also be outside of Christ's church. (At least that's the party line – even among Catholics, this doctrine is subject to interpretation.)

Even though there are many different expressions of Christian faith in the world, we believe the church remains undivided, yet consists of two parts: The *church militant*, consisting of all believers entrusted with the worldly ministry of Christ, and the *church triumphant*, comprised of the saints, who having completed their work on earth, now rest with the Father. (These are also known as the *visible church* and the *invisible church*.) Although they exist and function in different realms, both churches have fellowship and union with one another, as expressed through the Sacraments. Together, they form the *church universal*.

Our confessional tradition acknowledges the wide diversity of thought and practice among these churches, yet it also affirms that not all expressions are legitimate. So how can we tell who's who? Historically, Presbyterians have affirmed belief in two signs of the "true" church: [1] The proclamation of the Word and [2] the right administration of the Sacraments. (Our *Book of Order* adds a third: [3] Ecclesiastical discipline uprightly administered.) While each particular church may differ somewhat in theology and practice, through faith, we celebrate the ways that we are all made "completely whole" in Jesus Christ!

"So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'." – Acts 11:26

Grace & Peace,
George

Looking Ahead for Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

7:00pm

Ex. 12:1-4(5-10)11-14

Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Day

April 5, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Pet. 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 2:42; John 10:1-10



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

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to leave your donations. For April, we are collecting: combs, brushes, and hair accessories.



Sunday Worship Services
8:30am
11:00am

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

The **Nursery** is available
9:30-12:00pm

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Communion

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday
Easter Sunday

8:30am Beach Service
Ocean Isle Beach, Driftwood Access
11:00am Sanctuary Communion

Shalotte Presbyterian Church
Rev. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

Class of 2026

John Cardwell
Kim Smithwick
Steve Wingfield
Lynne Young

Class of 2027

Patsy Calhoun
Mike Clawson
Eric Lehmann
Mac Warner

Class of 2028

Sandy Lacy
Mac McCall
Jeanne McLeod
Laura Thompson

Jenny Meekins, Clerk of Session

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2026

Lurae Albert
Leslie Claiborne
Tobin Henry
Susan Lehmann

Class of 2027

Linda Black
Sarah Braddock
Sarah Cook
Bart Norwood

Class of 2028

Paul Marlow
Tim Owens
Joanne Prettyman
Tom Tart

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk

Important Reminders

On Easter Sunday, we will have a special collection for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Your donation will help to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor & oppresses. Thank you for your generosity towards this important campaign!



PORCH COLLECTION DATES-
April 15th & 16th from 12-4pm.
 3610 Express Dr.

You can drop food off anytime throughout the month in the church office for **PORCH**.

Our Bible Study meets this month on **Tuesday, April 7, April 14, and April 21**

Sisters of Strength will meet on **Friday, April 24th** at 11:30at the Purple Onion in Shallotte.

Next Red Cross Blood Drive **June 22nd**



Session Notes

-Session approved for a Sheriff's Deputy to be present during worship services on a trial basis and will re-evaluate at

the March 24th Session meeting

-The Worship and CE Committees are working on Holy Week Services.



HOLY WEEK



April 2 Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Communion



April 5 Easter Sunday
8:30 Beach Service OIB
11:00 Sanctuary Communion



SPC Volunteers April 2026

| Date | Ushers | Greeter | Welcome | Acolyte | Liturgists | Camera | Nursery |
|------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 4/2 | Rosalee Rockafellow Cynthia Scramilin-Walrath | Sandy Lacy | n/a | n/a | Ed Carter | Wingfield | n/a |
| 4/5 | Mike Clawson Laura Thompson | Leslie Claiborne | Linda Stackhouse | Mary Grace Carter | Sarah Henry | Freeman | Dale Krause |
| 4/12 | Kim Smithwick Susan Lehmann | Jeanne McLeod | Eric Lehmann | Penny Nemrow | Gail Thomas | Wingfield | Audrey Lee |
| 4/19 | Steve Wingfield Mac Warner | Tim Owens | Bart Norwood | AJ Pendergrass | Wayne Tillman | Cook | Laura Thompson |
| 4/26 | Mac McCall Leslie Claiborne | Tom Tart | Mac Warner | Mary Grace Carter | Mindy Cardwell | Miller | Mary Miller Pendergrass |



Celebrating the Gifts of Women

Celebration Circle – March Meeting Report

Hosted by Linda Stackhouse and Sarah Henry, the Celebration Circle held on March 11th was attended by 33 ladies. Treasurer Jeanne Curry announced that over \$1500 was donated for last month’s mission to the Vicky Blount Scholarship Fund. Amazing! A big thank you to the Presbyterian Women who so generously contributed. We are also thankful for everyone who participated in the wonderful “Celebrating the Gifts of Women” service that was held on March 1st. The March Mission of the month was the Rose House collecting monetary donations and feminine products. Ruth Owens gave a summary of this recovery center for women and other upcoming mission events. Valentines and gift cards were sent to SPC college students who are away from home. Awarding the Life Membership for Deb Claxton will be held on Sunday, May 24th.

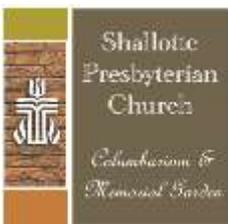
Our Bible Study was enthusiastically led by Margaret Causey on “The Woman Who Was Bent Over” from Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. Margaret started with a video from Luke 13 depicting the story of Christ healing the bent over woman. As followers of Christ, we are to serve with a compassionate and healing spirit and be part of setting people free. Jesus also teaches us that good church leaders should have a spirit of compassion and are to be part of healing and setting people free.



The April Celebration Circle will be held on **Wednesday, April 8th**. All women of the church are welcome to come. So, we hope to see YOU at our next Celebration Circle at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

We are already planning for the coming fall as the Celebration Circle takes a “summer vacation” after the April and the May meetings. Gratefully, the slate of officers for the Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team (PWCT) and for the Celebration Circle in the 2026-2027 season is complete. Our next Bible study book for Circle starting in September was announced to be United Through Christ, Bound To Each Other based on Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians and sign-up sheets for monthly Bible study leaders and hostesses were circulated.

Please enjoy the photo of our Margaret as the Bent Over Woman and some from the Gifts of Women service.



Is anyone available to speak with me and/or my family about my plans? **I just don’t know** how to begin making decisions.

Yes, our Pastor, George Chapman, and any member of our Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee is willing to meet with you and your family. This subject can be a delicate one as families may have difficulty discussing plans for after death. Please call the church office or Betsy Braddock to arrange a time to meet.



Brunswick Family Assistance

One of the local missions generously supported by the M&B budget is Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA). Your pledges, tithes and offerings help fund the donations passed along to BFA from Missions and Benevolences. Founded in 1981, BFA is celebrating the 45th year of helping the needy in Brunswick County. From the BFA website comes this vision: “We envision a community where all people have access to an adequate and nutritious supply of food and sufficient resources to sustain themselves. BFA shall continue to be a leader in partnering with other organizations to help solve community problems.” In 2025, BFA served 38,474 Brunswick County neighbors, provided over



\$223,600 in financial assistance and distributed more than 547,000 pounds of food.

This year, join Brunswick Family Assistance’s 45th Anniversary Celebration fundraising events. You’ll have a fantastic experience, and support a worthy cause. Don’t miss out on this special occasion! The next event will be a Pig Pickin’ at 59 Causeway Grill on May 3rd 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Ticket Price: \$25 (includes admission and dinner). Enjoy live music and a variety of fun activities! You can purchase tickets at: <https://brunswickfamily.org/45th-anniversary-celebrations/>. BFA is also planning its annual Golf Tournament fundraiser for Monday, November 16th. Watch for more info in the upcoming months.

If you would like additional information about BFA, you’ll find more at their website: brunswickfamily.org or just ask any of the SPC members who are on the current BFA Board of Directors: Myra Chapman, Wayne Tilman and Deb Claxton. They’re always happy to spread the good news about BFA!

Please join us!

The Lord's Food Pantry

A MINISTRY OF SBIC

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

FOR A NEW PANTRY HOME

Right now, one in seven families in our area are facing food insecurity. We're collecting funds to build a larger Pantry to better serve our hungry neighbors in Brunswick County. We have challenges of generous matching pledges up to \$340,000. Your contribution to our campaign can make a real difference.

Please act now!
Learn more at: www.thelordsfoodpantry.org

SCAN TO DONATE!
SEE THE DROPDOWN TO INDICATE YOUR DONATION GOES TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - USE PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Food Pantry Sunday is **April 12**
We are collecting **Spaghetti Sauce (please no glass)**

PORCH COLLECTION DATES-

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THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR February 2026 Number of People Served (Includes TEFAP)

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Children | 537 |
| Adults | 945 |
| Seniors | 555 |
| Total | 2,037 |



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:

Farah Abosapa, Sandra Applegate, Pat Bell, Bill Coggins, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Terry Gavin, Geoff Goetz, Bob Gorman, Diane Bonds Haley, Robert Hasting, Peggy Hughes, Wray King, Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Bob Mayhew, Marlene Medar, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Carol Partridge, Colin Prettyman, Nessa Rouff, Harry & Suzanne Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Cindy Wilson, Linda Wortman, Bill Young & Lou Zimmerman

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 2 months ended February 28, 2026 with comparative amounts for 2025 and 2024.

| | <u>2026</u> <u>Actual</u> | <u>2025</u> <u>Actual</u> | <u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pledges & Other Offerings received | \$ 95,655.16 | \$ 67,653.35 | \$ 66,920.75 |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| Staff Ministry | 35,739.48 | 34,004.24 | 32,176.63 |
| Local Program Ministry | 5,515.04 | 3,388.47 | 3,392.91 |
| Property and Grounds | 16,139.86 | 24,592.80 | 20,220.32 |
| Administration | 3,226.26 | 3,207.74 | 2,966.31 |
| General / Sessional | 492.04 | 436.24 | 102.06 |
| Missions and Benevolences | <u>9,710.00</u> | <u>9,710.00</u> | <u>9,160.00</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>70,822.68</u> | <u>75,339.49</u> | <u>68,018.23</u> |
| Revenues over (under) Expenditures | \$ <u>24,832.48</u> | \$ <u>(7,686.14)</u> | \$ <u>(1,097.48)</u> |

A thought to consider....

Offerings are not fees or dues given out of obligation.
They are gifts of Thanksgiving returned to God from the heart.



Scholarship Challenge Sunday March 8, 2026 CONGREGATION THANK YOU X 7 X 77

WOW! WOW! YOU met the challenge BIG TIME with your generous donation of \$4,922.00 on Sunday March 8th and I am happy to say that all three challengers had to cough up \$4000.00 total. We have such a loving and caring congregation; you folks never cease to amaze me! No money was left on the table!

Special Thanks to the Celebration Circle for their donation of \$1,562.00, and to two new challengers with a donation of \$1000.00 each and to one member of our congregation who donated \$1000.00.

On behalf of the Stewardship and Finance committee,

Thank you so much!

Erskine Blount, Project Chair

QUILTED FLOWERS



National Garden Club Small-Standard Flower Show

Presented by Coastal Garden Club

Member of:

National Garden Clubs

South Atlantic Region Garden Clubs

Garden Club of North Carolina - District 11

Friday, April 24, 2026 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

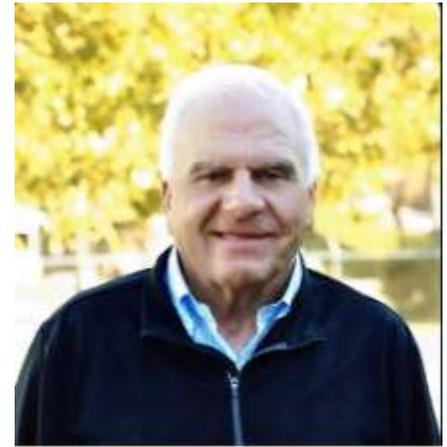
Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Shallotte Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall

5070 Main Street

Shallotte, North Carolina 28470

Open and Free to the Public



Congratulations to Rich Winslow for being inducted into the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Greensboro on March 7! According to his biography, *“Rich Winslow is a highly respected and influential figure in North Carolina youth soccer, whose career spans more than three decades of exceptional coaching, leadership, and service. His legacy is defined by an unwavering commitment to player development, competitive excellence, and the sustained growth of girls’ and women’s soccer at the local, regional, and national levels.”*

The full bio may be found here:

www.ncsoccerhalloffame.org/inductees

We thank Rich for his lifelong commitment to improving the lives and encouraging the gifts of young people in our state through sports, and being an important part of this church community!

Call to
Worship

Worship Services in Sanctuary at 8:30am and 11:00am.

Sunday School Classes 9:45-10:30.

Nursery available 9:30-12:00.

The 11:00am Worship Service is streamed live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

April 2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday with Communion.

April 5 Easter Sunday Christ Is Risen!

8:30am Beach Service at Ocean Isle Beach Driftwood Access (No charge for parking during church hours)

11:00am Sanctuary Communion Service

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 **Celebrating 60 years of
Worship on the Beach** 

Interdenominational
sponsored by the
Shallotte Presbyterian Church

Sunday 8:30am

Memorial Day — Labor Day
(May 24) (September 6)

One mile west of the Pier
Ocean Isle Beach 

Traffic and Parking Attendants
will assist you at the
Driftwood Beach Access

 Rev. George W. Chapman III, Pastor
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New members Classes will recommence **April 12 & 19th**. There is no obligation to join the church should you decide to participate, nor are these classes required for membership. They merely present an opportunity to learn more about this church, the history of Presbyterianism, and the theological beliefs that take place following 11:00 worship, lunch will be provided, so if you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Christina no later than **April 7** at church@atmc.net

