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Origen of Alexandria (c.185-254) was born in Alexandria, Egypt to Christian parents. As a youth, he was provided a traditional Hellenistic education, later studying under Clement, a local bishop. Origen's father was martyred during a persecution by Roman Emperor Septimus Severus. According to legend, the young Origen wished to follow his father into martyrdom, but he was prevented from doing so after his mother hid his clothes. At just the age of eighteen, Origen led Clement's Christian school in Alexandria, where he gained a considerable following. He practiced a life of extreme asceticism, living off the sale of books from his family's vast library. He became well-known as a teacher and scholar in Alexandria and other regions where he traveled.

Civil unrest forced Origen to leave Alexandria for Palestine. He returned three years later to spend the next decade and a half teaching and writing. The new bishop (perhaps jealous of his fame) attempted to expel Origen from the church. In 231, he returned to Caesarea, where he was ordained into ministry. Years later, he founded a Christian school in Palestine that also taught science and the humanities. He preached frequently, sometimes daily. Still, his orthodoxy was routinely called into question, yet he was able to counter his critics through his writings. Indeed, the church would often appeal to Origen to refute emerging heresies. In 251, Origen became swept up in another major persecution and was tortured by local authorities. He survived, but died of his injuries years later.

Origen made monumental contributions to Christian doctrine during his lifetime, particularly in the area of scriptural interpretation. He was among the first to propose a New Testament canon. He established the concept of *sola scriptura* ("scripture alone") as the sole authority in church matters. Still, Origen rejected scriptural literalism, regarding biblical accounts as allegories intended to teach truth, not fact. As a teacher, Origen was known to challenge his students by pushing boundaries. Theories such as the immortality of the soul, reincarnation, and universalism, were highly controversial. In some cases, Origen suggests a "subordinationist" theology, where Jesus the Son was subordinate to God the Father. This idea would gain support among churches in the East, culminating in the Arian Controversy in the 4th century. For this reason, despite his major contributions to Christian theology, Origen has never been canonized by the Catholic Church.

Among Origen's most famous works is the *Hexapla*, a Greek translation of the Old Testament that was among the first to account for textual variants. Origen wrote extensive commentaries and letters, but very few survive in their entirety. Many of his sermons, however, have been preserved. His treatise, *On First Principles*, perhaps reflects his most developed theological ideas. Even though the majority of Origen's writing has been lost to time, the fraction that remains still makes Origen one of early Christianity's most prolific writers. Recently, a collection of twenty-nine original sermons by Origen on the Psalms was rediscovered and published in June of 2012.

"If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed."

— 1 Timothy 3:6

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship

July 6, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16; II Kings 5:1-14



July 13, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Luke 10:25-37; Colossians 1:1-14

July 20, 2025

8:30 am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 27, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Luke 11:1-13; Genesis 18:20-32



August 3, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 10, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Genesis 15:1-6; Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

August 17, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 24, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 31, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Luke 14:1, 7-14; Jeremiah 2:4-13



Shallotte Presbyterian Church
Rev. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

Class of 2025

Kitty Green
Sarah Henry
Rusty Russ
Linda Stackhouse

Class of 2026

John Cardwell
Kim Smithwick
Steve Wingfield
Lynne Young

Class of 2027

Patsy Calhoun
Mike Clawson
Eric Lehmann
Mac Warner

Kitty Green, Clerk of Session

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2025

Barbara English
Carol Kauffman
Brenda Lewis
Rosalee Rockafellow

Class of 2026

Lurae Albert
Leslie Claiborne
Tobin Henry
Susan Lehmann

Class of 2027

Linda Black
Sarah Braddock
Sarah Cook
Bart Norwood

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk of Deacons

Sunday Worship Services **8:30am - Beach Worship** **11:00am - Indoor Worship**

The 11:00am service is streamed live on our Facebook page and on our YouTube Channel.

Nursery Available during 11am Service.



Free Parking
Ocean Isle Beach,
Driftwood Access

Important Reminders



Food Pantry Sundays are July 13th & August 10th

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may drop it off at the church or mail your check to the church office.



Wonderful Wednesday Dates - July 9th, and 23rd August 6th and 20th

**Sunday, August 3
Youth Sunday**

Rally Day to be Held September 7, 2025

The CE Committee is generating a list of substitute Sunday School Teachers for next year. Please call the church office if you would like to be added to that list.

September 14 Sunday School 9:45-10:30

The Worship Committee would like to welcome our newest Acolytes to our Worship Service, AJ Pendergrass and Penny Nemrow. Thank you ladies for bringing the light of Christ to our worship service on Sundays.



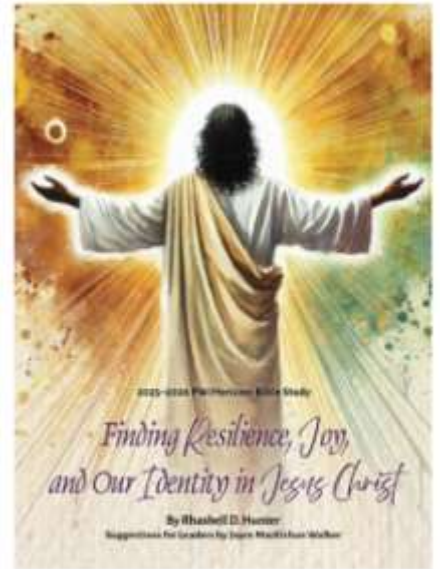
Greeters, Ushers, Liturgist & Welcome Table - July/August 2025 - Please check your schedule and sign-up in TBD boxes

Date	Ushers	Liturgist	Greeter	Welcome Table	Acolyte
7/6	Sarah & Tobin Henry	Helen Odum	Leslie Claibourne	Patsy Calhoun	Seamus Smithwick
7/13	Sarah Cook & Eric Lehmann	Sarah Henry	Susan Alley	Carol Kauffman	AJ Pendergrass
7/20	Kim Smithwick & Susan Lehmann	Dave Green	Leslie Claiborne	Eric Lehmann	Mary Grace Carter
7/27	Mike Clawson & Wayne Tillman	Myra Chapman	Carol Vealey	Rosalee Rockafellow	Penny Nemrow
8/3	<i>Youth Sunday</i>	<i>Youth Sunday</i>	<i>Youth Sunday</i>	<i>Youth Sunday</i>	<i>Youth Sunday</i>
8/10	Eric & Susan Lehmann	TBD	Leslie Claiborne	Linda Stackhouse	Steven Vattimo
8/17	Patsy Calhoun & Linda Stackhouse	TBD	Leslie Claiborne	Bart Norwood	Seamus Smithwick
8/24	Mike Clawson & TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Declan Smithwick
8/31	Kim Smithwick & TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Mary Grace Carter



Celebration Circle: If you are new to Shallotte Presbyterian, or maybe you've been attending Sunday services for a while, but have not joined the circle, maybe this fall will be "your" time. Celebration Circle meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30, September through May. We have a Bible Study. This year's study is **Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our identity in Jesus Christ** by Rhashell D. Hunter. We have a short business meeting following the Bible Study and also fund a different mission project each month. It's a great way to get to know other church members and it's always fun fellowship. We enjoy a light luncheon to celebrate the Thank Offering in November, a covered dish luncheon in December, and a salad luncheon in May in conjunction with the Birthday Offering Program and the installation of officers.

If you are interested in joining Celebration Circle, please contact Gail Thomas at 910-231-4935. That way we can add your name and contact info to the yearbook and order you a Bible Study book if you need one. The cost of the Bible Study book has increased to \$14. Dues are \$7.



And to those that are already circle members, mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30. **SAVE THOSE DATES!**

2025 Shallotte Presbyterian Charity Golf Tournament – Another Big Success

The Shallotte Presbyterian Charity Golf Tournament was held on Monday, June 16, 2025 and celebrated our 17th year. Pastor George Chapman opened the event with a prayer. This year, the tournament hosted 96 players, and the proceeds of registration fees, hole sponsorships, mulligan sales and business sponsorship donations auctioned off exceeded **\$13,500**. The tournament was held at Carolina National Golf Club at Winding River Plantation in Bolivia. Many Golf Committee volunteers and members of the congregation personally visited businesses and golf courses to solicit donations, and also managed the tournament day registrations and payments. Committee members included Erskine Blount, Bill Johnston, Barry Auman, Carolyn Voorheis, Mike and Deb Claxton, Joanne Prettyman, Barbara and Lee McManus, Gail Thomas, Linda and Marvin Stackhouse (Photographers) and Linda Tillman. A list of non-profits that receive our 2025 proceed donations will be provided in the annual report. I want to thank all the volunteers who spent countless hours making this an extremely successful event of fun and fellowship. This will be the last year for me as coordinator since I am now the Fundraising Chairperson for Brunswick Family Assistance.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Tillman, SPC Golf Tournament.



Pastor George



Team Braddock



Team Auman/Hammer



Team Watts/Hoyle

MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE: SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION Operation Christmas Child



This month's mission and benevolence spotlight is on Operation Christmas Child, a division of Samaritan's Purse. Our church serves as a drop off location for our area for national collection week in November. There are so many ways, both big and small, that you can get involved in OCC:

- Bring items to the church narthex each month for our church-wide annual shoebox packing party (see the giant box!)
- Pack a shoebox of your own (or more than one!)
- Volunteer during National Collection Week for a shift or to provide snacks for our team of volunteers (NCW is 11.17.25 thru 11.24.25)
- Write a check to OCC to help our church wide packing party

Each shoebox can be tracked to its final destination around the globe, and the magic of this ministry helps children learn about the love of Jesus Christ! Our church has a special connection to OCC: we continue the legacy to memorialize Susan Clawson, who brought this opportunity to our church almost 11 years ago! Susan's father, Lowell Furman, was instrumental in founding this ministry with the Franklin Graham family.

Contact Betsy Braddock or Sarah Braddock or Christina in the church office to get involved.

Betsy Braddock [404.281.5242](tel:404.281.5242) cell [910.754.9635](tel:910.754.9635) office

July-Sewing & Fishing Kits, Reusable water bottles or cups

August- Soccer balls with pumps and other active toys

****A great source for these is Western Star wholesale ****



Community Counseling Center: Updates

SPC has long supported the Community Counseling Center, which started as a mission and outreach of local PC(USA) churches. Then and today, the Center's vision is "Seeing the value in everyone, we empower our clients and our community with high-quality mental health care, regardless of financial barriers to therapy."

Contributions to the Center support a sliding scale payment option for clients. That means when individuals do not have health insurance and cannot afford the full fee for therapy, the Center works on a sliding scale based on household income. To meet the need, generous donors, churches, and grants support the Center.

In a given year:

- The Center helps 600+ clients in 9 counties
- Ages 5 to 95
- 5000+ therapy session
- 85% of self-pay clients using the need-based sliding scale payment option

How can I support the Community Counseling Center?

- Donate online at <https://www.wantcounseling.com/become-a-supporter>
- Mail a check to Community Counseling Center, 4810 Wrightsville Ave, Wilmington, NC, 28403
- Attend **Pints for Purpose**, a special fundraising event benefiting the Community Counseling Center on **Thursday, July 10th from 5:30-7:30 PM** at Wilmington Brewing Company (800 S Kerr Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403). Wilmington Brewing Company will donate \$1 for every pint of select beer purchased during the event directly to the Community Counseling Center.
- Stay tuned for information about a Silent Auction fundraiser in the Fall!



Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families

Katie Baskette, Pat Bell, Mike Black, Toni Brittian, Mike Claxton, Pat Dobbins, Jon Gilbert, Bob Gorman, Charles Greene, Marie Greene, Charlotte Guker, Wray King, Ann Lamport, Bob Mayhew, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Chuck & Carol Partridge, Harry Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Cindy Wilson, Robin Wilson & Bill Young

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

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 5 months ended May 31, 2025 with comparative amounts for 2024 and 2023

	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	<u>\$215,780.92</u>	<u>\$180,736.58</u>	<u>\$172,476.06</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	85,103.13	79,736.56	80,389.19
Local Program Ministry	11,410.78	8,877.50	5,867.46
Property and Grounds	60,362.90	46,567.84	76,966.33
Administration	9,920.00	8,353.20	7,367.64
General / Sessional	570.05	102.06	0.00
Missions and Benevolences	<u>24,007.00</u>	<u>24,257.00</u>	<u>24,369.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>191,373.86</u>	<u>167,894.16</u>	<u>194,959.62</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 24,407.06</u>	<u>\$ 12,842.42</u>	<u>(\$ 22,483.56)</u>

A thought to consider....

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”



There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss. We all miss Christian more than anyone will ever know.

With much love,

Craig, Judith Allen, Chad, and Cameron Huffman.

My dearest and treasured members of SPC. During my surgery and ongoing recovery, I have been reminded over and over with extremely kind encouraging notes, calls, flowers and visits. I cannot begin to express my gratitude and appreciation for the reminder of what wonderful Christians you are. It has up lifted me beyond measure. I am still in Rehab trying to heal from bad breaks and learn to walk again. I have gained strength from the church and people I will always love. I may not be there in person, but my Spirit is with you also. Love each of you and I am so proud of you, and of the work you

do.

In God's Grace. Marie Greene

Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is gathering names from the congregation of nominees to serve as elders and deacons for the class of 2028. We will elect four elders and four deacons to serve a three year period, beginning January 2026 and ending December 2028. When elected, all officers will attend an officer training program taught by Pastor George to assist them in their role as an officer of SPC.

To assist you in your selection of nominees, we are including an overview of officer duties. The elders and deacons work together to serve the needs of the church.

Elder responsibilities include:

- attending a monthly session meeting to attend to the business matters of the church
- serving on a standing committee
- assisting as an usher for worship service on a rotating basis
- assisting with baptisms or communion as needed
- being involved in all aspects in the life of the church.

Deacon responsibilities include:

- reaching out often to communicate and shepherd an assigned group of church members
- attending bi-monthly deacon meetings
- serving on a standing committee
- serving as an usher on a rotating basis for worship services.



You may have questions as you consider your nominations. Please direct these to any member of the committee. Members are Linda Stackhouse, Patsy Calhoun, Gail Thomas, Susan Alley, Tobin Henry, Wayne Rowell and Rev. George Chapman.

Nomination forms may be dropped off at the office, mailed to the church at P.O. Box 3256, Shallotte NC 28459, or emailed to the church at church@atmc.net.

We thank you for your support as we search for new officers for the class of 2028.



A big Shallotte Presbyterian welcome to our newest members:

**Linda Preston,
Cynthia Scramlin-Walrath,
Denise & Dave Cypher, and
Debra Crawford**



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Scan with your Smartphone to Access
our NEW Online Giving Web Portal!



www.facebook.com/shallottepresbyterian



Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday August 25
1:00-5:30pm



SPC Mary Martha is a very important ministry here at our church. We already have a great list of helpers we just need a chair and a co-chair. Mary Martha works closely with the church office to coordinate details of receptions following memorials. If you are interested in being involved, chairing or co-chairing this most needed ministry please call the church office 910-754-6929.



Please Join Us
August 3, 2025
11:00am

Featuring Shallotte Presbyterian Youth:

Spencer Agner	Penny Nemrow
William Agner	Audrey Smithwick
Mary Grace Carter	Declan Smithwick
Salem Jones	Seamus Smithwick
Mary Payton Pendergrass	Dylan Thomas
A J Pendergrass	Steven Vattimo

Appreciation & Recognition Reception
after Worship Service In Fellowship Hall

Church Accessibility Survey

Thank you to each respondent to our survey early this year. We have compiled the results and feedback, and we have determined there is not a need for further exploration into alterations to our parking lots and accessibility in and around our facilities. We sincerely appreciate each person that took the time to complete the survey.
Betsy Braddock

