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**William Henry Sheppard** was born to a family of black freedmen on March 8, 1865, in Waynesboro, Virginia – just one month before the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. His family attended the First Presbyterian Church, which was not segregated at the time (and later the pastorate of one Rev. George Chapman!). Educated locally, Sheppard would attend Hampton Institute where he studied under noted author and educator Booker T. Washington. While there, he became intrigued by the idea of Black Americans traveling to Africa as missionaries.

Sheppard's interest was encouraged by his pastor, Dr. Frank McCutcheon, and on October 28, 1883, he was received as a candidate for ministry by Lexington Presbytery. After graduation, he attended Tuscaloosa Theological Institute, where he met future wife Lucy Gantt. He was ordained a pastor in 1888 in Atlanta, but he did not care for life in the segregated South. He made several appeals to the Presbyterian missions board to create a new mission to Africa (there were none at the time) but was frustrated by their rejections. Finally, they relented on the condition that he have a white supervisor.

Sheppard partnered with fellow minister Samuel Lapsley to commence a mission to the Congo in 1890. After securing the permission of the Belgian king, Leopold II, the two traveled to Leopoldville, and then proceeded east into the countryside. At first, Sheppard regarded the native Congolese as uncivilized; they, in turn, referred to him as *mundele n'dom*, or "black white man". However, relations soon became amicable. While Sheppard and Lapsley succeeded in establishing a church, conversion was largely resisted by local natives. The African environment proved harsh as well, as Sheppard contracted malaria twenty-two times during his first two years there. Nevertheless, the mission persevered. Sheppard would become fluent in the native Kuba language, which allowed him to travel to previously unexplored towns and villages. Lapsley would die from malaria in 1892.

Sheppard sailed to England in 1893, where he would meet Queen Victoria and be inducted into the Royal Geographic Society. Sheppard was joined in Africa by Lapsley's replacement, William M. Morrison, and the two would be instrumental in documenting the atrocities and human rights abuses that arose from the Belgian occupation of the Congo. Mark Twain would cite Sheppard's work in his 1905 pamphlet *King Leopold's Soliloquy*. Sheppard and Morrison would be sued by Belgian rubber corporation for libel, but were soon acquitted. Later, Sheppard would help form the Congo Reform Association, one of the world's first humanitarian organizations.

After the mission board learned news that he had fathered an illegitimate son in the Congo, Sheppard would be recalled to the United States in 1910. He brought with him an important collection of native clothing and crafts that he had collected over the years. He and his family settled in Louisville, Kentucky, where he served as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, while overseeing other black missionaries. Due to his many adventures, he gained prominence as a lecturer, nicknamed, "The Black Livingstone". His health declined rapidly after a stroke in 1926, and he would pass away on November 25 the following year. Memorials would be held in both Louisville and Waynesboro. The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley in Alabama is named for him and his former colleague.

*"[Jesus replied] You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* – Luke 1:8

Grace & Peace,

George

# Looking Ahead for Worship

2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 7, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
*Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13*



4th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
*Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11*

3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 14, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
*Psalms 116:1-2; Romans 5:1-8*

5th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 28, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
*Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6:12-23*



There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to leave your donations. Thank you  
For **June**, we are collecting toothbrushes and sewing kits



**Sunday Worship Services**  
8:30am Beach Worship  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship

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

The **Nursery** is available  
10:45-12:00pm

8:30am Beach Worship  
**Free Parking**  
**Ocean Isle Beach,**  
**Driftwood Access**

11:00am Sanctuary Worship

**No Sunday School**  
**May 24-Sept.6**

**Shallotte 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:

- Wonderful Wednesdays begins **June 10, 6:00pm**
- **Sunday, June 14th** “60 years of Beach Worship Celebration”
- **Monday, June 22**, Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-5:30pm
- Wonderful Wednesday, Bingo Night, **June 24, 2026 6:00pm**
- **Thursday, June 25th**, **The Lord’s Pantry, Packing 1:00pm**
- **Saturday, June 27**, **The Lord’s Food Pantry, Distribution 8:45-12:15pm**



## Session Notes

The Session approved a proposal from

the Technical Task Force to upgrade our audio/visual systems in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, and upgrade our security systems.



Ice Cream Social  
 Wonderful Wednesday  
 Kick-off  
 June 10, 2026  
 6:00 pm  
 In church Fellowship Hall

Please join Christian Education Committee in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00pm for an Ice Cream Social. This will kick-off for our summer Wonderful Wednesdays. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Bingo Night

With  
 BLT Sandwiches, Chips, Tea and  
 Cookies

June 24, 2026

6:00 pm



Join us as we play Bingo and have fresh BLT Sandwiches and fixings. We will start at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to this great time of Fellowship and fun! We hope you will attend!

## SPC Worship Volunteers June 2026

## 8:30 Beach Worship Services all month

Date	Ushers	Greeter	Welcome	Acolyte	Liturgists
6/7	Sarah Cook Mike Clawson	Tom Tart	Linda Stackhouse	Charlotte Stewart	Betsy Braddock
6/14	Eric Lehmann Tom Tart	Joanne Prettyman	Patsy Calhoun	Steven Vattimo	Wendy Hughes
6/21 Father's Day	Eric Lehmann Jeanne McLeod	Susan Lehmann	Bart Norwood	Seamus Smithwick	Patsy Calhoun
6/28	Kim Smithwick Marcia Dove	Joanne Prettyman	Helen Odum	Declan Smithwick	Ryan Smithwick



## Celebration Circle – May Meeting Report

Celebration Circle held its end of the circle year meeting on Wednesday, May 13 with around 35 in attendance. Chairperson, Margaret Causey, opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ Candle. She then taught the final Bible lesson from Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ: “When You are Walking with Jesus.”

Following the lesson, a short business meeting was held. Our summer mission project will be to collect cards (get well, thinking of you, sympathy) and stamps for our Sunshine Friends. Give the stamps to Christina for safekeeping until Ruth Owens takes over in September. Ruth will be assuming the role that Sarah Henry has held previously. Ruth will be sending cards to those in the congregation who might need encouragement.

After the business meeting, Jenny Meekins, Clerk of Session, installed both the PWCT and Celebration Circle officers for the upcoming circle year.

### PWCT:

**Moderator** – Deb Claxton  
**Vice-moderator** – Lynn Auman  
**Secretary** – Linda Stackhouse  
**Treasurer** – Linda Tart  
**Historian** – Suzanne Simpson/Helen Odum  
**Missions** – Marcia Dove

### Celebration Circle:

**Moderator** – Dale Krause  
**Vice-moderator** – Susan Alley  
**Secretary** – Wendy Hughes  
**Treasurer** – Cynthia Scramlin-Walrath



Dale Krause led the Birthday offering celebration with a brief program and video describing this year’s recipients, one of which was in Haywood County, NC. The Birthday Offering is open to the congregation for donations until the end of May. Margaret Causey talked about the “least coin” and offered a prayer of dedication along with a blessing for the meal. The group then enjoyed a fantastic covered-dish salad luncheon. Mmmmm!

**Summer Project: Collecting Assorted Cards & Stamps for Sunshine Friends, may be dropped off in Narthex on Sundays or anytime at church.**

Watch for our first meeting in September. It’s always on the second Wednesday at 10:30.



SAVE THE  
DATE





## Mission update – SBIC and The Lord’s Food Pantry

**Have you heard?** The South Brunswick Interchurch Council is conducting a Capital Campaign to build a permanent home for The Lord’s Food Pantry! The new pantry will be built on a property at 605 Holden Beach Road that the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC) has already purchased outright. You may have seen the big yellow sign on the property as you drive down Holden Beach Road. It’s situated right beside the Thrift Store run by the Christian Recovery Center.

As of now in May, the Capital Campaign has collected just over \$500K toward the construction of the building. Several of this church’s families have generously contributed toward the goal of \$1.25 million with which there’s hope of ultimately not having a mortgage for the Pantry. If you are able to contribute to this worthy goal, Mike and Deb Claxton will be more than glad to provide more information.

The Lord’s Food Pantry continues to provide groceries to families every Friday evening and Saturday morning. Clients may come once/week, every week that they are in need of food. The all-volunteer force is proud to say that they do not turn anyone away who comes for food. Shallotte Presbyterian’s church coordinator for volunteers is Joanne Prettyman. SPC serves at the Saturday distribution on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every other month. The next opportunity will be this month in June. Joanne will be looking for volunteers to pack Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to pack at 1:00pm, and to serve on Saturday morning, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

See the photo for a glimpse of the sign currently posted at the front of the Pantry. Please consider helping The Lord’s Food Pantry reach the goal of building a new, permanent home!



### THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR

April, 2026

Number of People Served

(Includes TEFAP)

Children	450
Adults	813
Seniors	537
Total	1,800

**Food Pantry Sunday is June 14,  
We are collecting Spaghetti or  
other pastas.**

**SEA BREEZE HARLEY DAVIDSON**  
**BIKE & CAR SHOW**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

REGISTRATION 9am - 10:30am  
\$25 ENTRY FEE

TROPHIES, PRIZES, 30/30 RAFFLE AWARDS AT 2:30 PM

FOOD INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FEE  
VENDORS • MUSIC • GAMES

**BIKE CATEGORIES**

- BEST CUSTOM BUILD
- BEST PAINT / GRAPHICS
- BEST VINTAGE BIKE (20+ YEARS)
- BEST PERFORMANCE
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE
- SCOUTS CHOICE
- BEST TOURING BIKE
- BEST CRUISER

**CAR CATEGORIES**

- BEST CLASSIC CAR
- BEST CUSTOM CAR
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE
- SCOUTS CHOICE

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**A Second Helping 3G**  
FOOD RECOVERY AND REDISTRIBUTION

**CAN YOU HELP US HELP OTHERS?**

**LOCAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
07:15 - 10:30am

Let's come together to share the blessings and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need

**WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO COLLECT FOOD!**

- You can pick which Saturdays you are available.
- Make new friends while serving others!
- Know that you are making a difference!
- Invite your friends and family to volunteer with you!

**For More Info**  
Wicki and Bert Barman  
602-666-2436

**Second Helping 3G** collects food from exiting vacationers for distribution through the Brunswick Family Assistance Program.



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:

Sandra Applegate, Jane Batten, Pat Bell, Beth Boyer, Bill Coggins, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Terry Gavin, Geoff Goetz, Bob Gorman, Sally Gunn, Diane Bonds Haley, Robert Hasting, Lori Hartz, Peggy Hughes, Wray King, David Martin, Bob Mayhew, Brownie McLeod, Bill & Ann McPhaul, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Carol Partridge, Rosalee Rockafellow, Suzanne Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Cindy Wilson & Bill Young.

### 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 4 months ended April 30, 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	\$193,676.81	\$169,513.08	\$144,438.12
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	72,030.81	68,134.08	63,773.73
Local Program Ministry	8,090.82	8,844.15	6,947.88
Property and Grounds	44,460.91	48,403.95	37,054.67
Administration	7,495.53	7,748.24	6,498.54
General / Sessional	653.03	570.05	102.06
Missions and Benevolences	<u>20,308.00</u>	<u>20,508.00</u>	<u>220408.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>153,039.10</u>	<u>154,208.47</u>	<u>134,784.88</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 40,637.71</u>	<u>\$ 15,304.61</u>	<u>\$ 9,653.24</u>

#### A thought to consider....

“Happiness is not made by what we own, it is made by what we share.”

By Jonathan Sacks

A prominent Jewish leader in Britain who was granted knighthood in 2005

# Call to

# Worship

## Worship Services

**11:00am Sanctuary**  
**8:30am Beach Services**  
Driftwood Beach Access  
May 24 through September 6

**June 7 11:00 Communion Services in the Sanctuary**  
**June 14**  
**June 21 Father's Day**  
**June 28**

**Please welcome our newest Acolyte Charlotte Stewart**

SPC is delighted to introduce the newest member of our Acolyte team: **Charlotte Stewart**. Charlotte is the eldest daughter of Jim and Madison Stewart, and has two younger sisters Hadley and Harper. Charlotte turned 9 on May 13th and has a mini poodle named Pearl. She enjoys legos, volleyball and summer cheer camp. She is an avid reader, having finished the Harry Potter stories and will be starting Wings of Fire. Charlotte and her sisters have been active in the Sunday School program. Charlotte will be the Acolyte June 7th.





Many, many thanks to our Shallotte Presbyterian Youth who helped to lead our worship service Sunday, May 17th: AJ Pendergrass, Mary Payton Pendergrass, Mary Grace Carter, Declan Smithwick, Steven Vattimo, Dylan Thomas and Seamus Smithwick.



Children's Sermon Appearance made by Anthony Bloom.

SPC Youth meet in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday from 3:30-4:45.

If you know of a young person of a middle-high school age who would like to join us for this time of fun and fellowship, please contact the church office for further information.

Featuring Shallotte Presbyterian Youth



*I would like to thank the members of this Congregation for the get well cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the Hospital and the Rehab center after a bad attack of Vertigo. These things were greatly appreciated. I am home now with Physical Therapy coming to my home to help me with my balance when walking. I am making some progress. Again thanks to the Members. May God Bless You all and may he continue to Bless Shallotte Presbyterian.*

-Lou Zimmerman

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**2026** Celebrating 60 years of  
Worship on the Beach

**June 14th**

Beach Services  
Sundays 8:30am

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

 **Interdenominational**  
sponsored by the  
**Shallotte Presbyterian Church**

Traffic and Parking Attendants  
will assist you at the  
**Driftwood Beach Access Ocean Isle Beach**  
One mile west of the Pier

Vicki Ann Blount  
Memorial Scholarship (2026-2027)

Due to the generosity of the congregation and  
several donors we are able to award three  
Scholarships for the 2026/2027  
academic year.  
Since 2019 we have awarded 26 Scholarships  
for a total of \$52,000!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE**  
**2026/2027 RECIPIENTS!**  
***Mr. Spencer Agner***  
***Mr. William Agner***  
***Ms. Katie Madison***

The scholarships were awarded at the  
May 31, 11:00 am. Worship Service.

  
**Scholarship**