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One of our Session's long-term projects for this year is to revamp our Church Operations Manual to create a resource that parishioners and future congregational leaders may rely upon for day-to-day church operations. The first part of this process will be the formation of a new mission statement for our congregation. One website I consulted defines a mission statement as, "*a concise, actionable summary of an organization's fundamental purpose, defining why it exists, what it does, who it serves, and its core values.*" So, for a church, a mission statement is more than just a slogan, it provides the context for that congregation's mission. It answers the question: "*Why are we a church?*"

Currently, the mission statement for Shallotte Presbyterian Church is: "*As a friendly, loving, and caring church, we demonstrate our love and obedience to God; we joyfully share our time and talents as we bear witness to Christ through word and deed; and we strive to bear witness by being a strong example of Jesus Christ in our community and the world.*" And while all of this remains true, the nature of Christian mission is always evolving. Like many churches in the post-Covid era, congregational life has changed much in just a few short years, so our mission statement should reflect the current mission priorities of our church.

A corollary for this will be to create a vision statement as well. A vision statement is forward-focused, providing a strategic framework for a church's future mission, asking: How do we see our role in our community five, ten or twenty years from now? How can we continue to respond to emerging needs locally, nationally or globally? What new areas of mission would we like to prioritize? While the mission statement will describe who we are, the vision statement will reflect who we hope to be.

For example, one thing that has changed in recent years is the extent to which we open our facilities to other like-minded community organizations (Scouts, Quilters, AA, etc.). We consider this part of our outreach to the wider community. If supporting those and other area nonprofits (Brunswick Family Assistance, the Lord's Food Pantry, etc.) is important to us, perhaps this is something that should be reflected in the mission and vision statements in some capacity.

Anyway, our hope is that the members of our congregation would be willing to lend their voice to this process. A good starting point may be to think of five words that you would use to describe Shallotte Presbyterian Church; then think of five more to describe what you hope our church will be. If you would like to share your thoughts, please let me, Lynne Young, or Jeanne McLeod know. We would be delighted to hear from you!

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go." – Luke 10:1

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 7:55-60; Pet. 2:2-10



Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship Begins

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 17:22-31; Pet. 3:13-22



Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20



7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 1:6-14; Pet. 4:12-14



There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to leave your donations. Thank you
For *May*, we are collecting *small dolls and Sunglasses*.

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



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

8:30am Beach Service Begins
May 24-Sep. 6
Ocean Isle Beach, Driftwood Access
11:00am Sanctuary Worship

Beach Schedule begins May 31st
No Sunday School

Important Reminders:

Saturday, May 2 Memorial Service, Mr. Richard Payne, 1:00pm



Sunday, May 3 8:30 and 11:00 Communion Services in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day with guest minister Joel Long.

Sunday, May 17 Youth Sunday featuring SPC Youth members.

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost wear red
8:30am First Beach Service of the 2026 Season.

PORCH COLLECTION DATES-

May 13th & 14th from 12-4pm.

3610 Express Dr.

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

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



-Committees are working hard on the work of the church and planning church activities.

-The Session approved the SBIC capital campaign to be advertised throughout our church.

-The Session approved the continued employment of a Sheriff deputy in our sanctuary for our Sunday services for a year. The Session will re-evaluate at that time.

Pal m Sunday

"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Worshippers at Shallotte Presbyterian Church commemorated the triumphal arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem with a choir procession and waving of palm branches as everyone sang, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna". After the 11:00am worship the children had crafts, snacks, fellowship and our annual EGG HUNT!!



SPC Volunteers May 2026

Date	Ushers	Greeter	Welcome	Acolyte	Liturgists	Children SS
5/3	Mac Warner Marcia Dove	Patsy Calhoun	Linda Stackhouse	Steven Vattimo	Molly Frederick	Ruth Owens Patsy Calhoun
5/10	Sarah Henry Tobin Henry	Kim Smithwick	Helen Odum	Seamus Smithwick	Sarah Cook Pulpit: Joel Long	Janet Norwood Linda Stackhouse
5/17	Youth	Youth	Bart Norwood	AJ Pendergrass	Rusty Russ	Jeanne McLeod Patsy Calhoun
5/24	Mike Clawson Lynne Young	Jeanne Curry	Eric Lehmann	Declan Smithwick	Marvin Stackhouse	Ruth Owens Andrea Smith
5/31	Chris Gilbert Linda Gilbert	Carol Vealey	Helen Odum	Steven Vattimo	Betsy Braddock	Sunday School on Summer Vacation



Celebration Circle – April Meeting Report Presbyterian Women

Celebration Circle met on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Moderator Margaret Causey opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ candle. Susan Alley and Gail Thomas served as hostesses.

The Bible study lesson on “Remembering Jesus’ Baptism” was led by Gail Thomas. This lesson is a comparison of the four Gospel accounts of the baptism of Jesus. Jesus’ baptism was a sign to all who were there and a seal to Jesus that he was a beloved child of God, just as our own baptism is an acknowledgment that God has been with us from the beginning and is with us still. We, too, are claimed as beloved children of God. As we search for our own identity, we remember not only who we are, but whose we are. Some will never know Christ unless they see him in us and through us. We need to let that identity shine through.

Following the Bible study a short business was held. All officer positions have been filled. Celebration Circle is still looking for some ladies to serve as hostesses and some volunteers to lead the Bible study next year. Contact Margaret Causey or Dale Krause if you would like to serve as hostess or Bible study leader.

Be sure and put the May meeting date on your calendar: May 13th. Suzanne Simpson will lead the Bible study. We will celebrate the “Birthday Offering.”

Dale Krause will lead the program. Jenny Meekins, Clerk of Session, will install the new officers. Margaret Causey and Dale Krause will be hostesses for our annual salad luncheon following the meeting. Please join us for this year end celebration.

The Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held April 25 at Panthersford Presbyterian in Red Springs. The group will leave from Shallotte Presbyterian at 7:15 am.

The summer project for PW will be to collect **cards** (get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc) and **stamps** for “Sunshine Friends.” Ruth Owens will be taking over this effort from Sarah Henry.



Call to Worship

Worship Services

8:30am Sanctuary

11:00am Sanctuary

8:30am Beach Services

Driftwood Beach Access

May 24 through September 6

May 3 8:30 and 11:00 Communion Services in the Sanctuary

May 10 Mother’s Day with guest minister Joel Long.

May 17 Youth Sunday featuring SPC Youth members.

May 24 Pentecost *wear red* as we celebrate the Holy Spirit

8:30am First Beach Service of the 2026 Season.

May 31 Trinity Sunday as we celebrate the Three Persons of God:
The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

8:30am Beach Service at Driftwood Beach Access.

EASTER AT SPC

*“Why do you look for the living among
the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”
Luke 24:5-6*



Shallotte Presbyterian Church celebrated Easter at OIB and then in our Sanctuary. With 1200 worshippers for the early morning beach service and a large crowd of youth, to kick off our Easter celebration! Perfect weather and an engaged makes for another memorable Easter Sunday Beach Service. Then back to Shallotte for Sunday School classes and the Sanctuary for the Communion Service. Gerber daisies adorn the chancel thanks to many generous gifts of Easter Memorial & Honor Dedications while Paul leads the choir in beautiful music and George leads us in worship. *Alleluia Christ is risen!*



We enjoyed the Easter Service on the beach at OIB which has become a tradition for us. Thank you for your willingness to provide this wonderful ministry. Love You
Dina Crystal
David





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, Pat Bell, John Cardwell, Bill Coggins, McKenzie Coleman, Cynthia Davis, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Terry Gavin, Geoff Goetz, Bob Gorman, Diane Bonds Haley, Robert Hasting, Peggy Hughes, Wray King, Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Bob Mayhew, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Carol Partridge, Harry & 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 3 months ended March 31, 2026 with comparative amounts for 2025 and 2024.

	2026 <u>Actual</u>	2025 <u>Actual</u>	2024 <u>Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	\$143,995.67	\$120,643.21	\$ 112,338.38
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	53,952.96	51,006.36	47,927.08
Local Program Ministry	7,232.70	6,427.17	4,762.61
Property and Grounds	38,436.25	39,995.45	30,907.30
Administration	5,159.01	5,694.87	4,336.96
General / Sessional	653.03	497.05	102.06
Missions and Benevolences	14,584.00	14,509.00	14,459.00
Total Expenditures	<u>120,017.95</u>	<u>118,129.90</u>	<u>102,495.01</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 23,977.72</u>	<u>\$ 2,513.31</u>	<u>\$ 9,843.37</u>

A thought to consider....

“Set apart a tithe of all yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field”
Deuteronomy 14.22

Reminder: When writing a check to the church, please use black or dark blue pen so the bank reader is able to read your check.

May 10th Mother's Day

8:30am and 11:00am with guest minister Joel Long

Come celebrate Mother's Day at SPC!

Rev. Long is a frequent visitor to the SPC pulpit, having served numerous times in the past three years. He regales us with humorous stories of when George was a boy in Charlotte, and his Time With The Young People captivates and educates the youth and adults alike. He has also worked with the SPC Deacons on training and procedures to further enhance that valuable ministry. We are grateful to have him in the SPC pulpit May 10th.



Please join us
May 17th

Featuring Shallotte Presbyterian Youth



May 24th Pentecost

8:30 Beach Service Begins
OIB Driftwood Access
11:00 Sanctuary

WEAR RED



The concept for CRCI began in Ash, NC, in 2010 with a pastor who found it his mission to invite those people in who were suffering from addiction. He gave them food when they were hungry, shelter if they were homeless, and clothing when they were cold. Most importantly, he showed them what God's love was like. The small nonprofit began


with a residential facility for only 12 men. It became apparent in 2015 that the problem was not limited to one gender and efforts were initiated to begin helping women. By 2020, plans were developed for a women's residential facility. The Rose House, a 10,000 sq. ft facility accommodating 28 women plus staff, opened in 2022. A residence donated by Steve and Becky Ray in 2020 enabled a larger men's residential facility, and the Ray House doubled the occupancy of the men's program at that time. In 2023 CRCI held the grand opening ceremony for its new 20,000 sq. ft. men's residential treatment center located in Shallotte, called Grant's Harbor. This facility has over 100 beds for men and now offers care for 24-month periods. In the Spring of 2026 CRCI held a grand opening for its newest facility, Bryant's Orchard. This brought the total capability to serve over 200 individuals in their struggle to overcome addiction. All at no cost to the participants.

The mission of CRCI is to "provide the spiritual and educational tools necessary for long-term recovery from the illness of addiction and the beginning of a successful life; The program is faith-based and incorporates several recovery resources all at no cost to the residents or their families. The program consists of four phases from initial adjustment and recovery to a re-entry program with the aim to help residents secure meaningful employment upon completing the curriculum.

Several opportunities exist for community support and involvement. CRCI and the Rose House are line items in the Mission and Benevolences Committee budget at SPC, and the Presbyterian Women have made donations to the Rose House. Financial support and volunteer hours are always welcomed.

Donations and/or shopping at one of 3 thrift stores: 593 Holden Beach Road SW, Shallotte; 1680 Seaside Rd SW, Sunset Beach; and their newest location 4536 Main St., Shallotte.

Financial support and volunteer hours are always welcomed. Donations and/or shopping at the CRCI Thrift stores. As part of the Re-Entry Program, the Workforce Redevelopment Program was established to fill employment history gaps resulting from residential recovery. The WRP works with three primary trade services industries for hands-on vocational training. CRCI Landscaping offers landscaping, pressure washing, mow and blow weekly services, tree trimming and softscape and planting. CRCI Cleaning offers commercial and residential routine cleaning, deep cleaning, window washing, and floor extraction. CRCI Catering offers corporate events, private events and personalized menus.



Shallotte Middle School
WE NEED YOU
Be A TEST PROCTOR!!
 May 15- 7:45-11:00
 May 19 - 7:45-11:00
 May 21- 7:45-11:00

910-756-6130 Ext. 15045

Union Elementary School needs items for their "School Store" for the end of the year. They need items that students could enjoy this summer. Please donate items to Union Elementary Here are some examples of what they are hoping to gather...

- *Uno Cards
- *Playing Cards
- *Sidewalk Chalk
- *Bubbles
- *Any type of balls



A Capital Campaign is on-going for funding to build a permanent home for The Lord's Food Pantry at 605 Holden Beach Road in Shallotte. This will enable us to serve the increasing number of individuals and families struggling with food insecurity. In 2025, the pantry served 7,971 families or over 29,000 individuals. Please check us out at- www.thelordsfoodpantry.org.

Food Pantry Sunday is May 10 We are collecting Cereal

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY	
STATS FOR	
March 2026	
Number of People Served	
(Includes TEFAP)	
Children	457
Adults	762
Seniors	508
Total	1727

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May, 2026



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2026 Celebrating 60 years of
Worship on the Beach

June 14th

Beach Services
Sunday 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



Volunteers Needed

We are in need of proctors for
end of grade testing at Union Elementary.

5/15/26	5/19/26	5/21/26
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Please scan the QR Code below or fill out this
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