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The English word “disciple” originates from the Latin word *discipulus* – a word that tells of the relationship between student and teacher, typically in the context of a trade. Therefore, a disciple can be accurately described as an “apprentice”. But as with any discipline, there comes a time for graduation, when the student leaves the teacher to do work on one’s own. The word “apostle” has origins in the Greek word ἀπόστολος (*apostolos*) which can be translated as “messenger”, or more literally, “one who is sent”. Therefore, Jesus’s apostles are former disciples who have been sent, or commissioned, to proclaim the Good News.

The story of Jesus’ apostles is told in the *Acts of the Apostles* – the second volume of the *Gospel of Luke*. It’s a story filled with transitions. While Luke’s gospel tells of the journey of the Good News from Galilee to Jerusalem, in Acts, we see the Christian faith marching west to invade Rome, the center of imperial wealth and power. The book focuses on Peter to start, but as the story progresses, Paul will assume center stage. Along the way, we are introduced to new names: Barnabas, Apollos, Timothy, Tabitha, etc. Yet the most radical change in Acts takes place in the Christian faith itself, as the Holy Spirit transforms a small band of local religious outlaws into a global, international movement!

Today, we find ourselves entering a new era for Christianity, or, what some scholars call “post-Christendom” – the ebbing of traditional religious worldviews that once dominated society and culture (for better or for worse). As the institutional church grows smaller and less influential in the West, it may be argued that the church of the 21st century will share more in common with the church of the Apostolic Age. Perhaps then, we should look with renewed interest toward those first apostles who faithfully served our Lord in the past to discover where the Spirit may be sending us next!

Most folks are unfamiliar with the *Book of Acts*. It rarely comes up in the lectionary, yet the events it describes are among the most consequential in scripture. If you read the story all the way through, you’ll notice that it’s open-ended. No one is quite sure why this is. Perhaps Luke never got around to writing a third volume, or perhaps it was simply lost to time. But maybe, this was intentional. Perhaps Luke recognized that it was not he, but the apostles of the future who would supply the ending, or at least, write our own chapter in this ongoing story of our redemption.

So, in the spirit of this epic pilgrimage, our **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** will begin a new segment on the ***Acts of the Apostles***. The fun begins **October 14 @ 6:00pm** in the **SPC Fellowship Hall**. Hope to see you there!

“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.” – Acts 1:8

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship



17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

8:30 am Worship

11:00am Worship

TBD

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

8:30 am Worship

11:00am Worship

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Jeremiah 31:27-34

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

8:30 am Worship

11:00am Worship

Luke 17:11-19; 2 Timothy 2:8-15

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

8:30 am Worship

11:00am Worship

TBD



We are collecting monthly for Operation Christmas Child

There is a collection box in the Narthex for your donations.

For **October**, we are collecting Small Toys and magnifying glasses or binoculars

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

Services are offered at the church at 8:30am and 11:00am.

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

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

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

November 9th- ONE service at 10:00am Consecration Sunday



Important Reminders
Food Pantry Sunday is October 12th. The pantry has requested SOUP for October.



Calendar Notes:

Oct 1 at 1:00pm PWCT

Oct 8 at 10:30am Celebration Circle

PORCH - will be collecting food donations at 3610 Express Dr. on **October 15th and 16th** from 12-4pm. You can drop food off anytime throughout the month in the church office for PORCH.

Oct 12 Congregational Meeting at the close of 11:00am Service

October 15, 22 & 29 Youth Group 3:30, FH

October 19 and 26 - New Member Classes will be offered starting at 12:15pm. Lunch will be served.

October 23 and 25 Packing/Distribution for **The Lord's Food Pantry** contact Joanne Prettyman

October 25 Session Retreat

October 27 - Blood Drive

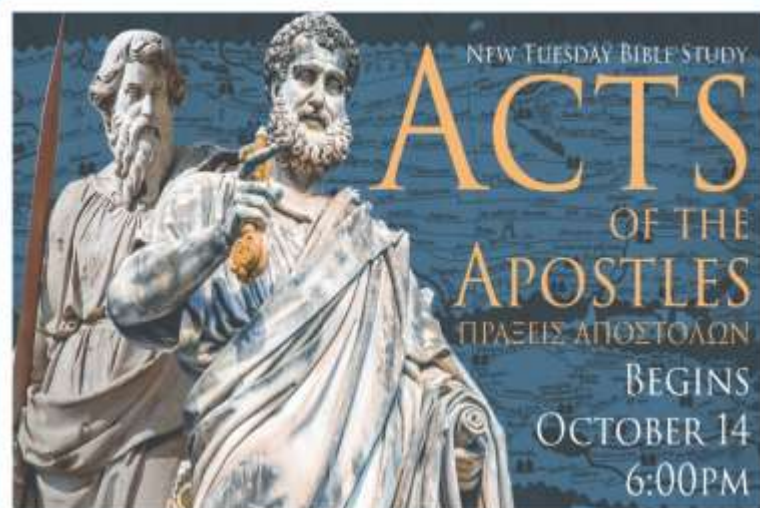
October 24 - Sisters of Strength at 11:30am at Smoked

November 2 - New Member Reception

November 9 - Consecration Sunday one Service at 10:00am

Highlights From 9/23/2023 Session Meeting
APPROVED

- Congregational Meeting held on **Sunday, Oct. 12** at the close of the worship service for the purpose of electing officers for Class of 2028
- Session Retreat to be held **Saturday, October 25** under the leadership of Jay Bender, CRE from Pollocksville Presbyterian Church and very active in our Presbytery.



The Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of the Gospel of Luke, tells the story of those who carried the Good News of Jesus Christ far beyond the confines of the Eastern Mediterranean, transforming the Christian faith into a global, international, and multicultural movement in fulfillment of the risen Christ's command to: "Be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [Acts 1:8] While the Book of Acts does not normally receive the same attention as other books and letters of the New Testament, the events described within its pages have some of the most profound and far-reaching consequences, from the Day of Pentecost, to the conversion of Paul, to the beginnings of the Gentile mission and beyond. The journey of the first Apostles (literally "those who are sent") can offer insight into where Christ may be sending his disciples as the church enters the uncharted religious waters of the 21st century.

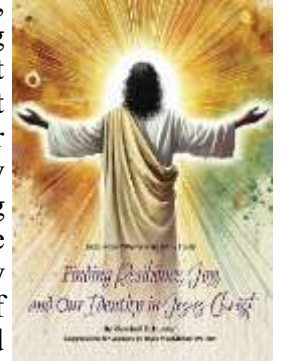
Greeters and Ushers - October, 2025

Date	Ushers	4 or 8 Servers	Liturgist	Welcome Greeter	Acolyte
10/5 8:30	Dick Wilson	Davis Milligan Wayne Rowell		Dick Wilson	
10/5 11:00	Kitty & Dave Green	Patsy Calhoun Kitty & Dave Green Lurae Albert	Jenny Meekins	Patsy Calhoun	Declan Smithwick
10/12	Bart Norwood & Mac Warner		Wendy Hughes	Eric Lehmann	Mary Grace Carter
10/19	Mike & Drew Clawson		Patsy Calhoun	Bart Norwood	Penny Nemrow
10/26	Rosalee & Lee Rockafellow		Deb Claxton	Mac Warner	AJ Pendergrass

Celebration Circle Our September Meeting



The Presbyterian Women's Celebration Circle met on Wednesday, September 10th in our first get together for 2025-2026. An amazing group of 52 ladies were in attendance as our leader, Margaret Causey managed not only the business portion of the meeting but also led our Bible study from *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Our first lesson focused on Mary Magdelene, the Tower. Our "faith was strengthened by learning more about Mary Magdelene, a towering witness to the resurrection" of Christ. Thanks to our hostesses Doris Greene, Mary Mercer and Andrea Smith. Thanks also to all who made a success of the Summer Mission Project. We collected over 100 pounds of leggings, tights and feminine products plus monetary donations for Shallotte Middle School and The Rose House. These have been delivered with much gratitude from these recipients. The PWCT has updated the Circle directory and has a few more available. Please note any corrections or additions that should be made to any officer or Christina. Hope to see you at our next Celebration Circle meeting on October 8th!



Our Cub Scouts troop 262 will be selling popcorn in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, Oct 12th. Bags are \$20 please help support a great cause !



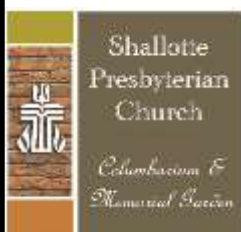
New Member Reception

Please join us on November 2 after the 11am service for a reception in the Fellowship Hall to welcome any members that have joined SPC over the past year.

The Nominating Committee will present their recommended slate of officers (4 elders and 4 deacons) for the class of 2028 at the **October 12** congregational meeting. After the 11:00am worship service.

HELPING WOMEN & TEENS
PW Summer Project
Donations were delivered to
The Rose House &
Local Schools

WOW!!
THANKS TO YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT
THE ROSE HOUSE
AND SHALLOTTE MIDDLE
SHARED
\$250.00 AND
OVER 100 POUNDS OF
FEMININE PRODUCTS
& LEGGINGS!
MANY THANKS TO ALL
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS
SUMMER'S PW PROJECT.



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.

PORCH South Brunswick Update

Donated in September
Children 676
Adults 1,106
Seniors 654
Total 2,436



MISSION & BENEVOLENCE: SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION CROP WALK

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Shallotte / South Brunswick CROP HUNGER WALK

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 1:00-4:00pm

MULBERRY PARK, SHALLOTTE

Save the Date for Sunday afternoon, Sunday, November 2nd and walk to fight hunger again. The SPC team has proudly supported the CROP Hunger Walk which is celebrating its 36th anniversary in Shallotte. Team captain will be Sarah Cook, your co-team captain will be Deb Claxton. They will be encouraging you to walk and gather supporters or to support the SPC team or individuals who will walk. Watch for more info!



Sandy Lacy is now representing SPC at Habitat for Humanity. If you have any questions or a desire to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, please contact Sandy.

SPC will be serving The Lords Food Pantry this month with packing on Thursday, October 23th and distributing food on Saturday, October 25th. Please contact Joanne Prettyman.

Our Flower chart is available if you would like to place flowers in the church on Sunday mornings for any special occasion or just because you found a pretty floral arrangement you would like to share with your church family. Please contact the Church Office at 910-754-6929. Thank you



DROP-OFF LOCATION HOURS:

Monday 11/17 10am-1pm

Tuesday 11/18 10am-noon

Wednesday 11/19 10am-noon

Thursday 11/20 10am-noon

Friday 11/21 noon-2pm

Saturday 11/22 10am-noon

Sunday 11/23 noon-3pm

Monday 11/24 9am-11am

NOTE: If you need to come at an alternate time, please call Betsy Braddock at 910.754.9635 or 404.281.5242



Blood Drive!

Monday, October 27th
1:00 - 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall



As You Prayerfully Prepare To PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT...

Please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, and don't forget to make it FUN!

Operation Christmas Child Collection will be here soon and it's time to start packing! There are empty shoeboxes available in the Fellowship Hall. Our church will serve as a Drop-Off Location for our region again this year. Please contact Betsy or Sarah Braddock if you would like to volunteer during National Collection Week, which will run from November 17-24. Thank You!



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



Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families

Katie Baskette, Pat Bell, Lillian Carlisle, Mike Claxton, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Debra Freeman, Bob Gorman, Charles Greene, Judith & Craig Huffman, Barry & Amy Hulsey, Wray King, Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Bob Mayhew, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Chuck & Carol Partridge, Nessa Rouff, Harry & Suzanne Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Cindy Wilson, Christine Wright & 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 8 months ended August 31, 2025 with comparative amounts for 2024 and 2023.

	2025 <u>Actual</u>	2024 <u>Actual</u>	2023 <u>Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	<u>\$317,199.29</u>	<u>\$271,811.44</u>	<u>\$281,241.71</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	136,110.80	128,494.72	123,104.24
Local Program Ministry	16,930.00	12,167.38	9,852.53
Property and Grounds	92,125.21	76,308.82	114,239.72
Administration	16,066.48	13,853.47	13,698.36
General / Sessional	810.39	102.06	147.66
Missions and Benevolences	<u>39,454.00</u>	<u>39,774.66</u>	<u>39,162.19</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>301,496.88</u>	<u>270,701.11</u>	<u>300,204.70</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 15,702.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,110.33</u>	<u>(\$ 18,375.53)</u>

A thought to consider....

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.



Guest Speaker Jarrett McLaughlin- November 9 Consecration Sunday

Jarrett joined the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill staff in August 2019. He grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina and became a “traitor” to his NC State traditioned family when he went to UNC-Chapel Hill for college. Missing youth group terribly, Jarrett quickly discovered Presbyterian Campus Ministry where, in addition to exploring his call to ministry, he also met Meg.

After college, Jarrett served as a youth minister for one year and then spent another year traveling, spending a great deal of time in Port-au-Prince, Haiti living in community with disabled children at Wings of Hope. He then went to Union-PSCE Seminary (now “Union Presbyterian Seminary”) and then went on to serve as an associate pastor for mission and young adult ministry at Village Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, MO. Prior to coming to UPC, Jarrett and Meg served as co-pastor Heads-of-Staff at Burke Presbyterian Church in VA.

When not engaged at Church, Jarrett enjoys running and hiking. He is also an obsessive music fan intent on keeping up with independent music of all kinds – reading blogs and record reviews, scoping out live shows and constantly spinning tunes in the car, home or office.



**Sunday, November 9th
10:00am Worship**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 9th** for our annual **Consecration Sunday Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall**. After we ask the Lord to bless our financial pledges for 2026, we will gather after **ONE service at 10:00am** for a wonderful lunch provided by Jerome's restaurant. You won't want to miss this meal as we gather together as a congregation!



All Middle and High School Youth-
SPC YOUTH GROUP

Will **NOT** meet October 1st or 8th
Join us October 15th, 22nd, and 29th
At 3:30 in the FH
Come and bring a friend!

Mission Minute Schedule for October Services

October 5 - Worship & Outreach
October 19 - Property & Grounds

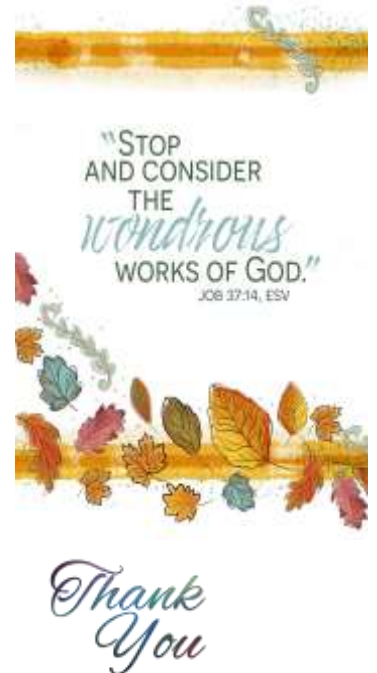
October 12 - Christian Education
October 26 - Missions & Benevolence

Stewardship Campaign Swings into Action in October



The Finance Committee has set **November 9 as Consecration Sunday**. As we prepare to gather together as a congregation for this important Consecration service and luncheon on that date, representatives of several church committees will speak during October services to detail how your pledge is carefully spent throughout the year. These presentations are designed to provide a better understanding of how our tithes are used to support the operation and upkeep of the church, as well as our mission and outreach efforts.

Please save the **November 9** date on your home calendar for our traditional congregational luncheon following the 10a.m. service. More information on Consecration Sunday will be provided during October.



Dear Friends,

We are deeply touched, comforted and thankful for the many expression of sympathy, cards and flowers we have received on the loss of Dianne O' Quinn Baxley, wife, mother and grandmother, who was a member of Shallotte Presbyterian Church for almost 50 years. We are also very appreciative of the donation provided by the Shallotte Presbyterian Golf Committee to Lower Cape Fear Hospice for a glass tile to be installed on it's memorial wall in memory of Dianne. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and concern at this time of our great loss.

-Doug, Kim Ryan Audrey, Declan and Seamus

Thank You

I would like to thank all members of SPC for their cards of sympathy on the recent passing of my daughter, Dawn Marie. It was so comforting to know she and both Cynthia and myself were in your thoughts and prayers. We both also know that we have two families, our immediate family and the family at SPC.

Thank you all again,

Dick & Cynthia Wilson

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Chancel Choir

For anyone who would like to sing
with the Chancel Choir

**December 7, at 10:00am. Please
come join us on Thursday
evenings at 7:00pm.**



Sunday, November 2



*Give Thanks for a little
and you will find a lot.*

As we begin our new year in Christian Education don't
forget that YOU are a perfect fit here at SPC.

Sunday School from 9:45-10:30am.

Children through adults are welcome to join!

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT SPC?

For anyone considering membership at
Shallotte Presbyterian Church,
NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be offered
October 19 & 26 following worship (around 12:15 or
so). These classes are NOT required to join the
church, nor is there an obligation to join should you
choose to participate; these classes merely present an
opportunity for folks to learn more about the
history, polity and theology of the Presbyterian
Church (USA), and explore the ways one can use
their gifts to serve the mission of this
congregation. Lunch will be provided.

If you're interested in learning more about
membership or what's involved, please contact the
church office. (The process is easier than you might
think!)

(910) 754-6929 or, church@atmc.net.