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For those of the Christian faith, the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans may be the single most influential text in the whole of scripture. While that may sound like a bold claim, even the early Christian community recognized the value of the letter, placing it first among the New Testament epistles. Not only does Romans occupy a sacred place among the Pauline corpus of letters, its verses lay the foundation of all Christian belief!

Scholars believe Paul wrote his letter sometime in the middle part of the 1st century to a small but growing Jewish-Christian community in Rome, which like many other early churches of the time, was struggling with its sense of identity. It was an era of rapid change, where many new converts were brought into the faith, radically altering the traditional ethnic and religious makeup of the community. As such, the church in Rome found itself increasingly divided in belief and practice and therefore appealed to Paul for guidance.

Of course, Paul never intended his letter to be scripture; even so, Romans is the most theologically rich of Paul's works. Concepts that we largely take for granted today are first articulated in Romans. Paul places Jesus' life, death and resurrection in the context of Jewish faith and tradition while underscoring the urgency of welcoming new voices into the fold. Later generations would rely upon Paul's words as early Christianity sought establish itself, not just as a community of believers, but as a *church*.

The Letter to the Romans greatly influenced the development of Augustine's most famous writings. Martin Luther largely based his *Ninety-Five Theses* upon Paul's claim that we are "*justified by faith*". After John Wesley heard to a sermon on Romans at Aldersgate, he, "*felt his heart strangely warmed*" – a spiritual experience that initiated the Methodist movement in earnest. John Calvin considered the letter essential to our understanding of the Bible as a whole. "*When one gains a knowledge of this epistle,*" he once wrote, "*he has an entrance opened to him to all the most hidden treasures of scripture.*"

It's interesting how words written almost two thousand years ago continue to influence the development of the Christian faith. Indeed, the Letter to the Romans continues to shape many of conversations taking place in the church and our denomination today. For these reasons, we will beginning a new Bible Study on **Paul's Letter to the Romans, Tuesday, October 13 @ 6:00pm** in our **Fellowship Hall**. Hope to see you there!

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith." – Romans 1:16

Grace & Peace,
George

Looking Ahead for Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

8:30 am Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 80:7-15; Matthew 21:33-46

World Communion Sunday



21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2024

8:30am Worship

11:00am Worship

Isaiah 45:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

8:30 am Worship

11:00am Worship

Isaiah 25:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2024

8:30am Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 90:1-6; Matthew 22:34-46



We are collecting monthly
for Operation Christmas Child
*There is a collection box in the Narthex
for your donations.*

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



American
Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE
at Shallotte
Presbyterian Church

MONDAY
October 26, 2026
1-5:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please call the Church Office for more information

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
Rosalee Rockafellow

Class of 2028

Paul Marlow
Tim Owens
Joanne Prettyman
Tom Tart

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk of Deacons



Sunday Worship Services

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

***New Members Classes on October
11th and 25th following worship at
11:00am**

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

The **Nursery** is available during Sunday
School and 11am service.

Adult/Children Sunday School begins
on Sept. 15 from 9:45-10:30am



Important Reminders

Food Pantry Sunday is October 11th.
The pantry has requested applesauce (no glass).



Calendar Notes:

- **Oct 7 at 1:00pm PWCT**
 - **Oct 14 at 10:30am Celebration Circle**
- PORCH** - will be collecting food donations at 3610 Express Dr. on **October 14th and 15th** from 12-4pm. You can drop food off anytime throughout the month in the church office for PORCH.
- **October 4, 11, 18, & 25th Youth Group 5:00pm, FH**
 - **October 11 & 25th- New Member Classes** will be offered starting at 12:15pm. Lunch will be served.
 - **October 18 - New Member Reception**
 - **October 22 and 24 Packing/Distribution for The Lord's Food Pantry** contact Joanne Prettyman
 - **October 26 - Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00-5:30pm**
 - **October 23 - Sisters of Strength** at 11:30am at Salty Cow
 - **November 8 - Consecration Sunday One Service at 10:00am**

Church News:

The **Nominating Committee** moved that a Congregational Meeting be held on September 20, 2026 at the close of the 11:00am worship service this meeting was held for the purpose of electing of officers for the **class of 2029** which are as follows:



Elders- Erskine Blount, Molly Frederick, Ken Krause, and Gail Thomas

Deacons- George Comstock, Debbie McCall Barbara McManus, and Helen Odum



Special Collection - October 4, 2026



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

Date	Ushers	Communion	Greeter	Welcome Table	Acolyte	Liturgist
10/4 8:30	Davis Milligan	Davis Milligan Donna Crews	Peace & Global Witness Offering			Pulpit Suzanne Simpson
11:00	Lynne Young Helen Odum	Kim Smithwick Ryan Smithwick Patsy Calhoun Erskine Blount	Linda Tillman	Linda Stackhouse	Charlotte Stewart	Leslie Claiborne
10/11	Mike Clawson Tom Tart		Carol Vealey	Patsy Calhoun	AJ Pendergrass	Carol Kauffman
10/18	Mac Warner Joanne Prettyman		Sally Gunn	Dale Krause	Jon Freeman	Beth Elliott
10/25	Eric Lehmann Susan Lehmann		Rosalee Rockafellow	Mac Warner	Dylan Thomas	Ed Carter



Celebration Circle September

Celebration Circle held its first meeting of the 2026-27 year on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All 46 ladies in attendance were welcomed by Dale Krause and Susan Alley, co moderators for Circle this year. Doris Greene and Andrea Smith were our hostesses for the morning. Celebration Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10:30 am, so be sure to save those dates on your calendar. Our meetings include Bible study, missions support discussions, sharing of prayer concerns, and a brief business meeting. Our Bible Study for this year is "United Through Christ, Bound To Each Other" by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Margaret Causey led our Bible study for September's meeting. She asked us to respond to various choices we make in our daily lives, helping us to be more aware of how diverse we are as a group. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he addressed the struggles and conflicts of the early church and reminded them to not let their diversity create divisions. He also reminded the people to never underestimate God's power of working through them, always keeping God at the center of the church. Paul's words are certainly relevant in the church today!

Our Summer Project was a huge success!!! Ruth Owens brought a storage bin to the meeting which was filled to the brim with cards and stamps to be sent to our Sunshine Friends and shut-ins. A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the project. The "Get Well", "Sympathy", "Thinking of You" and "Birthday" cards will hopefully be a reminder to the recipients that we are keeping them in our prayers and always in our hearts.

The next meeting of Celebration Circle will be October 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am. Our Bible study lesson number two, "Connected In Christ" will be led by Carol Kauffman. Hostesses will be Mary Mercer and Sandy Marlow. Our mission for October is Warm Homes, Warm Hearts. This mission raises money to help provide assistance to families struggling to pay their monthly electricity bills.

We partner with BEMC (Brunswick Electric Membership Cooperative) in this endeavor. BEMC matches all donations dollar for dollar. The PWCT (Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team) Hopes to see you at our October 14th meeting. As we said in our P-Dub skit earlier this month, "Come join us and prepare to be amazed"!!!



Jack and I would like to thank our SPC Family for all their prayers, kind notes, and concerns for our son, Justin. He had his neuro-surgery post-op appointment this week and was cleared to return to doing "normal things." The pathology report on the brain lesion was benign with NO sign of cancer and an extremely low chance of reoccurrence. He will have periodic follow ups. Your prayers and love have meant so much to all of us. God does answer prayer.

Thank you all.

The Treadway Family

*I thank my God
every time
I remember you.*
PHILIPPIANS 1:3 (NIV)

Dear Church Family,

How can we thank you enough for your caring thoughts, prayers, cards, hugs, and donations to the pantry? There aren't sufficient words to express our appreciation for the outpouring of love from SPC after the death of our son, Chris. We are truly one in the Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Deb & Mike



MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE:SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION Crop Walk

November 1st

Mulberry Park 1:00pm

One of the main activities for the Missions and Benevolences Committee is supporting the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC). The main focus of SBIC is feeding the hungry and one of the most important activities each year is participating in the CROP Hunger Walk. We walk to raise funds to fight hunger world-wide as well as locally.

CWS is a faith-based organization that deeply believes there is enough in this world for everyone. Born out of a desire to help the most vulnerable after World War II, it forms local partnerships to ensure that people everywhere have healthy food, clean water, a safe place to call home and the ability to fulfill their purpose. More than 75 years later, its mission and approach remain the same— through grassroots initiatives, it inspires the compassion of hundreds of thousands of individuals and organizations, and through sustainable development projects, emergency response activities, advocacy initiatives and refugee support services, it is transforming lives in underserved communities in over 65 countries across the globe.

About 1 in 11 people in this world don't have enough nutritious food to live healthy lives. It doesn't have to be this way. That's why CWS focuses on making sure that people have the resources they need to thrive. CWS works in partnership with communities and, together, it finds permanent solutions to their most urgent challenges. Whether it's planting gardens, starting businesses or digging wells, its work is a grassroots partnership. Communities give their time and effort.

Last year's Shallotte/South Brunswick CROP Hunger Walk raised over \$15,000. At least 25% of the funds raised comes back to SBIC to help fund its food distribution activities. **This year's walk will be held on November 1st beginning at Mulberry Park at 1 PM. If you would like to participate by walking or donating see SPC's team captain, Sarah Cook. She will be in the Narthex after the 11 AM service each Sunday before the walk. Food donations - canned goods and dry goods (rice, cereal) are always welcome on Walk Sunday.**

A lifetime of giving back

Congratulations to our own Polly Russ who was awarded one of the state's highest honors on Sept 10th. Polly was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, an honor bestowed by the governor to recognize extraordinary service to the state. For more than 50 years she has made giving back to the Shallotte community a part of her life. Russ founded The Kids Connection in 1985, providing childcare to Brunswick County Families until her retirement in 2003. Her service has extended to education and literacy efforts, hunger relief, scholarships, support for women and children and domestic violence prevention, as well as years of involvement at Shallotte Presbyterian Church.

-article from Brunswick Beacon





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



Farah Abosapa, Sandra Applegate, Amy Fowler Atchley, Pat Bell, Beth Boyer, Bill Coggins, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Liam Freeman, Terry Gavin, Geoff Goetz, Bob Gorman, Robert Hasting, John Hiott, Lyn Holden, Robbin Holden, Peggy Hughes, Jackie & Patrick Kaczmarek, Wray King, David Martin, Bob Mayhew, Steve McMahon, Bernice McRoberts, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Chip & Jackie Montague, Carol Partridge, Linda Preston, Pat O'Neil, Wayne Rowell, Kaitlyn Smith, Justin Treadway, Cindy Wilson, Bill Young, Tara Vattimo & 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 8 months ended August 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	<u>\$340,720.78</u>	<u>\$317,199.29</u>	<u>\$271,811.44</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	135,446.40	136,110.80	128,494.72
Local Program Ministry	13,792.91	16,930.00	12,167.38
Property and Grounds	101,771.97	92,125.21	76,308.82
Administration	15,401.94	16,066.48	13,853.47
General / Sessional	735.03	810.39	102.06
Missions and Benevolences	<u>39,754.00</u>	<u>39,454.00</u>	<u>39,774.66</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>306,902.25</u>	<u>301,496.88</u>	<u>270,701.11</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 33,818.53</u>	<u>\$ 15,702.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,110.33</u>

A thought to consider....

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



Stewardship Campaign Swings into Action in October

The Finance Committee has set **November 8 as Consecration Sunday**. As we prepare to gather together as a congregation for this important Consecration service and luncheon.

Representatives of several church committees will speak during October services.

During stewardship season please consider the following questions:

- Why is Shallotte Presbyterian Church important to me?
- What do I find most rewarding about life in this particular faith community?
- What makes SPC unique? What can one find here that would be difficult or impossible to replicate elsewhere?

Please save the **November 8** 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.

Mission Minute Schedule

September 27 - Worship & Outreach

October 4- Christian Education

October 11 - Property & Grounds

October 18 - Fellowship

October 25- Missions & Benevolence

Stewardship



Calling All Adults!

You are invited to join in the feast
Offered each Sunday in the Session Room,
9:45-10:30am

Feasting on the Word lends an opportunity for us to join fellow church members as we dig into a different scriptural text each week, based on the Revised Common Lectionary.

Presented with the text for that week, leaders Myra Chapman and Lynne Young help explore the context and background information and invite lively discussion as we examine the key questions, "What does it mean and what do we do with it?"



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 16-23. Thank You!



SPC will be serving The Lords Food Pantry this month with packing on Thursday, October 22th and distributing food on Saturday, October 24th. Please contact Joanne Prettyman.



Welcome to Our Church Family!

I'm **Karen Brady**. I was born in Mississippi but was raised in Alabama. Roll Tide!

My husband Jason and I have been married five years and Moved to the RiverSea neighborhood from Fayetteville, NC in 2023. I am a retired school librarian and Jason is still working remotely for a government contractor in Fayetteville and does some free lance reporting and photography for the Brunswick Beacon. We each have a married son and they both live in Raeford, NC, We are blessed with two beautiful grandchildren; Isaiah 7 and Norah 2. I love line dancing and you will see me most Thursday nights in the summer at the concerts in Mulberry Park in Shallotte.



We are delighted to welcome **Elizabeth Little** to our congregation. Elizabeth comes to us by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC where served faithfully as both Deacon and a Elder. Elizabeth moved to Ocean Isle nearly two years ago and recently retired in July. Her career has included many years in the hospitality industry with Disney, Hilton, and Western, as well as an extensive career serving the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Her Presbyterian work has included Disaster Assistance, Myer's Park Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and most recently, ten years with the Board of Pensions.

We are grateful to have Elizabeth and Karen join our church family and look forward to getting to know them both better as we begin ministry and fellowship together.

Please join us in giving both these ladies a SPC welcome!



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Please sign up now for the Brunswick Family Assistance "**Golf Fore Groceries**" Charity Golf Tournament.

It will be held at Carolina National Golf Club on **Monday, November 16th**, with a Shotgun start at 9:00 am.

Besides golf, lunch and prizes, we will have Ultimate Long Driving Champion Ernie Guimond who will "BOMB" out a drive for your foursome.

We also need sponsors to help our cause. Braddock Built Custom Homes is already a major sponsor.

You can sign up to play or sponsor by going to www.BrunswickFamily.org/golf-tournament right now.

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Tillman at hwaynet01@gmail.com.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT SPC?

For anyone considering membership at Shallotte Presbyterian Church, **NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will be offered **October 11 & 25** 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.

