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I always told you there would be a quiz later! To paraphrase a quote from former Union Presbyterian Seminary President Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount: How can we ever hope to know Jesus, if we don't know the stories that tell of how he lived and died? In this spirit, I've prepared a few questions to test your knowledge of the four gospel witnesses.

The Acts of the Apostles is the second volume of which gospel? [A] Matthew [B] Mark [C] Luke [D] John

Which two prophets are present at Jesus' Transfiguration? [A] Moses & Elijah [B] Jeremiah & Isaiah [C] Abraham & Issac [D] Daniel & Ezekiel

Who carries Jesus' cross on the way to his crucifixion? [A] Joseph of Arimathea [B] Simon of Cyrene [C] John of Patmos [D] Nicholas of Myra

This was Jesus' nickname for disciples James and John, meaning "Sons of Thunder": [A] Barnabbas [B] Boanerges [C] Bocephas [D] Bojangles

What is the name of John the Baptist's mother? [A] Miriam [B] Rachel [C] Talitha [D] Elizabeth

Where does the disciple Cleopas meet Jesus? [A] On the road to Emmaus. [B] At Solomon's Portico. [C] At the empty tomb. [D] By the Sea of Galilee.

The Gospel of Luke is dedicated to this person: [A] Theophilus [B] Stephen [C] Philologus [D] Fortunatus

According to the Gospel of John, how many days was Lazarus in the tomb before Jesus raises him? [A] One [B] Two [C] Three [D] Four

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus makes his first appearance at this event: [A] The Feeding of the Five Thousand. [B] His baptism in the Jordan by John. [C] The Cleansing of the Temple. [D] The Wedding at Cana.

The "Great Commission" concludes which of the four gospels? [A] Matthew [B] Mark [C] Luke [D] John

A strong foundation of biblical literacy is an essential element of Christian faith. Yet our familiarity with scripture must go beyond mere trivia. All that we do as a church centers on God's Word – both the written Word and the Living Word of Jesus Christ. That is why a quality educational ministry is so important, as it teaches us who Christ is and what he has come to do. Learning and living according to Christ's example – that's what it's all about, folks!

So, please join us for **Rally Day**, Sunday, **September 13** as we celebrate the annual kick-off to the Christian Education year here at Shallotte Presbyterian Church!

"But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak." – II Corinthians 4:13

Grace & Peace,

George

[Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.B, 4.B, 5.D, 6.A, 7.A, 8.D, 9.B, 10.A]

Looking Ahead for Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

8:30 am Last Beach Worship

11:00am Indoor Worship

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

8:30am Worship

Rally Day 9:30am Fellowship Hall

11:00am Worship

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35



17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

One Worship Service at 11:00am

*Congregational Meeting

Following the 11am Service

Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

8:30am Worship

11:00am Worship

Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 21:23-32



**We are collecting monthly for
Operation Christmas Child**

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

For **September**, we are collecting we are collecting
Coloring Books with small boxes of crayons and wash
clothes. Thank you

The Brunswick Quilters will hold a Craft Boutique
and Quilter's Tag Sale on **Saturday, September
12, from 9-3pm**. Over twenty vendors will
participate. Proceeds will benefit the Brunswick
Quilters charities, including the Rose Hose,
Brunswick Family Assistance, Novant Hospital,
and Habitat for Humanity. We will have a scissor
sharpener here that day, so bring your best
scissors. There will also be a food truck. So join us
Saturday, September 12; all are welcome.

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

Sept. 6- Last Beach Service

8:30 Sanctuary Worship

**Sept. 13- Rally Day- 9:30am Breakfast
11:00am Sanctuary Worship**

Sept. 20- Sunday School Begins

ONE Service at 11:00am

***Congregational Meeting**

Following the 11am Service

***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.

Calendar Notes:



Food Pantry Sunday is

September 13th. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may drop it off at the church or mail your check to the church office.

September-Soup

SPC Youth Wednesdays,

September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th

Rally Day- September 13th 9:30
Biscuit Breakfast

Craft Boutique- September 12th 9-3pm

Congregational Meeting- September 20th
following the 11am Worship

Porch- will be collecting food donations at
3610 Express Dr. on September 16th & 17th
from 12-4pm

Sisters of Strength will meet on September
25th at Lucas in Shallotte at 11:30am



Highlights From Session:

- Received Ron and Nancy Fenstermacher into active membership of Shallotte Presbyterian Church
- The Session approved a motion from the Personnel Committee to hire Mac McCall as the Director of Music beginning September 1, 2026 for a four month trial period until January 1, 2027.
- The Session approved a motion from the Nominating Committee to call a congregational meeting on September 20, 2026 for the purpose of electing Deacons and Elders for the class of 2029.



On Wednesday, August 26th the congregation gathered at Town Center Park, Ocean Isle for a Sunset Slush Social to Celebrate the end of summer and of Pastor George and Myra's fourth year with us!

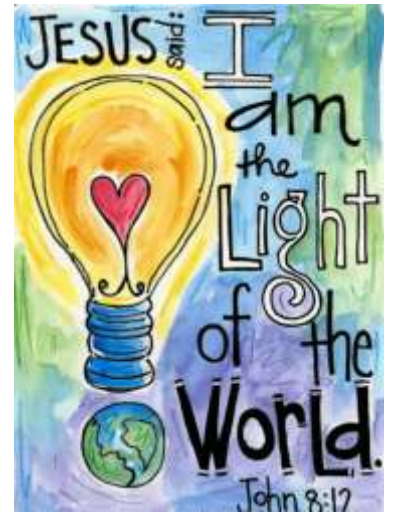


Ushers, Greeters, Liturgist & Welcome Table - September 2026



Date	Ushers	Communion	Greeter	Welcome Table	Liturgist	Acolyte
9/6	Lee & Barbara McManus	Lurae Albert Leslie Claiborne Eric Lehmann Susan Lehmann	Carolyn Voorheis	Joanne Prettyman	Deb Claxton	Steven Vattimo
9/13 Rally Day	Patsy Calhoun Laura Thompson		Ron & Nancy Fenstermacher		Scott Taylor	Seamus Smithwick
9/20 ONE Service	Joanne Prettyman Leslie Claiborne		Tom Tart		Lynne Young	Declan Smithwick
9/27	Tom Tart Susan Lehmann		Leslie Claiborne		Eric Lehmann	Mary Grace Carter

RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 13
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 AM Biscuit Breakfast
11:00 Worship Service



Each of us has been given special gifts to offer to the glory of God through the life and ministry of SPC. How do you fit in the picture?

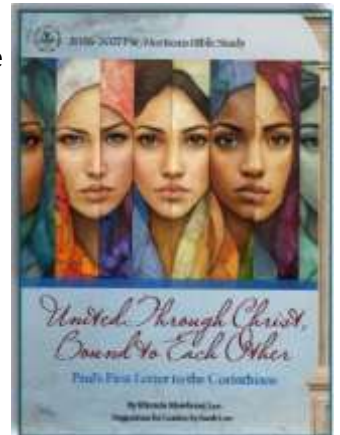
Rally Day, Sunday, September 13 marks the beginning of a new year on the Christian Education calendar. We will have our **8:30am Worship Service** gather together for a **Biscuit Breakfast** at **9:30 A M in the Fellowship Hall, 11:00am Worship Service**. We look forward to seeing YOU as we work together to be the Light of the World!

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." I Corinthians 12:27



Celebration Circle will hold its first meeting of the 2026-27 year on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend. **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. The Bible Study for this year is **"United Through Christ, Bound To Each Other"** by **Rhonda Mawhood Lee**. Margaret Causey will be our Bible Study Leader for September's meeting. She always does an amazing job with the lesson, providing thoughtful insight and perspective. Doris Greene and Andrea Smith will be our hostesses for the meeting. The study books for this year will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall following the

11:00 am worship services on August 23rd, August 30th, and September 6th. **No payments for the study books or assessment for the Presbyterian Women, USA will be collected until the first Celebration Circle Meeting on September 9th. Bible Study Books are \$14.00 each and Presbyterian assessment is \$7.00 per lady. Checks totaling \$21.00 may be made payable to SPC-PW.** The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (PWCT) met in July and August to update our 2026-27 Yearbook. The additions and corrections are currently being finalized. The new Yearbooks will be distributed at our first meeting on September 9th. We certainly hope to see to see you at the meeting, 10:30 am in Shallotte Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.



On August 23rd we welcomed teachers and students to bring their backpacks so that we could pray for and encourage them in the upcoming year. Thank you to Laura Thompson for the backpack tags.



BLESSING
of the
BACKPACKS





MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE: SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION Communities in Schools

Shallotte Presbyterian Church supports Brunswick County schools through donations from the Mission Committee budget to Communities in Schools Brunswick County (CIS). Our church mainly concentrates on assisting Shallotte Middle School and Union Elementary School through monetary donations and various voluntary opportunities. The Mission Committee asks for your prayers, time, and/or talents for all our community's schools' staff and students.

The CIS mission is: **To surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.**

Would you like to get involved with supporting Brunswick County students?

Two Brunswick County CIS programs are the School-based program and Action for Success. The School-based program involves volunteering your talent and time assisting students in a school setting. Action for Success is an evidence-based drop-out prevention program in all Brunswick County middle schools, Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary, Supply Elementary, Bolivia Elementary, and Virginia Williamson Elementary School that works by building relationships that remove the barriers to learning and improve ways our community responds to needs of at-risk students and their families.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Mentor a student**
- **Tutor a student**
- **Donate needed school supplies**
- **Read to or listen to a reader**
- **Furnish clothing for children in need**
- **Join a child for school lunch (Lunch Buddy program)**
- **Donate financially to support the program**
- **Participate in Career Day**
- **Volunteer to proctor during Testing**



If you would like to volunteer in the CIS school-based program, you need to complete a background check form with Brunswick County Schools found on their website www.bcswan.net or you can contact a school directly. If you're interested in volunteering for the Action for Success Program or need more information about the school-based program, call Mallory Wells at (910) 351-8007 or email mwells@cisbrunswick.org.

Who likes to hunt for a treasure? You can shop and/or donate to the CIS Thrift Stores. They are located in Boiling Spring Lakes, Southport, Shallotte, and Sunset Beach. The stores help raise funds to support various CIS programs. Did you know they would love to have you volunteer to assist at any of the Thrift Stores? Call Sandra Salinas at 910-351-8007 or email ssalinas@cisbrunswick.org if you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to a CIS Thrift Store.



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, Pat Bell, Beth Boyer, Bill Coggins, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Robert Hasting, Lyn Holden, Robbin Holden, Peggy Hughes, Wray King, David Martin, Bob Mayhew, Brownie McLeod, Bernice McRoberts, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Carol Partridge, Nessa Rouff, Wayne, Rowell, Suzanne Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Tara Vattimo, Sue Wall, Cindy Wilson, Bill Young & 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 7-months ended July 31, 2026 with comparative amounts for 2025 and 2024.

	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	<u>\$305,358.63</u>	<u>\$276,495.26</u>	<u>\$248,186.43</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	122,139.95	119,108.68	112,459.25
Local Program Ministry	12,565.02	14,165.09	10,279.41
Property and Grounds	84,865.62	80,342.54	65,386.54
Administration	13,734.73	13,942.72	12,285.05
General / Sessional	653.03	810.39	102.06
Missions and Benevolences	<u>35,530.00</u>	<u>35,205.00</u>	<u>35,525.66</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>269,488.35</u>	<u>263,574.42</u>	<u>236,037.97</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 35,870.28</u>	<u>\$ 12,920.84</u>	<u>\$ 12,148.46</u>

A thought to consider....

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



Please put **Sunday, November 8** on your calendar for the annual **Consecration Sunday luncheon in the Fellowship Hall**. After we ask

the Lord to bless our financial pledges for 2027, we will gather after our **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!



To my Church Family

Don't know where to start to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to me recently. I have felt a warmth like none other. SPC overflows with goodness and I thank all of you for making me feel so special. So happy to be a SPC member.

In Christian Love,

Sally Gunn

*Thank
You*



To honor our 60th year of Beach Worship Services held on Ocean Isle Beach, our church donated a Beach Safety Station to the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, and it was placed at the Driftwood Drive beach access. Our donation has been acknowledged with a plaque placed atop the safety station. The Beach Safety Stations are part of the Town's Beach Safety Program. These stations provide daily flag warnings on ocean conditions, flotation devices for water rescue assistance and important guidance on how to respond if someone is in distress. The stations are managed by the Ocean Isle Beach Fire Department and have become an important part of the Town's Beach Safety Program.

Photo (left to right) Davis Milligan, Pastor George Chapman III, Tim Owens, Scott Taylor.



Thank You

Labor Day marks the end of the 60th Year of the SPC Beach Worship Services. This special outreach requires unique skills and commitment to serve for 16 consecutive weekends in brutal heat and humidity. SPC is blessed to have members who share God's love with our community despite these challenges. Our thanks to those who gave of their time and talents to make this possible.

Wayne Rowell leads our Beach Service program with these volunteers:

Traffic Control

Wayne Rowell
Mac Warner
Steve Turner
Bill Johnson
Steve Holloran

Greeters

Sarah Braddock
Martha Warner
Linda Rowell
Linda Johnson
Lee Rockafellow
Linda & Mike Black
John Causey

Music & Sound

Scott Taylor
Davis Milligan
Tim Owens
Chandler Taylor
Debbie Smith

Ministers

George Chapman III
Phil Gladden

With sincere gratitude,
Eric Lehmann
Worship Committee

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

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Vicki A Blount Scholarship

It's that time of year and our young adult church members are back at school working hard to better themselves through education. They have their dreams and career plans, and we want to have their backs.

As the new school year begins, I ask each of you to do two things. First **PRAY** for a successful year for each of our Scholarship winners (Katie, Spencer and Will). Second please take one of the Blue envelopes in the back of the pew and make a **FALL donation** to the SPC scholarship fund. Please remit to **Shallotte Presbyterian Church** with "**Scholarship**" noted in the memo line of the check and mail to PO Box 3256, Shallotte, NC 28459 or simply drop the envelope in the offering plate.

Thanks so much,
Erskine Blount, SPC
Scholarship Chairman



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**.