

# Church Calendar

**BORDEAUX WORSHIP CENTER**  
• Services at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

**BUFFALO BAPTIST**  
3699 Hwy. 28 N.

• Worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Services can also be viewed on Sundays on the Buffalo Baptist Facebook page at 11 a.m. The Rev. Martin Wiles is pastor.

**FIRST BETHANY BAPTIST**  
853 Hwy. 378 E., McCormick

• Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Church worship is held at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Mask, gloves and hand sanitizer are available. Social distancing is practiced. Services are also available on the church Facebook page and the website. Nursery and children's church are open during Sunday morning service. Adult Bible study is held each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. Starting Jan. 12, Wednesday activities will include a meal at 6 p.m. and class at 6:30 p.m. for all ages. Bible study is also available on the church Facebook page and the website. For more information, contact the Rev. John Alexander at revjohnalexander@gmail.com.

**HOLLOWAY'S THURSDAY HOUR OF POWER**

Hardy Foundation Building, Carolina St.  
• Thursdays at 6 p.m. The congregation will be spacing and worshipping. All are welcome. Bring your Bibles. The Rev. Dr. R.C. Holloway is founder and pastor.

**HOLY SPRING BAPTIST**  
226 Kennedy Rd., P.O. Box 389

• Regular worship service each Sunday at 10 a.m. COVID-19 precautions will be observed. Please meet at "The Spring" and arrive 15 minutes prior to service. Dr. Linda Murray Tucker is pastor.

**LITTLE MILL BAPTIST**

• Little Mill has resumed in-person morning worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Gregory Allen is pastor.

**McCORMICK FIRST BAPTIST**

• Beginning Feb. 1, 2022, Women's Bible study will be held Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. "Trustworthy." "Overcoming our greatest struggles to trust God." Beginning Feb. 28, 2022, Women's Bible study will also be held Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. "Twelve women of the Bible." "Life changing stories for women of today. Call 852-2640 for more information or to sign up.

**MODOC BAPTIST**

• Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m.

**MT. ZION A.M.E.**  
185 Mt. Zion Church Rd.

• Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Zoom information is https://zoom.us/j/99823046889 or dial 1-301-715-8592 with Meeting ID 998 2304 6889. No in person services until further notice. For more information, call 864-391-2986 or email mtzionamecc@wctel.net. The Rev. Lebbie Ligon is pastor.

**NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
1680 New Hope Rd.

• In-person worship services are returning at 10 a.m. on Sundays with limited seating. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed. Services may still be attended online at https://www.gotomeet.me/JohnJordan2/newhope-missionary-baptist-church-services or by phone

by dialing 1-872-240-3212 and using Access Code: ID) 331-565-389. Prayer on Conference Call may be attended Wednesdays at 7 p.m. by dialing 1-425-436-6200 and using access code 297139. The Rev. Michael A. Butler is pastor.

**NEW MACEDONIA F.B.H.**  
209 Deason St.

• Sunday service with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday prayer at 6 p.m. The Rev. Ronald Williams is pastor.

**PINE GROVE A.M.E.**  
317 Pine Grove Church Rd., Plum Branch

• No more service until further notice. Services will be virtual. The Rev. H.D. Milling Jr. is pastor.

**PLUM BRANCH BAPTIST**  
106 Church St.

• All services and classes are meeting except Sunday evening worship. Current sermon series, "Growing in Spiritual Maturity." Masks are no longer required but are welcome for those who feel them to be necessary. Social distancing is still observed, and sanitizing stations are available.

**REPUBLICAN UNITED METHODIST**  
865 Chamberlain's Ferry Rd.

• Sunday school 10 a.m. Church Service 11 a.m.  
• Youth ages three and up meet every first Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

**SPIRIT AND LIFE**  
615 Hwy. 378 West

• Sundays: Corporate prayer at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship experience at 11 a.m. Communion service every first Sunday.

• Wednesdays: Telephone Bible study at 6 p.m. Dial in number is 701-802-5425, and the access code is 517164. Guest teachers from South Carolina, Georgia, New York and Pennsylvania.  
• Bishop Donn M. Lee is founder and pastor.

**SPRINGFIELD A.M.E.**  
776 Chamberlain Ferry Rd.

• Back in the church. Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. Church school at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call toll free to listen: 1-760-548-9927. The Rev. Marilyn Galbreath is pastor.

**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST**  
301 Edgefield Rd., Plum Branch

• Sunday service at 9:45 a.m. Come as you are. Bible study at 9 a.m.

**VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

• Village Church of Christ meets Sundays at 9 a.m. Contact Michael Kolb at 864-391-4543.

**WILLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN**

• Services are held on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at 10:45 a.m.

**Deadline for all news and advertising is Monday at noon!!!**



Paula LeMond, Bill Freiberg, Ann Fago and Michael Branigan enjoy a chat in the kitchen.



Lyle and Polly Ballance with LuAnn Freibert.

## America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake celebrates Christmas

More than three dozen members and guests of the America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake celebrated Christmas and the New Year at the home of Jake and Steve Ellwing in the SLV Shenandoah neighborhood on Thursday, Dec. 16. The party culminated the year 2021 of more than 34 events with lots of fun and getting to know new people.

When the guests arrived, a large box of Christmas ornaments was awaiting them on a table, and Steve Ellwing invited each person to hang at least one on the Christmas tree. Linda Williford, Michael Moore and Ellen Cook hung most of them, and that certainly helped to almost finish the job.

2022 will begin on Jan. 8 with the Change of Watch and the induction of new officers for the squadron. For more information on this fun-filled education and civic organization, please contact incoming Commander Bill O'Neill at onewilly@wctel.net.



Past Commanders Steve LaPonte and his wife Carol with Past Commander Tom Williford and his wife Linda.

## Pass me not

**By Kitty Craig – Jackson From a New Hope Baptist pew**

The Rev. Butler preached from Mark 10:46-52, and the sermon was titled "Pass me not."

"In Mark 10," the Rev. Butler explained, "Jesus was passing through the city of Jericho. There was a blind beggar named Bartimaeus who cried out to Jesus. If Bartimaeus had not cried out, he never would have received what he needed. Though Bartimaeus couldn't see, when he heard that Jesus was passing by, he begins crying out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'"

"Bartimaeus was blind and helpless – he was completely dependent on the help of others to lead/guide him. His only hope was for others to have pity on him, and show him mercy."

"Jesus asks Bartimaeus, 'What do you want me to do for you?'"

"Bartimaeus asks for sight." Butler asked, "What is the practical implication for Bartimaeus acknowledging Jesus as He truly is and for believing in Jesus and His mercy? However, he gains his sight, and more importantly, he follows Jesus."

Fanny Crosby, the great Gospel hymn writer, lost her sight as a child, but in many ways, she could see so much more than others. Many feel that it was the story of blind Bartimaeus that inspired her to write the beloved hymn "Pass me not O Gentle Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by."

In this wonderful account of blind Bartimaeus and Jesus, we see a man given the gift of restored vision. Somehow, the combination of his determination and the presence of Jesus Christ in his life affected a

radical change for him ... something I know can happen in your life and mine.

In one way or another, we are all struggling with blindness. We cannot see clearly into the future, so we worry – "will I have adequate resources, how will I handle a health crisis or a personal reversal and what about my children ... are they going to be all right?"

Our vision is blurred. We cannot clearly perceive the here and now of life – if we are honest, many of us must admit we have lost our bearings ... we do not know where we are going. As a result, some have given up on the church. Others have been away ... angry with the church or a slave to bad habits.

To those in this category I would say ... God bless you – please know you are always welcome to come follow Him!

Bartimaeus reminds us of the importance of responding to Jesus Christ when He comes into our lives. The blind man leaped up and stumbled toward Jesus. He knew what he wanted.

Do you know what you want?

### "A blessing for you"

May your day be blessed with happiness and peace of mind. May you be free of all burdens and know that you are completely cared for. Let angels light your way with grace and have a beautiful, awesome day.

2 Chronicles 7:14  
Matthew Ch. 24  
2 Timothy Ch. 3  
-The Modern Day Noah  
Submitted by Evangelist  
Brenda Moore

This blind beggar was transformed by God's grace, and he immediately expressed his thankfulness. Having his sight restored, he followed Jesus as a disciple.

This may seem simple and unimportant, but look around at all the people who have been gifted by God in so many ways and yet manifest no need to express gratitude.

The truth is that Jesus continues to come and ask, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The people at the margins of life know what to ask.

People like you and me ... the insiders ... often find it harder to respond. We live out the myth that we have it together. We worship regularly, but do we know that we need a Savior, or are we fine? What was your past state? Were you blind and helpless once? Were you ever in darkness and could not help yourself before God found you? were you spiritually dead in trespasses and sins?

What will it be? Will you stay in the dark, relive the same day over and over again ... or will you cry,

spring up and ask the Lord to give you the strength to live into your dream? Will you be like Bartimaeus, dare to break out, embrace a vision you have avoided and follow Jesus, leaving the darkness of the past for the brightness of a new tomorrow, lived in fellowship with the Lord?

The Rev. Butler explained, "We have to be intentional in our search for Christ. We have to be willing to cry out to Jesus, 'Please don't pass me by.'"

Oh, Lord, don't pass me by is a passionate plea from a heart greatly in need of help from the Lord. It is a plea from an expectant heart. Oh, Lord, don't pass me by is from someone who knows the Lord is the only One who has the ability and power to extend solutions to the problems confronting us.

What will it be? Will you allow Jesus to pass you by, or will you say, "Yes," and be prepared to follow Him?

I pray many of you who genuinely are seeking the face of God today know that the Lord will not pass you by.



## Know what I heard?

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1401 Greenwood Hwy., McCormick  
Father JP Narichetti  
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We invite you to worship with us.  
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**McCormick United Methodist Church**  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation  
We Welcome You to Join Us in Worship this Week  
Sundays at 10AM  
Rev. C. Nels Ledwell.....Pastor  
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**McCormick First Baptist Church**  
108 S. Oak Street, POB 416, McCormick, SC 29835  
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864-852-2640  
Pastor Chris Gullede  
Sunday  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Nursery for Sunday Worship provided  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM