

# 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 mtzionamemcc@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/JohnJor-

dan2/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.

**"God will supply my needs"**  
 God is getting some things in order in your life. Stand still and let Him complete His work in you. Don't let the length of your trials determine the strength of your faith.  
 I don't know where it's coming from or when it's coming; all I know is God never fails, so whatever we need is on the way.  
**2 Chronicles 7:14**  
**Matthew Ch. 24**  
**2 Timothy Ch. 3**  
 -The Modern Day Noah  
 Submitted by Evangelist Brenda Moore

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 108 S. Oak Street, POB 416, McCormick, SC 29835  
 www.mccormickfbc.org  
 864-852-2640  
 Pastor Chris Gulledege  
**Sunday**  
 Sunday School 9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
 Nursery for Sunday Worship provided  
**Wednesday**  
 Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM

# Living with high expectations

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

The Rev. Melvin Searles Sr., pastor of Pleasant Lane M.B. Church in Edgefield, was the guest speaker for New Hope's 142 years celebration. He reminded us that 142 years of operation should give us all high expectations for New Hope.

He spoke from John 1:1-7, and the title of his sermon was "Living with high expectations."

New Hope has endeared itself unto us for 142 years. The membership loves New Hope because they have received, hopefully, from it what they've put into it.

I recall Mother Wiley, at a church in Atlanta, expressing her love for the church, and she began to talk about what the church meant to her. She talked about how much joy she got out of even the struggles, the moves, the setbacks and frustrations. What Mother Wiley was saying was that the more we put into our church the more we get out of it.

Many of us gain no excitement from our church because we are not excited about our church. Maybe the problem of our enthusiasm, exhilaration and excitement is that we don't really understand what the church is.

For 142 years, New Hope has been a place of refuge. People were saved in the church, people were baptized in the church, people have stood with their loved ones, people were married in the church, people brought their babies to be blessed, it brought comfort when people were lonely, People were picked up when they were down.

New Hope is our church; it is God's house, and our habitation.

The Rev. Searles reminded us, "When we expect things from ourselves and from other people, most times we're let down. We all have expectations when we wake up each day. When people are suffering, we expect them to get well, or we suspect they've done something wrong to cause their suffering.

"God knows all things," he said, "and He knows our expectations. We always expect God to do wonderful things in our lives – God expects us to do some things too – just trust and obey. And you should expect power if you have the power of the Holy Ghost"

I read a quote from the famous actor, Michael

Landon, "Expectations in your life just lead to giant disappointments," and I thought how sad but true!

All of us have experienced the disappointment of an unmet expectation. We expect things from our spouses, our children, our pastors, our friends and from life in general. We expect to get what we ordered at the restaurant and for it to be delivered hot to our tables. We expect the gas station to be open when our cars need filling.

But the reality is, people let us down and things don't always work out the way that we have planned. Wherever there are expectations, there will also be disappointments, except when we are talking about God!

I will admit I have had times in my life when I felt disappointed with God, but in all of those occasions, the problem really was not with God. The problem was with me or my perspective of God and how I believed He should act in a certain situation.

I'll never be disappointed in God again because He has met all my expectations.

What are you expecting from God? A heavenly inheritance, divine protection and strength and the knowledge that your present trials produce maturity?

We live with great expectations in a God who loves us and promises that the work that He has started

in our lives, He will complete!

Our expectations are shaped by our faith in God and our knowledge of His will. As we know His will, we can have hope that He will perform it.

The Rev. Searles preached, "We just have to make the choice to trust in Him. We have to willfully choose to expect great things from Almighty God, according to His will. No matter how impossible it seems."

What is God expecting from us? God does not expect us to be famous, rich, popular or beautiful. God expects us to trust Him, love Him and pattern ourselves after His Son, Jesus Christ.

"What would Jesus do?" is still the best question to ask for every decision we make and every action we take. God is far more interested in who we are than in what we do. We are "human beings," not "human doings." God is much more concerned about our character than our careers, because we will take your character into eternity, but not our careers.

God expects us to live our lives; sing our songs full of expectations and not for standing ovations. Do it for the joy of it and your love for God. Expect wonderful gifts from God, and remember, wonderful gifts from God may not be wrapped as you expect, but accept it!



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