

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. Wednesday on-line Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Bible study is available on the church Facebook page and the website at 6:30 p.m. 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
 • Women's Bible study will be held Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. "Trustworthy." "Overcoming our greatest struggles to trust God." 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 mtzionmemcc@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
 • March 27: Services will resume with morning worship only, starting at 10:15 a.m.

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.

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.
 • 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.

TROY UNITED METHODIST
 127 Church St.
 • Worship service at 11 a.m., in person and livestreamed on Facebook. Sunday school at 10 a.m. in person. United Methodist Women meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Masks are recommended. Social distancing is observed, and sanitation supplies are available. The Rev. Barrett Alewine is pastor.

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.

From religion to salvation

By Kittye Craig – Jackson
 From a New Hope Baptist pew

The Rev. Michael Butler preached from John 3:1-8: "There has to be more," subtitle: "Going from religion to salvation."

Most people think that salvation is found in religion. There are people who claim to be following the "Christian religion," but they are not really followers of Christ at all! An alarming percentage of people who attend church are not saved. If you would sit and look around, you'll realize that God's the only one who can really tell the difference. There is a big difference between religion and salvation.

Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). But it's hard to tell sometimes because "religion" can fool you. Religion is what man does for God; salvation is what God does for man.

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have turned, every one, to his own way. And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

Religion depends on our behaving; salvation depends on our believing. Religion depends on the sufficiency of character; salvation depends on the Sacrifice of the Cross. Religion says we must be found in God's House; salvation says, "be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith" (Philippians 3:9). Religion tries to bring us from darkness to light; salvation brings us from death into life.

Jesus said, "He who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24).

There is no getting around it; you must be born again. You cannot substitute anything for the new birth. There are far more religious people in this world than there are people who are saved, born again of the Spirit. You may be a member of a church, but church membership is not new birth, and except that we are born again, we cannot see the Kingdom of God.

You may be a clergyman and not be born again. You might even be a deacon and still not be born again. You might even be a bishop and not be born again. You may have worked in your church for years, but you have never known anything of the joy that you hear Christians speak of. You have not been born again nor have you responded to Christ's call to salvation. You may be religious, but religion can't save you. You must be born again.

The Rev. Butler asked, "Do you know, that you know, that you know, that you've been born again?" He preached that "It doesn't say it is optional – that it might be good if you are born again; you 'must' be born again. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

The Rev. Butler explained it this way: "Now, why did Jesus use the figure of a birth? A birth implies a conception. Because there are things that come together in order to cause a birth. You were conceived in your mother's womb and there was a conception and because of that conception a life began. There were two elements that came together that caused a birth. The same thing is true in the new birth. There are two elements that come together – Water and the Spirit. Don't settle for anything less."

In John 3:5, Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born of the Spirit. Jesus never said that you must join some kind of religion. Believing in Christ is not at all like any type of religion. Believing in Christ is God coming to seek man, desiring man to serve Him.

Often people ask, "Is Christianity a religion?" Christianity is salvation. Being saved is not the same thing as salvation. Saved refers to being rescued from the power of sin and Satan, while salvation refers to inheriting eternal life. Modern Christianity wants to blur the line between "saved" and "salvation." By doing so, they can claim that one has eternal life if they simply call upon the Name of Jesus.

The Rev. Butler made it very clear, "Being born again is a command not a suggestion."

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. If you do not know today the great joy of salvation, perhaps it is because you have never personally responded to Jesus Christ. Why not do so right now? Then you will know what's so great about salvation! One of the greatest themes that challenge the heart and mind of man is salvation. It is not a trivial subject; it is a matter of life and death. Great salvation shows us that we can be confident of our salvation, certain we are forgiven by God and sure we are destined for heaven. How great is that!

McCormick First Baptist Church
 Chris Gullede, Pastor
 Stacey Gullede, Director of Children & Youth
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Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Wednesday: Study/Prayer 6:00 PM

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Invites you to attend services
 Saturday at 4 p.m. • Sunday at 11 a.m.
 Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3 - 3:45 p.m.
 Wednesday and Friday 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.
 First Friday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction 9-10 a.m.
 1401 Greenwood Hwy., McCormick
 Father JP Narichetti
 For additional information call 852-4722

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IN THE PROBATE COURT PUBLICATION FOR HEIRS OR DEVISEES STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF McCORMICK
 James Joseph Biers
 Personal Representative for the Estate of Dorothy Evelyn Biers
Estate of Dorothy Evelyn Biers Case No. 2022ES35000
 Dorothy Evelyn Biers, of 112 Hamilton Lane, McCormick, South Carolina, died on the 30th of January, 2022 and an Estate has been opened in the McCormick County Probate Court at file number 2022ES35000.

ALL PERSONS interested in the estate as heirs or devisees whose whereabouts are unknown or whose death is unknown, his/her personal rep-

resentative or devisees OR all persons entitled to the estate as heir or devisee, or otherwise:

MUST CONTACT:
 Personal Representative:
 James Joseph Biers
 112 Hamilton Lane
 McCormick, SC 29835
 864-391-2499

On or before June 15, 2022 to show cause why the personal representative should not be ordered to distribute the estate as if the person/ persons whose whereabouts or the fact of whose death is unknown had died before the decedent, or to intervene for their interest in the estate.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of March, 2022.

James Joseph Biers
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Russia/Ukraine war: The birth pangs are increasing!

The time to prepare for Christ's imminent return is NOW! Jesus pointed out that in the last days just before his imminent return there shall be terrible times characterized by wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes. These are the beginning of more sorrows to come. We're all witnessing these things NOW in our generation. These are the end times spoken of in the book of Daniel. The bible is very clear about the end times that we're living in.

HOW DO WE KNOW WE ARE THE GENERATION THAT SEES THE LORD'S RETURN?
 "NOW learn a parable of the fig tree: (Israel rebirthed as a nation May 14, 1948) When his branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, THIS GENERATION shall not pass, till ALL these things be fulfilled." Matt 24:32-34

- It's been 6,000 years, or 120 jubilees, since biblical creation (Gen. 6:3; 2 Pet. 3:8).
- It's been 70-plus years, the span of a biblical generation, since the "fig tree," the Nation of Israel, began putting forth leaves (Matt. 24:32-34; Ps. 90:10).
- The stage is set for the Ezekiel 38 conflict, the emergence of the 10-nation antichrist, or "beast," governing system and the global economic collapse alluded to in Revelation (6:6; 13:7; 17:12-14).
- Multiple peace deals between Israel and her Arab-Muslim neighbors are on the table or in the works (1 Thess. 5:3).

ALL that remains to happen before the Church is SUDDENLY SNATCHED UP into the clouds is the sounding of God's trumpet!

When that awesome trumpet sounds, there will be only TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE on earth: those ESCAPING judgment and those being LEFT BEHIND to face it. (Luke 21:34-36).

The stage is set. The foreshadows (signs) of Daniel's 70th Week are too evident to ignore, the final seven years can't begin as long as the Church is still on this earth. 2 Thess. 2:6

"For God hath NOT APPOINTED US TO WRATH, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:9

To be part of the escaping group, one must be in a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. If you're unsure of your standing with God, call on Him now. Tell Him you want to turn away from your sins. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord; believe that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved (Romans 10).

Do it today.
 Time is running out.

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

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

200 Gold Street mccormickumc.org (864) 852-2394

Do you Need Help with your Utility Bill?

Contact
 GLEAMNS LIHEAP Services
 McCormick County
 Case Manager
 Torsba Franklin-Harrison
 864-852-2662

Office is closed to the public. You can call the office for application process information.

Get Help With Your Utility Bills

LIHEAP
 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Lutheran Church By The Lake
 We invite you to worship with us.

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND NEIGHBORS

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