

**A message from**  
**Pastor Sandra Stevens Poirer**



July 30, 2026

Belin Family,

There is something special about the changing of seasons. Summer will soon fade into fall, ushering in a shift in our schedules. The more fluid days of summer are about to transition into the busy rhythm of alarm clocks ringing earlier, calendars filling with school schedules, sports, meetings, clubs, and the hum of constant activity. In preparation for welcoming the fall season, programming to connect, grow, and serve is well underway here at Belin Memorial.

The Revised Common Lectionary Cycle, which operates on a three-year rotation, highlights one of the synoptic Gospels each year. We are currently in the Gospel of Matthew in which Jesus extends a beautiful *invitation* offering rest and relief from overwhelming busy schedules: “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take **my yoke** upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)

Jesus does not offer to clear our calendars or remove responsibilities. He does offer something much better – his **yoke**. In the first century, a yoke was a wooden frame placed over the necks of two animals connecting them side-by-side combining their strength to pull a heavy load together. The stronger and more mature animal did the heavier pulling, set the pace, and guided the journey.

As we step into the new routines of fall, may we accept Christ's invitation every day to step into the individually custom-fit yoke he offers connecting us to him (even before we check our phones). In this new season of serving God and neighbor, may we rely on the strength, wisdom, and guidance of the One who is standing right in front of us, who loves us more than we can imagine, and calls us to be yoked to him.

As we embrace this sacred partnership in ministry, being yoked to Christ, moving in his rhythm, and relying on his strength, below are some of the many opportunities here at Belin Memorial in which you are invited to participate:

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:** Starting this Sunday, August 2, 10 AM – Family Life Center, Room 11. This is an exciting expansion in the Children's Ministry area. For more information, contact Kim Oakley, Director of Children's Ministry ([kimo@belinumc.org](mailto:kimo@belinumc.org) ; 843.357.5194).

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** this Sunday, August 2, 8:45 AM Modern Service. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks as we pray God's blessing for the upcoming school year. Each student will receive a special gift to carry with them as a reminder that God is always with us wherever we are.

**GRACE OUTDOORS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOOD DRIVE** benefitting **New Directions Men's Shelter of Myrtle Beach:** this Sunday, August 2 – Donation bins will be available in the Family Life Center to collect staple items of #10 (large) cans of vegetables, dry pasta, and rice.

**SUNDAY FUN DAY – COMPLETELY FREE EVENT:** Sunday, August 9 from 4 PM – 6 PM – for ages 0 – 150+. **There will be something for everyone.** Bring family, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of excitement, laughter, food, and fun! Enjoy games and activities for ALL ages – indoor and outdoor; inflatables (including water slides for the children); Mahjong (including beginners); soccer; fishing off the dock; board games; beginner Bridge; and more. Come prepared to have a dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers – with space to dine indoors or outdoors. [Click here](#) to access the flyer.

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO RISING THIRD GRADERS:** Sunday, August 23 during the 8:45 AM service. Please submit names (as they are to appear on the Bibles) **no later than August 17** of rising third graders who are to receive a personalized Bible. For more information, contact Kim Oakley, Director of Children's Ministry at ([kimo@belinumc.org](mailto:kimo@belinumc.org) ; [843.357.5194](tel:843.357.5194)).

**YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF:** Sunday, August 23 – 5 PM – Kickoff another exciting year of faith, friendship, service. For more information, contact Brandy Streett, Director of Youth Ministries ([brandys@belinumc.org](mailto:brandys@belinumc.org) ; [843.357.5177](tel:843.357.5177)).

**FALL BIBLE STUDIES:** Adult Fall Bible Studies are scheduled. Some classes require registration. Register by clicking into the study you're interested in on our [HAPPENING NOW](#) page. For more information, please contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries, ([marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org) ; [843.357.5185](tel:843.357.5185)). [Click here](#) to view all fall Bible study offerings.

**WOMEN'S SELAH SALAD SUPPER:** Beginning September 10th at 6 PM in the Family Life Center – Women gather around a shared meal to nurture faith and friendships. Programs include inspiring guest speakers. For more information, contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries, ([marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org) ; [843.357.5185](tel:843.357.5185)). [Click here](#) for dates & further details!

**SENIOR BUS ADVENTURES:** Seniors, mark your calendars to enjoy these fun trips. For more information, contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries, ([marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org) ; [843.357.5185](tel:843.357.5185)). [Click here](#) for dates and further details!

**FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL & BBQ:** Saturday, October 10 – BBQ, fellowship, fun, vendors, a variety of foods at the bake sale, silent auction, and more. Mark your calendars for a fun day and stay tuned for more details.

**BREWING AT BELIN:** Thursdays in the Library in the Family Life Center – 9 AM – 10:30 AM for a time of fellowship, conversation, and connection. For more information, contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries, ([marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org) ; [843.357.5185](tel:843.357.5185)).



Grief is really just love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go.

-- Jamie Anderson

[Click to Learn More About The Ministry](#)

or contact Mandy Carriker at [843.651.5099](tel:843.651.5099)

***We Welcome You to Worship with Us this Sunday!***

**Modern Worship**

8:45 AM

"Feast in the Desert"

*Matthew 14:13-21*

Pastor Will Malambri

[Livestream Here](#)

**Traditional Worship**

11 AM

"Feast in the Desert"

*Matthew 14:13-21*

Pastor Will Malambri

[Livestream Here](#)



**Weekly Attendance**

(in-person and online)

**388** The Harbor

**563** The Sanctuary



Click [HERE](#)

For Prayers and  
Concerns



Click [HERE](#)

Weekly Calendar  
August 2, 2026



## In the Community...

### Salkehatchie 2026

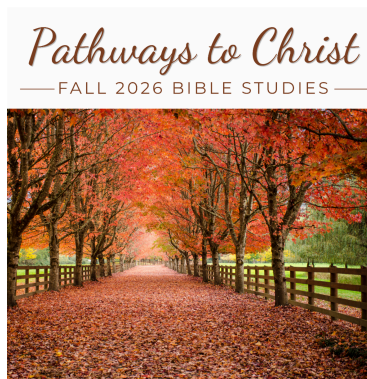
For one week this July, 85 Creekfront Salkehatchie volunteers called Belin Memorial home while serving four local families in need. From essential home repairs to two brand-new roofs, these projects were made possible through the generosity of volunteers and donated materials from our community. Since 1978, Salkehatchie has been transforming lives through service—and this year was another beautiful reminder of what can happen when faith and community come together.

## What's "Happening NOW" ?

Click images below for full event details.



Sunday, August 9 | 4 PM



Full Schedule Now Available



Sunday, August 23 | 5 PM

Click [HERE](#) for all other upcoming special events, activities & programming.

Do you have questions for Church Council? We encourage you to reach out via email at [Council@belinumc.org](mailto:Council@belinumc.org). They are happy to help.



### *Growing in Faith Together*

Explore the latest news, upcoming events, and opportunities for our Children and Youth Ministries.

[Belin Children's Ministry News](#) | [Belin Youth News](#)