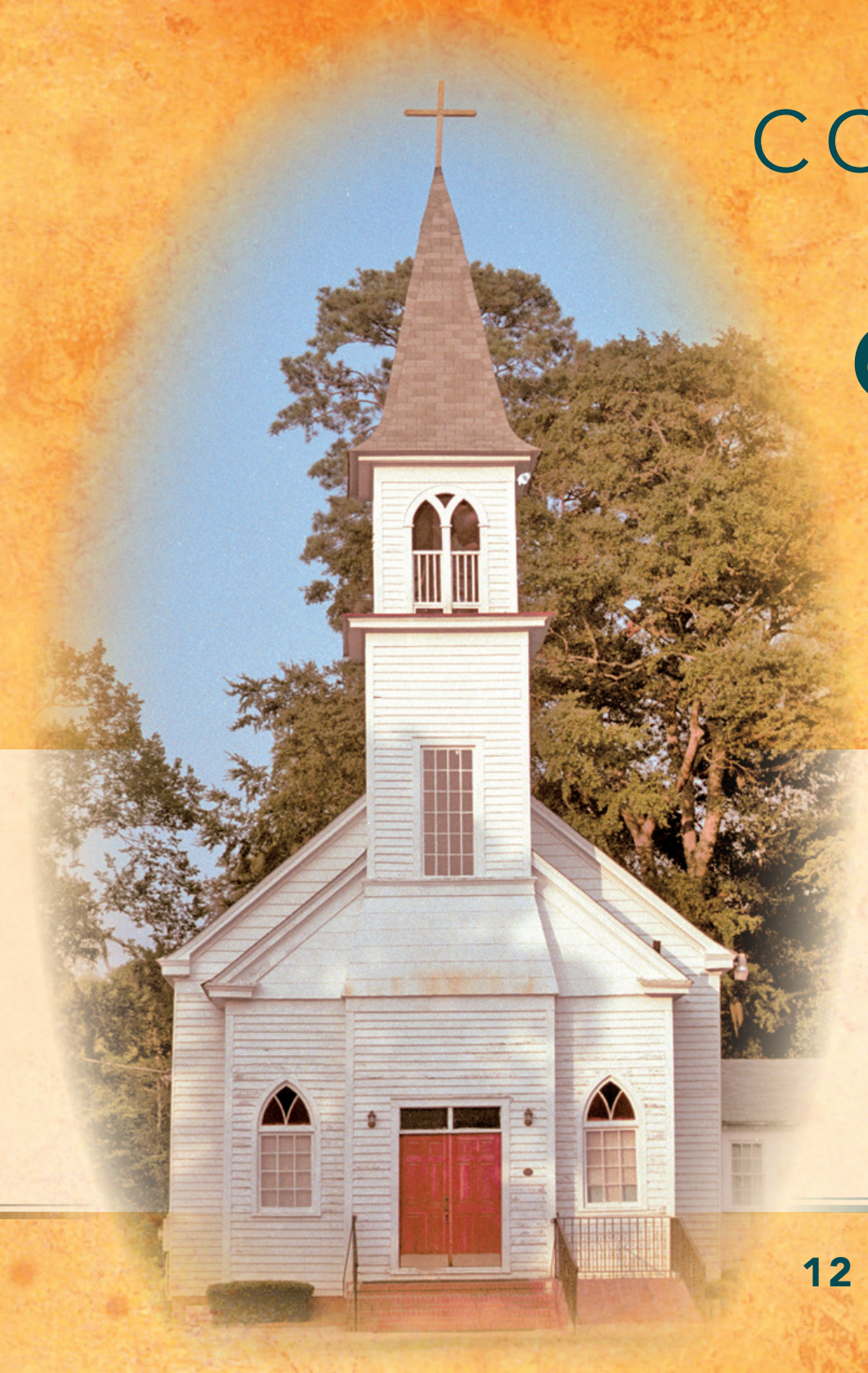

COLLETON'S *Historic Churches*

2020 CALENDAR

St. Peter's AME Church

302 Fishburne Street, Walterboro

Peter's AME Church was founded just after the Civil War in 1867 by the Reverend James Nesbitt. It is the oldest black church in Colleton County. The sanctuary was built on the site of a Baptist church that was destroyed in a devastating tornado in 1879.

The storm flattened at least three other churches in Walterboro, including historic St. Jude's, as well as several homes and buildings. Where the congregation met prior to the construction of this sanctuary is presently unknown. The Gothic Revival building was constructed in four sections and features a pyramidal steeple. It was remodeled in 1952.

The African Methodist Episcopal, or AME, denomination was founded in 1787 by former Delaware slave Richard Allen, for whom Allen University in Columbia was named.

The AME denomination was established to counter racism practiced in the Methodist church towards slaves and freed blacks before Emancipation. During the Reconstruction, Allen and others brought the AME denomination to the South, where it flourished.

St. Peter's is listed in the National Register as part of the Walterboro Historic District.

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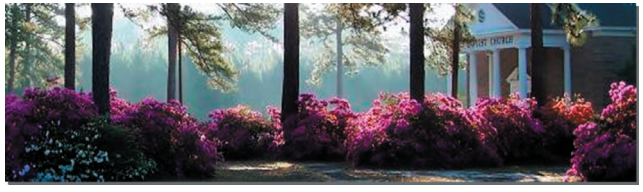

Bedon Baptist

2410 Cottageville Highway

The old Bedon Baptist Church building was located behind the current building at 2410 Cottageville Highway. Built in 1901, the church had additions in 1938 and was used until 1975. The building is still used today as a church, having been relocated to 1433 Peurifoy Road where it is now Greater St. Jude's Church.

January

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
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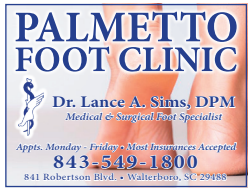

Bethel Presbyterian

403 Church St., Walterboro

This church, originally located at Jacksonboro, was founded in 1728 by Rev. Archibald Stobo (d.1741), father of the Presbyterian church in S.C. The first building at Jacksonboro was replaced in 1746 by a “hansome sanctuary” that stood until it was destroyed by a forest fire in 1886. A summer chapel built on this site in 1821 was a branch of the Jacksonboro church.

By 1830s, the Walterboro church became the main sanctuary under the leadership of Rev. Edward Palmer (1788-1882), minister here from 1827-32, 1844-45 and 1862-74. A second frame church, built in 1860-61, was destroyed by a tornado in 1879. It was replaced by another frame church in 1880, which burned in 1966.

The present brick sanctuary, the fourth on this site, was built in 1969.

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16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
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Black Creek Baptist

1873 Black Creek Rd., Walterboro

Black Creek Baptist Church began in 1807 and celebrated its 200th anniversary on October 14, 2007.

About 200 visitors attended the event, which included opening a time capsule from 1976 buried in a brick memorial wall. Most dressed in period costumes, watching as three buggies and 15 horses arrived and eating food cooked over open fires.

The wall holding the time capsule memorialized the church's old baptismal pool. Built in 1850, the pool baptized many Black Creek Christians until it was closed in 1957. Fed by a natural spring, the overflow from the baptismal pool poured into Black Creek.

Items were added to the capsule and it was resealed to be opened again at a later date.

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March 2020

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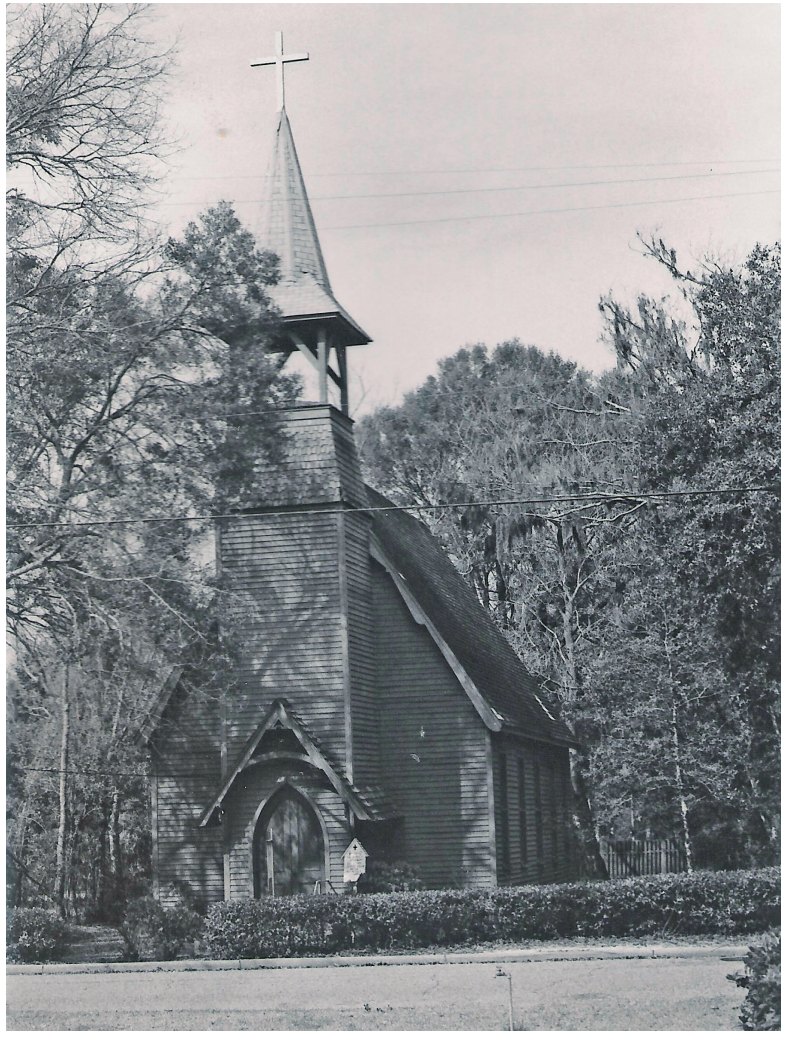

Episcopal Church of the Atonement

207 Chaplin St.

This African American congregation was formed in 1892 as a mission of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, a white congregation. The rector of St. Jude's supplied services for the Church of the Atonement. This distinctive Gothic Revival church was built in 1896. The wood frame building features a steep gable roof. A tower on the front, which contains the Gothic-arched entrance, is decorated with fish-scale shingles and topped with an open belfry. The Church of the Atonement is included in the Walterboro Historic District.

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April

2020

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12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
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First Baptist Church

124 S. Memorial Ave., Walterboro

First Baptist Church of Walterboro began in 1858 when local Baptist believers decided they needed a place to worship.

The church was organized in 1858 by Rev. B. W. Whilden, who was formerly a missionary to China. Whilden remained as pastor for two years, offering his resignation in December 1860, just months before the Civil War began at Fort Sumter. Losing his leadership at such a vital moment in history, the infant church was unable to continue as an organization during the War.

Records show that the first church lot and sanctuary, located on the corner of Wichman and Fishburne, were sold to the Walterboro AME Church for $500 in 1875. This building would not benefit its new owners for long, as it was blown down four years later by the devastating cyclone on April 16, 1879.

In the mid-1880's, with the congregation once again on its feet, a small group of Baptists organized a small Sunday school at the county court house.

Soon afterwards, the church was reorganized, Rev. R. A. Sublett was named pastor, and a new sanctuary and parsonage were built on Miller Street. By 1889, the congregation had settled in the new building.

Worship in this new building was to be short-lived, however. Four years after it was built, it was destroyed by the hurricane of 1893. Only the Bible and pulpit were salvaged to be used in the next church, which was completed in 1897.

In the 1950's, new facilities were needed, and a new sanctuary was built on Memorial Avenue. The new building was completed in 1954, but once again, the church was to face the traumatic loss of their place of worship. After only nine years, on December 10, 1963, the sanctuary was destroyed — this time by fire.

The church set out to rebuild their sanctuary. An architect was hired, plans were made and the sanctuary and education buildings were finally completed and dedicated on May 8, 1966.

May 2020

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Great Swamp Baptist

3396 Hendersonville Hwy., Walterboro

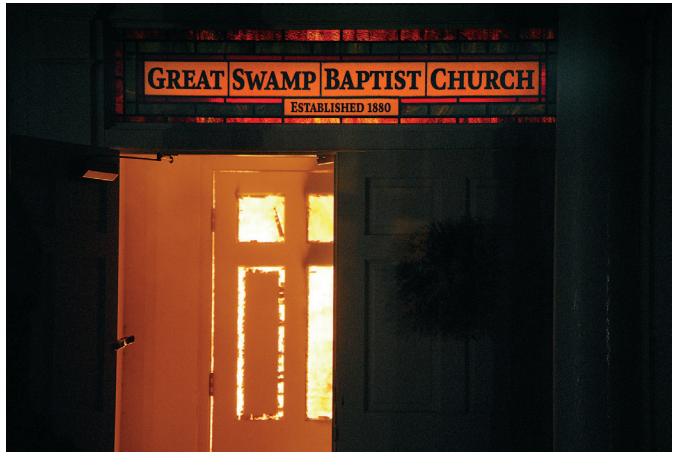
Great Swamp Baptist Church was founded in 1880.

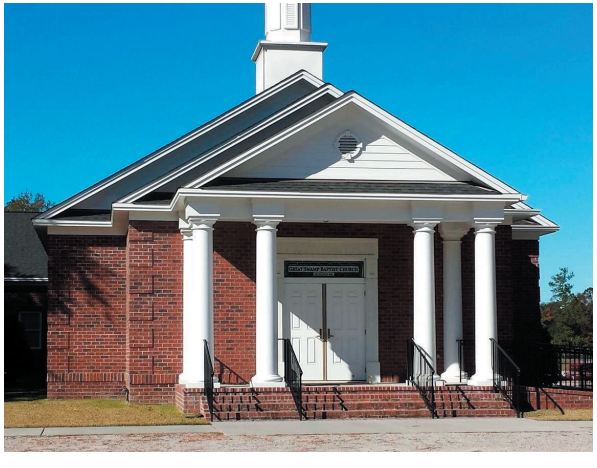
When the church first started, members gathered on the other side of Hendersonville Highway, the first services conducted under an arbor.

The church was built in three phases. The first sanctuary was in what was the middle of the building that burned in May 2011. When it was decided to build a new sanctuary, the original two-story wood structure was turned on its foundation and became the church's educational center. In the 1960s, the one-story fellowship hall was added to the church.

Firefighters in the 2011 fire were able to remove precious few articles from the sanctuary. A couple of tables, some plaques, a computer from the sound room and six pews were saved from the flames.

A new brick sanctuary now stands on the site.





June

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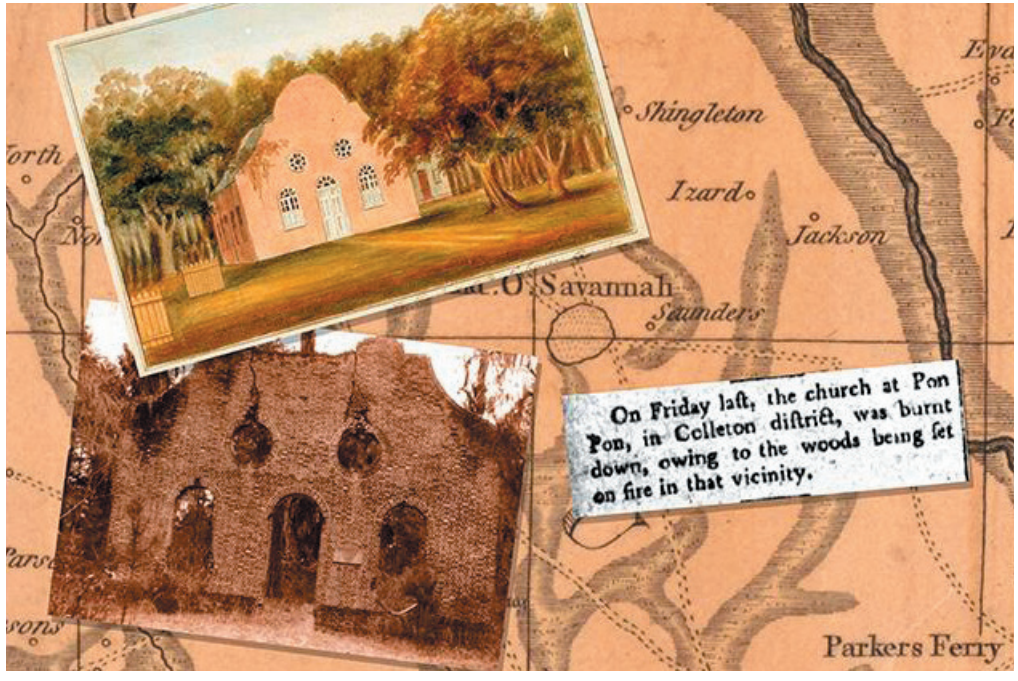

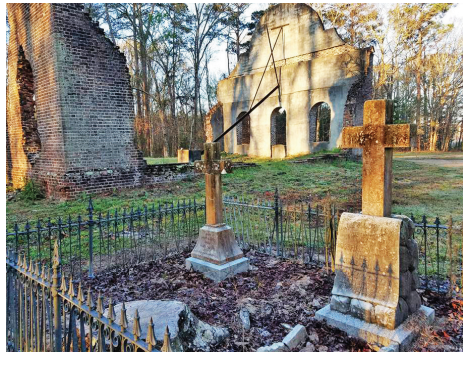

Pon Pon Chapel of Ease

Parkers Ferry Road, Jacksonboro

The Pon Pon Chapel of Ease, established on Parkers Ferry Road near Jacksonboro in 1725, was one of the earliest houses of worship in South Carolina and the forerunner of St. Jude's, a fact that church member Betty Linder and her church really values. It was such a beautiful setting and following the old 1928 prayer book made it even more symbolic, she said.

Pon Pon is the oldest church site in Colleton County, according to the late Laura Lynn Hughes, recorder and curator of the historical society. The cemetery is also very old and was used up until World War I. Soldiers from the Revolutionary and Civil wars and World War I are buried there. There are actually many more graves than are marked, she said. A lot of them have been broken and lost over the years.

There have been several church buildings at Pon Pon. The first building was a wooden chapel where John Wesley, founder of Methodism, preached in 1727. In the early 1750's, the wooden building was replaced with a brick structure that was damaged during the Revolutionary War and was burned several times in the early 1800's. The chapel was built in Walterboro around 1830 to provide a place for worship during the summer months and worship was transferred there from Pon Pon.

The front wall of the Pon Pon church stood until 1957, when Hurricane Gracie blew a tree onto it and knocked it down. It wasn't until 1975 that the Colleton County Historical Society received a grant from the Department of the Interior for a rebuilding project that was done with the old bricks.

In 2019, 1, 3, 5 and 10-year plans were proposed for further stabilization, interpretation and the addition of several accommodations that will make Pon Pon even more visitor friendly.

July

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Ruffin Baptist

191 Double Churches Road, Ruffin

Ruffin Baptist Church is one of two churches that sit side-by-side on the aptly-named Double Churches Road in the Colleton County town of Ruffin. Ruffin Baptist Church was formed in 1923 when eight people met in a wood frame, two-room school house and decided to charter their own church. Soon afterward, a lot was purchased and a house of worship was built.

Ruffin Baptist Church has built additions to its structure over the years and continues to be an active part of this small community along with its next-door-neighbor, St. John United Methodist Church.

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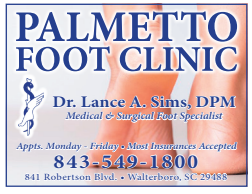

St. James Catholic

3087 Ritter Road, Ritter

Located at Catholic Hill, the current St. James Catholic Church was built in 1935. The church bell was preserved from the previous church, built in 1897, although the congregation existed by 1826.

Constructed by Irish plantation owners to worship with their slaves, the first church was dedicated in 1833 by the first Bishop of Charleston, Bishop John England. The first structure was destroyed by fire in 1856 when a blaze spread from a nearby field.

Constructed in the years following the Civil War, the second church was built by former slaves for the education of their children,"

The second church was completed in 1897, but was knocked down in 1930 by a tornado spawned by a hurricane. Soon after, the current church was built.

The tornado spared the school building, built in 1901, located a few feet away from the church and for over 100 years, it served as a school. The school building was restored in 2011.

A graveyard adjoins the churchyard and contains the loved ones of the congregation's past and Irish settlers alike with the earliest decipherable headstone dating to 1835.

September

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St. Jude's Church

907 Wichman St., Walterboro

Beginning as the Pon Pon Chapel of Ease, St. Jude's Church was the official church of St. Bartholomew's Parish, which was authorized to be built in 1725 near Jacksonboro on the Pon Pon River, which would later be called the Edisto River.

In 1753, the vestry ordered that a brick building be built to replace the original wooden one. This new building didn't last but a few decades, as sometime between 1796 and 1806, it was destroyed by a woods fire. Even now, the Pon Pon Chapel of Ease is known as the "burnt church."

The chapel in Walterboro was completed in 1826 and consecrated on March 27, 1827 as a place of worship for the Anglican (Episcopal) families who summered there. By 1832, Pon Pon's worship services were transferred to the Walterboro Chapel.

The property where the present church stands was purchased in 1852. The well-known architect, Edward B. White, designed a Gothic style building, which was much larger than the present building. It was consecrated in 1852 and called for the first time, St. Jude's.

On April 16, 1879, that building was destroyed by the cyclone, which ripped through Colleton County and wiped out every church in Walterboro.

The present building was consecrated by Bishop Howe in 1882.

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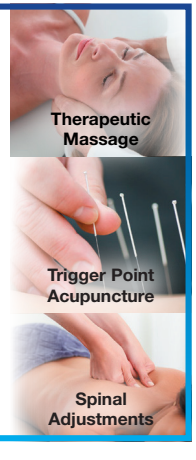

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Trinity Episcopal Church of Edisto

1589 Highway 174
Edisto Island

Founded in 1774, the present church, consecrated in 1881, stands on the sight of the old sanctuary.

The church was occupied by Federal troops during the Civil War, destroyed by fire in 1876 and damaged by the hurricane of 1893. The sanctuary was rebuilt and features beautiful interior work done by a former slave.

The old bead-board and blown glass windows have been lovingly preserved.

November

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Trinity United Methodist

27922 Lowcountry Highway, Smoaks

Trinity United Methodist Church is located on Highway 21 near Walterboro in the community of Smoaks, named for founder David Smoak.

Though Smoak and many of his descendants were Baptists, the Methodist movement gained ground in Colleton County when John Wesley preached at Pon Pon Chapel in 1737 and Bishop Francis Asbury preached at the Methodist Meeting House in 1796. As a result, many Methodist churches were established in Colleton County.

The present church was built in the early 1900s, finished in 1917.

The frame building is in a symmetrical cruciform plan with twin bell towers. The architectural style is the Second Revival Period. Doors and windows are capped with pointed arches. The bell towers flank a large, pointed, stained glass arch window in the façade. The interior of the church has never been altered. Its interior holds a vast amount of Christian symbolism in the altars, pews and beautiful stained glass windows with the tall flame-like curves at the top. The center of the ceiling extends 25 feet in height. A large choir loft enhances the symmetry as well as the formality of the design. The stained glass window which covers the front of the church portrays the picture of Christ knocking at the door, as told in Revelations 3:20.

The Rev. J. C. Counts was the first minister of Trinity with about 125 members at the time of construction.

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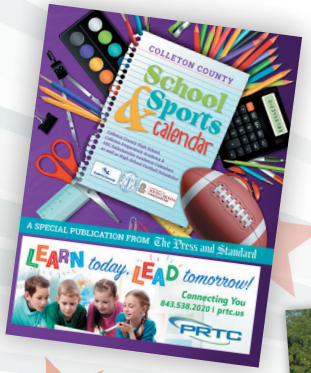
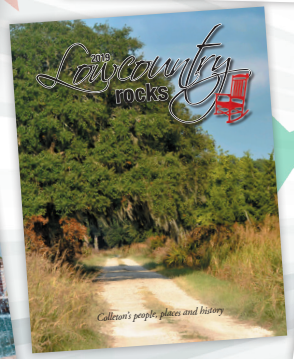
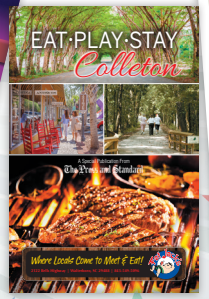
The Press and Standard publishes several special sections each month – magazines, tabloids, contests, spotlight pages, you name it! Here are a few of our standard special editions:



2 NEW Publications will be added this year. Stay Tuned!





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Fall Sports Preview
Guns and Game Sporting Edition
Graduation Keepsake Edition
Colleton History Calendar
School Calendar

Colleton Bridal Planner
Readers' Choice
Disaster Preparedness
Breast Cancer Awareness
Lowcountry Homes (Monthly)

Contact us if you would like to receive rate information for any of these editions!

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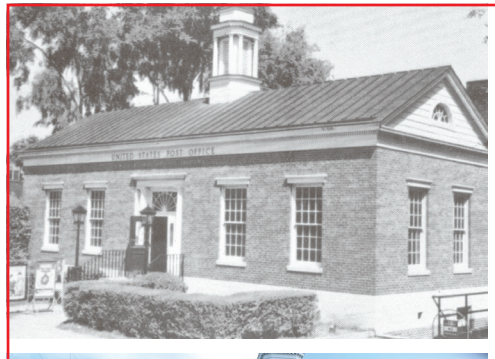

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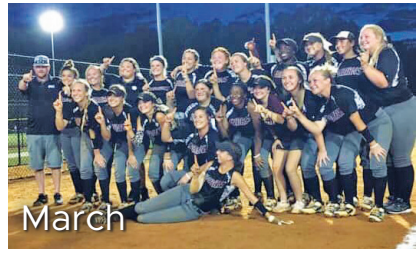

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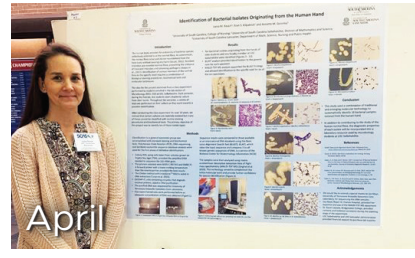

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