

## Mikes Monday Message

### God and Local Government

*“Submit yourselves for the lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men...”  
I Peter 2:13*

Dear Friends,

By now some of you may have heard that I am working part-time at the town office, in planning. I have a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and have worked with different municipalities over the years serving on various boards. Also, our daughter Jennifer is a senior planner with Appalachian Council of Governments in the upstate, so she has been giving me resources to study. In the coming months you may see me at town council and other meetings related to town business as I get to know the “movers and shakers” in the village.

Obviously, it is a LOT to learn and will be a challenge but I have always held down more than one job. When I was here at New Wappetaw in 1991-1995, I taught at Archibald Rutledge Academy. I moved to Greenville in 1995 to start a new church, Providence Presbyterian, where I served on the staff of Foothills Presbytery during my 12 year tenure there.

When I came back to Mt Pleasant in 2007 to start Palmetto Presbyterian in Carolina Park, I also began serving the staff of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. That position included buying and selling of property and a good bit of administration. I retired from the church and the presbytery in September of 2022.

One of the ordination vows in the Presbyterian church asks, “Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?” It is my prayer that I will capably serve the people of the church and the community with God’s help and your support!

It is a joy to be your pastor.

Blessings,  
Mike

#### Upcoming events in the life of our church:

- Tuesday, October 3, at 3:00, Afternoon Ladies Circle meets with KayB McCarley
- Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00, supper and bible study in the fellowship hall
- Sunday, October 22, tailgate lunch after worship, wear your school colors
- Sunday, October 29, at 2:00, Blessing of the Animals