



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

JUNE 2022

A note from the pastor...

Looking at the sermon passages and topics for June it seems appropriate to consider Joel 2:27-28 on Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit was truly poured out onto all the followers of Jesus Christ, just as this Scripture passage from Joel prophecies. This passage brings the sermon series on the Great Commission to an end, remembering that one of the great messages found throughout the Bible is about drawing ourselves and the people around us closer to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Moving on to the rest of June, one of the most difficult practices for any of us is to look at this world, and life in general, from God's perspective. How do our words, thoughts, and actions look to God? Do our decisions honor God? Does our worship truly glorify God? What does our entertainment look like to God?

However, of all the various ways of looking at this, perhaps the most challenging is to consider what our attitudes and relationships look like to God. For the rest of June, we will be considering the prophet Jonah. As God calls Jonah, we see this prophet struggling with a deeper question that might have sounded more like, "What happens when God forgives the wrong person?" Are we tempted to believe that maybe God doesn't get it right all the time? Do we join Jonah saying, "If this is what God is like, I have a problem with God"? Based on Jonah 1, it would seem that the prophet may have had this very thought.

God is a patient and compassionate God, even to Jonah. Jonah is given an incredible lesson on how to pray. It is difficult to imagine what we might pray for from the belly of a fish, but many of us have been in situations where our prayers suddenly became more intense and focused than at other times, because of our circumstances. Those are times when, it could be said, we are given a lesson on how to pray. With this in mind we will consider Jonah's prayer in Jonah 2.

When we finally arrive at Jonah 4, we now have the opportunity to have our eyes opened a little more to see as God sees. What really matters...to God? If it matters to God, it really needs to matter to us. If it goes against our natural tendencies and attitudes, we are the ones who need to change, not God.

Jonah ends with an unanswered question. This prophet of God is concerned with a plant that brought him a little relief. Shouldn't God be concerned with the souls of thousands of people? This isn't a story about a big fish or the city of Nineveh. This is about loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, then loving our neighbor as much as we love ourselves.

Pastor Paul

Sermon Passages for June

June 5: (Pentecost Sunday) The Great Commission: Joel 2:27-28

June 12: Jonah 1:1-17

June 19: (Fathers' Day) Jonah 2:1-10

June 26: Jonah 4

Weekly Reminders:

Prayer Group: Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Youth Room

Adult Choir Practice: Sunday at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Bible Study with Pastor: Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

Walkersville EPC

Session Meeting Review from May 19, 2022

I. Prayer and Devotions

II. Approve: April 21, 2022 minutes: Accepted as received

III. Baptisms and new members

IV. Committee Reports: "How are we fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. June 2022 Committee of the Month: Congregational Care

B. May Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): Clara McGee

C. Building & Grounds: *Boyet Twitty*

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: researching

-Take-out room needs floor tiles

-Manse upgrades update: flooring to replace carpet in addition will be at the end of May/beginning of June

-Boyet Twitty moved that Joey McCombs' (church lawn care) pay be increased, especially with higher gas prices

-seconded and approved to increase

D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: July 17, 2022

-VBS update: July 31-August 3, "Jerusalem Marketplace"

E. Congregational Care: *Clara McGee*

F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-June 2022 Mission of the Month: The Shepherd's Place

-there will be a Minute for Mission on May 29 for The Shack

-next meeting: July 27, 2022

-2022 Chicken & Dumpling tentative dates: September 17, November 12

***2022 Project2Heal yardsale: May 21

G. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-next meeting: August 7, 2022

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

June 5, July 3, August 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: October ____, 2022

-Financial Report

-motion to increase Sue Thornton's pay: seconded and passed

-motion to: move some utilities money to HSA; increase Paul Rankin's pay: seconded and passed

G. Fellowship Committee: still looking for members

V. Old Business

- A. May 22 Congregational Meeting: Election of Officers: Dennis Robinson accepted the nomination
- B. Presbytery Report
 - 1. Next Presbytery meeting: September 23-24, 2022 (Hendersonville EPC, Hendersonville, NC)
Who is going? _____ & _____ (including present and past RE's)
- C. Church T-Shirts: Debbie Robinson (Psalm 46:10)
- D. "Bruce Powell Room"
- E. GA: Ward Church, Northville, MI, June 21-24
-church will pay for Paul's flight and hotel
- F. Paul & Debbie: Kansas vacation, July 4-10 (tentatively) (Ben Preiser, RTS student preacher, July 10)
- G. Paul & Debbie: North Dakota vacation, August 15-26 (guest preacher, August 21) (hymn sing, August 28)

VI. New Business

- A. Installation of Officers: June 26
- B. New entry plans for back hallway to the Fellowship Hall: chairs, table, pictures of past ministers of the church

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: August 4, 2022, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (dual July/August meeting)

Rev. Paul Rankin
Moderator

Clara McGee
Clerk of Session

The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM, Men meet in Fellowship Hall and Women at the Manse.

From the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will be including a Prayer List in the bulletin each week. If you wish to have someone's name listed in the church bulletin, please contact Debbie Rankin. Your request will remain on the Prayer List in the bulletin for one month. At the end of that time, the name you listed will be dropped from the Prayer List or you may ask Debbie to continue to list that person's name.

Walkersville EPC T-shirts

Walkersville EPC t-shirts will soon be available for purchase. Sizes available are child, adult Small to 5X. Colors are light blue and green. Prices for Childs shirts are 10.00. Adult Small to X-Large will be 12.00. Any size above Adult X-Large will be 15.00. Shirts are 52% Cotton and 48% Polyester. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Mary Ann room or entrance inside Sanctuary soon. Any questions see Gretchen Presson, Lindsey Presson or Debbie Robinson.

Food Pantry

The food pantry at Prospect is always in need of donations to meet the growing need. Canned soups and non-perishable items are helpful. Please bring them to the back of the church and let's see how fast we can fill up the barrel

A note from the Congregational Care Ministry Group...

We have several friends who are suffering from injuries and other health problems who need our help through prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. Please minister in some way to Robby Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Travis Price, Beth Simpson, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Linda and Phil Goodman, Clara and Jim McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Rev. Steve and Betsy Rembert, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert, Hazel, and Bo Starnes, Karen Skirpol, Sharon Barber, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Sue Haney, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Barb Salisbury, Bart Jackson Janet Tyson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Malanie Johnston, Suzette Barker, Ruby Rushing, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette, Jessica Cathey and Billy Norwood.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Judge B. Starnes, Judy Watts, Josephine Granes and Troyanne Griffin Hinson.

Please continue to send cards and remember in prayer our church members who are in assisted living homes:

Robby Griffin, Lee Forest Group Home, 1209 Pelham Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

Travis Price, Brookdale Monroe Square, Room 44918 Fitzgerald St, Monroe, NC 28112-5679

The Congregational Care Committee

Have you noticed Walkersville is sending birthday and anniversary cards to members and friends of the church? The Congregational Care Committee would like to extend this ministry by sending cards to your friends and neighbors who need pray encouragement or to be remembered on their special day. Please let Audrey Schott, 704-774-1691, know their name and address and she will make sure a card is sent.

Christian Education Committee needs you:

If you love God's word and want to see others love it too, then consider joining the Christian Education Committee. As we desire to see of the children, youth, and adults of Walkersville and the community grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and the Bible. The committee has bi-monthly meetings to coordinate and plan for up-coming events and to pray for our church. Help us as we pray and plan for Sunday School (Adult, youth & children), Advent, Bible Studies, Lent, Little Angels, CREW Time and special events like the Easter Egg Hunt, and a Children's Christmas.

Vacation Bible School

SAVE the DATE: For Walkersville's VBS

and get excited as we set to explore the
JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

Sunday, July 31st – Wednesday, August 3rd



Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

June

Todd Twitty-5

Tommy, Jr & Debbie Norwood-6/9/96

Brooklyn Hardy-14

Ivey Hardy-15

Rachel Bartel-17

Savannah McManus-19

Hayley Norwood-19

Ruth Norwood-26

Sue Thornton-26

Mark & Allison Batson-6/26

Amy Thompson-27

Phyllis Norwood-28

Debbie Norwood-28

Natalie Rogers-28

Lindsey Presson-29

Savannah Mae Robinson was born on May 10, 2022. She's the daughter of Neil & Kristin Robinson. Grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Robinson & Scott and Lynn Moore. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches in length. We are all so blessed and excited to have a new addition in our family!

VICTORY!

BY Layne Dewlen

Guess what? We are in a war, and it's in your heart and mind! If you are a born-again Christian this is NOT news, but it might be news that you are on the winning side, and that means each one of us are expected by Christ to live in..... victory!

There is a chorus I have mentioned before that means a lot to me, and it fits in very well with the subject at hand. The words are, "I'm a conqueror, victorious, I'm reigning with Jesus, I'm seated in heavenly places with Him, with Him. For the kingdom of God is within me. I know no defeat only victory, For the kingdom of God is within me, I know no defeat only strength and power." What I like about this chorus is the positiveness of it.

So often we, the victorious Soldiers of the Cross, act like we are Soldiers of the Vanquished. Where are you in this past sentence, are you living a victorious life, or one where it seems the enemy has the upper hand? I think we need to look at the scriptural backing for what this chorus says.

I'm a conqueror – Rom.8:37, "In ALL things we are MORE THAN conquerors through Him that loved us. Phil.4:13, "I can do ALL things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Victorious – Well, if we are conquerors, we will automatically be victorious!

Reign with Jesus – Revelation 20:6 says we will reign with Jesus for a thousand years, the Millennium, and Revelation 22:5 goes on to say we will reign with Jesus for all of eternity.

Seated in heavenly places – Ephesians 2:6, “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We don’t sit in the heavenly places *with* Christ Jesus, or at least not yet. Instead, we sit in the heavenly places in **Christ** Jesus. Since our life and identity is **in Christ**, as He sits in heavenly places, so do we. WOW.

The kingdom of God is within me – The verse that I like is Heb.12:28, “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.” Another one is Col.1:13, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.”

Defeat – THERE ARE NO VERSES CONCERNING THE CHRISTIAN’S DEFEAT!

Victory, strength, and power – Starting with victory, 1 Cor.15:57, “Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Jn 5:4, “And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” For strength, in 2 Cor. 12:9 Paul writes Christ said to him, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” Phil. 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” And the last being power, Eph. 3:20, “Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen.” Also, 2Tim. 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

These of course are only a token of the many scriptures to back up the message of this chorus, and each point of the chorus would make a great word study.

The question for each one of us to ponder is how far short of the full, victorious life, available through Christ, am I living? I don’t know about you but this is an on-going heart search and prayer of mine.

In these the closing moments of time before the coming of Christ to take His bride home, it’s expedient that we rid ourselves of all the fluff of life, and any love of the world, setting our sight daily on getting closer to God, living each day in the victory, strength, and power that is ours in and through Jesus Christ, our coming King! A-men

M-A-R-A-N-A-T-H-A!



June Roster

Committee of the Month:

Congregational
Care

Mission of the Month: The
Shepherd's Place

Nursery Workers:

- Jun 05 Rhonda McManus
- Jun 12 Mark and Nanci Beebe
- Jun 19 Jessica Johnston
- Jun 26 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

Volunteers Needed

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request that needs to be communicated through the prayer chain, please contact Clara McGee at 704-709-7125 or Gloria Norwood at 704-843-2352. They will ensure that the word gets out! Also, if you have not been receiving prayer chain calls and would like to be added to the call list, please let Clara or Gloria know this as well.

Newsletter Information

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Harvey Hess by the 15th of each month. You may email the information to harveyhess@bellsouth.net or by phone or text to 704-516-6503. Thank you!

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2022 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	Class of 2023
Larry Schott	704-774-1691	Class of 2024
Bob Stirton	704-361-4888	Class of 2024
Boyet Twitty	704-351-0833	Class of 2022
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	Class of 2023

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate	
Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2022 Church Committees		
Committee	Chair	Clerk
Building & Grounds	Russell Mosley	Bob Stirton
Christian Education	Debbie Robinson	Gloria Norwood
Congregational Care	Bob McCain	Tammy Mosley
Fellowship		
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Marsha Stirton Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

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			1	2	3	4
			3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost Sunday 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Holy Communion Adult Choir Practice		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice	7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study at Manse	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father’s Day 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
26	27	28	29	30		
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice		11:30 Senior Luncheon 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angels			

