



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

MARCH 2021

A Note from the Pastor...

In the month of March as we make our way through the season of Lent, heading toward Good Friday and Easter Sunday, how are we to be successful in an increasingly Godless world? How can we have hope in a society that seems to be getting more and more hostile to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

You can see the sermon passages below and begin to form your own answers. As you read through John 15:1-8 there is a word that is repeated seven times. Depending on your translation it is the word *abide* or *remain*. The only way we will have any chance to live a victorious Christ-centered life is when we abide or remain in Christ. There is no other way. We have to be obedient to his commands. As we do this, we will realize the result of remaining or abiding that is repeated in these verses, *bearing fruit*.

At the same time, in John 15:18-27 we realize that *anyone* who is faithful to mission that Jesus has given to all of us is going to meet opposition. Perhaps the greatest reason for this is because the Word of God never changes, even though society changes, morals change, and values change. What was “wrong” a year ago might be “right” today. The odd thing about it is that people today know and recognize sin. They just don’t want to hear about it. On the other hand, when God’s Word says something is wrong, then it’s wrong. People generally don’t want to hear that. Most of us would rather not be held accountable for our decisions and actions. And that’s the problem. Through God’s Word the people of God sin are exposed for what it is...ugly.

In John 13 and 14 Christ has been telling his disciples he is going away. Christ knew that we are no different than the disciples, generally clueless. The only way for us to be victorious is through the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. The same Holy Spirit at work in the disciples is the same Holy Spirit at work in us today. Just as powerful. Just as active. Just as essential.

Today, in a very complex and confusing world, where morals, values, and theologies collide, *everyone* is seeking Truth. But where are we looking? And how do we know it is the Truth? No matter what we say is Truth, there will be plenty of people who will say we are wrong. We need a guide to show us Truth and that guide is the Holy Spirit. When it comes to the truth of God’s Word, the Holy Spirit guides, teaches, reassures, and gives us confidence that the Bible is indeed Truth.

The words we find in these chapters in John are just as relevant today as they were when Jesus spoke them to his disciples. We will see where abiding, hostility toward the Gospel, and the power of the Holy Spirit can take us in the world we live in.

Pastor Paul

Sermons for March

March 7: John 15:1-8 "Remaining"

March 14: John 15:18-27 "Testify"

March 21: John 16:5-11 "It's for your own good."

March 28: (Palm Sunday) John 16:12-15 "Opening the door slowly"

Weekly Reminders:

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

Children's Choir Practice: Mondays at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Adult Choir Practice: Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The Session of Walkersville EPC met on February 18, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Elders present were Clara McGee, Dean Haney, Betty Lou Mosley and Hazel Norwood. Boyet Twitty was absent. The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from January 21, 2021 were read. Betty Lou Mosley made a motion to accept as read. Dean Haney seconded and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds – The Bradford Pear Trees around the cemetery will be removed due limbs being brittle and breaking. Dederick Brown gave us a price of \$1200.00

Christian Education – Crew Time may start up again in the Spring.

Congregational Care - We encourage the use of the new directory to keep the congregation Connected. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

Mission & Out Reach - Need volunteers for Operation Reach Out either cooking or serving
Let Debbie Rankin know if you are willing to help

Stewardship/Financial Report – January Financial report was given. Motion to accept was by Clara McGee, Seconded by Betty Lou Mosely

Worship –

(We encourage everyone to wear a mask when entering and exiting the Sanctuary. They are mask at the back of the church if you need one)

Old Business – Elder Nominating Committee has met and the "process" has begun

New Business - N/A

Next Session Meeting March 18, 2021

There being no further business Betty Lou Mosley made a motion to adjourn. Clara McGee Second and session approved. Dean Haney closed in prayer.

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
With Pastor Paul Rankin Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in Library.

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.

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, Phil Keys, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Rick Moser, Beth and Benny Simpson, Frank Rogers, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Fran Griffin, Edward Barber, Doug Laney, Linda and Phil Goodman, Wilson Pierce, Paul Dvorak, Phil Mosley, Robbie Plyler, Brody Batson, Leslie Couick James, Melanie Deal, Billy Thompson, Terry McManus, Jeffrey Norwood, Daniel Gay, Luan Ingram, Ken Howie and Phyllis Norwood.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Loma Tyson, Bruce Griffin Jr., Gregg Ross, Tommy Mangum, Jerrie Lynn Winchester, Del Rogers, Rollin Chennell, Sue Chennell, "Preach" Parker and Clegg Hamilton.

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

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

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.

Fellowship Committee

Please pray how you can serve the Lord Jesus and His ministry here at Walkersville EPC, especially as we look for people to be a part of the Fellowship Committee. If you have a talent for hospitality and organizing, please consider serving on this committee.

Remember Romans 12: 6-8: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for the encouragement of Christian fellowship through various events and activities that they plan and organize. The committee will have regular meetings to discuss these events.

Special events include organizing the quarterly Sunday Fellowship time.



The Walkersville EPC Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, March 27th

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: The Fellowship Hall & Fields

Who: Children of friends, families, & neighbors?

Why: To celebrate this special time of year.

There will be egg hunts according to age, the Easter story, crafts, bubbles, and lunch is provided. Remember this will be dependent on the weather.

C.R.E.W. Time

(Christ's Radically Enthusiastic Whippersnappers Time)

Where: **Walkersville Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

When: Every Thursday, April 8th – May 27th,

Time: 5:30-8:00 pm, dinner provided

Who: Children, ages 2 years old – 8th grade?

What is C.R.E.W. Time, and how can you help?

CREW Time is a place to play and learn with Jesus Christ in every part. The children will experience Bible & Singing, Arts & Crafts, Tutoring/homework, and recess. The children are making connections with adults who love the Lord Jesus and gaining a sense of community.

VOLUNTEERS are needed, especially for helping with the meal.

To register a child or to volunteer:

contact the church, 704-843-3612

or Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612

New Secretary Hours

Debbie's secretary hours will vary for the next month as she begins another part time job with Living Color, a landscape/gardens cape company who serves Charlotte and surrounding areas. Currently she is planning on being in the office Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am – Noon.

2020 Toys for Tots Results

3666 toys given to kids (\$5.87 toys / child)

21,519 toys given out

27187 Toys

243 Books

7066 Stocking Stuffers

Memorials for Building Fund

For Loma Tyson

By Marlene Brown

Dennis and Debbie Robinson

Memorials for Cemetery Fund

For Bill Mosley

By Scott and Kellie Mosley

Tony and Debbie Mosley

Linda and Harvey Mosley-Hess

Mission Works

Want to be a World Changer for Jesus?? PRAY! The Mary Ann Room has literature from Missionary Organizations to inform us what believers are experiencing in many countries. Monthly Prayer Needs are there, too, including –

FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY which sends The Good News into many countries
SAT- 7, a Satellite TV Station broadcasting mainly to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
OPEN DOORS - Ministering to our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world

Your heart will be blessed as you learn how God is blessing and providing for the needs of His children AND your heart will be disturbed as you realize how many people are being persecuted and imprisoned ONLY because they are followers of Jesus.

Wow, we are surely blessed in the USA! Such freedom we enjoy - having our own Bibles and meeting for church services whenever we want to without fear of being dragged off to prison. Thank you, Father.

Blessings,
Peggy Dvorak

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

March

Dillon Hardy-1

Kelsey Johnston-4

Grady, Jr & Ann Rose-3/10/62

Lisa Echols-18

Russell Mosley-20

Beverly Haney-21

Andrew Presson-22

Layne Dewlen-25

Phil Keyes-26

Jennifer Trull-29

Wilson Johnston-30

Bella Hardy-31

Spring is near. The first day of spring is March 20, but the Sunday before **March 14 is Daylight Savings.**

Spring them clocks forward and don't miss church.

Congratulations to the Volunteer of the Year at Providence Elementary School, our very own Scarlett Stirton Clonch!

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST

by Layne Dewlen

Wow! Quite a title, yes? Also, a controversial subject in some circles, but stick with me and you can make up your own mind whether I'm right to believe, or crazy. (Please keep your opinion to yourself if it's the latter.)

I must say that right now as I study the Bible and watch world events unfold, particularly as related to Israel, the USA, and the out-in-the-open plans of the elite globalists, I sense that we are absolutely NOT going to return to anything close to "normal." And I don't think our country will be saved by a new election in 2 and/or 4 years. What I do see is a continuing weakening of the fabric of America. Why would I say such a thing? Well, it's not because I'm a far-left nut case. Really, it's quite simple. The Scriptures say that in the very end of time before the coming of the Lord back to this earth there will be a one-world government, run by one man, the anti-Christ. And what is all the world calling for? (The answer is a one world government, if you didn't know already.) Have you heard of the UN's 2030 agenda, and the World Economic Forum's "The Big Reset?" These things say it all. Needless to say, there is no way there can be a one-world with the USA being strong militarily, financially, politically, and seeking what was best for the USA. Therefore, the country must be taken down from its standing in the world. I must admit it's not easy to watch, but I keep reminding myself I'm only passing through, Heaven is my home!

As a side note to the above, I wrote about how according to Scripture there will be ten kings ruling before the anti-Christ comes to the world stage. I stated how I came to find out that the UN had split up the world into ten regions. Now the World Economic Forum has stated how the world would be ruled be a number of nations, not giving a number, but certainly showing the same line of thought. Isn't it something how accurate Bible prophecy is, and we are seeing it play out!

In Matt. 24 the disciples asked three questions of Jesus, when will the temple be destroyed, signs of His coming back, and signs of the end of the world. What was the first thing out of the box that Jesus said? DON'T BE DECEIVED! He repeats the idea of being deceived several more times in His talk. I have never seen such a time as this when deceit is rampant everywhere, in the government, politics, business, media, and yes, even in the church! You must have great discernment to find and know the truth today. Thank God, our Savior is TRUTH, and in Him is no shadow of turning!

By far the most important sign of the times is the country of Israel. May 14, 1948 the Jews had a homeland again. Have you thought what that means? After almost 2000 years a distinct people group, spread over the entire world came back to their original homeland. (I've been told that people who study such things say that after about 50 years people who suffer such a thing lose their ethnicity, and become a part of the society in which they reside). So, God did a miracle for the whole world to see. Not only that, they speak their original language, Hebrew! There are many prophecies still to be fulfilled for Israel, and the God that fulfilled so many prophecies in the Old Testament literally, will continue fulfilling them literally.

Jerusalem is now the official capital of Israel as it must be for the third temple to be built, and Israel is getting everything ready for it right now. They are building a train station close to the temple mount for the crowds that will be coming, (it will be named for Donald Trump by the way). They have all the clothes made for the priests, the furnishings for the temple, the plans are drawn, the building material is ready, and believe it or not, the priests have been chosen from the tribe of Levi by, of all things DNA! Isn't it something that God would give man knowledge at the right time so the tribes could be known?

Why are Israel, Jerusalem, and the temple so important as signs? Taken in order, the answers are: (1) Israel must be in place because one of the names for the Seven Year Tribulation used in the Bible is "the time of Jacob's Trouble." It is when God will deal with the waywardness of the Jews and bring them to the place where they will repent and acknowledge Christ was/is their Messiah. (2) Jerusalem. You know, there isn't one thing strategically important about Jerusalem. It's not on a river, or on a coast line, it's not a major business hub, but God said it would be a cup of trembling, and a burdensome stone for the world. Does it seem strange that the capital of a country the size of Massachusetts would be in the world news continually? Jerusalem is important because it is where God put His name and presence, which leads to the third Q. The third temple is important because the anti-Christ will exalt himself by sitting as God in the holy place of the temple, 2Thess.2:4.

Then there are the things taking place around the world spoken of by Jesus in Matt. 24. There have been 29 major earthquakes around the world as of Feb. 18. By major is meant 6.0 or greater. There have been many volcanoes erupting around the world. The earth is groaning as Romans 8:22 says. By the way, have you heard that there are sounds being heard around the world that no one has been able to figure out from where they are coming? They are quite eerie!

Another side note. The coming of the Lord is in two phases, two sides of the same coin. There's the Rapture of those who died believing in the atonement of Christ, and we who are alive, being caught up to MEET the Lord in the air. The second phase is when we come back to earth at the end of the Tribulation WITH Christ. There are many differences between the two comings beside these; maybe I can write about them sometime soon.

There are so many other signs of the imminent return of the Lord that are upon us, I wish I had more room to mention them. There isn't a doubt in my mind that we are the generation that will hear that great trumpet sound, and the voice of Jesus saying, "Come up here!" Are you ready? Do you know beyond any shadow of doubt that alive or dead you will hear that great call? If not, you can be sure, it's as easy as A, B, C. A-admit you are a sinner. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. B- Believe that Jesus is God, and was raised from the dead, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation," Romans 10:9+10. C- Call out to Him. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," Romans 10:13.

I want to end this with the last two verses in the Bible. Rev. 22:20+21, "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen." **MARANATHA!!**



March Roster

Committee of Month: Building and Grounds

Nursery Workers:

- Mar 07 Ivey Hardy
- Mar 14 Rhonda McManus
- Mar 21 Jessica Johnston
- Mar 28 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

Volunteers Needed

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!

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.

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2021 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	Class of 2023
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	Class of 2021
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	Class of 2021
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

2021 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		Sue Thornton

March 2021

	1	2	3 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	4	5	6
7 Communion	8 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	9	10 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal No Choir	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Spring Forward	15	16	17 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	18 7:00 PM Session Meeting	19	20 First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir Saint Patrick’s Day	25	26	27 11:30AM-1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
28 Game Day 12:30 to 2:00 PM Palm Sunday	29	30	31 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Little Angels Youth Group No Choir 5:00 -600 PM Mission Committee Meeting			

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