

WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173
NOVEMBER 2019



A Note from the Pastor...

In the ballfield by the church I recently saw “something”. It was oddly shaped and seemed to move slightly. It was still early in the morning and “it” was only a dark form and I had to wonder what sort of animal it was. Maybe I was more curious than I should have been, but I investigated anyway. I was smart enough to take a small flashlight with me. As I got closer it was still moving, but just a little, still a complete mystery. At this point I’m walking slowly and cautiously, having heard that occasionally people have seen coyotes around here. If it was hurt it might be dangerous (at least that’s what they say on the movies). I finally got right up on it only to find it was a couple of small branches of leaves that had gotten tangled together to form its odd shape. To tell you the truth I was a little disappointed. That’s it? Just some leaves?!

How often does the thing we see in the distance look different up closely? I’d say all the time! As we finish a quick journey through Exodus this will be true of God. All through Exodus we have seen God’s presence in a number of different ways, but what happens when we see him up close?

When Moses asks to see God’s glory (Ex. 33:18), God agrees. But in Exodus 34:1-9, when Moses (almost) comes face to face with God, is this what he expected? Up close, does God look the same? As Moses spends time with God (Exodus 34:29-35), a little bit of God “rubs off” onto Moses and his face was glowing. When anyone gets close to God not only does God look different, but so do we. Finally, we arrive at the very end of Exodus (40:34-38). The tabernacle is finished and the glory of the LORD fills it. But that’s not the end of the story. Not only was God’s presence seen in the tabernacle, but, to a great extent, the people’s lives were totally under God’s control as he was dwelling there among them.

As we are quickly approaching the Advent season, I hope you will see how these passages from Exodus prepare us to celebrate God among us, with us, and in us. In the person of Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, God comes near, and perhaps, as we get closer, he will look different.

God’s blessings to you,
Paul

Sermons for November

November 03: Exodus 34:1-10 “Face to Face with God...Almost”

November 10: Exodus 34:29-35 “Glow in the Dark”

November 17: Guest preacher

November 24: Exodus 40:34-38 “Who’s in charge?”

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

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The session of Walkersville EPC met on October 22, 2019 @ 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Elders present were Boyet Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Jim McGee, and Dennis Robinson.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Brian Martin.

The minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Dean Haney presented the treasurer's report. Session approved the report as presented.

Ministry Team Reports:

Building & Grounds - Cement to be poured for take out area and new handicap walkway connecting Fellowship hall to the back of sanctuary.

Christian Education - No report

Congregational Care - No report

Fellowship - Children's Christmas program is December 22, 2019 @ 6:30 pm. Santa Claus and finger foods will follow in the fellowship hall.

Mission & Outreach - Yard Sale, Operation Reach Out, Food Bank was a success. Thanks to all that helped.

Worship - Thanksgiving service will be @ 7:00 pm on November 24, 2019 @ Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Preacher Paul Rankin will preach.

Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 pm on December 24, 2019 @ Walkersville.

Old Business - David Rankin discussed setting up website for the church. Cost will be \$17.00 monthly/\$204.00 yearly. Session approved to pay \$204.00 per year. Website will include church history, church beliefs, current events.

New Business - Session approved for Bob McCain to sign checks for Faith Works. Session approved for Tammy Mosley to use her discretion on sending flowers to the sick in hospital or at home. Preacher Paul Rankin will be on vacation November 11 - 17, 2019.

There being no further business, Boyet Twitty made a motion to adjourn. Jim McGee seconded and session approved. Preacher Paul Rankin closed in prayer.

Rev. Brian Martin Dennis Robinson
Moderator Clerk of Session

Walkersville EPC Congregational Meeting
October 20, 2019

The congregation of Walkersville met after Worship service on October 20, 2019. Proper notice was given to congregation before the meeting. A quorum was present. Rev. Brian Martin was appointed as moderator of the meeting. Rev. Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a nominating committee for the office of elder. This will be a three-year term starting on July 1, 2020. Nominations were opened from the floor. Nominations were Betty Lou Mosley, Rick Moser, Bob McCain. Two nominations from the session for the elders going off were Jim McGee and Dennis Robinson. Nominations were closed with no further business. The meeting was closed in prayer by Preacher Paul Rankin.

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The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM
With Pastor Paul Rankin first and third Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

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 Clara McGee. 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 Clara to continue to list that person's name.

Senior Saints Luncheon

55 plus luncheon is meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 11:30.

Fellowship Supper

There will be a Fellowship Supper on the second Wednesday of November by the Stewardship Committee.

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 Perry and Marlene Brown, Jean Price, Robby Griffin, Linda Goodman, Irene Mosley, Lynn Dewlyn, Eric Thomas, Edith Long (Boyet Twitty's sister), Ronnie Craig, Eric Thomas, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Davis and Shirley Starnes and Larry Schott.

We extend sympathy to the family Mrs. Francis Parr.

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

Mrs. Jean Price, White Oaks of Waxhaw 700 Howie Mine Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173

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

Bryant Russell, Monroe Manor, 1101 Baucom Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

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!

Fellowship Committee

Fellowship Chair Alisa Pierce and Clerk Alice Gay are giving up their positions effective December 31, 2019. We have served on the Fellowship Committee for years; we need a break and it is time to let someone with fresh ideas take over! We would like to thank you all for your help and support over the years and look forward to attending Fellowship Events in the future.

Contact Hazel Norwood Elder for Fellowship Committee if you are interested in taking over these positions.

Thank you.

Operation Reach Out

Just a quick reminder that Walkersville has pledged to provide lunch to the clients at **Operation Reach Out** each month on the **2nd Wednesday**. If you would like to take the meal one month, you can find the sign-up sheet posted on the door to the sound room as you enter the sanctuary. Our focus item for October is coats and sweaters.

If you would like to help with this mission project, there is a sign-up sheet on the door to the sound room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact anyone on the Mission/Outreach Ministry Team.

Mission and Outreach

Our yard sale is over for this year. It was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who brought stuff and came to help. Especially to Bob McCain who helped with the pricing of everything. Thanks to Charlie for bringing the dogs for us to see. Thanks to Operation Reach Out for coming to get all the stuff that was left, a huge truck load. We made \$2,500.00 to give to Operation to Heal.

Thank You.

Open House at Manse

Now that Paul's ordination and installation are behind us, Paul and Debbie invite you to the church manse for an Open House along with an opportunity to ask us whatever questions you may have about us. This will happen on November 8 (6-8pm), November 9 (6-8pm), and November 10 (1:30-3:30pm). Come see us on the day that works best for you

Chicken and Dumplings

Blessings from Above

What a humbling experience we had as we worked together to make Chicken and Dumplings on September 21st. We know that many of you began praying and working several weeks early to make our Chicken and Dumpling Dinner successful and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our next C&D will be here soon (November 2nd) and so we need to be in constant prayer that we will again bring glory to the kingdom of God.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The **Adult Choir** is getting ready for Christmas. Keep the dates open Sunday, Dec. 8th, for "Waiting for Christmas". This is a great time to join us in the choir. We would love to have more voices.

Many of you play an instrument, guitar, violin, drums, flute, etc. Please let Sue know.

Kid's Choir is working again with our hand chimes. Be prepared to be blessed when they play for you soon. They are also planning to celebrate Veteran's Day on Sunday, Nov. 10th. Please be getting together any memorabilia you wish to share with us on that day. Any questions see Sue or Marsha.

We need all kids to help us. We begin planning for our Kids Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 22th.

See you in the choir!

In Christ,

Sue and Marsha

Women of Walkersville (WOW) News

The Women of Walkersville would like to thank Linda Goodman for leading our Bible Study this past year. We completed *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christenson in July. In August we met and decided to start a new study entitled, *Bad Girls of the Bible: and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies of Walkersville are welcome to join us. If you would like to be a part of the study group, please let Marsha (704-579-2358) know so she can order a book for you. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Youth Room.

Memorials to Cemetery Fund

Memorials to Building Fund

For Alphonso Berge and Mary Elizabeth Norwood

By Their Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Good News and Praises

Marriage is something we should always celebrate, especially when a man has been blessed with a beautiful, Godly woman. Paul and Debbie's 32nd anniversary is on November 28.

It's a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Braylen Jack Batson on Nov. 2nd. Celebrate.....

Happy Anniversary to Boyet and Lynn Twitty on Nov 24th. 51 years and still counting.....

Father and Sons

(Inspired by Matthew 21:28-32)

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My father was sixty-five years old when his mother passed away in 1970. She left to him the heavy chifforobe (*a combination armoire/chest of drawers*) that his father had made by hand.

Daddy was glad to be offered this piece, as he loved his father and admired his handiwork. The piece was much too heavy and bulky, however, for my father to move by himself. Besides that, my grandmother's cabin was 10 hours away in Wise, Virginia, and Daddy did not drive.

He did have two sons, though, and each of them had a pickup truck. He called Allen, his younger son, and asked him for his help. "My sister Nell is going to be at Mama's house two weeks from Saturday, Daddy explained. "That's the only day that someone will be there to let me in. Will you take me to get that chifforobe and help me bring it back?"

"Sorry, Pop," Allen answered. "The World series begins that day. The Baltimore Orioles are playing the Cincinnati Reds. You know I can't miss that game." The Baltimore Orioles were his favorite team.

Daddy understood. He was a big fan of the Orioles, too. So, he said good bye to Allen and called his oldest son, Lee, whom he asked the same question. "Sure, Pop," Lee answered without hesitation. "I'll be glad to go with you and bring that chifforobe back."

I am sure that Lee meant well, but he was the happy-go-lucky type who made promises easily, but did not keep track of them. Within a week he forgot all about Daddy and the chifforobe and, excited about the World Series, he decided to have a World Series hotdog cookout party. He invited all his friends and neighbors. He also invited Allen.

"Say What!" Allen exclaimed. "Didn't you tell Daddy that you would take him to pick up that Chifforobe in Wise that Saturday?"

"Shucks! I forgot all about that." Lee reflected. "Oh, well, I'm sure Daddy will understand. He knows that the Baltimore Orioles are my favorite team. I'll call him right now."

"Never mind," Allen told him. "I'll call Daddy and tell him. I need to talk to him anyway."

On Saturday, October 15, at 4:00 a.m., my Daddy stood on the front porch of his apartment building waiting for his son to pick him up and drive him to Wise. As the truck pulled up to the curb, Daddy was surprised to see Allen, not Lee, behind the wheel.

"What are you doing here, Allen?" Daddy asked. "I thought you were going to watch the World series."

"Yep, I was, Pop," Allen grinned. "But then I decided that I've seen plenty of Orioles games. I've never had my father to myself for an entire day before, though. How could I pass that up?"

Daddy laughed and slapped Allen on the back as he got into the truck.

Daddy talked about that trip until the day he died in August 1987. Memories of that trip brought a smile to his face whenever he thought of them. I am pretty sure that they made Allen smile, too.

Years after Daddy was gone, Lee told me that he would give anything to have that day back. Unlike Allen, he would never have the opportunity to have his father to himself for an entire day.

Piper Cub

No doubt a number of you are scratching your head and wondering what in the world is a Piper Cub, also known as a J-3? Well, let me tell you. It's an airplane that was first manufactured in 1937, made of steel tubing, covered with cotton fabric, painted yellow with a black lightning bolt down the side, and powered by 65 hp., and cruised about 65 mph. It was a very simple machine with no starter, no radios, and the barest of instruments, (the gas gauge was a cork with a wire attached to it, which went through the cap on the tank. What can I say, it worked!)

It's an aircraft beloved by many pilots, including yours truly. Why? It was easy and fun to fly, but the main reason I believe, is because so many learned to fly in the Cub.

OK, but why is this in a church newsletter? It's a reasonable question for which I hope you'll agree I have an answer, which I hope is reasonable.

I would like to turn your thinking to the salvation which we enjoy. When we are saved, we think there's nothing like it, (and there isn't!), why doesn't everybody do it, and why didn't I do this sooner? All of these questions can come from the new pilot and the new Christian. Let me say a few words about each one.

Salvation is simple just like a Cub. I'm sure on this we all agree, and yet those first steps weren't easy. Admitting to myself and God I'm a guilty sinner isn't easy, starting a completely different path isn't easy. Simple, yes, easy, no. Learning to fly was the same thing. It was simple, but I needed an instructor, it took time in the air and the books. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for being our instructor, thanks to you older pilots, I mean Christians for your help, thank you God for your instruction manual, the Bible, we couldn't have made it on our own.

Needless to say, every new pilot is so thrilled with the joy of flying, they think everyone will want to learn. So, it is with us as new Christians. The joy of sins forgiven, the peace that passes all understanding, is more than we can hold to ourselves. We want everyone to experience the same.

The last question I'm sure we have all thought about at one time or another, why did I wait so long? The answer to that question can be many things, but I suppose it all comes down to our selfishness, wanting our own way. Which reminds me of the secular song that I hate so much, "I did it my way."

Old Blue Eyes did a great job singing it, and it's a great melody, but the message is straight from Hell!

So, I hope you see how I came to the connection between the old J-3 Cub and starting out walking with the King. What an experience, what a life, and one day "I'll fly away oh glory, I'll fly away!"

Unlike those that are a part of the world who were born once and will die twice, we have been born twice to die only once. Glory and all praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

Layne Dewlen

To be continued...



November Roster

Committee of Month: Stewardship

Monthly Greeter: Boyet Twitty

Nursery Workers:

Nov 03 Jessica Johnston

Nov 10 Debbie Rankin

Nov 17 Nanci Beebe

Nov 24 Kayleen Rankin

Dec 01 Jessica 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

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2019 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Dennis Robinson	704-764-9025	3 Years
Jim McGee	704-709-7125	3 Years
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	2 Years
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	2 Years
Boyet Twitty	704-843-1245	1 Years

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

2019 Church Committees		
Committee	Chair	Clerk
Building & Grounds	Russell Mosley	Bob Stirton
Christian Education	Debbie Robinson	Gloria Norwood
Congregational Care	Bob McCain	Tammy Mosley
Fellowship	Alisa Pierce	Alice Gay
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Lynn Twitty	Sue Thornton

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Change clocks for time change	4:00 PM – Children Choir Practice	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice		Open House at Manse 6-8 PM	Open House at Manse 6-8 PM
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Honoring Veterans Open House at Manse 1:30 to 3:30 PM	4:00 PM – Children Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study Veteran’s Day	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper Operation Reach Out			
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Game Day 12:30 to 2:00 PM Thanksgiving service at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church 7:00 PM	4:00 PM – Children Choir Practice	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 11:30 AM Senior Saints Luncheon 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Little Angels Youth Group	Thanksgiving Day		

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