



# WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

MARCH 2022

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## A note from the pastor...

Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
(Psalm 46:10)

Psalm 46 talks about God's presence and protection. This particular verse has given many assurances and peace, especially during times of uncertainty, making these words particularly strong in the days we live in. When the news causes fear, anxiety, divisions, and conflicts among us as followers of Jesus Christ, it is because we have forgotten the greater reality of who God is and his presence among us. We have forgotten what God has done in and through each of us as a follower of Christ. We forget that God's power fills us. We forget that we live under God's authority, not the worlds.

However, if we point these words inwardly toward ourselves, we miss the point. As is continually the case, *it's not about us!* We must remember what matters most. It's not that we experience peace in a messed-up world. It's not that we can somehow stand outside of the world's problems and give a sigh of relief. What matters most is that God is exalted. In those last two lines, "I will be *exalted...*," the verb is an imperative. This is actually a command from God. Perhaps to read those lines correctly we need to strongly emphasize "will": "I *WILL* be exalted..."

When we remember to be still, living in firm confidence of God's power and authority we will be able to exalt the true and living God of all creation. This world that wants us to live under its power and authority, leading only to fear, uncertainty, and conflict, and we have seen plenty of that in the past several years. God expects us to live under his power and authority, leading to joy, peace, confidence, and assurance.

In March, as we enter into the season of Lent, we are able to focus on the power and authority of our God when we see him at work through the cross and the empty tomb. The sermon passages for this season begin with holy week as the Gospel of John records it. We will walk alongside Jesus through these passages, able to be still and know that God is at work, ultimately knowing that he is exalted among the nations, and especially here at Walkersville EPC.

Pastor Pau

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## Sermon Passages for March

March 2: (Ash Wednesday) John 12:1-11

March 6: (Communion) John 12:27-36

March 13: (Daylight Savings Time) John 13:1-11

March 20: John 15:1-11

March 27: John 15:12-17

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## 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

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## Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

Walkersville EPC

Session Meeting Review: February 24, 2022

**I. Prayer and Devotions** (Position Papers: Human Sexuality)

**II. Approve December 16, 2021 & January 20, 2022 minutes (stated meeting)**

**III. Baptisms and new members**

-Eddie & Melodie Carswell

**V. Committee Reports:** "How does each committee fulfill the Great Commission?"

A. March 2022 Committee of the Month: Christian Education

March Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): Larry Schott

B. Building & Grounds: *Boyet Twitty*

-Wi-Fi to the Fellowship Hall: in process

-mount hand sanitizers in Fellowship Hall

C. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: March 20, 2022: Pack bags for Easter Egg Hunt

-Congregational Pot Luck following the worship service (March 20)

-Lenten items: Easter Egg Hunt (April 9); Good Friday Prayer Vigil (9-3:00, April 15); VBS (7/31-8/3)

D. Congregational Care: *Clara McGee*

E. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-March 2022 Mission of the Month: Turning Point

-next meeting:??

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

-2022 Project2Heal yard sale tentative date: May 21

-special love offering for Ground40: March 6

F. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-next meeting: March 27, 2022

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

March 6

April 3, April 14 (Maundy Thurs.)

May 1

June 5

July 3

August 7

Sept. 4

Oct. 2

Nov. 6

Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

-Breakfast following Sunrise Service

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Financial Report

G. Fellowship Committee

## **V. Old Business**

- A. Next Presbytery meeting: May 6-7, 2022 (Lake Forest Church/Westlake, Denver, NC)
  - 1. Who is going? I will register you. ( \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ )
    - Friday, 12-8pm (includes presbytery business, training, information, and evening worship)
    - Saturday, 8am-12pm (includes examination of candidates, information, and remaining business)
  - 2. How is the Great Commission a part of what we do at Walkersville?
- B. Schedule a Congregational Meeting (for the election of one elder)
- C. Harvey Hess: Patty Greene fundraiser: 50% to Nicaragua, 50% to Ground40

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Schedule a 3–5-year planning meeting: May 22, 2022

## **VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:**

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## **VIII. Close with prayer**

**Next stated Session meeting: March 17, 2022, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Rev. Paul Rankin  
Moderator

Clara McGee  
Clerk of Session

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Rick Moser, Beth Simpson, Frank Rogers, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Linda and Phil Goodman, Wilson Pierce, Paul and Peggy Dvorak, Billy Thompson, Terry McManus, Wendy Rose, Clara and Jim McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Rev. Steve and Betsy Rembert, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert, Hazel, and Bo Starnes, Jenny Wilson, Bob and Brenda O'Kelley Lynn Dewlen, Karen Skirpol, Tim Morgan, Brody Keen, Sharon Barber, Robert Helms, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, Bill Cope, Claude Gamble, Geneva Desmond, Daniel McGuirt, George Huntley, Brittany Helms, David Rankin, Ray Phillips, Melody Carswell, Jeff Wren, Walt Venturo, Sue Haney, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Barb Salisbury, Tiffany Medlin, Bart Jackson Jennifer Corley, Janet Tyson, Pam Gordon, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Cara and Larry Schott Jr, Malachi Horne, Michael Mosley, Mary Edwards, Barry Joyner, Malanie Johnston, Suzette Barker, Ruby rushing, Judy Watts, Linda Mosley-Hess and Patty Outen.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Pam Hargis, David Simpson and Claude Stapleton.

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

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### **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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Free Gospel Benefit Concert**

The Cane Creek Cruisers would like to show their appreciation for using the fellowship hall with a gospel benefit on March 27, two weeks before Palm Sunday. Our caller Patty Greene would be doing the concert for free and all the love offerings accepted going to the church as a donation from the square dance club. The Gospel Singing would be open to anyone in the community and advertised through the square dance environment. Patty is a talented singer who sings with the Big Band group Reflections who perform at the Warbirds Event at Monroe Airport every year. If accepted she would prefer to do it March 27, a Sunday afternoon at around 3:00 PM.

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## 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

### Braylen Batson

Braylen said that we should probably quit sending mail by tomorrow (Wed, Feb 24th). That gives two weeks for what we send to get to him before they leave for training in San Antonio. Once he gets there, we will get his new address of course.

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OH, NO!  
By Layne Dewlen

March, 2022. Seems impossible. I will be another year older this month. Suddenly, 81 doesn't seem so old anymore. What happened, where did the time go? I don't feel any older on the inside, you know, that part the Bible calls the soul. It's really kind of strange how one part of you feels exactly the same as you did at 20, and another part of you can't keep up with the 20 year old thinking. I guess what I'm trying to say is, "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Time marches on. The other day I was thinking about the rapture of the saints, and the second coming of Christ, when my mind went back to a watchnight service I attended. (A watchnight service, for those who don't know, is a service on new years eve that started around 10 or 10:30PM, and went until after midnight.) Anyway, I remembered how I thought that night that Jesus might come in the new year. The remembrance was very vivid in my mind, and I started trying to figure just when it was, then it hit me, it was Dec.1960, over sixty years ago. I was 19 years old.

Now I must say that my perspective of what that great day will hold has changed through the years. Back when I was young the overriding thought was the perfection His second coming would bring. There would be nothing but truth, righteous government, and real justice. Now, it's more in line with my new body...with hair. However, the imminence of His return hasn't wavered in my spirit, unless it has gotten stronger. We are just that much closer to the day! Back in 1960 there really wasn't a lot of biblical signs happening. Today, they are everywhere. Prophecy teachers use the word "convergence" for what we see today. The signs are all converging together at the same time. As one person put it, the world isn't falling to pieces, the pieces are all falling into place! He's coming, He said He would, He's coming back again! Be ready, be watchful, for we know not the day or the hour of His coming, but it is sooo soon! (Matt.25:13)

One of the things that has always made me wonder about the unsaved thinking is this very fact of their souls not feeling older. As those who are unsaved become older and have the same thoughts I have mentioned, how can they not understand there is a part of them that doesn't grow old, and will live forever? And, if they will live forever, where will that be? Then there are those who say that this life is all there is, death is the end-all. Why don't they see, maybe I should say feel, or understand that they are not getting older inside? Something inside them doesn't change. Do they not wonder why that is?

To me this part of humans that stays young no matter the years we live is a God sign to us, along with our conscience. Certainly the unsaved will have no excuse when they stand before God at the Great White Throne judgment. These two things along with the wonders of creation, including the universe, will be convicting enough.

There's an old invitational hymn we used to sing that says, "There's a great day coming, a great day coming, there's a great day coming by and by, when the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left, are you ready for that day to come?" BE READY! Do all you can to make sure your loved ones, friends, and neighbors are ready as well.

Maranatha!



**March Roster**

**Committee of the Month: Christian Education**

**Mission of the Month: Turning Point**

**Nursery Workers:**

- Mar 06 Mark and Nanci Beebe
- Mar 13 Jessica Johnston
- Mar 20 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston
- Mar 27 Rhonda McManus

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may email the information to [harveyhess@bellsouth.net](mailto: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

# March 2022

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		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service			
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9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice	Chicken and Dumplings Prep Day	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	Chicken and Dumplings Prep Day	Chicken and Dumplings Prep Day	Chicken and Dumplings
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