



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

AUGUST 2020

A Note from the Pastor...

In some of my reading I recently came across an article that seemed to speak to our times, especially as we approach them from a Christ-centered, Scriptural perspective. It is so easy to become polarized over any number of issues and lose our biblical focus. This inevitably gives rise to some differences between approaching those issues either from a biblical or a political perspective. These thoughts come from a blog by Eric Geiger, *Being Political* (June, 2020).

1. There is a difference between being biblically passionate and politically passionate. Issues such as caring for the unborn, religious liberty, racial equality, marriage, and gender should not be seen through a political lens. Our concern should be to answer the question, "What does God's Word say about these issues?"
2. If passions fall squarely into partisan lines (generally Republican/Democrat or conservative/liberal), passion is rooted in a political viewpoint more than a Christ-centered one. If we are following Jesus, we might very well be considered too conservative for our progressive friends and too progressive for our conservative friends. Jesus will never fit neatly into any political camp.
3. Our Christian unity must be built around our King, Jesus Christ. As Christians we only have one option for our unity, by bowing to our King. No political party made us right before God. No political party can give us an eternal assurance. Bowing before our King allows us to enter the world we live in from a Christ-centered, biblical perspective that will unify us in a way nothing else will be able to do.

If we are truly going to live up to the title and description "Christian", then Christ needs to be at the center of our lives as we weather the storms all around us. Scripture is to be our unchangeable standard that provides the lens through which we view the world and its issues.

You can read Eric Geiger's full article by going to (or copy and paste):

<https://ericgeiger.com/2020/06/3- thoughts-on-the-differences-between-being-biblical-and-being-political/>

Sermons for August

August 2: Philippians 3:17-4:1

August 9: Philippians 4:2-7

August 16: Philippians 4:8-9

August 23: Philippians 4:10-20

August 30: Philippians 4:21-23

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 and 6:00 PM in the Library

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The session of Walkersville EPC met on July 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Elders present were Boyet Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Betty Lou Mosley, excused Clara McGee and Rev. Paul Rankin as moderator.

The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from June 18, 2020 were read. Hazel Norwood made motion to accept the minutes. Betty Lou Mosley seconded the motion and session approved.

Baptisms of son of David and Kayleen Rankin September 27, 2020

Amy Thompson wants to join our church.

Received letter from Prospect Methodist Church for Chris, Jennifer and Riley Trull.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Still talking and looking at boarder for playground. Windstream installing new cable to manse and church to update internet.

Christian Education: Nothing

Congregation Care: Talked about carrying communion to shut-ins. Audrey Schott wants to join Congregation Care committee.

Mission & Outreach: No decision on Fall Yard Sale (Project to Heal)

Stewardship: Financial Report of church donations to church are going online. There will be a 2.75 % charge for hard copy. Financial Report approved.

Worship: Homecoming to be decided at a later time. Worship service will be discussed in August to decide if September services go inside church or stay under the oaks. Communion working great.

Old Business: Life Touch to make pictures for church directory in September. Somebody will be in touch with families for appointment times by phone or internet.

Approved to get new sound board and equipment to video Worship service.

Pastor Paul Rankin is going to start a new inquirers class starting in August.

New Business: Pastor Paul Rankin has been asked to be moderator for New Cut EPC until they get a new pastor.

Square Dancing will be allowed to resume when North Carolina state gives permission for the churches to return inside.

There being no further business, Boyet Twitty made the motion to adjourn. Dean Haney seconded the motion and session approved. Hazel Norwood 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 3:00/6:00 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 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.

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, Barb Castner, Gregg Ross, Phil Keyes, Lynne Dewlen, Henry and Phyllis Parker, Becky Adams (sister of Phyllis Norwood), Linda Goodman, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Matthew Stewart, Libby Kiser, Larry Schott, Jane Threatt, Marcie Barrell, Debbie Wallace, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Bruce Griffin, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Edith Kimmarling, Rick and Iris Moser, Beth Simpson, Nancy Morgan, Alan Wright, Todd Huntley, Frank Rogers, Molly Ingram, Martha Kearnn, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Stan Pope, Pete Medlin and Janice York.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Nancy Rorie, Betty Melton McWhorter, Jewell Starnes and Molly Ingram.

Our special prayer from the Congregation Care Committee is that our Walkersville Family will be spared from the coronavirus.

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

Building and Grounds

A BIG thank you to Boyet Twitty, Rick Gay, Bob Stirton and Paul Rankin for taking care of the fallen trees on the church property. And a special thanks to **Augustine Carvajal and Sampson Tree Service** for taking care of the rest of the trees that couldn't be reached without professional help for no charge! Russell Mosley

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

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are in need of new Sunday school teachers. If you are interested in teaching 1st through 6th grade or in leading the John Knox Sunday school class, please let Dennis or Debbie Robinson know. These classes need new leaders. Dennis has had the John Knox class for years and he hopes someone else will accept the challenge.

Operation Reach Out

There continue to be needs around us. As the Lord has blessed us, we have the opportunity to share those blessings. We continue to collect donations for Operation Reach-Out. A few of these include:

- Bottled Water
- Socks
- Powdered Drink Mix (Kool-Aid, etc.)
- Shampoo (both large and small sizes)
- Toothpaste (both large and small sizes)

In the month of June 2020, here is Operation Reach-Out "by the numbers":

- +773 lunches
- +500 supper bags
- +172 showers
- +42 loads of laundry
- +10 clients received \$1,444.06 in utility assistance
- +15 clients received 95 pieces of clothing
- +28 food boxes totaling 1,429 lbs. were distributed
- +1 gas voucher for \$20
- +4 clients received fans
- +2 clients received medication assistance
- +3 walkers
- +4 shower chairs
- +2 potty chairs
- +6 cases of Ensure given to Council on Aging
- +10 packs of diapers
- +A box of baby food given to DSS
- +Chicken and cooler items taken each week to Cotton Street and Bragg Street elderly sites and to The Chapel at Benton Heights for Heart for Monroe Drive Up pantry.

We are always looking for teams of 2 or 3 people to work together to make a lunch that Walkersville EPC serves every *2nd Wednesday of the month*. In addition to preparation time, a team of people can expect to be at the ministry on 1308 Miller Street, Monroe, NC from about 12:15-1:15.

In Honor of Betty Lou Mosley

By Irene Mosley
Terry and Mike Eubanks
Margaret and Roger Hill
For Missions in Nicaragua

Good News and Praises

Glad to have Clara and Jim McGee home from hospital and on their way to recovery.

A very special thank you for all your hard work concerning the church to Debbie Rankin.

Praise:

Congratulations to Nathan and Rachel Mosley on the birth of Wyatt Clayton Mosley on July 10, 2020 at 1237pm. He was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 21 inches long. Wyatt is the grandson of Russell and Tammy Mosley and the great-grandson of Betty Lou Mosley.

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by Layne Dewlen

The latest forecast from Jerusalem says that Israel is expecting 90,000 Jews from the diaspora to emigrate to Israel by the end of 2021. The process of Jewish people worldwide naturalizing in Israel is called 'Aliyah'. Meanwhile, Nefesh b' Nefesh, a non-profit organization that facilitates the Aliyah process, reported that more American Jews applied to immigrate to Israel or inquired about it in May than in any single month over the last two decades.

There are some writers of articles I have read who are asking the question, "With the things that are happening, are we seeing the four horsemen of the Apocalypse?" The other day Lynn and I were talking about Revelation and how things are here and around the world, (and I have to say again, "thank you Lord for Your miracle that Lynn has breath, and can talk once again.") I told her it reminded me of a big old fashion mid-west thunderstorm. Out there it could be seen coming a hundred miles away. It could be watched building, getting higher and higher, and the anvil top forming. However, as it got closer the perspective changed. The sky got dark, the color of the clouds many times changed to green, but the storm was still a way off. The first sign was changes in the wind. It started to swirl around, coming from different directions, and then a roll cloud would be seen coming. My thought to her, and you are, we are feeling the winds of change, and I expect them to get stronger as the storm gets closer. BUT! There is no reason to worry. Jesus said in Rev. 3:10+11a, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee FROM the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth, Behold, I come quickly." I'm not looking for the undertaker, but the **Uppertaker**, how about you? Something else, when Jesus says He is coming quickly the original word is "tachu," from which we get our word tachometer. So, we are going to continue seeing things revving up faster and faster until He comes to take us HOME.

Remember Art Linkletter's radio program, "People Are Funny?" They really are you know; they want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

Here's something I came across that makes you think:

By the way, how dependent on God were "we the people" as we allowed Covid19 to fill us with fear and trembling? And what about the Church? Before I ask the following of "we the Christians," please get your thick skin on. Where were we? What were we doing?

Shamefully, taking counsel from the world; that's what we were doing. We accepted the world's lie that we were... not essential.

The Church cannot and should not ever depend on the world's counsel. We, brothers and sisters, are not of this world. It is up to us to get on our knees and seek His counsel in any and all situations and circumstances. We are to depend on Him.

Hey, you pastors, preachers, ministers, leaders – and yes, you Christians – here is another question to ponder:

What is the plan when this or something worse takes place?

This would be the time to study the Book of Acts and do what our brothers and sisters did long ago beginning with, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42, ESV).

That is a pretty good start. Read the rest of that chapter in Acts, and then, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story."

REMEMBER: God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts!

Here is something else thought provoking:

How do you persuade a populace to embrace totalitarianism, that goose-stepping form of tyranny in which the government has all of the power and "we the people" have none?

You persuade the people that the menace they face (imaginary or not) is so sinister, so overwhelming, so **fearsome** that the only way to surmount the danger is by empowering the government to take all necessary steps to quash it, even if that means allowing government jackboots to trample all over the Constitution.

This is how you use the politics of fear to persuade a freedom-endowed people to shackle themselves to a dictatorship.

It works the same way every time.

May God's blessings be yours, and remember, **MARANATHA!**



August Roster

Committee of Month: Stewardship

Nursery Workers:

- Aug 02 Rhonda McManus
- Aug 09 Jessica Johnston
- Aug 16 Debbie Rankin
- Aug 23 Ivey Hardy
- Aug 30 Rhonda McManus

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

2020 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

2020 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	Lynn Twitty	Sue Thornton

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