



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

JANUARY 2020

A Note from the Pastor...

Here it is a new year and I realize I have been at Walkersville EPC for about seven months. During that time, among other things, I have kept track of the weekly and monthly flow of the activity of the church. With that in mind, I have adopted a somewhat less traditional schedule. Many pastors take Monday off after the responsibilities associated with worshiping on Sunday (however, I don't *have* to preach, I *get* to preach!). I have also had certain things happen on Sunday that I wanted to follow up with on Monday. At the same time, Monday has its own set of activities including Children's Choir and the occasional evening meeting. As a result, I am taking Fridays off since not much generally happens on Fridays (but also realizing pastors are always "on call"). So, with all that, here is my schedule, which is always subject to change:

Sunday: Sunday School, Worship Service, once/month Game Day, other events that come up

Monday: In the office most, or all, of the day.

Tuesday: In the office most, or all, of the day.

Wednesday: In the office in the morning.

Visiting, Bible Studies, Prayer Group, and Choir the rest of the day

Thursday: A mix of office time and visiting ("in and out all day")

Friday: Off.

Saturday: A couple of hours in the church, the remainder of the day off.

Now then, as to proclaiming the Word of God, we have been in the Old Testament for quite some time, going through Exodus followed by several Advent passages from Isaiah. So, as we begin the new year, we also begin the ministry of Jesus Christ, whose birth we have just celebrated, as it has been given to us in the Gospel According to Mark, starting with the baptism of Jesus. After this Jesus calls some disciples to follow him, realizing that this call extends to us today. Jesus then shows his power and authority over evil. Of course, this is just getting started and it won't be very long until we find ourselves heading to Ash Wednesday, Lent, Good Friday, and finally the greatest day of all, Easter. Here we go, ready or not!

God's blessings to you,

Paul

Sermons for January

January 05, 2020: Pastor Paul will be on vacation. Rev. Brian Martin preaching.

January 12, 2020: Mark 1:4-11

January 19, 2020: Mark 1:14-20

January 26, 2020: Mark 1:21-28

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 met on December 19, 2019 in the church library @ 7:00 pm. Elders present were: Boyet Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Jim McGee, Dennis Robinson and Rev. Paul Rankin, moderator.

Meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Paul Rankin.

The minutes from the November 1, 2019 congregation meeting and the November 18, 2019 session meeting were read and approved.

Walkersville EPC gladly welcomed five new members who joined on December 15, 2019. Debbie Rankin, David Rankin and Kayleen Rankin, Larry and Audrey Schotts. Welcome!

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

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Richard Belk will give quote on vinyl handrails for handicap ramp at the back of the church. Session approved for Richard Belk to replace the fogged window in the sanctuary.

Christian Education – The session will put together fruit and goody bags to be given out on December 21, 2019 after the children's program.

Fellowship – Plans were made for an orderly and fun church Christmas party for December 21, 2019.

Missions and Outreach – No report

Worship – Rev. Paul Rankin will not preach on January 5, 2020. Rev. Brian Martin will preach.

Old Business – Elder nominating committee will meet on January 9, 2020. Members are Betty Lou Mosley, Rick Moser, Jim McGee, and Dennis Robinson.

New Business – A time of planning for the coming new year for Walkersville will be held soon. Date and time have not been decided. This meeting will consist of all elders and committee chair persons from each committee. The Christian Education Committee will be committee of the month for January 2020. There will be no Wednesday night supper in the month of January.

There being no further business, Jim McGee made the motion to adjourn and Dean Haney seconded. Session approved. Dennis Robinson closed in prayer.

Rev. Paul Rankin
Moderator

Dennis Robinson
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 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 **NO** Fellowship Supper on the second Wednesday of January.

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, Eric Thomas, Ronnie Craig, Barb Castner, Gregg Ross, Albert Starnes, Ben Plyler, Benny Simpson, Melanie Deal (sister of Linda Goodman), Brenda O'Kelly (mother of Tammy Mosley) Phil Keyes, Gloria Price, Bette Cantrell, Butch Richardson, Donald Beebe, Nanci Beebe, Lynne Dewlen, Henry Parker and Edith Kimmerly.

We extend sympathy to the families of Ben Plyler, Jimmy Craig and Jimmy Cox.

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 signup 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.

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.

Church Fellowship Narrowway Theater

The church took the church bus to Narrowway Theater-The Real Christmas Story on December 11. We had 18 people with us, capacity 20, for the bus. It was great show with the Santa Claus tradition the first half followed after intermission with the story of The Real Christmas. The birth of Jesus Christ.

Note from Editor

I apologize for some of the wrong times on the December calendar. Changes were made after I released the newsletter.

In Memory of Betty Jo Parker

By Tommy and Phyllis Norwood

Bob McCain

Betty Lou Mosley

In Honor of Tommy and Phyllis Norwood

By Brianne, Nathan and Kids

Troy and Leah Norwood

Good News and Praises

It's a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to 3 in our family all on January 4th. Grandson Bristol Knox Batson, Niece Sharron McCain, and Nephew Tom McCain. Celebrate.....

From Jennifer Corley, Campus Outreach UNC-Chapel Hill

Last year, I met Melissa in Craig dorm through her suite mates who were in my Bible Study. A few months later, she gave her life to Christ and just last weekend got baptized to publicly declare her faith in Christ in front of friends and family. She has a beautiful testimony of God's pursuit of her heart and is growing daily.

We **welcome** the following new members into the membership and fellowship of **Walkersville Presbyterian Church.**
Audrey and Larry Schotts
Kayleen and David Rankin
Debbie Rankin

Angels

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Little Children, have no fear.
Last night there were angels here.
Here to praise a tiny boy;
Flesh and blood, not plastic toy.
Here to make the darkness light,
Filling the world with beauty bright.
Now I come so you will know.
NOW GO! Tell others who don't know.
Amen! Hallelujah! May God be praised!
For giving this miracle to us this day.

The Instruments of Faith

by Layne Dewlen

We have come to the end of my musings on corollaries of faith and flying. In actuality I was going to do this article at the first, but it seemed the Holy Spirit had different ideas.

There is a freedom in flying that many will never experience. Some who are more of a wordsmith than I have tried to put into words this freedom, and one of the best is a poem written by an American pilot who enlisted in the Canadian Air Force during WW II called "High Flight." John Gillespie Magee, Jr. died three months after writing this at the age of 19.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sun ward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds-and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high trespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Beautiful, isn't it? Don't you want to experience it? This poem is about the end result, having nothing to do with the blood, tears, and work of training it took to get to that point. So, it is in the walk of faith, but the end result makes all the difficulties worth it. Praise God! Let's look at some of the things God has given to us for our walk of faith.

First in flying and in faith you must have a compass. In the faith walk it's your God-given, and purified conscience. Next is a map. Without a map you have no idea what dangers to flying may be on your path of flight, and the same for the walk of faith. Our map is the Word of God showing the traps of Satan and giving us direction in the path of safety to our destination, HOME, HEAVEN, PARADISE!!

Another important instrument to check is the fuel gauge. Here we have no problem, God gives to us all the fuel, (power), we need. How about communications? We need a radio and headset. After all, things have a way of coming up in flying where you need to talk to someone, such as weather, traffic, restricted areas, and many other things. Fortunately, God has told us we can call Him anytime, 24/7. There are many other corollaries between the two but I believe the point has been made.

Christians since Jesus left this earth have had many and varied difficulties in their lives. Probably the one thing each one would tell us today is, stay on course, don't wonder off course, and He who knows the end from the beginning will take you through. Personally, I see our destination. We're much closer I think, than most realize. Keep it in view, we're almost home!



January Roster

Committee of Month: Building and Grounds

Monthly Greeter:

Nursery Workers:

- Jan 05 Jessica Johnston
- Jan 12 Debbie Rankin
- Jan 19 Rhonda McManus
- Jan 26 Kayleen Rankin

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

January 2020

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			4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice Happy New Year's			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Rev. Brian Martin To Preach	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 Operation Reach Out	7:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
After Worship Service Congregational Meeting to present 2020 Church Budget	4:00 PM – Children Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study	Chicken & Dumpling	Chicken & Dumpling	Chicken & Dumpling
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	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	Session Meeting	Presbytery (Darlington Presbyterian Church, Darlington, SC	Presbytery (Darlington Presbyterian Church, Darlington, SC

<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Game Day 12:30 to 2:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>4:00 PM – Children Choir Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	
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