



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

MAY 2022

A note from the pastor...

It is no secret that our words are powerful. They can encourage and discourage. They can build up and tear down. I continue to be convinced that the words that come from our mouths say far more about what is inside of us than about whatever or whoever we are talking about.

The Bible agrees, just read through Proverbs. And as followers of Jesus Christ, how do we use our words? Perhaps some of the best Scripture passages about our words come from the Old Testament. The language of the Old Testament, Hebrew, is a very concrete language that loves to create images that people are able to relate to easily. One of the powerful images associated with pleasant, gracious, or uplifting words in the Old Testament is honey.

In Psalm 19:10 David writes about the beauty of God's Word:

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

While contrasting wise words with foolish words, King Solomon writes:

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (Proverbs 16:24)

The question for us today is whether or not our words are "like a honeycomb" to the people around us. I have written or talked about this topic many times, because this is one of the greatest instruments, we have to lead another person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. At the same time, a person's words have been known to push someone away from Christ. Are our words precious like gold? Like the drippings of a honeycomb? Are our words pleasant and sweet, both to our own soul as well as to the souls around us...or is our speech more "like a scorching fire" (Proverbs 16:27)?

In May we will continue to look at passages of Scripture related to the Great Commission in one way or another. The Great Commission requires us to use our lives and relationships, as well as our words, to proclaim the wondrous news of a risen Jesus Christ. To a broken, hurting, and lost world, these words are truly "sweetness to the soul."

Pastor Pau

Sermon Passages for May

May 1: Mark 6:1-6 "Amazed at Unbelief"

May 8: (Mothers' Day) Isaiah 49:6-7 "Chosen for what?"

May 15: Romans 1:16-17 "The Power of the Gospel"

May 22: 1 Peter 2:9-10 "True Identity"

May 29: Ezekiel 33:7-9 "First Responders"

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

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

Walkersville EPC
Session Meeting Notes from April 21, 2022

I. Prayer and Devotions (Position Papers: Problems of Death and Dying)

II. Approved: March 17, 2022 minutes (stated meeting)

III. Baptisms and new members: No report

IV. Committee Reports: "How are we fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. May 2022 Committee of the Month: Worship

B. Building & Grounds: *Boyet Twitty*

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: researching

-Take-out room needs floor tiles: working on it

-Manse upgrades: approved painting the den; new flooring in den and bedroom

-remodeling the "flower room" for Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall access

-access door signs between Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

C. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: May 15, 2022

-VBS update: July 31-August 3, "Jerusalem Marketplace"

D. Congregational Care: *Clara McGee*

E. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-May 2022 Mission of the Month: Prospect Food Pantry

-next meeting: July 27, 2022

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

-2022 Project2Heal yard sale date: May 21, 2022

-Items may be dropped off/donated May 9-19 for the yard sale

F. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-Worship leader and Communion discussion

-next meeting: May 1, 2022; August 7, 2022

-Congregational Potluck: May 15

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: May 3, 2022

-Financial Report

G. Fellowship Committee

V. Old Business

- A. Presbytery Report
 - Next Presbytery meeting: May 6-7, 2022 (Lake Forest Church/Westlake, Denver, NC)
- B. Memorials: put names in newsletter: Request permission before printing names
- C. Fellowship Hall use by non-members: church member representative required

VI. New Business

- A. Church T-Shirts will be made and available at cost: Debbie Robinson, Gretchen Presson, Lindsey Presson
- B. Discussion on renaming the "old choir room" the "Bruce Powell Room".
- C. GA: Ward Church, Northville, MI, June 21-24 (guest preacher, June 26)
- D. Paul & Debbie: Kansas vacation, July 4-10 (guest preacher, July 10)
- E. Paul & Debbie: North Dakota vacation, August 15-26 (guest preacher, August 21) (hymn sing, August 28)
- F. CCLI Reporting, April-September

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall: April 22, Youth Event

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: May 19, 2022, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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, Men meet in Fellowship Hall and Women at the Manse.

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, 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, 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, Sharon Barber, Robert Helms, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, Bill Cope, Claude Gamble, Daniel McGuirt, George Huntley, Brittany Helms, Walt Venturo, Sue Haney, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Barb Salisbury, Bart Jackson Janet Tyson, Pam Gordon, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Malachi Horne, Michael Mosley, Mary Edwards, Barry Joyner, Malanie Johnston, Suzette Barker, Ruby rushing, Judy Watts, Mark Mull, Melodie Carswell, Judge B. Starnes, Brian Crites, Jennifer Ravencroft, and Patty Outen.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Brody Keen, Aurora Ezzell, Jackie Byrum and Blake Tucker.

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School

SAVE the DATE: For Walkersville's VBS

and get excited as we set to explore the
JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

Sunday, July 31st – Wednesday, August 3rd



Finance Committee

There will be a special meeting of the Finance Committee on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 PM.

Memorials

In Memory of Phil Mosley

From Rick and Alice Gay

From Marlene Brown

From Bob McCain

From Bob and Marsha Stirton

From Sue Thornton

From Dennis and Debbie Robinson

From Ajean Broome

From Michael and Teresa Eubank

From Margaret and Roger Hill

In Memory of Bruce Powell

From Bob and Marsha Stirton

From Sue Thornton

In Memory of Pam Hargis

From Bob McCain

In Memory Lenora Fincher

From Bob McCain

In Memory of Claude Stapleton

From Bob McCain

In Memory of Tony Yost

From Bob McCain

In Memory of Joey Midkiff

From Bill and Doris Midkiff

Memorials to Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Phil Mosley

From Sue and Gene Brantley

From Betty Lou Mosley

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

May

Mark Batson-2

Violet Aprilaren Clonch-3

Richard & Frances Gamble-5/6

Marlene Brown-8

Eddie & Wendy Parr-5/8/99

Paul & Gina Warner-5/9/81

Nanci Beebe-13

Terry McManus -13

Betty Lou Mosley-13

Gloria Norwood-15

Dean Haney-18

Jim McGee-19

Larry & Audrey Schott-5/19/67

Mitchell & Pam Gordon-5/21

Terry & Rhonda McManus-5/21

Harvey Hess-22

Maggie Thompson-24

Clyde Norwood-25

Karen Carter-27

Lynn Twitty-29

Birth of Blakley Layne Gill, daughter of Nicole and Luke Gill.

HOW CLOSE CAN IT BE?

By Layne Dewlen

Welcome to today's program, ladies and gentlemen! It's great to have you with us. We have a great program with a special guest today, Mr. Britt Gillette, a man I have come to appreciate and it's my honor to have him with us today.

It is shocking to those of us that are looking at the world events taking place each day, how they, as points of prophecy, are all converging together at the same time before our eyes, pointing to the Tribulation that God has said is coming upon the earth. Maybe you are cognizant of them, maybe not. For sure much of the church is asleep, and the world couldn't be bothered. Our speaker today is well versed in the happenings around the world and how they are fulfilling what the prophets foretold about the end-times, so without further adieu Britt, the microphone is yours.

Central Bank Digital Currencies – Over the past couple of years, central banks have openly discussed the introduction of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs). The central banks wield power over some of the largest economies in the world – the United Kingdom, Canada, China, the European Union, and the United States. Despite these public discussions, conventional wisdom says the rollout of CBDCs remains years in the future. The conventional wisdom is wrong. China has already released a digital yuan and recently released digital yuan wallets for both Android and iOS smartphones.

In March, President Biden signed an Executive Order titled “Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets.” The order requires federal agencies to submit to the President **within 180 days** a technical evaluation of the technological infrastructure, capacity, and expertise that would be necessary at relevant agencies to facilitate and support the introduction of a CBDC system **should one be proposed**. The evaluation should specifically address the technical risks of the various designs, including with respect to emerging and future technological developments, such as quantum computing.”

By September 2022, this technical evaluation will be complete. Then, have no doubt about it – once the next crisis hits, the U.S. Will roll out its own CBDC to replace the dollar.

Why does this matter? CBDCs will be centralized, government-controlled **programmable** currency. This means if the government decides it doesn't like you for **whatever reason** (think Canadian truckers), they can cut off your access, in other words, you won't be able to buy or sell. Sound Familiar? The Bible says the Antichrist will implement this same system. Those who refuse the mark of the beast will be unable to buy or sell (Rev. 13:17). We're now on the verge of a global rollout of a technology **identical in ability** to the mark of the beast technology the Bible says will dominate the world during the Tribulation.

World War III – The Bible says there will be a World War III (Rev. 6:4), and we're much closer to it today than when 2022 started and probably the closest we've been since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Every day seems to bring a new escalation between NATO and its allies and Russia over the latter's invasion of Ukraine. NATO has sanctioned Russia, is providing arms to the Ukrainian resistance, and many of its members have called for direct intervention in Ukraine. Even if NATO avoids a direct military conflict, all it takes is for Russia to make one mistake that leads to a deadly

strike in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, or Romania (all NATO members bordering Ukraine), and all of NATO will be obligated to respond.

A full-blown war between Russia and NATO means World War III and the likely use of nuclear weapons. In 2019, the U.S. ran a war game to simulate what would happen in the event of a Russian invasion of Ukraine. The result was nuclear war with over a billion people dead. It's a stark reminder that, at any moment, the war in Ukraine could escalate into World War III.

Hyperinflation – In 2022, inflation has become a serious problem for almost every major economy in the world. The March 2022 headline inflation number for the U.S. was 8.5% – the highest since 1981. For the Euro Zone, it came in at 7.5%. In Germany, wholesale prices rose 22.6% year-over-year. EU natural gas prices increased six-fold. Global oil prices rose 67%, wheat prices doubled, and corn prices went up 50%. Fuel and food riots have erupted in Peru, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan. And unrest is brewing in countless other countries as well.

Could we be on the brink of hyperinflation? Maybe. Maybe not. But the Bible says the whole world will one day experience hyperinflation. When that happens, an entire day's wages will only buy enough food to barely survive (**Revelation 6:6**).

Global Famine – As we entered 2022, the world already faced a major food crisis, both in terms of supply and price. Since then, the situation has only gotten worse. The Russian invasion of Ukraine cut off Russian and Ukrainian exports via the Black Sea. Together, they account for 12% of all global calories consumed. The sanctions against Russia have compounded ongoing supply chain issues, and many countries have banned agricultural exports. Add in poor harvests, rampant fertilizer shortages, and an avian flu plague destroying millions of chickens and turkeys, and it becomes clear we're heading toward the worst food crisis in modern times.

In fact, it's worse than that. Famine is coming on a mass scale. We simply aren't going to grow enough food in 2022. The result will be a biblical famine. The only question is whether it will be one of the famines Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24:7 or the Tribulation famine of Revelation 6:5-8.

Jesus is Coming Soon

If the world stage is now set for the Tribulation, and Jesus has promised to keep His followers from the hour of trouble, (Rev.3:10, 1 Thes.5:9), how close must the rapture be?

Thank you so much Britt for your insight. It has been a real treat to have you with us today. Thank you for making it so plain that the stage is set, the players are in their place, doing their thing, and God is about to create a mass exodus from this world for those who are part of the body of Christ.

What can I say but?

MARANATHA!!



May Roster

Committee of the Month: Worship

Mission of the Month: Prospect
Food Pantry

Nursery Workers:

May 01 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

May 08 Rhonda McManus

May 15 Mark and Nanci Beebe

May 22 Jessica Johnston

May 29 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

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 15th of each month. You may email the information to 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

May 2022

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9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Holy Communion Adult Choir Practice Worship Committee Meeting		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting		12:00 -8:00 PM Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Central Carolinas	8:00-12:00 PM Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Central Carolinas
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<u>Mother's Day</u> 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice	7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study at Manse	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice Congregational Meeting Congregational Potluck Dinner Christian Education Meeting		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	5:00 PM Session Meeting SET-UP for Project 2 Heal Yard Sale	SET-UP for Project 2 Heal Yard Sale	Project 2 Heal Yard Sale
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<u>Senior Recognition</u> 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angels			

<p>29</p> <p>9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>Memorial Day</u></p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing</p>				
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