



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

APRIL 2022

A note from the pastor...

Have you been journeying to the cross? Ready or not, the disciples are going to go through this journey. Ready or not, the dates on our calendars will be arriving. Before we can arrive at the elation of the empty tomb we have to go through the cross. Along the way we will see just about every emotion a person can imagine: confusion, sadness, pain, joy, rejoicing, fear, anger, shock, heartbreak, wonder, disbelief, belief, ecstasy.

In *John 16:16-24* Jesus is preparing his disciples for what is about to happen. "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while and you will see me." (John 16:16) At the time this did not make any sense to them, but later their confusion and fear is turned into unbelievable rapture.

In *John 18:33-38* Jesus is letting Pilate in on the fact that Jesus is the King of an eternal Kingdom, rather than an earthly kingdom, that is filled with his Truth.

John 19:1-16 gives us a scene that tempts us to think that Jesus has no control over the events that swirl around him. What no one seems to realize is that all of this was prophesied centuries before in the writings of the prophets. Everything is going precisely according to plan.

John 20:1-18 allows us to join the disciples, a few at a time, as they discover the resurrected Jesus. How could anyone fathom what was about to happen, no matter how many times Jesus told them. Then again, even when we know how this part of the story comes out, do we really "get it"? We are 2,000 years removed from these events. The only way any of us can possibly believe without seeing, when even those who saw had trouble believing, is through the power of the risen Christ who fills us with his Spirit.

But what do we do about it all? Go through the motions of a familiar story? Keep it inside the walls of the church? After Easter, we will join the first disciples in *Matthew 10:5-15* and go out in the name of Christ to follow the Great Commission, turning knowledge into active belief. The Great Commission is as much a part of this journey as the season of Lent is. Ready or not we are called to this journey.

Pastor Pau

Sermon Passages for March

April 3: John 16:16-24

April 10: (Palm Sunday) John 18:33-38

April 14: (Maundy Thursday) John 19:1-16

April 15: Tenebrae service: Matthew 26:30-27:54

April 17: (Sunrise Service) John 20:1-10

April 17: (Easter) John 20:11-18

April 24: The Great Commission: Matthew 10:5-15

Holy Week 2022, please join us



Palm Sunday, April 10

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Worship, 10:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday and Holy Communion

April 14, Worship Service, 7:00 PM



Good Friday, April 15

**Prayer vigil, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., sanctuary*

As a church we will be praying for our

and world.

community, nation,

Please sign up for a 15-minute prayer slot.

**Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.*



Easter Sunday, April 17

**Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m.,*

Walkersville Cemetery at the Cross

Breakfast following service in Fellowship Hall

****Easter Sunday***

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Worship, 10:00 a.m.

*Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!*

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 Preview from March 17, 2022

I. Prayer and Devotions (Position Papers: Ordination of Women)

II. Approve: February 24, 2022 minutes (stated meeting)

March 12, 2022 minutes (called meeting) (to vote on new members Eddie and Melodie Carswell)

III. Baptisms and new members

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

A. April 2022 Committee of the Month: Mission & Outreach

B. April Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): Betty Lou Mosley

C. Building & Grounds: *Boyet Twitty*

-Wi-Fi to the Fellowship Hall: in process

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: researching

-Take-out room needs floor tiles

D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: March 20, 2022 (to fill Easter Egg Hunt bags) following Congregational Covered Dish

-Easter Egg Hunt: April 9, 2022 (11:30-1)

-Good Friday Prayer Vigil (9-3)

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

E. Congregational Care: *Clara McGee*

F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-April 2022 Mission of the Month: Project2Heal

-next meeting:

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

***2022 Project2Heal yard sale tentative date: May 21

G. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-next meeting: May 1, August 7, 2022

-Congregational Potluck: May 15

-Summer worship to be inside

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

April 3, April 14 (Maundy Thurs.)

May 1

August 7

Nov. 6

June 5

Sept. 4

Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

July 3

Oct. 2

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Financial Report

G. Fellowship Committee

V. Old Business

A. Presbytery Report

1. Next Presbytery meeting: May 6-7, 2022 (Lake Forest Church/Westlake, Denver, NC)
September 23-24, 2022 (Hendersonville Presbyterian Church)

VI. New Business

A. Memorials: put names in bulletin: continuing discussion

B. Fellowship Hall use by non-members: church member representative required

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall: N/A

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: April 21, 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, Brody Keen, 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, Tiffany Medlin, Bart Jackson Janet Tyson, Pam Gordon, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Malachi Horne, Michael Mosley, Mary Edwards, Barry Joyner, Malanie Johnston, Suzette Barker, Ruby rushing, Judy Watts, Linda Mosley-Hess, Jennifer Ravencroft, and Patty Outen.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Catherine Carter Austin, Robert "Buddy" Allen, Geraldine Starnes Nance, Erica Thomas, Tony Yost 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.

Easter Egg Hunt



The Walkersville EPC Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: The Fellowship Hall & Fields

Who: Children of friends, families, & neighbors

Why: To celebrate this special time of year.

There will be egg hunts according to age, the Easter story, crafts, bubbles, and lunch is provided. Remember this will be dependent on the weather.

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



Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

April

Lee Norwood-1

Rick & Sherri Simpson-4/2/77

Frances Gamble-3

Brody Batson-4

Nick & Gretchen Presson-4/8/90

Paul Warner-11

Jesse Parr-12

Rick & Iris Moser-4/14

Clay Murray-15

Riley Trull-18

Eric & Jessica Johnston-4/19/08

Robbie Griffin-20

Jayden Stirton-21

Mitzie Broome-23

Tommy & Phyllis Norwood-4/2

The Blood of Jesus
by Layne Dewlen

Of course, for us, the human race, it all began in the Garden of Eden. Eve ate first and then turned to Adam and said, "Here, this is tonight's dinner," and he partook also. That takes me back to high school days when I wrote a theme on the deed and finished it with the physiological statement that, "behind every fallen man is a treacherous woman!" Not bad for a 15-year-old boy, don't you think? I wasn't very popular with the girls after that.

Anyway, enough of the funnies. It did indeed start in the garden, and God showed right away that the only answer for sin was the shedding of blood by killing an animal and covering Adam and Eve with the skin, which by the way, my wife says was mink. From that beginning we see how Able gave an animal in sacrifice, showing men understood what was needed for their sins. About 2600 years after that first bite God gave the law to Moses, making sure men knew "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins." Heb.9:22. That blood of sheep and goats "covered" their sins, and every time they sinned there was the need of another blood sacrifice. Have you ever wondered what the temple must have been like with all the different, and many sacrifices that were performed by the priests?

Then that wonderful/terrible day came when Jesus died. He died once, and for all the sins of the whole world, no more bloody temples, no more need to wait until the high priest went into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle the mercy seat, no more having to wait to know the sins of the people were all forgiven. The curtain of separation between God and man was ripped from top, (showing God did it), to bottom, and that curtain was the thickness of a man's hand! By the blood of Jesus our sins are NOT covered, no, thank God by His blood are sins are WASHED AWAY, never to be remembered against us again! Hallelujah!!

What's so special about Jesus' blood than any other man's blood? I'm glad you asked! Here is where it gets to be more than one can contain. What is coming is enough to cause even quiet Presbyterians to shout!

When Gabriel came to Mary he said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

Are you ready for this? It's a medical fact that the blood of a baby comes from the father. That's the reason the blood of the baby and the mother must be separated, and one of the reasons for the placenta. Is the picture coming into view? Here it is, the blood of Jesus is enough for all sin because it isn't the blood of a man, but is THE VERY BLOOD OF GOD!

If that isn't enough to make you shout.....are you alive, are you saved? Praise and glory to the only true and living God that showed such love for us as to shed His OWN blood that we might be redeemed through His infinite mercy!

Then to cap it all off Jesus rose from the dead, and because he rose, we shall rise also. (1 Cor. 15:20-23). Death where is thy sting, grave where is thy victory? WHAT A GOD!

MARANATHA!



April Roster

Committee of the Month: Mission & Outreach

Mission of the Month: Project2Heal
Nursery Workers:

- Apr 04 Mark and Nanci Beebe
- Apr 11 Jessica Johnston
- Apr 18 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston
- Apr 25 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 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

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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			11:30 AM-1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
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Palm Sunday 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	7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	9:00 AM-3:00 PM Easter Prayer Vigil 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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