



# WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

APRIL 2021

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## A Note from the Pastor...

What is Easter to you?

Is it all about egg hunts, rabbits, and baby chicks?

Is Easter simply a special day on the calendar?

If you say being a follower of the risen Jesus Christ makes you a better person, that's nice. I would point you to the "Resurrection Chapter", 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15, and specifically to verse 19:

"If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

It would be a sad reality if Easter is only about this life. I hope Easter means more to you than that.

Easter reminds us that there is so much more going on than just the "here-and-now". As followers of Christ, we are a people who need to see the big picture pointing to the resurrection. Easter reminds us that there is much more Life than what we can see right now.

If you stop to think about it, like Christianity, the religions of the world have leaders who were born. Like Christianity, the religions of the world have leaders who have died. Then Jesus Christ did something completely different from the leaders of the other religions of the world. He rose from the dead, and, in the process, defeated our greatest enemy, eternal death. The other religions of the world cannot say that. That is what we celebrate when we come to Easter. Easter gives us the certainty of eternal life that we have in Jesus Christ. It is only because of Easter that we are able to live this life confidently, faithfully holding onto the promise of spending eternity with the living God. We can embrace the incredible reality in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:54-57:

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter!!

Pastor Paul

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## Sermons for April

April 1: (Maundy Thursday) John 6:53-60 "The Other Last Supper"

April 2: (Good Friday) Tenebrae

April 4: (Sunrise Service) Luke 24:1-12 "You saw what?"

April 4: (Easter) John 20:1-9 "Running to the Tomb"

April 11: John 20:10-18 "Where is he?"

April 18: Luke 24:13-35 "On the road with Jesus"

April 25: John 20:24-31 "What's it takes to believe?"

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## 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 in the Library

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## April Month's Activities

April 1: Maundy Thursday service, 7pm (with Communion)

April 2: Good Friday Tenebrae service, 7pm

April 4: Easter Sunrise Service, 7am at the cemetery cross with breakfast following  
Easter Sunday services, 9am/11am

April 5-11: Pastor Paul will be gone on Study Leave.

April 11: Christ Wiker preaching (from Reformed Theological Seminary)

April 12: Men's Bible Study, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study, 7pm in the Large Meeting Room

April 14: Operation Reach-Out meal

April 15: Session Meeting, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

April 15, 22, 29: CREW Time

April 18: Worship Committee meeting, 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall

April 24: Presbytery meeting (Zoom), 9am-3pm

April 28: Little Angels, 6-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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## Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The Session of Walkersville EPC met on March 25, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Elder's present were Clara McGee, Betty Lou Mosley, Hazel Norwood and Boyet Twitty. Dean Haney was absent. The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from February 18, 2021 were read. Boyet Twitty made a motion to accept as read. Betty Lou Mosley seconded and all approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds – N/A

Christian Education – Crew Time to begin April 15, 2021

Congregational Care - We encourage the use of the new directory to keep the congregation  
Connected. PRAY, PRAY,

Mission & Out Reach - Committee meeting 3/31/21

Stewardship/Financial Report – N/A. Next committee meeting 9/9/21

Worship – The Pictorial Directory is here, pick yours up at the back of the church.

April 4, 2021 – Sunrise Service 7:00AM

Breakfast Served 7:30AM followed by normal service times

(We encourage everyone to wear a mask when entering and exiting the Sanctuary. They are mask at the back of the church if you need one)

Old Business – Elder Nominating Committee has met and the “process”

New Business- Next Presbytery meeting April 24, 2021 (Zoom Call) 9:00am – 3:00pm

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for April 18, 2021

Motion made by Clara McGee to allow Cane Creek Crusiers to resume dances at their own risk. Seconded by Betty Lou Mosley.

Motion made by Boyet Twitty to send \$6,500 to the school in Nicaragua, Seconded by Betty Lou Mosley.

Next Session Meeting April 15, 2021

There being no further business Betty Lou Mosley made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Boyet Twitty and approved by all.

Boyet Twitty closed in prayer.

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  
With Pastor Paul Rankin Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in Library.

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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, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Rick Moser, Beth and Benny Simpson, Frank Rogers, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Fran Griffin, Edward Barber, Doug Laney, Linda and Phil Goodman, Wilson Pierce, Paul and Peggy Dvorak, Phil Mosley, Brody Batson, Leslie Couick James, Melanie Deal, Billy Thompson, Terry McManus, Luan Ingram, Ken Howie, Phyllis Norwood, Wendy Rose, Francis Gamble, Justin Rollins, Cass Muckler, Robin Ross, Robert Helms, Brian Rogers and Bart Jackson.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Rick Starnes, Billie Griffin Thomas, Janice York, Abigail Wheeler and Wade Fowler.

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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### **Fellowship Committee**

*Please pray how you can serve the Lord Jesus and His ministry here at Walkersville EPC, especially as we look for people to be a part of the Fellowship Committee. If you have a talent for hospitality and organizing, please consider serving on this committee.*

Remember Romans 12: 6-8: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for the encouragement of Christian fellowship through various events and activities that they plan and organize. The committee will have regular meetings to discuss these events.

Special events include organizing the quarterly Sunday Fellowship time.

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### **C.R.E.W. Time**

#### **(Christ's Radically Enthusiastic Whippersnappers Time)**

Please note change of programming and starting date and time, thanks!

Where: **Walkersville Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with all outside programming at this time.**  
**Please come if the sun is shining!**

When: Every Thursday, **April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:30-7:30** pm, dinner provided

Who: Children, ages 2 years old – 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

*What is **C.R.E.W. Time**, and how can you help?*

**CREW Time** is a place to play and learn with Jesus Christ in every part. The children will experience Bible & Singing, Arts & Crafts, Tutoring/homework, and recess. The children are making connections with adults who love the Lord Jesus and gaining a sense of community.

*VOLUNTEERS are needed, especially for helping with the meal.*

**To register a child or to volunteer:**

contact the church, 704-843-3612

or Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612

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**An Honorarium****To** Little Angels**From** Hazel and Gloria Norwood**In Honor of**

Barb and Tom Salisbury

**Memorials****For** Loma Tyson

Becky Adams

**From** Boyet and Lynn Twitty

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**Good News and Praises****Happy Birthday and Anniversary****April**

Lee Norwood-1

Rick &amp; Sherri Simpson-4/2/77

Frances Gamble-3

Brody Batson-4

Nick &amp; Gretchen Presson-4/8/90

Paul Warner-11

Jesse Parr-12

Rick &amp; Iris Moser-4/14

Clay Murray-15

Riley Trull-18

Eric &amp; Jessica Johnston-4/19/08

Robbie Griffin-20

Jayden Stirton-21

Mitzie Broome-23

Iris Moser-25

Tommy &amp; Phyllis Norwood-4/28

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BRODY BATSON has a BIG birthday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Of course, he will still be in training so he can't come home and his family can't go visit him. His family is asking that everyone (if you will) please send him a birthday card. This is his 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY!! (Please make sure you have your return address on the envelope or it won't get delivered to him.) And, again, if you don't have his address it is:

PVT Brody Batson, RN 116

CO E, 2ND BN 54<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY 198<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE

9050 KINSMAN DRIVE, BLDG 3305

Fort Benning, GA 31905-4931

We THANK YOU so much! We are hoping he will be flooded with birthday cards.

Congratulations on the marriage of Tom and Barb Castner Salisbury on March 6, 2021.

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PERFEKTION  
by Layne Dewlen

Last Sunday, Mar. 7, (I'm writing on the 10<sup>th</sup>), I was playing the Offertory piece, something I knew very well. Although I had practiced it about 20 times and felt I was ready, something went awry. I knew that song forward and backward, but something went terribly wrong. I didn't make a boo boo, I butchered it in front of God and everybody, as they say. Was it a mini-stroke, did my mind hit a short circuit? For whatever reason my mind didn't connect to my fingers and they got lost!

Needless to say, I've awakened during the night mentally browbeating myself, wondering what happened?

All my life I've tried to work toward perfection. Have you tried to do the same? How has it worked out for you? Yes, it's the same for me also. But, now is no time to stop trying!

During all the mind gymnastics during the nights my mind started thinking about the perfection of Heaven. Think about it, the grass will grow to a certain height and no taller. There will be no bare spots, and the grass won't dare overgrow the golden streets. The doors will never squeak, nothing will wear out. Oh, I could go on and on, however there's one perfection I would like to zero in on, and that is you and me.

Can you imagine what we will be like? WE will be PERFECT! The salvation that gave us the gift of eternal life will have been completed. The continual fight against sin will be a distant memory. Every thought, every action, every motive will be pure perfection. Everything we decide to do, we will do to perfection! I will sit down to the biggest pipe organ that has ever been seen and play all the things I couldn't before, AND WITH PERFECTION!!! I don't know about you, but I can't wait! MARANATHA! He's coming SOON!



**April Roster**

**Committee of Month: Mission and Outreach**

**Nursery Workers:**

- Apr 04 Ivey Hardy
- Apr 11 Rhonda McManus
- Apr 18 Jessica Johnston
- Apr 25 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

**Volunteers Needed**

**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!

**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**

2021 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

2021 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

# April 2021

				1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service Communion	2 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae service	3
4 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service at the cemetery cross 9:00/11:00 AM Easter Sunday Services	5	6	7 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	8	9	10
11	12 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	13	14 12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	15 5:30-7:30 PM Crew Time 7:00 PM Session Meeting	16	17
18 Congregational Meeting 12:15 PM Worship Committee meeting	19	20	21 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	22 5:30-7:30 PM Crew Time	23	24 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Presbytery meeting (Zoom)
25	26	27	28 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Little Angels Youth Group No Choir	29 5:30-7:30 PM Crew Time	30	



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