



# WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

MARCH 2023

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## A note from the pastor...

Unlike the disciples, we know how the story ends. Through all of life's twists and turns, we are able to hang onto the hope we have in Jesus Christ in a way the disciples could not have imagined until they also arrived at the resurrection. When we enter into Revelation, we get to "peek behind the curtain" and see even more of how the story ends.

What is the best, most meaningful, most Spirit-filled worship service you have ever attended? Sunday morning? A revival? A believer's funeral? However good it was, the worship of Revelation 4 provides a picture of the most incredible worship...ever. Every detail, every participant, every word, and every action are completely focused on the One seated on the throne.

In Revelation 5 this extraordinary worship service continues with the arrival of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David...except that it is the Lamb who has been slain. This Lamb alone is worthy to take the scroll that no one "in heaven or on earth or under the earth" was able to open. Now not only are the worship participants present but the choir shows up to continue the worship in the form of "myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands" singing the praises of the Lamb and the One seated on the throne.

In Revelation 6 the atmosphere changes dramatically so that we are able to focus on those who have been killed because of the message they had given. They are under the altar, because they themselves had been, as it were, sacrificed. The Apostle Paul describes himself in this same way in 2 Timothy 4:6 when he says, "As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and time of my departure has come." Judgment is coming, but not until after more will be killed for their witness to the Word of God. If this time is describing us today, are we ready?

Finally, just before we make our way into Holy Week, John hears a message that he is not to write down and we are left wondering what was said. We meet an amazing angel in Revelation 10 who has a scroll that John is to eat. The message on the scroll will be for all the earth, along with the sobering announcement, "There will be no more delay." The scroll will be sweet in his mouth and bitter in his stomach. This part of John's vision recalls another prophet's experience in Ezekiel 2-3. This message contains a mixture of joy and pain announcing the blessings and judgments of God. We are also taken back to Jesus' birth in Luke 2:34-35: "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed....," a mixture of joy and pain.

In the same way we move ahead in this Lenten season and draw closer to the Lamb who was slain for each of us.

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## Sermon passages for March 2023:

March 05: Revelation 4

March 12: Revelation 5:9-14

March 19: Revelation 6:9-11

March 26: Revelation 10

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## 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

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## Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

Walkersville EPC  
Session Review for February 16, 2023

Members Present:

Clara McGee, Betty Lou Mosley, Dennis Robinson, Larry Schott, Bob Stirton(excused), Rev. Paul Rankin

**I. Prayer and Devotions** (What does it mean to "Represent the Mind of Christ"?)

**II. Approved: January 19, 2023 minutes (stated meeting)**

**III. Baptisms and new members**

-Quinten & Caitlin (Paisley) Richardson (transfer)

**IV. Committee Reports:** "How is each committee fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. March 2023 Committee of the Month: *Congregational Care*

B. February 2023 Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): *Dennis Robinson*

C. Building & Grounds: *Bob Stirton*

-Cemetery report

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: continuing research (getting closer)

-We have WIFI/internet in Fellowship Hall!!!

-a storage building has been purchased (Boyet and Jeffrey are preparing sight)

-waiting for ground to dry out more

-gathering information for an electronic message board for our sign. Report to be given at a future meeting.

-We will need 2, one for each side. Taking measurements.

D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: March 19, 2023

-2023 VBS: July 31-8/3 (new dates)

-Fire & Ice Report: Everything went very well.

-Lenten devotional materials can be found in the Mary Anne Room

-On 2/23 Lenten Bible Studies will begin. 3pm (Gamble's home); 7pm (Bruce Powell Room)

-Sunday School teachers: Debbie Robinson & Sherri Simpson: younger children; Debbie Rankin: older children

-Looking for a preschool Sunday School teacher

-Would like to paint youth room (lighten it up)

E. Congregational Care: *Dennis Robinson*

F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-March 2023 Mission of the Month: House of Pearls

-Minute for Mission (March 5): Elias and Caris Yohannes (EPC missionaries to Ethiopia)

-Minute for Mission (March 12): Delois Carpenter (House of Pearls, Executive Director)

-next meeting: May 17, 2023

-Mission Budget recommendation approved

-This will be presented to the congregation in a bulletin insert.

-2023 Chicken & Dumpling tentative dates: March 11, September 16

-Project2Heal Yardsale: October 28, 2023

G. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-Next meeting: February 12, 2023

-2023 tentative Communion dates:

Mar. 5, Apr. 2, Apr. 6 (Maundy Thursday), May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5,

Dec. 3, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

-Lenten season: Ash Wednesday (2/22), Palm Sunday (4/2), Maundy Thursday (4/6), Good Friday (4/7), Easter

Sunday (4/9-Sunrise Service, Easter Service)

-Worship outside during the summer, one Sunday/month (dates TBD)

H. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: May?, October 12, 2023

-January 2023 Financial Report was reviewed and approved.

-Planning to move \$25,000 to a bank CD

I. Fellowship Committee: Several people have expressed interest. This committee will meet to discuss what the

committee will be responsible for.

J. Nominating Committee: *Clara McGee and Betty Lou Mosley*

-Meeting date: February 12, 2023

## V. Old Business

A. Presbytery Report

1. Next Presbytery meeting: April 28-29, 2023 (Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC)

B. Debbie Rankin resigning as secretary as of 3/31/2023

C. Pastor Paul (and Debbie) on vacation:

1. April 16: Jack Royston preaching (RTS student) -April 23: Zachary Leach preaching (RTS student)

2. Tentatively June 4: Brian Martin preaching, leading Communion

## VI. New Business

A. Set date for a May Congregational Meeting (election of elders): Moved to March meeting

B. Set date for ordination and installation of elders (June): Moved to March meeting

## VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

February 26, 2023: Riley Campbell and Jennifer Trull

## VIII. Close with prayer

**Next stated Session meeting: March 16, 2023, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

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, Men meet in Fellowship Hall and Women in the Bruce Powell Room.

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## **Please help us update our prayer list**

It is a blessing to be able to lift our friends and family up in prayer to our Lord as a community of believers. If there is a change or update for a prayer request, please let the church know by filling out a prayer card in the church pew or email (walkersvilleepc@gmail.com). Thank you.

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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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## **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.

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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.

### **Needs List**

#### **\*14.5 oz canned vegetables:**

-green beans	-potatoes	-pinto beans
-sweet peas	-black-eyed peas	-navy beans
-chili beans	-pork and beans	-baked beans
-black beans	-corn	-creamed corn

#### **\*14.5 oz of canned fruit:**

-fruit cocktail	-peaches	-pears
-pineapple	-mandarin, oranges	-mixed fruit

#### **\*Canned meat (does NOT require refrigeration):**

-Spam or Treet meat	-ham	-tuna	
-salmon	-chicken		-stew beef

#### **\*Cereal:**

Instant Grits & Oatmeal

\*Miscellaneous Items:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Jiffy corn muffin mix
- Instant potatoes
- Peanut butter
- Canned soups
- Jello gelatin or pudding
- Dried beans 1 lb.
- 1 lb. bag of white or brown rice
- Saltine crackers
- Jelly or jams
- Spaghetti sauce
- Juice in 64 oz to 1 gallon size
- Pasta/spaghetti noodles 1 lb.

\*Gently used clothing items:

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| -shirts      | -pants    | -blouses | -dresses |
| -sweatshirts | -sweaters | -coats.  |          |
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**Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee is announcing that beginning in March, we will be returning to the communion service that we used before the pandemic. That is, we will be using the juice cups and bread plates. This change will be effective March 5, 2023. For those of you who are not ready to participate with this return to communion, we will have trays of the pre-packaged juice and wafer available prior to the service in the foyer of the Church for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Gamble at 770-510-3234 or Pastor Paul at the Church Office.

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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, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde Norwood, Travis Price, Beth Simpson, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James Gordon, Sandy Brady, Linda and Phil Goodman, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert and Bo Starnes, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Bart Jackson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Suzette Barker, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette, Billy Norwood, Lynn and Layne Dewlen, Bryan Dean, LeeAnn Ventuo, Chris Starnes, Walter Norwood, Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden Mary Edwards, Richard and Tyler Lee, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson , Richard Wieck, Pete Green, Wyatt Melton, Dawn Culp, Karen Trull, Bob and Brenda O'Kelly, Katya Newsham, Pat Varner, Baby Kix , Rachel Tyson, Brenda Mosley, Wendy Trull, Carolyn Porter, Saylor Grace Hardy, Christopher Plyer, Monty Brady, Tami Fowler, Logan Liuzzo, Joey McCombs, Caitlin Richardson and Doug Couick.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Jim Couick.

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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## Good News and Praises

### Happy Birthday and Anniversary

#### March

Dillon Hardy-1

Kelsey Johnston-4

Grady, Jr & Ann Rose-3/10/62

Lisa Echols-18

Russell Mosley-20

Beverly Haney-21

Andrew Presson-22

Layne Dewlen-25

Phil Keyes-26

Jennifer Trull-29

Wilson Johnston-30

Bella Hardy-31

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**March Roster**

**Committee of the Month:**

Congregational Care

**Mission of the Month:**

House of Pearls Turning Point

**Nursery Workers:**

Mar 05 Rhonda McManus

Mar 12 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Mar 19 Jessica Johnston

Mar 26 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 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!

**Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information**

2023 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
Dennis Robinson	704-291-0856	Class of 2025
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	Class of 2023

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate	
Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2023 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	Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

# March 2023

			1 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	2	3	4
5 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion	6	7 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	8 12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	9	10	11 Chicken & Dumplings
12 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	13 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Ladies Bible Study in Bruce Powell Room	14 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	15 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	16 5:00 PM Session Meeting	17 St Patrick Day	18
19 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	20 First Day of Spring	21 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	22 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	23	24	25
26 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	27	28 11:30 Senior Luncheon 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	29 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angel’s	30	31	