



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

AUGUST 2021

A Note from the Pastor...

In some of the Sunday morning bulletin inserts, you may have seen the Prayer Walk mentioned. If this is something new to you, please take a few minutes to visit it behind the Fellowship Hall, beginning near the propane tanks. There is nothing complicated about it. It is self-explanatory and doesn't require any training. The signs follow the "A.C.T.S." pattern of prayer. The Scripture passages are written out on each sign to help you, which gives you the opportunity to meditate on the passage of Scripture. Then, finish the "prayer sentence" several times as you walk to the next sign.

A-Adoration: Psalm 34:1

Prayer Sentence: Lord, you are...

C-Confession: Acts 3:19

Prayer Sentence: Please forgive me & help me to forgive others for...

T-Thanksgiving: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer Sentence: Thank you Lord...

S-Supplication: Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer Sentence: Lord Jesus in your name I ask...

You will notice that at the first stop, "Adoration", you consider what is true of God, the character of God, and the attributes of God. Second, you have the opportunity to spend time in "Confession", taking an honest look at yourself as you approach a completely pure and holy God. Then comes a time of "Thanksgiving" when you ponder all that God has done for you. Finally, comes "Supplication", your time to actually bring your requests to God.

Did you notice that about 75% of this pattern of praying is spent considering who God is and what he has done for us? Only 25% of this time in prayer is spent "asking for stuff". Our prayers are often just the opposite, with the majority of our prayer making requests of God.

While all the signs guide you as you pray, perhaps the most important stop is the fifth one. It contains a prayer of salvation, asking Jesus into your heart, or, if you are with someone else, you can pray the prayer with them. I always like to say that when anyone asks Jesus into their heart and life, we then spend the rest of our lives understanding what that means.

I encourage you to use the Prayer Walk for your own relationship with God. At the same time, this is a wonderful instrument to bring another person closer to God. And, obviously, you don't have to be on the Prayer Walk to use this A.C.T.S. pattern of prayer. You can do it anywhere, anytime, but being on the Prayer Walk enables you to shut out the world a little more easily.

My prayer for you (and challenge) as you pray is to make the majority of your prayer life all about God. That really is the way it is supposed to be.

August sermon passages:

August 1: Used by God: Joseph—Genesis 45:1-8

August 8: Used by God: Moses—Exodus 2:1-10

August 15: Used by God: Moses—Exodus 4:13

August 22: Used by God: Gideon—Judges 6:1-15

August 29: Used by God: Samson—Judges 16:23-30

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

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The Session of Walkersville EPC met on July 15, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Elder's present were Clara McGee, Betty Lou Mosley, Larry Schott and Bob Stirton. Boyet Twitty was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from June 17, 2021 were read. Betty Lou Mosley made a motion to accept as read. Larry Schott seconded and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds - Discussed drainage problem at the back of the church and the cemetery
Boyet Twitty will let us know something at next meeting
Need new picnic tables

Christian Education - **next meeting scheduled for July 18, 2021**
VBS – Will be August 1st thru 4th from 6:00-8:00pm

Congregational Care - Committee for the Month of August.

Mission & Out Reach - September 18, 2021 is the date for the Chicken & Dumpling's if all goes well

Stewardship/Financial Report – Next committee meeting 9/9/21
Financial Report presented. Motion to accept by Clara McGee.
Seconded by Larry Schott

Worship – Next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2021

(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 – New Policy has been posted in the Fellowship Hall regarding the lending of tables and chairs. Please read

New Business – Session will begin meeting at 5:00 starting with the August meeting

There being no further business Betty Lou Mosley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Clara McGee and approved by all. Betty Lou Mosley closed in prayer.

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

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 and Iris Moser, Beth Simpson, Frank Rogers, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Fran Griffin, Doug Laney, Linda and Phil Goodman, Wilson Pierce, Paul and Peggy Dvorak, Phil Mosley, Brody Batson, Billy Thompson, Terry McManus, Wendy Rose, Francis Gamble, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Rev. Steve Rembert, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert, Hazel, and Bo Starnes, Jenny Wilson, Bob and Brenda O'Kelley Lynn Dewlen, Claudette Deputy family, Hazel Norwood, Karen Skirpol, Tim Morgan, Brody Keen, Sharon Barber, Randy Richardson, Robert Helms, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, and Bart Jackson.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Ray Cook and Michael Crum.

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.

Operation Reach-Out "By-the-Numbers" for the month of June:

Assisted 16 clients with \$2,361.18 in utility payments
Assisted 17 clients with 174 pieces of clothing (\$226.50)
Assisted 13 clients with 1,278 lbs of food
Assisted 2 clients with gas vouchers
Assisted 1 client with a fan
Assisted 10 clients with homeless supplies
(8 tents provided; 9 given sleeping bags, tarps, & blankets)
Lunches Served = 546
102 showers taken
35 loads of laundry washed (includes towels from showers)

*Please remember that Walkersville EPC provides lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and need people to prepare meals as well as serve them on site in Monroe.

*Finders Keepers, the Operation Reach-Out thrift store, and the Miller Street warehouse are always looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Pastor Paul if you feel called to help in this ministry, or simply would like to know more.

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

August

Serenity Johnston-1
Larry & Maggie Thompson-8/1/70
Chris Norwood-2
Stephanie Bartel-5
Mark & Nanci Beebe-8/5/89
Harvey & Linda Hess-8/6
Karen Skripol-9
Richard Gamble-11
Alice Gay-11
Alisa Pierce-11
Kyle Norwood-13
Kelsey (Medlin)-14
Lynn Dewlen-16
Skylar Pierce-16
Mike Broome-17
Scarlett Clonch-18
Dean & Beverly Haney-8/18/84
Dennis & Debbie Robinson-8/21
Galen Johnston-27

Walkersville EPC Vacation Bible School mission

Donations of books & snacks in memory of Adah & Noah Lesslie

It was a day in April, this past spring, when a very sad thing happened in Rock Hill, SC. A brother and sister died unexpectedly. Adah was 9 years old and Noah was 5 years old.

Because of Adah loved to read and Noah loved to eat snacks and most importantly because they loved Jesus and shared His love whenever possible 1st Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC decided to honor the children's memory by giving back to the community.

Please help us collect books and snacks for 1st ARP as they continue to bless others with Jesus Christ love. Adah's Little Library and Noah's Snack Shack continue to serve the community as people stop by and enjoy a snack and a book.

Adah's Little Library

* New & gently used children's books, all levels.

Adah loved to read chapter books.

Noah's Snack Shack

*Individual packaged snacks: crackers, fruit bites, nuts, dried fruit, juice boxes, etc.

*Special request: Nutrition drinks, like Ensure



Walkersville EPC Vacation Bible School

Date: August 1-4

Time: 6-8:00 p.m.

Who: Children ages 2 years - 8th grade?

Invite your friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews,
& Grandkids to discover how:

"Jesus' power pulls us through!"

*****Sign-up Today*****

Information and Registration forms available

🚩 Please come and help decorate Saturday, July 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Jesus Disciples Went Out to Pray

©***Linda Goodman, June 27, 2017***

(To the tune of “Five Little Dinosaurs Went Out to Play”)

Jesus’ Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
But Judas was coming, and some soldiers, too.
Peter said, “Jesus, I’ll take care of you.”

Jesus’ Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
But Judas was coming, and some soldiers, too
Judas said, “Jesus, we have come for you.”

Jesus’ Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
But Judas was coming, and some soldiers, too.
Peter took a knife and cut an ear in two.

Jesus’ Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
But Judas was coming, and some soldiers, too.
Jesus healed the ear and said, “Shame on you!”

Jesus’ Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
But Judas was coming, and some soldiers, too
They took Jesus away, as they were told to do.

No Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
Jesus our savior died on a cross.
The world had suffered a tragic loss.

Jesus’ Disciples went out to pray
In the Garden of Gethsemane one day,
It was three days later, and the Lord returned,
Saving us with Grace we had not earned.

FEAR.....NOT!!

Today we live in a world of fear, and a world in fear. People are “plain skeered.” It seems like every day there is something else to get “skeered” about. (OK, I’ve made my point, I’ll spell it right from now on).

I personally like to go on line to get the news because I can get so many different views from different sources, but I watch news on the TV as well. At least for as long as I can stomach it. The point is, it doesn’t matter the source of the news, the news is designed to bring fear. When you think about it, you know that the news sources have come to the conclusion that fear sells. Many people become addicted to the rush that fear brings. Why else would Hollywood make so many scary movies? In the news industry it’s the same thing. They make money from advertisements, and the higher their ratings the more money they make. How long do you think a TV station would be on the air if they reported about the little old lady being helped across a busy street, and the move of God at First Church last Sunday?

We are being inundated with fear, some real, and a lot made up. The question is how does/should all this affect us as followers of Christ?

Needless to say, the Bible has much to say about fear. For you I have spent the last two days reading through the whole Bible and counted how many times “fear not” was found in scripture. (Not really, but it sounds good, doesn’t it?) Believe it or not, there are 366 times it is found, one for every day of the year, including leap year! They all start in Gen 15:1 and end with Revelation 1:17. Are you scared, or in fear today? Gods got just the word for your day.

Faith and fear are like fire and water. They cannot occupy the same space. Faith and fear cannot abide in the same heart. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways, James 1:8. How is it possible to claim to know Jesus and still be controlled by fear?

Could it be that fear comes from Satan? In a word, yes. What can we do? First thing is to realize where the fear is coming from, then it’s time to do battle, and the answer is found in Eph. 6:10-18, which is too long to repeat here.

One of Satan’s names is Deceiver, and one of the results of fear is deception. As I pointed out in one of my former articles, Jesus tells us right at the start of His talk on the times in which we live, (Matt. 24), the first thing out of His mouth was, don’t be deceived. Deception is rampant in our world today. I’m not saying that no truth is being told, but with all the deception it becomes almost an impossibility to know the truth. We need to have a very close relationship with the Holy Spirit today, as never before.

Uh-oh! Look what I found. The Bible also says we should fear.....really? Yes, it’s true, and of the scriptures I could find they were summed up in 1 Pet. 2:18. Just two words, FEAR GOD. (KJV)

In conclusion then, God says don’t fear anyone, be he king, potentate, president, governor, doctor, lawyer, etc. We are not to fear any circumstance, bad medical report, war, death, family trouble, covid, etc. There is nothing on this earth that should cause us to fear, but there is a God in Heaven that demands our fear. He deserves to be number one in our lives, undisputed, and all our love, worship, and respect.

FEAR cometh by hearing, and hearing by the words of others.
FAITH cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God! (Rom. 10:17)

MARANATHA!



August Roster

Committee of Month:
**Congregational
 Care**

Nursery Workers:
 Aug 01 Debbie Rankin and Serenity
 Johnston
 Aug 08 Mark and Nanci Beebe
 Aug 15 Jessica Johnston
 Aug 22 Ivey Hardy
 Aug 29 Rhona McManus

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 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
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

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

August 2021

1 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Under the Oaks 6:00-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	2 6:00-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	3 6:00-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	4 6:00-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	5	6	7
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