



# WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

JANUARY 2023

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## **A note from the pastor...**

As we begin another new year, we are a people who constantly need to be reminded of who we are in Christ as well as what is to be true of us as we follow the commands and example of Christ. As usual, I go back to my favorite word: relationship. What makes us (hopefully) stand out in this world is our Christ-centered confidence and unity. With that in mind, we will be considering passages that focus on the kind of work and people we are to be.

In Joshua 1:6-9, the Israelites, led by Joshua, are about to enter into Canaan. God commands Joshua to be faithful to His Word in order to be successful. The question for us is: successful at what?

As we read through Psalm 46, we hear about the uncertainties of this world. "...though the earth should change...though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter..." The greater reality of God's faithfulness is his "refuge and strength", that "the LORD of hosts is with us". Ultimately, we arrive at the familiar verse: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." Somebody should put that on the back of a t-shirt!

As Peter writes to persecuted Christians (and to us) he not only writes to encourage, but also presents the wondrous truths that every Christian is able to hold onto. The result here, which is the same throughout the entire Bible, is that this would "result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" allowing us to "rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy."

Do we long for God's presence? Does our soul thirst for the living God? When life isn't fair and people ask, "Where is your God?", is God ever very far away? Psalm 42 helps us consider these questions.

Do you have a resumé? Did you boast on it? You are supposed to! On our Christian resumé perhaps the first item should be "hope". After hope should be "suffering", followed by endurance and character, circling back around to hope. This is the Apostle Paul's message at the beginning of Romans 5.

The realities found in these passages go deeper than the events of this world or the circumstances of our lives. No matter what is happening in our lives right now or ahead in 2023, God is always present and is always bigger.

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### **Sermon passages for January 2023:**

January 01: New Year's Day: Joshua 1:6-9

January 08: Psalm 46

January 15: 1 Peter 1:3-9

January 22: Psalm 42

January 29: Romans 5:1-5

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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**

No session meeting in December.

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](mailto: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:

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|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| -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:

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

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

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

### \*Cereal:

Instant Grits & Oatmeal

### \*Miscellaneous Items:

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

### \*Gently used clothing items:

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|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| -shirts      | -pants    | -blouses | -dresses |
| -sweatshirts | -sweaters | -coats.  |          |
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## **HELP Pregnancy Center**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for taking part in our 2022 Baby Bottle fundraiser. Walkersville Evangelical Presbyterian Church raised \$2,205.21!! You and all who participate in this fundraiser help us make a positive difference in our community.

At HELP Pregnancy Center, our desire is to be a life-affirming and life-changing ministry, putting "feet to our faith" by meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those facing unplanned pregnancies.

So again, thank you! Your commitment to this ministry is appreciated, and you are making a difference in touching hearts and saving lives, one at a time.

Believing in His Faithfulness,

Jill Cory

480 Help Street

Monroe, NC 38110

704-289-513

## **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, Lisa Echols, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson Joanne Hale, Richard Wieck, Pete Green, Wyatt Melton, Dawn Culp, Karen Trull, Bob and Brenda O;Kelly, Katya Newsham, Betty Lou Mosley, Pat Varner, Baby Kix , Rachel Tyson, Brenda Mosley and Doug Couick.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Claude Gamble, Ruby Rushing, Ed Rape, Tommy Wilson and Janet Tyson.

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**

#### **January**

Ashton Moser-3

Bristol Batson-4

Nolan Rogers-5

Karen Trull-5

Ben Bartel-9

Nicole Mosley-11

Cheyenne Hardy-13

Justin Parr-18

Ella Rogers-19

Sue Stinson-24

Gretchen Presson-26

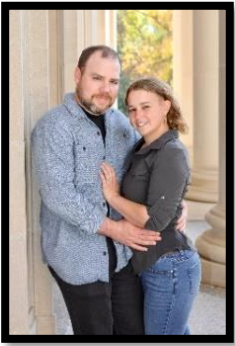
Nicole Medlin-27

#### **In Honor of**

**For** Bob Griffin

**By** Boyet and Lynn Twitty

**Congratulations** on the engagement of Sarah Rankin and AJ Torgerson. They are planning an April 2023 wedding in North Dakota.



# *The East Coast Celebration for Sarah & A.J.*

You are invited to celebrate the engagement of  
Sarah Rankin to A.J. Torgerson

**Date:** January 21, 2023, Saturday

**Time:** 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Walkersville EPC Fellowship Hall  
6204 Brady Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173

Given by: The Rankins  
RSVP to Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612  
or Kayleen Rankin, 540-840-0375

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## **In Memory of**

**For** Jim McGee

**By** Bob McCain

Bob and Marsha Stirton

Marlene Brown

Betty Lou Mosley

Russell and Tammy Mosley

Boyet and Lynn Twitty

Paul and Gina Warner

Norman and Diane Weizer

Sue Thrornton

CJ and Lynn Strikerleather

Joseph Rogers

**For** Walt Venuto

**By** Bob McCain

**For** Ruth Norwood

**By** Troy and Leah Norwood

Nathan and Brianne Thybault

**For** Claude Gamble

**By** Bob McCain

Boyet and Lynn Twitty

**For** Janet Tyson

**By** Bob McCain

**For** Athea Layne

**By** Manley Councilman



**January Roster**

**Committee of the Month:** Finance

**Mission of the Month:** Help  
Pregnancy Center

**Nursery Workers:**

Jan 01 Rhonda McManus

Jan 08 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Jan 15 Jessica Johnston

Jan 22 Debbie Rankin and Serenity  
Johnston

Jan 29 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 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

# January 2023

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>New Year's Day</b> <b>9:00-9:45 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>		<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b> <b>Square Dancing</b>				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>9:00-9:45 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Congregation Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 PM – Men's</b> <b>Bible Study in</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Ladies Bible</b> <b>Study in Bruce</b> <b>Powell Room</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b> <b>Square Dancing</b>	<b>12:15 PM Operation Reach</b> <b>Out Meal</b> <b>3:00 PM Bible Study</b> <b>4:00 PM – Prayer Group</b>			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>9:00-9:45 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Martin Luther</b> <b>King Day</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b> <b>Square Dancing</b>	<b>3:00 PM Bible Study</b> <b>4:00 PM – Prayer Group</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Session Meeting</b>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>9:00-9:45 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>		<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b> <b>Square Dancing</b>	<b>3:00 PM Bible Study</b> <b>4:00 PM – Prayer Group</b> <b>5:30 PM Little Angel's</b>		<b>Presbytery</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>Presbytery</b> <b>Meeting</b>
29	30	31				
<b>9:00-9:45 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>		<b>11:30 Senior</b> <b>Luncheon</b> <b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b> <b>Square Dancing</b>				