



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

OCTOBER 2022

A note from the pastor...

“What has Christ done for me lately?” Have you ever heard someone ask this question? The accompanying question that goes along with this one is, “What have I done for Christ lately?” In the sermon passages for October there will be answers to both questions.

In Christ we have the amazing ability to bypass this world’s emptiness, knowing we have died to ourselves and now live for Christ “through faith in the power of God”. We have been forgiven and our sins have been nailed to the cross of Jesus Christ. This may sound like a lot of theological talk, and it is, but it also leads to the fact that Christ has *disarmed* the powers of this world over anyone who is in Christ. (Col. 2:8-15)

In Colossians 3:1-4 having the victorious assurance of Christ’s power, even as we live in this world, our focus should be “up”. The Apostle Paul tells us to “seek the things that are above, where Christ is” and “set your minds on things that are above”. Just like looking at the scenery from on top of a mountain, we get a completely different perspective of what’s happening in the world around us when we keep ‘looking up’.

Of course, acknowledging the truth found here, it’s important to dress the part. Paul tells us to “clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience”. It’s easy to type those words, even easier to read them, but living them out is a different story. It can only be done as we live in that victorious life that Christ gives. We are to show these qualities through our forgiveness, love, peace, and thanksgiving. The end result will be the joyous presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. There can be no other explanation for it! (Col. 3:12-17)

One more way to show the presence of Christ in our lives is through our work. In God’s original design, we are workers. Even in “retirement” we are still wired to contribute. You can ask yourself: How much of Christ do others see in my work? Who am I truly working for? Myself? My employer? Christ? (Col. 3:23-24)

The final passage of the month (Colossians 4:10-18) is at the end of this letter. It is a passage that is often skipped over, but it contains some wonderful thoughts as Paul has what can only be called a party. Throughout his letters when he considers those believers who are co-laboring with him it brings him joy. Even though he has never been to Colossae and is sitting in prison as he writes this letter, I get the feeling Paul is having a party. Not a pity party, but a Christ-centered victory party made up of believers who undoubtedly bring a smile to his face.

Pastor Paul

Sermon Passages for October

October 02: Colossians 2:8-15

October 09: Colossians 3:1-4

October 16: Colossians 3:12-17

October 23: Colossians 3:23-24

October 30: Colossians 4:10-18

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 Review from September 15, 2022

I. Prayer and Devotions (What it means to be Elders)

II. Approve: August 4, 2022 minutes (stated meeting)

III. Baptisms and new members

- A. Ryan Campbell (accepted into membership July 3, 2022; came before the congregation August 7, 2022)
- B. Joanne Hale (accepted into membership August 4, 2022)

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

- A. October 2022 Committee of the Month: Finance
- B. October Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): Betty Lou Mosley
- C. Building & Grounds: *Bob Stirton*
 - new projector in the Fellowship Hall: researching
 - work on the gutters around the church, Fellowship Hall, and manse
 - handle on toilet in women's bathroom, Fellowship Hall—repaired
 - Fire Marshall report: fire extinguisher in Sound Room mounted; broken fire alarm pull removed
 - outside light behind Fellowship Hall replaced
 - motion sensors and florescent lights in church connector and hallway in the Fellowship Hall
 - adding shed behind the Fellowship Hall for additional storage
- D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*
 - next meeting: November 20, 2022
 - November Committee of the Month. Signing up Greeters and who will do Announcements.
 - VBS debrief, Advent devotional materials, trying out a teen component to Little Angels, 2023 budget
- E. Congregational Care: *Dennis Robinson*
- F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*
 - October 2022 Mission of the Month: Operation Reach-Out
 - next meeting: October 5, 2022
 - Final 2022 Chicken & Dumpling date: November 12
 - breakfast for 1st Responders (Jackson area) possibly hosted by the men of the church
- G. Worship: *Clara McGee*
 - next meeting: October 30, 2022

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

-Hanging of the Greens (November 21)

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: October 6, 2022

-Financial Reports for July and August accepted (due to Aug. 4 dual meeting for both July and August)

V. Old Business

A. Presbytery Report

1. Next Presbytery meeting: September 23-24, 2022 (Hendersonville EPC, Hendersonville, NC)

B. Leadership Meeting: October 16, 2022 (Elders and committee members are invited. Bring a brown bag lunch.)

VI. New Business

A. Church Register (the official membership book) will be updated to reflect the current membership.

B. Patty Greene can do a Christmas Concert: December 17 with donations going to the Missions Committee.

C. Paul will be on a week of study leave, September 19-25. Thomas Davis to preach on Sept. 25.

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: October 20, 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.

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

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 and Jim McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Rev. Steve and Betsy Rembert, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert, Hazel, and Bo Starnes, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Bart Jackson Janet Tyson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Suzette Barker, Ruby Rushing, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette, Karen Trull, Billy Norwood, Lynn and Layne Dewlen, Bryan Dean, Walt and LeeAnn Ventuo, Chris Starnes, Walter Norwood, CB and Ann Griffin, Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden Mary Edwards, Richard and Tyler Lee, Lisa Echols, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson Joanne Hale, Richard Wieck, Kelly Mosley, Bob and Brenda O;Kelly.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Anita Belk, Vera Burgess, Mike Mosley, Ruth Norwood, Ray Varner and Edward Wilson.

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

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.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

In Memory of

For Elijah Rankin

By Bob McCain

For Edward Wilson

By Bob McCain

For Mike Mosley

By Betty Lou Mosley

Sue Thornton

For Ruth Norwood

By Marlene Brown

Bob McCain

Bob and Marsha Stirton

Sue Thornton

Tommy & Jane Starnes

Boyet & Lynn Twitty

In Honor of

For Paul Rankin

By Boyet & Lynn Twitty

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

October

Tommy "Wolfman" Norwood-1

Debbie Robinson-4

Rick Gay-5

Brock Clonch-6

Zoe Bartel-9

Rick Simpson-9

Phillip Carter-10

Russell & Tammy Mosley-10/11/86

Paul Dvorak-12

Eric & Amy Bartel-10/14/95

Paul & Peggy Dvorak-10/19

Bob & Marsha Stirton-10/21

Amy Bartel -31

Fran Griffin-31

A Big Thank You and Praise for all the people who helped with Chicken and Dumplings.

SIGNS of JESUS' SOON APPEARING

By Layne Dewlen

Events shout to us, if we're listening, that we are living in the last days of human history as we have known it. Things are moving at a quickening pace as I have written before. Remember when I said the word translated quickly in Rev. 3:11 is the word tachu, pronounced tak-oo, not tacos, and that tachu is where we get the word tachometer. Well, we are seeing things revving up like a tachometer. To show you what I mean I will point out a few things that happened just this week, Sept. 18-25.

1. There were two speeches given at the UN this week. Both called for a two-state solution, which would divide the Land that God gave to His people by giving a good portion of it to the Palestinians. This is precisely what the Bible tells us would happen in the last days. In Joel 3:1-3 the Lord addresses His anger at the nations concerning His “heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land.”

Notice that the Lord refers to Land as “my land.” It belongs first to Him and He gave it to the descendants of Jacob as an “everlasting covenant” (Psm.105:8-11).

2. There is a growing threat of nuclear war. Scripture tells us that after we are raptured to Heaven terrible wars will occur on the earth with an incredibly high death toll (Rev. 6:1-8). These wars will help contribute to ¼ of the population dying.

Russia is calling up over 300,000 reserves, which hasn't been done since WWII. They are planning to add a total of over one million to the army, and they are making it clear that nuclear weapons are on the table. They feel that nuclear war is likely.

3. It was reported this week that five red heifers were sent from the US to Israel. The Temple Institute is looking for just one that is unblemished. The heifer cannot have any hairs that are another color. It will be inspected with a magnifying glass. Among other requirements it must be two years and one day old when it is killed and burned. The reason for the red heifer is because the ashes of the heifer is needed to purify the new temple and priests. Read about it in Num. 19.

The Bible tells us that a third temple must exist by the midpoint of Daniel's 70th week, which we call the seven year Tribulation.

4. As though the arrival of the red heifers was not enough, the Israeli government announced that the train from Ben Gurion airport to the future temple will be completed by April of next year, in time for Passover. They are even making provision for Jews to bring vegetable and animal offerings on the train. Do you remember me writing about the train station at the Temple Mount they were going to build, and name it after President Trump? Some folks wondered if I had gone off the deep end without water in the pool, well it is all happening!

When Jesus came to earth the first time the Jewish leaders had all kinds of reasons to understand the time and season in which they lived, but they failed to recognize those signs (Matt. 16:1-3). Many today are following in their footsteps. Paul wrote in 1Thes. 5:1-4 that we can know the times and seasons. **WE DON'T HAVE TO BE IN DARKNESS!** Read again verse 4. When the Rapture happens it will be the greatest moment in history since Jesus came to earth 2000 years ago. I hope you are of the light and are ready and looking for His soon call for us to leave this earth. **M-A-R-A-N-A-T-H-A !**

PS. I want to apologize. It suddenly hits me that I don't know who all may read this. There could very well be someone that isn't sure down deep in their heart of hearts that they are ready for that call from the Lord Jesus. The time when He will call all His children home could be at any moment. If you're not sure of your salvation, that everything is right between you and God, now is the time, not tomorrow, now! I don't care, nor does God, how good a person you are, how long you've attended church, maybe been a Sunday School teacher, etc., the one thing that will make the difference is, have you given up on your own self-striving, and put all your faith and trust in the One that paid the price for the gift of salvation. It's free, Jesus paid it all. Tell Him right now that you are putting your trust in Him and then live each day for Him. The old hymn of the church says it best, Trust and Obey. Put your trust in Him, then obey Him for there's no other way to find peace for your soul, and to be ready for His soon call to leave this world, and come live with Him. God bless you all.



October Roster

Committee of the Month: Finance

Mission of the Month: Operation Reach Out

Nursery Workers:

- Oct 02 Rhonda McManus
- Oct 09 Mark and Nanci Beebe
- Oct 16 Jessica Johnston
- Oct 23 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston
- Oct 30 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
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

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	Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

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