

WALKERSVILLE EPC

August 2023

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A Note from Pastor Paul:

What are God's words to us today? Is there a different message than at any time in the past? No, God's words to us are the same as they were to the prophets. This is why God's Word remains as completely relevant for us now as it was when the Holy Spirit first inspired these words through the prophets.

Zephaniah's prophecy from God is filled with judgment against Judah and the surrounding nations. The prophets wanted God's people to ask: If God is not at the center of our thinking, then what is? If God is not our starting point, then what is? As we consider these kinds of questions, we also are made aware of the fact that our God is a mighty warrior who brings victory to his people. While it may not seem like it now, the reality we all hold onto is that in the end...God Wins.

Haggai, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah (Haggai 1:1) received the word from the Lord, after the Israelites had returned to Judah from exile in Babylon. The people were working on their own houses, but not the house of the Lord. This was a great indicator of the misguided priorities of their hearts. God's people are to "give careful thought". What do our priorities say about us? What do our choices say about God's place in our hearts?

The last couple of verses of Zechariah are not only filled with hope, but they go far beyond that. These verses point to a day when God's people will be who we were always designed to be: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." (Leviticus 19:2) The holiness is even to extend to the most routine, day-to-day parts of our lives.

The Old Testament prophets often speak of the "day of the Lord". Malachi describes the day of the Lord as a day of refining. Will this day be good or bad? Something to fear or something to look forward to? It depends on your **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus Christ. For God's people this refining could be difficult, but should also be something we desire, knowing that the result will "show the genuineness of our faith" (1 Peter 1:6-7), so that we "may be mature and complete" (James 1: 2-4).

Walkersville EPC Session Meeting Review for July 13, 2023

I. PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS (THE RULING ELDER: TEACH, SHEPHERD,

UNIFY, LEAD)

- BE A SERVANT LEADER
- DEVELOP AND GROW AS LEADERS (NOT STAGNANT)
- LEARN FROM EACH OTHER
- LIVE LIFE TOGETHER

II. APPROVE: JUNE 15, 2023 MINUTES (STATED MEETING)—TO BE REVIEWED AT THE AUGUST MEETING

III. BAPTISMS, NEW MEMBERS, AND VISITORS

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS: “HOW IS EACH COMMITTEE FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION?”

A. AUGUST 2023 COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: MISSION & OUTREACH

B. AUGUST 2023 ELDER OF THE MONTH (FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH): BOB STIRTON

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS: BOB STIRTON

-NEW PROJECTOR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL: WE HAVE A NEW PROJECTOR!!

-WE HAVE WIFI/INTERNET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!!

-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: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

-2023 VBS: JULY 30-8/2

-FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: TBD

E. CONGREGATIONAL CARE: DENNIS ROBINSON

F. MISSION & OUTREACH: BOB STIRTON

-AUGUST 2023 MISSION OF THE MONTH: EPCWO (EPC WORLD OUTREACH)

-NEXT MEETING: JULY 26, 2023 @5PM

-NEXT 2023 CHICKEN & DUMPLING: SEPTEMBER 16

-PROJECT2HEAL YARD SALE: OCTOBER 28, 2023

G. WORSHIP: ANN ROSE

-NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 13, 2023

-2023 TENTATIVE COMMUNION DATES: AUG. 6, SEPT. 3, OCT. 1, NOV. 5, DEC. 3, DEC. 24

-WORSHIP OUTSIDE DURING THE SUMMER; LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: JUNE 25, JULY 30, AUGUST 27.

-JULY 23, 2023: HYMN SING

-NEW SANCTUARY BANNERS UP FRONT

H. FINANCE COMMITTEE: DENNIS ROBINSON

-NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2023

-JUNE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

J. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLARA AND BETTY LOU

-MEETING DATE: (FOR 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE)

K. FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: RICK GAY

-NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, 7PM

-NOVEMBER 4, 2023: FALL GET-TOGETHER

-DECEMBER 17, 2023: CHRISTMAS PARTY

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PRESBYTERY REPORT

1. NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING: SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2023 (VALLEY HOPE CHURCH, SWANNANOA, NC)

2. HOSTING A PRESBYTERY MEETING? SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THIS, POSSIBLY FOR APRIL 2024.

B. PASTOR PAUL (AND DEBBIE) ON VACATION: JULY 16-21, 2023

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ENCOURAGE ALL COMMITTEES TO MEET TO CONSIDER THEIR 2024 CALENDAR & BUDGET

B. NEW CLERK OF SESSION: DENNIS ROBINSON

C. UPON HEARING SUSAN BURROWS' TESTIMONY, SESSION VOTED TO ACCEPT SUSAN INTO MEMBERSHIP

D. JULY 16, 2023: PRESENTING QUINTON & CAITLIN RICHARDSON, SUSAN BURROWS, AND JOANNE HALE TO THE CONGREGATION

E. DAISY HARDY & DANIEL CRAIG WEDDING: SEPT. 17, 2023

F. DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR CHURCH OFFICE: APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF A NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR CHURCH OFFICE -SMALL LAPTOP TO BE USED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE CHURCH, AS NEEDED.

G. OUTDOOR SPEAKERS: ONE SPEAKER IS BUZZING. LOOKING INTO THIS AT NEXT OUTDOOR SERVICE

H. REMINDER: ANNUAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING: OCTOBER 15, 2023

VII. DATES FOR USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

VIII. CLOSE WITH PRAYER

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING: AUGUST 17, 2023, 5PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WALKERSVILLE EPC ELDERS

Teaching Elder:

Pastor Paul Rankin

814-279-5055

Ruling Elders:

Class of 2024:

Larry Schott

704-774-7691

Bob Stirton

704-361-4888

Class of 2025:

Dennis Robinson
(Clerk of Session)

704-291-0856

Class of 2026:

Rick Gay

704-843-5733

Ann Rose

704-764-9078

SERMON SCHEDULE

August 6:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

"Mighty to Save"

August 13:

Haggai 2: 15-19

"Give Careful Thought"

August 20:

Zechariah 14: 20-21

"On that Day..."

August 27:

Worship Under the Oaks

Malachi 3: 1-4

"The Refiner's Fire"



Chaplain Ministries

EPC Chaplains serve under the auspices of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee, and include men and women serving in the military, local police and fire departments, medical care facilities, and other non-military settings.

Ministerial Vocation

The Ministerial Vocation Committee resources churches and pastors in the preparation, calling, development, and care of ministers, and also resources the Ministerial and Candidates Committees of the presbyteries and oversees the ordination testing process.

Next Generation Ministries

Next Generation Ministries is designed to provide resources and methods to equip, provide, and connect those who serve in cradle-to-college (and beyond) discipleship ministries in the local church.



**MISSION
PROGRAM**

**Please check the Mary Ann
room for updates on all the
missions we support**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

The Congregational Care Committee would like to extend their ministry of sending birthday and anniversary cards to your friends and neighbors who need prayer 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.

Mission of the Month

Ministries of the EPC

epc.org/ministries

Church Planting & Revitalization

Church Planting and Revitalization are two of the four Strategic Priorities (the others being Global Movement and Effective Biblical Leadership) that currently are the focus of national EPC ministry efforts.

Smaller Church Network

The Smaller Church Network affirms, equips, and encourages leaders of churches with fewer than 200 attendees, and helps them both understand their ministries missionally, and discern their church's strengths and gifts.

World Outreach

World Outreach (WO) is the international missions arm of the EPC, with the principal calling to glorify God by starting disciple-making movements among least-reached people groups.



Chicken N Dumplin'

September 16, 2023

Please be praying and thinking
about volunteering!





UC-EPC Women

The Union County Evangelical Women's group consists of any women from any of the 8 Evangelical Presbyterian Church's in Union County. They will have a meeting once a quarter with, food, fellowship, and missions. All women are welcome. The next meeting will be

Saturday, September 10, 2023

1am - 1pm

at Benton Heights Presbyterian

2701 Concord HWY, Monroe

Please RSVP to Caitlin by September 8

For more updates and fellowship join our Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/ucepcwomen



July 30-August 2

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

-Matthew 6:11

Please pray for our 19 pre-registered Little Chefs, our non-registered chefs, our teen helpers and our many adult volunteers.

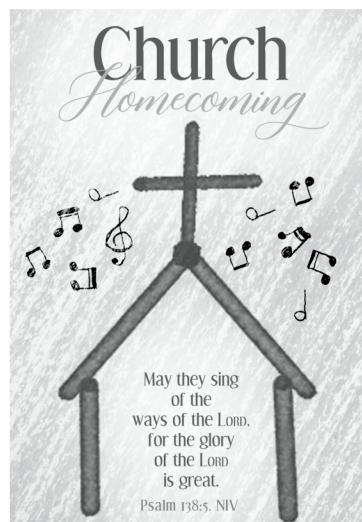


If you have any interest in being a Sunday School teacher please reach out to the Christian Education Committee. We have many opportunities coming up even if you only want to help part time or on a rotational basis.

Walkersville EPC

Homecoming

September 10, 2023



WALKERSVILLE EPC COMMITTEES:

Building & Grounds:

Chair: Russell Mosley

Clerk: Bob Stirton

Christian Education:

Chair: Debbie Rankin

Clerk: Gloria Norwood

Congregational Care:

Chair: Bob McCain

Clerk: Tammy Mosley

Missions & Outreach:

Chair: Clay Murray

Clerk: Betty Lou Mosley

Stewardship:

Chair: Fran Griffin

Clerk: Betty Lou Mosley

Worship:

Chair: Frances Gamble

Clerk: Sue Thornton

Fellowship:

Chair: Debbie Robinson

Clerk: Caitlin Richardson

CHURCH HOURS

Pastor Paul:

Mon-Thur 8:30-5:00

or by appointment

Caitlin Richardson

M-W-F 8:30 - 3:00

REMINDERS

Bible Study with

Pastor:

Wednesday 3:00
pm
Fellowship Hall

Prayer Group:

Wednesday 4:00
pm
Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir

Practice:

Sunday 11:15 am
Sanctuary

The Men's &

Ladies Bible

Study:

Monday, August

14 at 7:00pm

Men: Fellowship
Hall

Women: The Manse

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Caitlin Richardson by the 15th of each month at walkersvillepc@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Clara McGee at 704-709-7125 or Gloria Norwood at 704-843-2352 if you have a prayer request. You can also fill out a prayer card in the church pew or email. walkersvillepc@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY PRAYER & ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Robby Griffin

Clyde Norwood

Sheldon Medlin

Sandy Brady

Shirley Starnes

Albert & Bo Starnes

George Huntley

Bart Jackson

Barry Joyner

Jerry & Alice Griffin

Lynn & Layne Dewlen

Chris Starnes

Mary Edwards

Maggie Thompson

Wyatt Melton

Bob O'Kelly

Baby Kix

Chris Beck

Monty Brady

Pat & Joanne Cochran

Kim Dion

Mark McCain Jr.

Jackie Bennett

Blakely Moore

Katelyn Ohmes

Rick Moser

Alan Crum

Sheila Medlin

Beth Simpson

Martha Allen

Linda & Phil Goodman

Reece Starnes

Kaymon Carter

Silas Simpson

Rudy Robinson

Suzette Barker

Remington Hargette

Bryan Dean

Phyllis Norwood

Richard & Tyler Lee

Richard Wieck

Dawn Culp

Katya Newsham

Rachel Tyson

Carolyn Porter

Tami Fowler

David Pruett

Barb Salisbury

Eric Munoz

Beth Handsel

C.B. Griffin

Elmer Weakland

Joanne Hale

Larry & Audrey Schott

Rachel Brody

James Gordon

Clara McGee

Mark & Nanci Beebe

Frankie Norwood

Pat Schlappich

Ann & Grady Rose

Mark Mull

Billy Norwood

LeeAnn Ventuo

Doris & Brooke Rhoden

Fran Griffin

Pete Green

Karen Trull

Pat Varner

Brenda Mosley

Saylor Grace Hardy

Logan Liuzzo

Joyce Wooten

Betty Simpson Medlin

Jean White

Edith Kimmerling

Phil Keys

Cameron Plyler

Bob McCain

Assisted Living:

Robby Griffin: Lee Forest Group Home 1209 Pelham Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

Travis Price: Brookdale Monroe Sq. Room 44918 Fitzgerald St, Monroe, NC 28112

Linda Goodman: Arcadia Care Home 7415 Walnut Crest Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

Serenity Johnston - 1

Chris Norwood - 2

Stephanie Bartel - 5

Richard Gamble - 11

Alice Gay - 11

Alisa Pierce - 11

Kyle Norwood - 13

Lynn Dewlen - 16

Mike Broome - 17

Scarlett Clonch - 18

Galen Johnston - 27

Mark & Nanci Beebe - 5

Harvey & Linda Hess - 6

Dean & Beverly Haney - 18

Dennis & Debbie Robinson - 21

Sympathy to the

Families of:

Chris Plyler

Rick Starnes

(Blonde)

Peggy Knight



ACTIVE MILITARY

Larry Schott III

Brody Batson

Chad Clonch

Luke Mault

Garrett Melton

Devin Moser

Peyton Maguffey

Chris Rankin

Jarrett Setliff

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sun School 9:00 Worship 10:00 ***VBS*** All Church Kick - off 5:30 – 8:30 pm	***VBS*** 6:00–8:30 pm	***VBS*** 6:00–8:30 pm	Bible Study 3pm Prayer time 4pm ***VBS*** 6:00-8:30pm			
Sun School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Holy Communion Choir 11:15 CE Meeting 11			Operation Reach Out Meal 12pm Bible Study 3pm Prayer Time 4pm			
Sun School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Choir 11:15 Worship Committee Meeting	Men's & Women's Monthly Bible Study 7pm	Square Dancing Fellowship Hall 7-9pm	Bible Study 3pm Prayer Time 4pm	Session – 5pm		
Sun School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Choir 11:15		Square Dancing Fellowship Hall 7-9pm	Bible Study 3pm Prayer Time 4pm Little Angels Pool Party 5:30pm			
Sun School 9:00 Worship 10:00 (Under the Oaks) Choir 11:15		Square Dancing Fellowship Hall 7-9pm	Bible Study 3pm Prayer Time 4pm			

AUGUST

2023

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JULY 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023

NOTES:

Committee of the Month:

Mission & Outreach

Mission of the Month:

Ministries of EPCWO