

WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173
OCTOBER 2019



A Note from the Preacher...

What a fascinating month September has been! It was several weeks ago that Debbie and I (finally) emptied out our house near Marion, NC, did some final work, and cleaned it top to bottom. By now our house has been on the market for a couple of weeks. Need a really nice, secluded, private log house in the woods of western North Carolina?

Also, by this time, many in the church have participated in the first Chicken & Dumplings' meal of the season, the first for Debbie and me. What a blessing to be able to join work and fellowship together into one event.

At the same time, even though I am writing this before the fact, my prayer is that, through the grace of God, everything went well for me along with four others who were examined at the 93rd meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic in Wilmington, NC, and that we all have an exciting, worshipful installation and ordination ceremony very soon.

In many ways Fall 2019 is a new beginning for all of us as we see where the Lord is leading. None of us are here by accident. We are able to hold tightly onto the promise of Isaiah 55:10-11 that when God's Word goes out it will *always* accomplish his plans and purposes. It will *always* succeed. As we continually see in the life of Moses, and is true in our lives as well, we are a part of God's plans. And be assured that, just like Moses, when we are faithful to God life is rarely mundane. At the same time, following God's plans requires complete dependence on him. Regardless of what it looks like from our point of view, we have a wonderful assurance that there is a heaven-based set of blue prints for all of time and history. As we go through this life a major part of our relationship with God is to remember who we are and what he has done for us in the past. God has provided and will continue to do so in the future. Through the new life we have in Jesus Christ, our lives have been changed now as well as into eternity.

The passages in Exodus I'll be using for my sermons in October lay down some of the incredible building blocks onto which the rest of the Bible is built. As we inch closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, I hope you will see how these and future passages from Exodus prepare us to touch the foundations being laid for the deliverance of God's people.

God's blessings to you,
Paul

Sermons for October

October 6: Exodus 12:1-13 "The Master Plan"

October 13: Exodus 16:1-12 "Husker du?"

October 20: Exodus 29:45-46 "The original blueprints"

October 27: Exodus 31:12-17 "The best rest ever"

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

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The session of Walkersville EPC met on September 16, 2019 @ 7:00pm in the church library.

Elders present were Boyet Twitty, Hazel Norwood Jim McGee, Dennis Robinson, Preacher Paul Rankin. Rev. Brian Martin moderated the meeting. Dean Haney was excused.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Brian Martin. The minutes from the August 19, 2019 meeting were presented and approved.

Beverly Haney presented the treasurer's report. Session approved.

Ann Rose joined Walkersville EPC on September 22, 2019 by letter of transfer from Mount Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Prosperity, SC. Welcome Ann!

Ministry Team Reports:

Building & Grounds – Boyet Twitty presented two quotes. Session had approved the pouring of a cement pad to extend the take-out area for chicken and dumplings. Cost is \$1600.00 this was approved on the August 19, 2019 meeting by the session. The other quote was for \$2440.00 for a cement handicap ramp at the back door of sanctuary under the walkway. This work will be done by Keith Robinson. The session approved for Joey and Trisha McCombs to clean the church for \$400.00 per month. A check list was written up and would be presented to them to go by when cleaning weekly. They will begin cleaning the first week in October.

Christian Education – A Bible will be presented to Hailey Baucom during worship service on September 22, 2019. She was our only rising sixth grader. A new policy was presented to the session concerning church Christmas with Santa after our children's Christmas program. No gifts are to be brought and given out at this event. Santa will come and have a time with the children and give out candy canes. There will be a time for fellowship and finger foods. The children and youth Sunday School classes can still draw names as usual but the gifts will be passed out during Sunday School time. Session approved this proposal and we would appreciate everyone's cooperation please.

Congregational Care - Continue to pray for Jean Price, Travis Price, Robby Griffin and our military Chad Clontz and Devin Moser. Please contact Bob McCain with any congregational needs.

Fellowship – Trunk or Treat will be October 27, 2019.

Mission & Outreach – Thanks to all who help with Operation Outreach meals. More volunteers would be appreciated.

Worship – The worship committee reported they would be going back to using trays during communion so everyone would be served at their seats.

Old Business – A congregation meeting will be held on October 20, 2019. The purpose of the meeting will be to choose three people from the congregation to service on the nominations committee in choosing two candidates for elder. This committee will be made up of two from the

session and three from the congregation. The new elders would not start serving until July 2020. We are nominating early so we can give time for training of new elders to take place.

New Business – Larry and Audrey Schott are to meet with the session about joining Walkersville at the next session meeting on October 20, 2019. Preacher Paul Rankin will be on vacation from November 17 – 23. David Rankin is to meet with the session on October 20, 2019 to discuss setting up our church website.

There being no further business, Jim McGee made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Boyet Twitty seconded and session approved. The meeting was closed in prayer by Preacher Paul Rankin.

Rev. Brian Martin
Moderator

Dennis Robinson
Clerk of Session

Presbytery Meeting Sept 27, 2019 at Wilmington, NC

Walkersville EPC was well represented at this Presbytery meeting. Gloria & Hazel Norwood, Jim & Clara McGee, Preacher Paul and Debbie Rankin, Dennis & Debbie Robinson and Bob & Marsha Stirton came on Saturday.

The meeting started at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 27th and was opened with a warm welcome by the moderator, Duke Lineberry. He opened the meeting with prayer and reminded us of our purpose, praise and glorifying the Father and to do the work of the Lord set before us. The first order of business at all Presbytery meetings is to break up in groups of 4 or 5 and pray. This is very unique and important of our Presbytery.

We heard reports from various committees. Church mission, church planting, Presbytery budget committee, church development and others. Break was given for dinner around 5:00 pm. We came back and had a wonderful worship and praise service along with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm.

Saturday morning was the big day we had all been waiting for. At 8:00 am it was time for examination day. Much prayer and a lot of prayerful studying by Preacher Paul and the moment was here. Committee of Ministry presented the candidates. Andy Byers, from New Cut EPC in Lancaster, SC and Preacher Paul Rankin from Walkersville EPC. Preacher Paul was the first to give his sermon and challenged us with a sermon from Exodus. After sermons were given, it was time for the oral examination. There were five candidates. Two were coming with churches and three coming in under Presbytery Care. These candidates are still in seminary. After all was said and done, all candidates were voted on and all five candidates passed. Preacher Paul did a great job! Now the next stop will be his ordination service. Mark your calendars for October 27, @ 6:00 pm. Please come and show Paul and Debbie your support. God is so good!

Dennis Robinson
Clerk of Session

The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00PM

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 Clara McGee. 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 Clara to continue to list that person's name.

Senior Saints Luncheon

55 plus luncheon is meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 11:30.

Fellowship Supper

There will be Fellowship Supper in October by the Worship Committee.

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 Perry Brown, Jean Price, Robby Griffin, Patrick Brown (safety), Linda Goodman, Irene Mosley, Lynn Dewlyn, Eric Thomas, Josue' Brown(Patrick Brown's stepson), Marlene Brown, Hazel Norwood, Edith Long(Boyet Twitty's sister), Phil Keys, Clay Murray, Ronnie Craig, Payton (Granddaughter of Mark and Nanci Beebe) and Larry Schott.

We extend sympathy to the family Richard Dixon and Lee Wright (Lind Goodman's brother). Richard Dixon passed away Saturday and his memorial service is Oct. 15 @ 1:00 at Forest Hill in Waxhaw.

Please continue to send cards and remember in prayer our church members who are in assisted living homes:

Mrs. Jean Price, White Oaks of Waxhaw 700 Howie Mine Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173

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

Bryant Russell, Monroe Manor, 1101 Baucom Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

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!

Little Angels Youth Group

This month at Little Angels we enjoyed pizza, a lesson led by Mrs. Rhonda, and the kid's favorite thing – playing outside! The kids all bring their scooters and bikes and take advantage of the large parking lot. They also enjoy basketball and playing on the playground. We had some surprise visitors that the kids loved – Debbie Rankin and her 2 dogs. The kids loved learning how to use her fancy ball thrower to play fetch with the dogs. I don't know who left more exhausted – the kids or the dogs! We closed the night with a popsicle on the playground. You know it's been a fun night at youth group when the kids go home dirty and sticky!

Rhonda, Alice & Alisa

Fellowship Committee

Fellowship Chair Alisa Pierce and Clerk Alice Gay are giving up their positions effective December 31, 2019. We have served on the Fellowship Committee for years; we need a break and it is time to let someone with fresh ideas take over! We would like to thank you all for your help and support over the years and look forward to attending Fellowship Events in the future.

Contact Hazel Norwood Elder for Fellowship Committee if you are interested in taking over these positions.

Thank you.

Operation Reach Out

Just a quick reminder that Walkersville has pledged to provide lunch to the clients at **Operation Reach Out** each month on the **2nd Wednesday**. If you would like to take the meal one month, you can find the sign-up sheet posted on the door to the sound room as you enter the sanctuary. Our focus item for October is coats and sweaters.

If you would like to help with this mission project, there is a sign-up sheet on the door to the sound room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact anyone on the Mission/Outreach Ministry Team.

Mission and Outreach Committee

Project to Heal Yard Sale - October 12th from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm

Walkersville is once again hosting a yard sale on Saturday, October 12th to benefit Project to Heal. You can bring your yard sale items to the "take-out" room. Please DO NOT place any items in the Fellowship Hall until after Cane Creek Cruisers have their Square Dance on Tuesday, October 8th. We will need LOTS of help on Thursday & Friday to get everything priced and ready to sale. Please check your closets and around your home for items to donate and plan to bring them Thursday or Friday.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat with free hotdogs and all the fix ins' in the fellowship hall! Saturday October 26 6:00-7:30PM.

Everyone please come out and let's make this a fun night for all the kids.

Bring your kids and invite kids, we hope to have a big crowd.

We need everyone to please decorate their trunks and have candy to pass out to all the cute kids

We also need cupcakes for the cake walk, let Alisa Pierce know if you can bring cupcakes.

Start planning your costume, we hope to see everyone there!

Campus Outreach at UNC Chapel Hill:

Last school year finished strong here at UNC! I am really grateful for such a successful first year of ministry and excited to see what these next few years will have in store. Five girls gave their lives to Jesus through my ministry last year. This was such an incredible privilege and honor to witness.

This past summer I was a Team Leader on our Summer Leadership Project in Orlando, Florida for 2 months. The Leadership Project is a developmental opportunity for college students to come and grow in their walks with God and grow as a leader. I was helping lead the project by discipling a number of students, giving talks, planning meetings, and much more. It was a very challenging summer that stretched me a lot but I am so grateful for how God grew me in my dependence on

him. I am also grateful that 9 girls from my ministry at UNC came on the project and grew so much spiritually.

I am now three weeks into my second year of ministry at UNC and it is going really well. This year looks a lot different than last year because I am focused a lot on discipleship and not as much on evangelism. I am discipling 4 of the 5 girls I led to Christ last year which I am really excited about. Along with discipling them, I will be doing ministry in and through them to reach their friends and teach them how to share their faith with others.

Another exciting opportunity for me this year is being a part of the Diversity Team for our region. Our job is to think and plan for our minority students in our ministry.

Thank you so much for the constant support and encouragement I receive from Walkersville, I could not fulfill my calling in college ministry without faithful supporters like you.

CO Diversity Team
Jennifer Corley

UNC Chapel Hill Staff Team

Chicken and Dumplings

Blessings from Above

What a humbling experience we had as we worked together to make Chicken and Dumplings on September 21st. We know that many of you began praying and working several weeks early to make our Chicken and Dumpling Dinner successful and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our next C&D will be here soon (November 2nd) and so we need to be in constant prayer that we will again bring glory to the kingdom of God.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Temperatures may be the 90's, but the **Adult Choir** is getting ready for Christmas. Keep the dates open Sunday, Dec. 8th, for "Waiting for Christmas". This is a great time to join us in the choir. We would love to have more voices.

October is going to be a busy month with Lynn and Boyet away for several weeks as they travel West to attend his Naval Reunion. Marsha and Bob are going on a cruise with friends while others will be going to the mountains for a weekend getaway. We pray for traveling mercies for all. We are planning special music for Preacher Paul Ordination Service at our church on Sunday, Oct. 27th 6:00 PM. We look forward to having Pau's brother share his gift of music on the piano during Prelude that evening.

Many of you play an instrument, guitar, violin, drums, flute, etc. Please let Sue know.

Kid's Choir is working again with our hand chimes. Be prepared to be blessed when they play for you soon. They are also planning to celebrate Veteran's Day on Sunday, Nov. 10th. Please be getting together any memorabilia you wish to share with us on that day. Any questions see Sue or Marsha.

We need all kids to help us. We begin planning for our Kids Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 22th.

See you in the choir!

In Christ,

Sue and Marsha

Women of Walkersville (WOW) News

The Women of Walkersville would like to thank Linda Goodman for leading our Bible Study this past year. We completed *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christenson in July. In August we met and decided to start a new study entitled, *Bad Girls of the Bible: and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies of Walkersville are welcome to join us. If you would like to be a part of the study group, please let Marsha (704-579-2358) know so she can order a book for you. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Youth Room.

Thank You Note from Patrick Brown

Thank you for listening to the Lord's Voice,

Once again, the Lord has used all of you from Walkersville Women of the Church, to answer our prayers. We have been trying to learn to follow the Words of Jesus and go to our prayer closet and tell our Father in Heaven our needs, and He will answer according to His riches in glory. You have been a part of those answer's more than once, many times in comes in at the last minute when there seems to be no other answer.

Due to the accident of Josue and how the health coverage works here it would be very hard for you to understand all the challenges we have to go through to get even small things done. Your donations make it possible for us to keep moving forward in his care. The hospital is saying that within 3 months he will be going back to surgery to replace the part of the skull bone that was removed to allow for the brain to swell. This will be a great blessing for a number of reasons but Josue understands his head is shaped differently than other people's but he cannot understand why. So, this will be a great step forward in helping him to recover.

We just wanted to say thank you once again for your willingness to listen to the Lords voice and donate to help our family, and the ministry.

The school is doing well we are just finishing the third block's exams, and we are seeing positive things as well as areas we need to continue to work on. Many of the children have been coming to us opening their hearts more, which allows us even more time to share with them the love that God has for them, as well as all of you praying for them over there. Please continue to pray. We are setting up a new system to be able to share more information with you about specific children and their families, we have only a couple of months to raise personal support for each student to be sure they will have a spot in our school in our school next year.

Blessings to all of you,

Patrick Brown.

President of Samaritans Internationals of Waxhaw.

Patrick Brown

President - Samaritans International Nicaragua

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/feedingnicas>

Memorials to Cemetery Fund

For William Banks and Maggie McCain
Richard Banks and Edna Walkup McCain Sr.
Richard Banks McCain Jr.
By the Family of Richard "Dick" Banks McCain Jr.

Memorials to Building Fund

For Audrey Tyson
By Perry and Marlene Brown
Maggie Thompson
Bob McCain

Good News and Praises

Remember Hazel Norwood on his knee surgery Oct 2.

Congratulations to Debbie Robinson on her retirement. Maybe some rest is coming.

Prayers be with Linda Goodman on the death of her brother.

Congratulations to the Providence Elementary School Student Council Secretary Brock Clonch and Treasurer Violet Clonch! We celebrate your heart for service! It fills us with great joy to be part of your journey. Brock, 5th grade, and Violet, 4th grade, are the grandchildren of Bob and Marsha Stirton.

Wishing Clay Murray and Larry Schott a speedy recovery.

PERFECT PEACE

By Layne Dewlen

A number of years ago, come to think about it, by this time it's been quite a number of years ago, I had this version of the 23rd Psalm, called "The Pilot's Psalm", put on the back of my business card.

The Lord is my pilot, my plane is well equipped. He maketh me to fly in clear skies. He guideth me through the still air. He keepeth my engine running; He guideth me across the country for His name's sake. Yea, though I fly through the thunderstorms, I am not afraid, for my Pilot is with me, His companionship stabilizes me. He prepares an airstrip in the midst of IFR (bad weather) conditions. He setteth up my approach; my fuel tank overfloweth. Surely safety and mercy shall be with me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in my Lord's hangar forever.

God's blessings on you all,
Layne Dewlen



October Roster

Committee of Month: Worship

Monthly Greeter: Jessica Johnston

Nursery Workers:

Oct 06 Debbie Rankin

Oct 13 Rhonda McManus

Oct 20 Nanci Beebe

Oct 27 Kayleen Rankin

Nov 03 Jessica Johnston

Volunteers Needed

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

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2019 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Preacher
Dennis Robinson	704-764-9025	3 Years
Jim McGee	704-709-7125	3 Years
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	2 Years
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	2 Years
Boyet Twitty	704-843-1245	1 Years

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

2019 Church Committees		
Committee	Chair	Clerk
Building & Grounds	Russell Mosley	Bob Stirton
Christian Education	Debbie Robinson	Gloria Norwood
Congregational Care	Bob McCain	Tammy Mosley
Fellowship	Alisa Pierce	Alice Gay
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Lynn Twitty	Sue Thornton

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