



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

SEPTEMBER 2022

A note from the pastor...

Do you know the Great Commission? These are Jesus' words at the end of the Gospel of Matthew.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

At General Assembly this past June one of the thoughts that was often repeated was to put the “E” back in the “EPC”, put “evangelical” back into the church. “Evangelical” in the New Testament refers to a person or group who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. This word has fallen onto hard times recently as it has become associated with politics rather than the gospel.

If we are hoping to put the “E” back into this church, how do we do it? How do we become more “evangelical”, according to the biblical definition of the word? While there are several starting points within the church, I believe one place to begin is with the committees of the church. Consider the committees of the church:

Building & Grounds	Finance & Personnel
Christian Education	Mission & Outreach
Congregational Care	Worship

It is a very good exercise to provide the answer to the question, “How does each committee fulfill the Great Commission?” While some committees seem to lend themselves more naturally to the Great Commission than others, we should be considering how every committee works toward this goal.

At the same time, each of us should also be asking how we, as individuals, are working to fulfill the Great Commission. Jesus Christ didn't recommend or suggest that we make disciples, he commanded it. If you personally are having trouble answering the question about fulfilling the Great Commission, I would like you to consider being a part of a committee (if you are not already). Each committee does have a part in the Great Commission at Walkersville EPC, which means, as a member of the committee you would also have a part in keeping this command of Christ.

Most of the time the contact person for each committee is on the back of the bulletin. The chairperson for each committee will be able to give the date of the next meeting so that you can attend. Of course, this means you will need to be the one taking the initiative. The committee needs you, but you also need the committee.

Pastor Paul

Sermon Passages for September

September 4: Colossians 1:3-8

September 11: Colossians 1:9-14 (Homecoming Sunday)

September 18: Colossians 1:15-20

September 25: Colossians 2:6-7

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 for August 4, 2022

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

II. Approved: June 16, 2022 minutes (stated meeting); July 3, 2022 minutes (called meeting)

III. Baptisms and new members

- A. Ryan Campbell (accepted into membership July 3, 2022; coming 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. August 2022 Committee of the Month: Mission & Outreach
- B. August 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
 - potential projector donation would not be an improvement over the present system
 - work on the gutters around the church, Fellowship Hall, and manse
 - light at back door of Fellowship Hall
 - handle on toilet broken in women's bathroom, Fellowship Hall
 - Fire Marshall report: fire extinguisher in Sound Room mounted; broken fire alarm pull removed
 - repair broken outside light behind Fellowship Hall
- D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*
 - initial VBS observations: 35 children and many volunteers. It was a very good week. Praise God!
 - next meeting: September 18, 2022
- E. Congregational Care: *Dennis Robinson*
- F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*
 - August 2022 Mission of the Month: EPC World Outreach
 - the church will be supporting Claire H. (central Asia) for one year at \$300/month.
 - next meeting: October 5, 2022
 - 2022 Chicken & Dumpling tentative dates: September 17, November 12
- G. Worship: *Clara McGee*
 - next meeting: August 7, 2022
 - Homecoming, September 11, 2022
 - 2022 tentative Communion dates:
 - August 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: October 6, 2022

-Financial Report: God has continued to bless the church, so that the church can be a blessing.

V. Old Business

A. Presbytery Report

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

B. Paul & Debbie: North Dakota vacation, August 15-27 (Hymn Sing, August 21) (Paul will be preaching, August 28)

VI. New Business

A. Leadership Meeting: October 16, 2022

B. In Progress: New Membership List for the Church Register (the official membership book)

C. On-Going discussion: close in back porch of Fellowship Hall for additional storage

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: September 15, 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 and Ruth 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, Karen Skirpol, Sharon Barber, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Sue Haney, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Barb Salisbury, Bart Jackson Janet Tyson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Suzette Barker, Ruby Rushing, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette, Mitchell Gordon, Debbie Robinson, Karen Trull, Billy Norwood, Lynn and Layne Dewlen, Vera Burgess, Bryan Dean, Walt and LeeAnn Ventuo,

Chris Starnes, Mike Stinson, Walter Norwood, CB and Ann Griffin, Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden and Mary Edwards. .

We extend our sympathy to the families of Anthony Wallace and Elijah Paul Rankin (Son of David and Kaylen Rankin delivered stillborn).

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.

In Honor of

For Boyet Twitty for 80th Birthday

From Marsha and Bob Stirton

Debbie and Debbie Robinson

Frances and Richard Gamble

Betty Lou Mosley

In Memory of

For Carrie Rogers

By Bob McCain

Sue Thornton

For Elijah Rankin

By Sue Thornton

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

September

Phillip & Karen Carter-9/1

Pam Gordon-2

Gina Warner-5

Jim & Clara McGee-9/5/75

Caleb Hardy-6

Bob Griffin-7

Debra Twitty-7

Eric Johnston-11

Brian & Natalie Rogers-9/17/11

Bob Stirton-18

Mike & Sue Stinson-9/19

Hazel & Gloria Norwood-9/20/64

Chris & Jennifer Trull-9/20/92

Mitchell Gordon-21

Pete & Nicole Medlin-9/21

Chad & Scarlett Clonch-9/30/06

Welcome to Walkersville church **Ryan Campbell**.

A Big Thank You and Praise for all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School.



September Roster

Committee of the Month: Worship

Mission of the Month: Pochocuape

Nursery Workers:

Sept 04 Rhonda McManus

Sept 11 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Sept 18 Jessica Johnston

Sept 25 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

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

September 2022

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion 11:15 AM Worship Committee meeting Adult Choir Practice	Labor Day	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			8:00 AM-12:00 PM Homecoming Clean-up Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Homecoming 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice 5:00 PM	7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study in Bruce Powell Room	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	5:00 PM Session Meeting	Chicken & Dumpling Prep Day	Chicken & Dumpling
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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