

# Walkersville Window

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## A note from the pastor:

Is it really worth it? Wouldn't it be easier to join in with the rest of the world? The more committed we are to Christ, the more we stick out as a light in a dark world. As the same time, the more committed we are to Christ, the more we understand the incredible love God has for us.

1 John 3:1-3 begins with, "See what kind of love the Father has gives us". What a beautiful warmth should flood through us as we read those words! The day will come when we will be able to embrace our loving Father and feel his arms draw us out to himself. We really don't know what this will look for feel like, but for the first time in our lives we will know what it means to be completely pure in God's presence.

How can the world know God? One answer is by looking at the person of Jesus Christ. The other answer is as the world looks at you and me. As we love each other with the love we have received from our heavenly Father, the world should be able to see God through us, as 1 John 4:12 says, "...if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

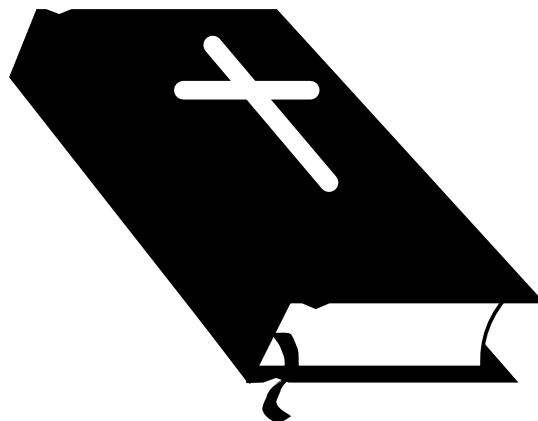
On November 16, Thomas Davis will be preaching. He will be coming as a representative of the EPC's World Outreach and share what is happening in missions today.

"God is love." We have probably all heard this and agree with this. But what is it supposed to look like? How do we know we are loving the way we should? How do we know we are living the way we

should? 1 John 4:17-21 tells us there should be a boldness among God's people, particularly as the day comes when we stand before God himself. We should not have fear among us, but the pure, godly love that removes fear. Once again the Body of Jesus Christ should be the perfect example for everyone to see as we love each other, reflecting our love from and for God.

As we move through this world, do we feel victorious? Too many Christians would say, "No." 1 John 5:1-5 reminds us that we have been born of God, and should be obeying God, resulting in victory over anything the world can throw at us. Through Christ we have conquered the world. This victory ultimately comes though faith in Jesus Christ.

John seems to hope that anyone who reads this letter take time to examine themselves, heed the warnings, and be encouraged in the life we live through Jesus Christ. Examine, heed warnings, encouraged...does this describe you?



## Session Members & Committees

Building & Grounds:  
Elder: Quinton Richardson  
Chair: Russell Mosley

Christian Education:  
Elder: Ann Rose  
Chair: Caitlin Richardson

Congregational Care:  
Elder: Eric Johnston  
Chair: Tammy Mosley

Mission & Outreach:  
Elder: Gretchen Presson  
Chair: Clay Murray

Finance:  
Elder: Eric Johnston  
Chair: Fran Griffin

Worship:  
Elder: Ann Rose  
Chair: Frances Gamble

Fellowship:  
Elder: Rick Gay  
Chair: Debbie Robinson

## Sermon Passages

- 11/2 (All Saints): 1 John 3:1-3
- 11/9: 1 John 4:7-12
- 11/16: A message on missions: Thomas Davis preaching
- 11/23: (Thanksgiving)  
1 John 4:17-21
- 11/30: (Advent #1)  
1 John 5:1-5

# Operation Reach-Out: Providing HOPE & HELP to Monroe

**"As much as you did it to these the least of my brothers & sister, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)**

In the heart of Monroe, Operation Reach Out lives out this biblical calling every day, serving those facing difficult times in Union County. Through a comprehensive range of programs, this faith-based organization addresses both the spiritual and physical needs of the community's most vulnerable residents.

## Serving the Whole Person

Operation Reach Out offers daily Bible study followed by a free lunch, providing a welcoming space where those who are struggling can find community and a hot meal. In partnership with local churches, restaurants, and individuals, they feed both body and soul.

For the homeless and those with no fixed address, the organization provides essential services including hot showers, laundry facilities, and free monthly haircuts. The Clothing Closet ensures community members have appropriate attire and shoes, while Joseph's Food Pantry provides emergency food boxes and monthly food assistance for elderly residents.

## Crisis Support When It Matters Most

One of the organization's most vital services is financial assistance for crisis situations-helping with energy bills, medications, gasoline, and other urgent needs for low-income and elderly citizens. This direct aid can make the difference between keeping the lights on or going without.

Operation Reach Out also operates Finders Keepers, a resale store offering discounted goods, and hosts the NC Baptist Men's Dental Bus for free dental care. Each year, they host "Lord of the Harvest," a community Thanksgiving Dinner, and conduct food and hygiene item drives to keep their pantry stocked.

## How You Can Help

Operation Reach Out relies on community generosity to continue serving those in need. They welcome monetary donations, non-perishable food, clothing, toiletries, laundry supplies, and volunteers to teach Bible studies or serve meals.

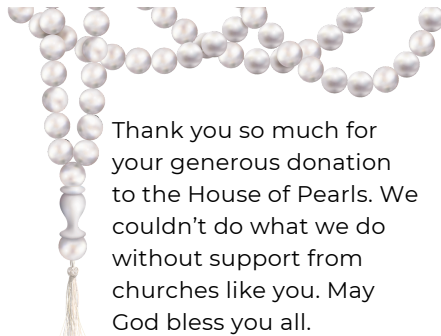
Thank you 

Thank you to an incredibly loving and generous congregation. Did I suspect anything was about to happen during the October 26 worship service? No, you got me. I had no idea. But knowing that so many people have been and will continue to pray for Debbie and me is certainly the greatest gift.

## Chicken N Dumplings

A huge thank you to everyone who made our chicken and dumplings fundraiser a success! From kitchen prep to serving cleanup, your hard work helped raise crucial funds for our missions. Your servant hearts made all the difference!

Mark your calendars - we're doing it again in March! Whether you helped this time or want to get involved, we'd love to have you join us.



- 11/2: Sherri Simpson & Brooklyn Hardy
- 11/9: Debbie Norwood & Lexi Langley
- 11/16: Tammy Mosley & Lily Wilson
- 11/23: Amanda Fesperman & Levi Fesperman
- 11/30: Phyllis Norwood & Wilson Johnston



- Braylen Batson - 1
- Noah Medlin - 1
- Tammy Mosley - 7
- Jordan Parr - 9
- Jase Helms - 11
- Cody Hardy - 12
- Pete Medlin - 13
- Caitlin Laton - 15
- Billy Thompson - 16
- Larry Schott - 18
- Nick Presson - 22
- Landon Efird - 24
- Boyet & Lynn Twitty - 24
- Rick & Alice Gay - 27
- Paul & Debbie Rankin - 28



# SESSION REVIEW

## PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

3 CIRCLES: TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

## COMMITTEE INFO:

NOVEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: CHRISTIAN ED  
NOVEMBER ELDER OF THE MONTH: ANN ROSE

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

- FAUCET BY MEMORIAL GARDEN
- EDUCATION WING

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 11:15
- NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY?
- VISITATION & COMMUNION

### MISSION & OUTREACH

- NEXT MEETING: NOV. 17, 2025
- NOVEMBER MOM: OPERATION REACH-OUT
- NEXT CHICKEN N DUMPLINGS
  - TENTATIVE 2026 DATES: 3/14; 10/17
- LOOKING AHEAD AT "WALKERSVILLE DAYS"
  - HELP PREGNANCY CENTER DAY: 8/19 - WENT VERY WELL
- HOUSE OF PEARLS ANNUAL BANQUET - 10/10/2025: WE FILLED A TABLE AND HAD A WONDERFUL EVENING

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 16, 2025
- NURSERY - POSSIBLE NEW CURRICULUM
- BEGINNING TO DISCUSS VBS 2026: 7/12-15
- ADVENT DEVOTIONALS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

### WORSHIP

- NEXT MEETING: TBD
- COMMUNION DATES: 11/2; 12/7; 12/24
- FUTURE DATES: ALL SAINTS DAY 11/2; VETERANS' DAY 11/9; HANGING OF THE GREENS 11/24; ADVENT, BEGINNING 11/30; CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24 (4PM, 9PM)
- COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: 5PM, 11/16 MEPC

### FINANCE

- NEXT MEETING: 10/8/2026 AT 6:30 PM
- APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS
- APPROVED AS RECEIVED: TENTATIVE 2026 BUDGET
- AMOUNT IN GENERAL FUND TO BEGIN 2026: \$50,000

### FELLOWSHIP

- NEXT MEETING: TBD

### UC-EPC WOMEN

- FRIENDSGIVING FELLOWSHIP, 11/15, 10 AM - 12 PM, WEPC

### FELLOWSHIP HALL DATES

- BOYET TWITTY: OCTOBER 4
- UC-EPC WOMEN: NOVEMBER 15
- DEBBIE ROBINSON: DECEMBER 6
- CLARA MCGEE: SEPTEMBER 28

### OLD BUSINESS

- PRESBYTERY REPORT: NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 30-31, BENTON HEIGHTS EPC
- PASTOR PAUL'S RADIATION: M-F THROUGH 11/6
- WHO TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY:
  - KEN THOMAS (980) 328-8702
  - MICHAEL KRAUTER (SILER) (330) 309-2311
  - JOE ROLISON (REHOBOTH) (704) 301-1590
- CONTINUED DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BUS: TAKE AN INFORMAL SURVEY OF THE CONGREGATION
- SOUND & VIDEO PEOPLE FOR SUNDAY MORNING: PEOPLE WHO CAN LEARN TO DO THIS (CREATE A TEAM)

### NEW BUSINESS

- PLANNED VISITATION: JAMES GORDON, CLARA MCGEE, JEAN WHITE, PHIL KEYES
- APPROVED: JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JANUARY 5, 2025
- AED BATTERY NEED TO BE REPLACED? RICK GAY LOOKING INTO THIS
- APPROVED: MANSE HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT - \$11,500
- APPROVED: YOUTUBE STREAMING MADE PUBLIC - TO BE MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INTERACTIVE: FOR NOW USE FREE SERVICE
- AURORA EFIRD BAPTISM REQUEST APPROVED. PASTOR PAUL WILL MEET WITH AURORA
- NOT APPROVED: REQUEST FOR THE USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN FOR KW COLLARDS
- APPROVED: SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OPERATION REACH-OUT ON OCTOBER 19&26
- APPROVED: CHRISTMAS CARD BOX (DEBBIE ROBINSON & SHERRI SIMPSON)

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## EXTENDED PRAYER LIST:

### Battling Cancer:

- Mike Edwards - Stage 2 lung cancer (Lynn Dewlen's brother)
- Larry Medlin, Sr. - Stage 3 lung cancer (Father of Pete & Tiffany Medlin)
- Bricelyn Dorman (Daughter of Joey McCombs co-worker)
- John Cavallaro (Friend of Bob Stirton)
- Sandy Rea (Sister of Billy Thompson)
- Larry Norwood
- C.B. Griffin - Bone Cancer
- Tammy Huber - Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (Mother of one of Riley Campbell's clients)
- Paul Smith - (Friend of Nick & Gretchen Presson)
- Howard Moser - Kidney Cancer (Rick Moser's Brother)
- Ann King (Friend of Sue Thornton)
- Alan Mears - Rectal Cancer (Pastor at Mineral Springs UMC)
- Eric Munoz - Multiple Myeloma (Friend of Bob Stirton)
- Mark Mull - Brain Tumor (Friend of Nick & Gretchen Presson)

### Various Concerns:

- Elmer Weakland (uncle of Caitlin Richardson)
- Rick Moser
- Phil Keyes
- Fran Griffin - Pain Management
- Layne & Lynn Dewlen - Various health concerns
- Tanner Hasty - 10 year old with migraines & coned vision (Client of Riley Campbell)
- Jerry & Alice Griffin - (Community friends)
- Frankie Norwood - Dementia (Brother of Hazel Norwood)
- Monty Brady - (Relative of Rhonda McManus & Sue Thornton)
- Bart & Pat Jackson - Declining health (Cousins of Fran Griffin)

### Assisted Living:

- Robby Griffin:  
Lee Forest Group Home  
1209 Pelham Dr  
Laurinburg, NC 28352
- Nancy Thomas  
Lake Park Rehabilitation
- Joann & Pat Cochran  
Graceful Arms Asst. Living  
7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd  
COW 150, Dallas, TX 75236

### Active Military:

- Jesse Par (PV2) - 2-47 IN BN B CO 9240 Treadwen DR BLD 3405, Fort Benning, GA, 31905
- Matthew Luke - Gretchen Presson's co-worker's son. Deploying to the Middle East.
- Chad Clonch - Lieutenant in the US Navy, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek. Chad is Scarlett Clonch's husband and son-in-law of Bob & Marsha Stirton. 4628 Larkwood Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464
- Luke Mault - Staff Sergeant in the US Army Reserve, A. CO 404th Civil Affairs Battalion Africa. Family friend of Ron & Lisa Tietjen.
- Garret Melton - US Marine stationed Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. Grandson of Danny & Marlene Little, Grandson-in-law of Larry & Audrey Schott.
- Devin Moser - Senior Chief, US Navy. Out on a mission for at least a year. Son of Rick Moser.
- Peyton Maguffey - 3rd year of school to become a CTR (cryptologic technician collection). Great nephew of Bob & Marsha Stirton.
- Chris Rankin - Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army stationed in Ft. Drum, NY. Paul Rankin's nephew. 10266 Glass St, JBLM, WA 98433
- Jarrett Setliff - US Air Force stationed in Florida. Friend of Nick & Gretchen Presson; Hazel & Gloria Norwood. 624 B W. Pine St., Mary Esther, FL 32569

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