



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

AUGUST 2022

A note from the pastor...

People may use different words and terminology, but everyone I've ever known has some sort of an idea about prayer. Answers to its reality, effectiveness, physical position, and even what words a person should use as they pray might be different, but people have heard of 'prayer'.

Continuing the theme of prayer into August, when have you been at your lowest point? The time when you were actually afraid to even think the words, "It can't get any worse than this," because you cannot imagine that anything could possibly be worse. Psalm 40 is one of many psalms that address this. David experienced life and death situations on a regular basis and this is reflected in his psalms. At the same time, David's psalms also result in praise to the Lord in the middle of these fearful times. Can we do that? When we bring our greatest fears to our Lord in prayer, are we able to end in praise?

Psalm 139 is a familiar psalm that considers where we might try to go to get away from the Lord. David's answer is, "Nowhere." For anyone who loves God through our relationship with Jesus Christ this is a comforting thought. No part of me can hide from the Lord, leading David, along with you and me, to realize that God sees deeply into our hearts and thoughts. Even these are not hidden from God. Is that a comforting or disturbing thought for you? A great prayer for all of us is to come to God with a desire for him to look deeply into our hearts, but to also allow God to cleanse and purify us.

What is both the most powerful and, at the same time, most difficult prayer we could ever pray? The same one Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. "...nevertheless, not my will but yours be done." *There is not a single one of us who can truly pray this prayer unless we are filled with the humility of Jesus Christ.* This is the humility Paul writes about in Philippians 2, that Jesus did not take advantage of his godliness, but made the decision to lay it aside for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). This prayer requires us to *know* God's plan, followed by a deliberate decision to follow his plan. Are you able to make this decision to lay yourself aside in humility to be obedient to God?

Pastor Paul

Sermon Passages for August

August 7: Prayer—Psalm 40:1-3

August 14: Prayer— Psalm 139:23-24

August 21: Prayer—Hymn Sing

August 28: Prayer—Luke 22:42

There will be a Hymn Sing on August 21 (notice the change of date)! There will be readings from Scripture and we will be singing *almost anything* from the hymnbook. So...plan on bringing a list of some of your favorite Scripture passages to be a part of this service along with some of your favorite hymns.

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

No Session Meeting in July.

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 Dewlen, Vera Burgess, Bryan Dean, Walt and LeeAnn Ventuo, Chris Starnes, Mike Stinson, Walter Norwood, CB and Ann Griffin, Phyllis Norwood and Mary Rdwards. .

We extend our sympathy to the families of Robert Mosley, Sue Brantley, Melanie Johnston, Morrison Couick and Carrie Jean (Gordon) Rogers.

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.

Honorariums

For Alice Gay and Gloria Norwood

From Boyet & Lynn Twitty

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

August

Serenity Johnston-1
Larry & Maggie-8/1/70
Chris Norwood-2
Stephanie Bartel-5
Mark & Nanci Beebe-8/5/89
Harvey & Linda Hess-8/6
Karen Skripol-9
Richard Gamble-11
Alice Gay-11
Alisa Pierce-11
Kyle Norwood-13
Kelsey (Medlin)-14
Lynn Dewlen-16
Skylar Pierce-16
Mike Broome-17
Scarlett Clonch-18
Dean & Beverly Haney-8/18/84
Dennis & Debbie Robinson-8/21
Galen Johnston-27

Birth- Danis Reed Rhoden, born June 18, 2022, son of Mark and Brooke Rhoden, grandson of Tommy Jr. and Debbie Norwood.

I would like to thank Russell Mosley for being over Building and Grounds for the past four years. Anything that came up he got the work completed. This is not to get Russell to give up Building and Grounds for I hope he continues serving WPC in this capacity unless someone volunteers.

I am a past Elder now but at our last meeting, all the Elders said "THANK YOU RUSSELL"..

Boyet Twitty

A **BIG Praise** to all the **Committee Chairperson's and their church member volunteers** on each committee for all their hard work they do for **Walkersville Church**.

I'm Dreaming by Layne Dewlen

I had a dream last night. Your answer would probably be, so what? Well, you see, I don't have many dreams, in fact very, very few, at least few that I remember once I awaken. Maybe I should start at the beginning.

I have been reading about, and watching videos about people who receive dreams and visions about the Rapture. (Some of you may be saying, "He's on the Rapture again?" The answer is yes, and the reason is because it's our blessed hope, Titus 2:13, and may I add, our only hope! Anyway, back to the story.

About two weeks ago I asked God, if it was alright with Him, I would like to have a dream showing the closeness of the Rapture. I said a dream because I'm older than I use to be, and of course Joel 2:28 says your OLD-er men shall dream dreams. Don't get me wrong, I realize that we cannot know the day or hour, but I have felt that we are in that season, that we are that generation that will see the Rapture, but I guess I just wanted some kind of confirmation that the time is close. Last night I believe I got my answer.

The dream wasn't long or complicated, and it was after I woke up in the morning and was contemplating about it that things fell into place. The dream in a few words was my parents had a new home and were making a place for Lynn and me. Now, my folks are in Heaven, that's number 1. Number 2, Lynn and I were fortunate enough to be able to provide a place for them to live when they retired. You can see how the dream fits into our past history, but is 180 degrees out of phase.

I know it's Jesus that is building us a place, John 14:1-3, that's not what my parents were doing. They were getting a place ready for us, putting on the finishing touches, that would make us feel at home, so to speak.

What can I say? In my spirit I felt God had answered my prayer. He did it in a way that would never have crossed my mind, but gave me the information I sought, His calling of His bride is sooo soon. Words to an old quartet song comes to my mind, "Keep your eyes upon the Eastern sky, lift up your heads, your redemption draweth nigh."

How quickly is He coming? I don't know. What lies in wait for us between now and then? I don't know. What I do know is, there are terrible things being concocted against mankind, and followers of Christ are at the beginning of the list. Unless Jesus calls us very soon, I'm talking about months here, I see things coming upon the world such as has never been seen before, and it's not good. May I name a few?

Food shortages - In the first six months of this year there have been 41,110,800 chickens, turkeys, and ducks that have died in fires, or otherwise destroyed, (bird flu?). Since the first of last year through June 15 of this year there have been 37 food processing plants that have been destroyed, damaged, or impacted by "accidental fires," disease, or general causes. June 14th 10,000 head of cattle died from a "heat wave." Farmers were quick to point out that cattle can take more heat than what was reported, and they would expect if it was the heat a few head might have died, but not thousands. There are many that believe it was deliberate and fits with a pattern of demolishing the food supply. July 19th it was reported that farmers were taking cattle to market because of lack of water and food. The line of trucks was over three miles long. Lastly, it has been reported on July 17th

that in Billings, Mt. 60-70 tons of frozen food was destroyed due to multiple freezer failures at Sam's Club, Costco, and Walmart on the same day. Sounds fishy to me. Remember, Bill Gates says we are going to have to eat bugs, and maybe have a hamburger once a month.

Economic Peril – JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon recently warned about a coming “economic hurricane.” He said, “It’s kind of sunny, things are doing fine, everyone thinks the Fed can handle this. That hurricane is right out there down the road, coming our way.” It’s disconcerting that the JPMorgan Chase CEO refers to record-high gas prices and double-digit inflation for groceries as “kind of sunny.” The bad thing is he’s not alone in his assessment.

Electronic money – CBDC is coming to your bank soon. What is it? Central Bank Digital Currency. I could get very deep here but I’ll try to hit the highlights and you that can go on line can look up the details. CBDC will make it possible for the banks and government to know AND control what you spend your currency on/for. For example, if you were to speak out against abortion or same-sex marriage, or gave money to an organization that wasn’t on the approved list, your bank account would suddenly become less, or restrictions on spending would be imposed. In other words, we are getting very close to what Jesus said would happen in Rev. 13:16-17.

Diesel fuel, DEF, and Diesel Engine Oil Shortages – The nation moves everything in diesel trucks. Farmers use diesel for planting and harvesting crops, then trucks move the harvest to plants for our food supply. DEF, (diesel exhaust fluid), is necessary additive diesels use today that is injected into the exhaust stream to limit pollution. Without fuel, DEF, and engine oil the country will shut down.

For even more information, go to: raptureready.com/2022/07/24/major-problems-and-signs-galore-by-daymond-duck/

Is all this depressing? It depends upon your biblical outlook. If you see these things in light of prophecy, they should give you reason to check the Eastern sky. In other words, do you believe the world is falling to pieces, or are the pieces coming together? Remember what Jesus said about the days before He comes would be like the days of Noah, (Matt. 24:37-39). He said in those days they were doing all the normal things, and had no idea that destruction was so close. He goes on to say it will be the same when He comes for us. Yes, we might have some difficulties before His call for us, but we don’t have to fear what Satan’s minions have planned for this world. The words of an old song come through loud and clear. “See the glorious banner waving! Hear the trumpet blow! In our Leader’s name we’ll triumph over every foe. “Hold the fort, for I am coming,” Jesus signals still; Wave the answer back to heaven, “By thy grace we will.”

He’s coming very soon! My parents are getting things ready right now! M-A-R-A-N-A-T-H-A!



August Roster

Committee of the Month: Mission & Outreach

Mission of the Month: EPC

Nursery Workers:

Aug 07 Rhonda McManus

Aug 14 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Aug 21 Jessica Johnston

Aug 28 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	Marsha Stirton Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

August 2022

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	6:00-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	6:00-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	6:00-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	5:00 PM Session Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Holy Communion Adult Choir Practice	7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study at Manse	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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