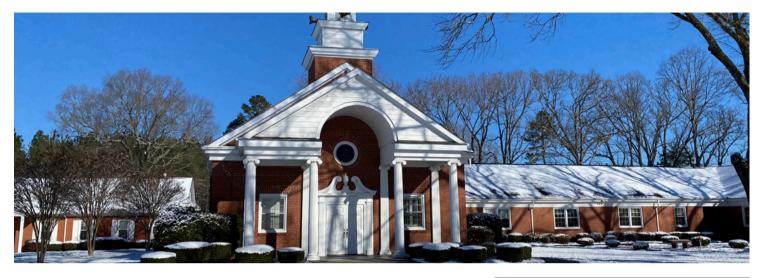
JANUARY 2025

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A note from the pastor:

Ready or not, 2025 is going to happen. None of us really knows what exactly is going to happen in the next year. But I would like to give a "thought for the year." Hopefully, as we all act on this thought it will make the year better.

In Romans 15:5-6 the Apostle Paul wrote, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

These verses contain some of the most powerful truths as we attempt to live our lives for Christ:

Endurance.....Encouragement.....Unity When you stop to think about it, as we walk through this world it requires endurance. We need to constantly encourage each other, especially when our endurance wanes. It is through our endurance and encouragement that we will experience an amazing unity found only in Jesus Christ.

Then again, as you stop to think about it, our endurance, encouragement, and unity in the Body of Christ is all about...relationships. It really is. We need each other. Nobody is able to be strong all the time, even though we try to be. We need to be in enduring, encouraging, unifying relationships. But what is the final outcome? That our God is glorified. And this is what we have been designed to do, glorify our heavenly Father. When we are people of endurance, encouragement, and unity our greatest desire is that individually, and as a church, our lives point to God, and that more and more of those in the world would also desire to glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we start out the new year, on the first Sunday of January our last "visitor" surrounding the Christmas story will be here...Herod. He's not the typical person to bring up this time of the year, but he is still there. He is going to provide an interesting thought: "Choosing the wrong king can be lifethreatening". Anybody who had to work with our around Herod knew this reality. At the same time, which king are we talking about?

As many of you know, I will be having surgery on January 10. As a result, you will have the opportunity to hear the Word of God through Rev. Dr. Robert Howard, the stated clerk of the Presbytery of the Central Carolinas (1/12) and Rev. Dr. Ken Thomas (1/19 & 26).

Session Members/Committees

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January Mission of the Month: HELP Pregnancy Center

2024 At a Glance:

- 875 Clients Seen
- 1,028 Classes attended
- 474 Pregnancy Tests
- 451 Ultra Sounds
- 1,356 Clothes, Diapers, and both resources given
- 65 Prefessions of faith
- 53 Referrals to community resources

Join the Baby Bottle Campaign:

January is Sanctity of Life Month, a time to hone and protect the beauty of each life. To celebrate, HELP Pregnancy Center is launching their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! You can collect empty baby bottles from the Mary Ann room and return them filled with cash, check or coins! Every bottle filled supports moms and babies, spreading hope and life-affirming blessings across our community. Dear Walkersville Family,

Thank you for all your blessings to us and for your gifts and generosity, especially during the Christmas season, that remind us of how much we are loved.

Paul & Debbie







Calling all Middle & High Schoolers!

If you are interested in going to Winter Jam please let Caitlin Richardson know by Sunday, January 19, 2025.

We will be leaving the church at 1:00 pm to get inline. The concert starts at 5:00 pm and lasts about 3.5 hours.

Please bring money for food. We will grab fast food on the way home for dinner.

Parents we will call you on the way home so you know what time exactly to pick your kids up!

EXTENDED PRAYER LIST:

Battling Cancer:

- Paul Rankin
- Karen Trull
- Sandy Brady Lung Cancer
- Larry Norwood
- C.B. Griffin Bone Cancer
- Kayleen Rankin)Daughter of Paul & Debbie Rankin)
- Tammy Huber Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (Mother of one of Riley Campbell's clients)
- Kent Mead Brain Cancer (Friend of Tim Hardy)
- 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)
- Barry Joyner Liver Canver (Community Friend)
- Mark Mull Brain Tumor (Friend of Nick & Gretchen Presson)



Various Concerns:

- Western North Carolina
- Rick Moser
- Phil Keyes
- Fran Griffin Pain Management
- Layne & Lynn Dewlen Pain Management
- 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:

- BrodyBatson Sergeant in the Army. Stationed in Ft. Drum, NY. Son of Mark & Allison Batson; Grandson of Boyet & Lynn Twitty.
- 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-inlaw 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 (cryptologiv 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. 8612 A Hunter Loop, FT Drum, NC 13603
- 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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Committee & Mission of the month: Finance Help Pregnancy Center

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY 29 3 30 31 2 1 4 New Year's Day Bible Study, 3pm Prayer Time, 4pm 6 8 5 7 10 9 11 Holy Communion Oper. Reach-Out Epiphany Sunday School, Meal, 12pm Removal of the Square Bible Study, 3pm 9am Greens, 6pm Dancing 7-Worship, 10am Prayer Time, 4pm Fellowship 9pm Congregational Outsiders Youth, Committee, Meeting, 11:15am 5:30pm 7pm 18 13 15 16 12 14 П Sunday School, 9am Men's & Women's Square Worship, 10am Bible Study, 3pm Dancing 7-Monthly Bible Worship Prayer Time, 4pm 7pm Study, 7pm 9pm Committee. 11:15am 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 Sunday School, 9am M L King Day Square Presbytery, Presbytery, Bible Study, 3pm Worship, 10am Newsletter Dancing, 7-Lake Forest Lake Forest Prayer Time, 4pm Christian Ed., Submissions Due 9pm Church Church 11:15am 28 26 27 29 30 1 31 Senior Covered Dish Bible Study, 3pm Sunday School, Lunch, Prayer Time, 4pm 11:30am Little Angels & 9am Worship, 10am Square Outsiders Youth, Dancing 7-5:30pm

9pm