



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

JULY 2022

A note from the pastor...

Of all the various aspects of the Christian life, one of the most important is prayer. If you're reading this article, you probably agree on how essential prayer is for us. The Bible talks about prayer constantly and has numerous examples of prayer. How important is prayer to your personal, individual life? Do you pray? Why is something so vital also something that many people actually fear if it means praying out loud, with and for other people?

In July and August, we will be looking at the overall topic of prayer to see what we can learn. Jesus knows the power of prayer from a heavenly perspective that we can only imagine. In Matthew 6:5-8 how and where we pray along with the words that make up our prayers are not as important as simply taking time to pray honestly, expressing what is really on our hearts. At the same time, in Matthew 6:8 it says that our heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask him. So why bother praying at all? We will consider that question on July 3.

In Luke 18 Jesus speaks on our perseverance while we are praying. Prayer should never be considered a "one and done" event. We may pray for a person or situation for weeks or years! And on the following week, in Mark 10, Jesus asks what I like to call my "prayer question": "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus wants each of us to look him in the eye and answer that question as we pray.

The Apostle Paul lets the Ephesians, as well as you and me, know how he prays for them. It may not be what you and I would normally consider in our prayers, but it is one of the most foundational thoughts about prayer that any of us can possibly have.

How are any of us able to pray with confidence? Do your prayers even get past the ceiling? Hebrews 4:14-16 lets us know the answer. The power and effectiveness of our prayers are not based on us saying the right words, but on Jesus, our High Priest.

In all of this my prayer is that we all would be encouraged to approach prayer from some of the same attitudes we see in the Bible: joy, tears, anger, excitement, expectation, stubbornness, confusion, fear, need, peace, calm, patience, and so on. My prayer is that, as a congregation, we might gain a reputation for being "people of prayer".

Pastor Paul

Sermon Passages for July

July 03: Prayer—Matthew 6:5-8

July 10: Prayer—Luke 18:1-8 (Ben Preiser, RTS student preaching)

July 17: Prayer—Mark 10:46-52

July 24: Prayer—Ephesians 1:15-23

July 31: Prayer—Hebrews 4:14-16

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 June 16, 2022

I. Prayer and Devotions (EPC Position Paper: The Value of and Respect for Human Life)

II. Approve: May 19, 2022 minutes (stated meeting); May 22, 2022 congregational minutes (called meeting)

III. Baptisms and new members: Ryan Campbell, Joanne Hale

V. Committee Reports: "How are we fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. July 2022 Committee of the Month: Building & Grounds

-July Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): Bob Stirton

B. Building & Grounds: *Boyet Twitty*

**Appreciation given to Boyet Twitty and his dedication to the church over his past several years of service.

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: researching

-Take-out room needs floor tiles: Completed. Thank you, Dennis Robinson.

-Manse upgrades update: Completed. New flooring installed in den and master BR; paneling in den painted.

C. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: June 26, 2022 (All are invited. We need as many people as possible for this year's VBS!)

-VBS update: July 31-August 3, "Jerusalem Marketplace"

D. Congregational Care: *Clara McGee*

E. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-July 2022 Mission of the Month: Missionary Month

Jennifer Corley: ending support for Jennifer in July since she is ending her ministry and returning to school

Joyce Smith: ongoing while she continues to work with Wycliffe

Claire H.: Claire will be visiting Walkersville EPC July 19 and giving a Minute for Mission

-next meeting: July 27, 2022

-2022 Chicken & Dumpling tentative dates: September 17, November 12

F. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-next meeting: August 7, 2022

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

July 3, August 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Financial Report: the church continues to be blessed

G. Fellowship Committee

V. Old Business

- A. Presbytery Report: As of July 1, 2022 we are in the Presbytery of the Central Carolinas (PCC)
 - 1. Next Presbytery meeting: September 23-24, 2022 (Hendersonville EPC, Hendersonville, NC)
- B. Church T-Shirts: Debbie Robinson (Psalm 46:10 on the back)
 - cash can be put into an envelope marked "T-shirts"
 - make checks out to the church and write "T-shirts" in memo line
- C. GA: Ward Church, Northville, MI, June 21-24 (Paul *will* be preaching on June 26)
 - In the EPC there are 637 congregations and 53 church plants.
- D. Paul & Debbie: Kansas vacation, July 4-10 (tentatively) (Ben Preiser (RTS student), preaching July 10)
- E. Paul & Debbie: North Dakota vacation, August 15-26 (guest preacher TBD, August 21) (hymn sing, August 28)

VI. New Business

- A. Installation of Elders (Dennis Robinson), June 26, 2022
- B. Geriatric Adult Specialty (GAS): come here and give a free training aimed at older population caregivers
 - Pastor Paul will contact and get more information
- C. Word of Messiah Ministries (wordofmessiah.org): Messianic Jews, Dr. Sam Nadler
 - Pastor Paul will contact and get more information

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall: n/a

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting for July/August: August 4, 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

Memorials

In Memory of Frances Gordon

By James Gordon

Bob McCain

Betty Lou Mosley

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, Malanie Johnston, Suzette Barker, Ruby Rushing, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette, Mitchell Gordon, Debbie Robinson, Karen Trull and Billy Norwood.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Heath Nash and Frances Gordon.

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.

Vacation Bible School

Walkersville EPC
Vacation Bible School
and get excited as we explore the
“**JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE**”



- ✓ Sunday, July 31st, 5:30 – 8:30 pm (All church
- ✓ Monday, August 1st - Wednesday, August 3rd
- ✓ 6:00 – 8:30 pm, dinner provided
- ✓ Children ages 3 years – 5th grade

dinner & VBS kick-off)

Invite your friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews, & grandkids

To register: call 704-843-3612 or email at walkersvilleepc@gmail.com

Walkersville Cookout



Join us for a Cookout!

Sponsored by
the Men's & Women's Bible Study.

Date: Sunday, July 10

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Where: Church manse fire circle
(Fellowship Hall if Inclement weather)

Why: For Fellowship & Fun

Who: Anyone reading this announcement!

- Paper products, meat, buns, & drinks will be provided.
 - Please bring: side dish and/or dessert to share, & chairs
 - For more information or **to RSVP** call or text Rick Gay, 704-219-0921 or Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612
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Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

July

Barb Castner-1

Tim Hardy-5

Audrey Schott-6

Mark Beebe-8

Peggy Dvorak-10

Phoenix Hardy-10

Samuel Norwood-13

Johnny & Betty Lou Mosley-7/15/49

Daniel Gay-16

Linda Hess-24

Mike Stinson-26

Tommy Norwood, Jr.-27

Boyet Twitty-29

Cody Hardy on graduating from Parkwood High School.

David Rankin on earning his master degree of fine arts from Asbury University on May 7, 1922.

WHO? ME?

by Layne Dewlen

Last month the article I wrote ended with this sentence. "In these closing moments of time before the coming of Christ to take His bride home, it's expedient that we rid ourselves of all the fluff of life, and any love of the world, setting our sight daily on getting closer to God, living each day in the victory, strength, and power that is ours in and through Jesus Christ, our coming King!" It is a powerful sentence which I believe was given by the Holy Spirit. I do try to be led by Him in what I write, otherwise it's just words which will be of no lasting value in our lives. I've often gone back and read things I've written in the past and been amazed, wondering where did it come from? I know it didn't come from me. Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Well, that sentence came to my mind this week. Now I have to admit I felt I had all this "fluff" and "love of the world" pretty well under control. After all, I am looking, talking, and studying the Rapture all the time; I was certain things of this world didn't have a hold on me. Then Saturday evening came.

Now as many of you know, Saturday evening our motorhome caught on fire, and was destroyed. It was an old friend. We had it for 22 years, lived in it full time for five years, and for a number of years afterwards we would leave our home in the spring and travel until cold weather would force us back to Florida. Lynn and I decided a long time ago that we were vagabonds at heart. There was something that neither one of us could explain, but when that diesel started making its noise, it was like adrenaline, and we were ready to roll. Although we had not been able to do any traveling for the past few years, it was comforting to know the old motorhome was there....ready, willing, and able.

Then Saturday evening came. We were thankful no one was hurt, that the house was safe, but there was a big sense of loss. All our thoughts of using the motorhome in the future were gone, and with that loss came the prompting of the Holy Spirit asking where were my priorities, what was it you said about the fluff and love of this world?

Strange isn't it. We think so highly of ourselves, believing we have it altogether. "After all, I've been a Christian for ___ years, (you fill in the blank), and I know what it's all about." Then there are those times when God, in caring love, taps us on the shoulder and shows us we still have a lot of growing to do. Of course, the growing won't end until the Lord calls us home, the perfection of each of us will be complete, and the Holy Spirit's job will have been finished in us. I'm so thankful our God who made all that we see and don't see, knows when the sparrow falls, even knows when I lose another hair from my head, cares enough about ME to correct me, and shows me where I need more work in my walk with Him. Things of this world can get a hold on us without our realizing it, I'm speaking from experience, needless to say. I do believe the Lord is calling us to let loose of things of this world, and be ready for the very soon rapture of the redeemed.

Think back to the story of Lot in Gen. 19. The part of the story that intrigues me at this juncture of our perusing is Lot's wife. She was warned of what was coming, warned not to look back, but something in the city had a hold on her and she looked back....forever! I'm sure you see the correlation. Scripture is warning us of the very soon call of Christ for us to meet Him in the air to go where He is, the place He has prepared for us, Heaven. We are to make sure there are no ties of this world that would cause us to look back, be it a motorhome, a business, family, whatever it could be.

There's an old hymn that I love so much that fits in with the theme of our thoughts. The hymn is "Nothing Between," the second verse says, "Nothing between like worldly pleasure, Habits of life, though harmless they seem, Must not my heart from Him ever sever, He is my all, there's nothing

between.” Chorus – “Nothing between my soul and the Savior, so that His blessed face may be seen: Nothing preventing the least of His favor, Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.”

Oh, Lord, may it be so in all of our hearts today. Search us oh God, and know our hearts today. Show us anything of this world that has a hold on us, and help us to be willing to let go and cling more closely to You and You alone. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen. M-A-R-A-N-A-T-H-A!



July Roster

Committee of the Month: Building & Grounds

Mission of the Month: Missionary Month

Nursery Workers:

- Jul 03 Rhonda McManus
- Jul 10 Mark and Nanci Beebe
- Jul 17 Jessica Johnston
- Jul 24 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston
- Jul 31 Rhonda McManus

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

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3 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Holy Communion Adult Choir Practice	4 Independence Day	5 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	6 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	7	8	9
10 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice 5:00 PM Walkersville Cookout	11	12 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	13 12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	14	15	16
17 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice	18	19 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	20 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	21	22	23

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<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Adult Choir Practice ****VBS**** All church kick-off 5:30 – 8:30 pm</p>						