



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

MAY 2023

A note from the pastor...

I have lost track of the number of times I have talked about the blessings of reading through the book of Psalms. They contain nearly every human emotion possible. But perhaps the greatest gift we receive is that Psalms reveals God, God's character, and God's attributes better than just about any other book of the Bible. To read a psalm each day for the rest of your life would be an unfolding blessing for anyone who puts this into practice.

In the month of May, we will consider more passages from Psalms, seeing more of God and, at the same time, see more of ourselves.

Psalm 30, along with many other psalms, reminds us that we are not insulated from the troubles of this world, but we are also reminded that God is always very near to us.

On Mother's Day, as we consider how God has worked in each of our lives, Psalm 66:16 is a message for all of us:

"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me."

In this verse the word "tell" can also be translated "announce". What message would you *announce*? What has God done for you?

Psalm 22 provides a call of faithfulness to God, even in the worst of times. This world attempts to turn us away from God. We are called on to return to the Lord and be faithful to the Lord. The day is coming when:

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him."
(Psalm 22:27)

We also learn that future generations will be told about the Lord (vs. 30).

Is Walkersville EPC preparing future generations to know the Lord?

Are you personally ready to proclaim "his deliverance to a people yet unborn" (vs. 31)?

Finally, on Memorial Day weekend, we approach Psalm 67 and ask, "Do you feel blessed?" This psalm contains the unmistakable message, "If it's good, it's from God."

Sermon passages for May 2023:

May 7: Psalm 30:1-3

May 14: Mother's Day, Psalm 66:16-20

May 21: Psalm 22:25-31

May 28: Memorial Day weekend, Psalm 67

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 for APRIL due Paster Paul Rankin on vacation.

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 in the Bruce Powell Room.

Please help us update our prayer list

It is a blessing to be able to lift our friends and family up in prayer to our Lord as a community of believers. If there is a change or update for a prayer request, please let the church know by filling out a prayer card in the church pew or email (walkersvilleepc@gmail.com). Thank you.

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.

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

Needs List

***14.5 oz canned vegetables:**

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| -green beans | -potatoes | -pinto beans |
| -sweet peas | -black-eyed peas | -navy beans |
| -chili beans | -pork and beans | -baked beans |
| -black beans | -corn | -creamed corn |

*14.5 oz of canned fruit:

-fruit cocktail	-peaches	-pears
-pineapple	-mandarin, oranges	-mixed fruit

*Canned meat (does NOT require refrigeration):

-Spam or Treet meat	-ham	-tuna	
-salmon	-chicken		-stew beef

*Cereal:

Instant Grits & Oatmeal

*Miscellaneous Items:

-Macaroni & Cheese	-1 lb. bag of white or brown rice
-Jiffy corn muffin mix	-Saltine crackers
-Instant potatoes	-Jelly or jams
-Peanut butter	-Spaghetti sauce
-Canned soups	-Juice in 64 oz to 1 gallon size
-Jello gelatin or pudding	-Pasta/spaghetti noodles 1 lb.
-Dried beans 1 lb.	

*Gently used clothing items:

-shirts	-pants	-blouses	-dresses
-sweatshirts	-sweaters	-coats.	

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 Norwood, Travis Price, Beth Simpson, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James Gordon, Sandy Brady, Linda and Phil Goodman, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert and Bo Starnes, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Bart Jackson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Suzette Barker, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette Billy Norwood, Lynn and Layne Dewlen, Bryan Dean, LeeAnn Ventuo, Chris Starnes, , Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden Mary Edwards, Richard and Tyler Lee, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson , Richard Wieck, Pete Green, Wyatt Melton, Dawn Culp, Karen Trull, Bob O'Kelly, Katya Newsham, Pat Varner, Baby Kix , Rachel Tyson, Brenda Mosley, Chris Beck, Carolyn Porter, Saylor Grace Hardy, Monty Brady, Tami Fowler, Logan Liuzzo, Pat and Joanne Cochran, David Pruett, Joyce Wooten, Kim Dion, Lexie Yeakley and Doug Couick.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Wendy Trull and Ella Mae Armfield.

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

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is sponsoring a covered dish lunch after church service on Sunday, May 21st, at 11:30 a.m. We hope that you all can come and bring your favorite family dinner dish to share with everyone. Drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good food with our church family.

Baby Shower for Riley Trull Campbell

All Walkersville Women are invited to a Drop-In Baby Shower for Riley Trull Campbell on June 11, 2023 from 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm in the Walkersville Fellowship Hall. Riley is registered at Target and Amazon; we hope everyone can join us!

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

May

Mark Batson-2

Violet Aprilaren Clonch-3

Richard & Frances Gamble-5/6

Marlene Brown-8

Eddie & Wendy Parr-5/8/99

Paul & Gina Warner-5/9/81

Nanci Beebe-13

Terry McManus -13

Betty Lou Mosley-13

Gloria Norwood-15

Dean Haney-18

Larry & Audrey Schott-5/19/67

Mitchell & Pam Gordon-5/21

Terry & Rhonda McManus-5/21

Harvey Hess-22

Kennedy Yeakley-22

Hunter Laton-24

Maggie Thompson-24

Joanne Hale-25

Clyde Norwood-25

Joseph & Elizabeth Wilson-25

Karen Carter-27

Lynn Twitty-29

Luke & Nicole Gill-5/29/21

In Memory of

For

Connie & Sadie McCain

Jo Nell & Mike McCain

Joe & Flora Gordon

By

Tommy & Jane Starnes

For

Sara Gordon

By

James Gordon

For

Walt Norwood

By

Bob McCain

Sue Thornton

Dennis & Debbie Robinson

Bob & Marsha Stirton

For

Brenda O'Kelly

By

Bob McCain

Sue Thornton

Dennis & Debbie Robinson

Bob & Marsha Stirton

Ted & Dinah Jennings

Kenny & Andrea Starnes



May Roster

Committee of the Month:

Worship

Mission of the Month:

The Shack (Prospect Food Pantry)

Nursery Workers:

May 07 Rhonda McManus

May 14 Mark and Nanci Beebe

May 21 Jessica Johnston

May 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

2023 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

2023 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

May 2023

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 PM Fellowship Committee Mtg	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion Congregation Meeting	7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 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			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother’s Day 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting	5:00 PM Session Meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting Congregational Covered Dish		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
28	29	30	31			
Pentecost Sunday 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	Memorial Day	11:30 Senior Luncheon 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angel’s			