



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

MAY 2021

A Note from the Pastor...

In Matthew 6:33 Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

When Jesus says to “seek” God’s kingdom, this word means “to devote yourself to this” or “to strive for this”. Like so many of Jesus’ teachings, these words fly past our actions and behaviors and go straight to our hearts and motivations. These words ask us to completely change our way of thinking.

If we are going to seek the kingdom of God this much it will change everything about us. Why do we have worship on Sunday morning, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Group, or CREW Time? If the only answer we can come up with is, “Because that’s what you do in a church,” we’re in trouble. But if we enter into these activities with the thought, “How will these strengthen and enlarge God’s kingdom?” then we are on the right track. As we look forward to worshiping outside, do we stop to wonder how God’s kingdom will be widened and deepened through that much more public worship of God?

When we pray, we may pray for healing, but only as a secondary prayer. It is a very different approach that our first prayer needs to be that God’s kingdom is expanded because of the illness. When we pray for those who are experiencing persecution because of the name of Christ, our secondary prayer may be that the persecution would end, but is our first prayer to see God’s kingdom multiplied through that persecution?

Knowing we are to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves, is our first motivation to extend the kingdom of God? When there is a broken relationship and we seek reconciliation, is our first thought to ask how God’s kingdom will be elevated through this reconciliation? If we are not getting along with someone, do we want to “mend things” so that we do get along...or so that God’s kingdom is increased?

When we spend time with friends (exercising, sharing a meal, sitting and talking) do we ever ask how the kingdom of God will be expanded because of that time together? When we are with God in a devotional time, do we wonder how the kingdom of God will grow in us and prepares us to broaden God’s kingdom in our part of the world?

As we approach our time and finances, as well as our heart, soul, mind, and body, how do we extend God’s kingdom? Our focus is not to be on ourselves. We are to see ourselves as an extension of the kingdom of God. Our focus is not even to be on the church. The church is to be an instrument in God’s hands to further His kingdom. “...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...”

Remember:

Beginning on May 2:

- we will be worshipping outside with one service at 10:00. Our inclement weather plan is to worship inside with one service at 10:00.
 - this will be Communion Sunday for the month of May.
 - there will be a congregational meeting following the service.
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Sermons for May

May 2: Matthew 20:1-16 "That's Not Fair"

May 9: (Mothers' Day) Matthew 2:11; Luke 2:34-35, 51; John 19:26-27 "What's in a mother's heart?"

May 16: (Graduation Sunday) Luke 18:9-14 "Mr. McDermott"

May 23: (Pentecost Sunday) Luke 15:11-24 "The Parable of the Loving Father"

May 30: Luke 15:25-32 "That's Not Fair"

Weekly Reminders:

Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the Youth Room

Children's Choir Practice: Mondays at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Adult Choir Practice: Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Bible Study with Pastor: Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Library

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The Session of Walkersville EPC met on April 15, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Elder's present were Clara McGee, Betty Lou Mosley, Dean Haney and Boyet Twitty. Hazel Norwood was absent. The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from March 25, 2021 were read. Betty Lou Mosley made a motion to accept as read. Boyet Twitty seconded and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds – May 1st Workday on the cemetery @8:00am

Discussed drainage problem at the back of the church and the cemetery

Boyet Twitty will let us know something at next meeting

Christian Education – Next meeting 4/18/21

May 16th Graduation Sunday

Congregational Care - We encourage the use of the new directory to keep the congregation Connected. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

Mission & Out Reach - Committee meeting 4/18/21

Mission for the month of May is the school in Nicaragua

Project2Heal yard sale – May 15,2021

Stewardship/Financial Report – Next committee meeting 9/9/21

Financial Report presented. Motion to accept by Dean Haney.

Seconded by Boyet Twitty

Worship – Next meeting 4/18/21

May 2, 2021 will move to one service at 10:00 outside (weather permitting)

Congregational Meeting – presenting new Elder Nominees

(We encourage everyone to wear a mask when entering and exiting the Sanctuary. They are mask at the back of the church if you need one)

Old Business – May 4, 2021 Cane Creek Cruisers will begin

New Business - Next Presbytery meeting April 24, 2021 (Zoom Call) 9:00am-3:00pm

There being no further business Clara McGee made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Dean Haney and approved by all.

Paul Rankin closed in prayer.

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
With Pastor Paul Rankin Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in Library.

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.

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, Phil Keys, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Rick Moser, Beth Simpson, Frank Rogers, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Fran Griffin, Edward Barber, Doug Laney, Linda and Phil Goodman, Wilson Pierce, Paul and Peggy Dvorak, Phil Mosley, Brody Batson, Billy Thompson, Terry McManus, Luan Ingram, Wendy Rose, Francis Gamble, Brian Rogers, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Rev. Steve Rembert and Tony Mosley.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Matthew Stewart, Benny Simpson, Kelly (Mead) Faile, Phil Gordon and Robert and Barbara, Adah, Noah Leslie Family.

Please be praying for Steve Rembert, Walkersville's former pastor and his wife Betsy. Steve is having a serious pancreas surgery on May 3rd. Please pray that he will have a great recovery. There address is:

Steve and Betsy Rembert
774 Jolly Ave. S. I-14
Clarkston, GA 30021

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

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

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.

Fellowship Committee

Please pray how you can serve the Lord Jesus and His ministry here at Walkersville EPC, especially as we look for people to be a part of the Fellowship Committee. If you have a talent for hospitality and organizing, please consider serving on this committee.

Remember Romans 12: 6-8: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for the encouragement of Christian fellowship through various events and activities that they plan and organize. The committee will have regular meetings to discuss these events.

Special events include organizing the quarterly Sunday Fellowship time.

C.R.E.W. Time

(Christ's Radically Enthusiastic Whippersnappers Time)

Please note change of programming and starting date and time, thanks!

Where: **Walkersville Evangelical Presbyterian Church, *with all outside programming at this time.***
Please come if the sun is shining!

When: Every Thursday, **April 15th – May 27th**

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm, dinner provided

Who: Children, ages 2 years old – 8th grade?

*What is **C.R.E.W. Time**, and how can you help?*

CREW Time is a place to play and learn with Jesus Christ in every part. The children will experience Bible & Singing, Arts & Crafts, Tutoring/homework, and recess. The children are making connections with adults who love the Lord Jesus and gaining a sense of community.

VOLUNTEERS are needed, especially for helping with the meal.

To register a child or to volunteer:

contact the church, 704-843-3612

or Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612

Project 2 Heal

Will be having their annual Yard Sale on May 15 at the Fellowship Hall.

Building and Grounds Workday

There will be a ground workday at the cemetery Saturday, May 1st beginning at 8:00 AM.

Square Dancing

We will start square dancing again on May 4th, Tuesday night from 7:00 until 9:00. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. If you have not danced before we will work out a lesson plan for you to learn.

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

Jim McGee-19

Larry & Audrey Schott-5/19/67

Mitchell & Pam Gordon-5/21

Terry & Rhonda McManus-5/21

Harvey Hess-22

Maggie Thompson-24

Clyde Norwood-25

Karen Carter-27

Lynn Twitty-29

TWO SIDES, ONE COIN

A couple of months ago I said something to the effect that there were two parts, two sides of the coin we call the “Coming of the Lord”, and I would try to enumerate the differences between them later. Well, later has come. One of those comings is called the “Rapture of the Saints, or the “Catching away of the Bride of Christ,” the other is the “Second Coming” of Christ.

The Rapture will be before the Tribulation Period—The Second Coming will be after the Tribulation Period.

- At the Rapture, Jesus stays in the air—At the Second Coming, Jesus comes down to the earth.
- At the Rapture, the Church goes up to heaven—At the Second Coming, the Church comes down to the earth.
- At the Rapture, the living saints are caught up to heaven—At the Second Coming, the living saints remain to repopulate the earth.
- At the Rapture, the Mt. of Olives is untouched—At the Second Coming, Jesus touches down on the Mt. of Olives, and it splits in two.
- The Rapture is followed by the reign of the Antichrist—The Second Coming is followed by the reign of the Christ.
- At the Rapture, the physical character of the earth is unchanged—At the Second Coming, the physical character of the earth is changed (Jerusalem will be elevated).
- At the Rapture, Satan will go on a rampage—At the Second Coming, Satan will be bound and chained.
- At the Rapture, Jesus will remove peace from the earth—At the Second Coming, Jesus will establish peace on earth.
- The Rapture is a secret event (Like a thief in the night)—The Second Coming is a public event (Every eye will see Jesus).
- At the Rapture, the Church will be removed from the earth—At the Second Coming, the lost will be removed from the earth.
- The Rapture is before the Marriage of the Lamb—The Second Coming is after the Marriage of the Lamb.
- At the Rapture, Jesus comes for His Church—At the Second Coming, Jesus comes with His Church.
- There are no prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Rapture—There are many prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Second Coming.
- At the Rapture, Jesus rescues His Church—At the Second Coming, Jesus rescues Israel.
- The Rapture demonstrates the grace of God—The Second Coming demonstrates the wrath of God.

There are more differences, but I believe this is enough to prove the idea Jesus comes twice, once in the air calling us to Him, and once when He steps onto the Mount of Olives, destroys the forces of evil, and sets up His earthly Kingdom where we will rule and reign with Him on this earth. Two sides of one coin. **MARANATHA!**



May Roster

Committee of Month: Worship

Nursery Workers:

- May 02 Ivey Hardy
- May 09 Rhonda McManus
- May 16 Jessica Johnston
- May 23 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston
- May 30 Ivey Hardy

Volunteers Needed

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!

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.

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2021 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	Class of 2023
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	Class of 2021
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	Class of 2021
Boyet Twitty	704-351-0833	Class of 2022
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	Class of 2023

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate	
Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2021 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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							8:00 AM Workday in Cemetery Building and Grounds
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10:00 AM Worship Service Under the Oaks Communion 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
10:00 AM Worship Service Under the Oaks Mother's Day	7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	5:30-7:30 PM Crew Time		Project 2 Heal Community Yard Sale	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
10:00 AM Worship Service Under the Oaks Graduation Sunday		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group No Choir	5:30-7:30 PM Crew Time 7:00 PM Session Meeting			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
10:00 AM Worship Service Under the Oaks Pentecost Sunday		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Little Angels Youth Group No Choir	5:30-7:30 PM Crew Time			

10:00 AM Worship Service Under the Oaks Memorial Day Sunday	30 Memorial Day 31					
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