



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

FEBRUARY 2023

A note from the pastor...

A new month, but the same essential message: How do we build up, encourage, and strengthen each other? How do we help each other be the Christians we are supposed to be?

Ephesians 4 marks the beginning of the practical side of Paul's letter. Ephesians 4:29-32 reminds us that the words coming out of our mouths provide a great indicator as to what is in our hearts. Do our words build up and encourage? Do our words strengthen the unity and harmony within the Body of Christ?

In this world it is incredibly easy to forget who we are in Christ. As Peter writes to people living in difficult times, he also writes to us who also live in difficult times. Do you feel like a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people? Does this world sadden you? Does it break your heart? Bring you to tears? I believe those are some of the symptoms of "homesickness". This passage reminds us that this world is actually not our home. The great reality is, the closer we are to God, the more homesick we will be.

Micah 6:6-8 finds God's people going through the motions of worship, but forgetting to offer up their hearts. Are you or I any different? Are you any different? God looks at the heart and that is what we are to offer up as we worship our God.

As we begin the Lenten season, taking us on the journey through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, this season is one of the greatest times of the year to be people of self-examination. Do we approach God's throne with repentant hearts? The residents of Nineveh repented and God noticed! As we move through the season of Lent with repentant hearts, God notices us, too.

During the Lenten season, we will be considering several passages from Revelation. The focus of Revelation 1:5b-8 is really the focus of this entire letter: "I am the Alpha and Omega...who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Our God is the only one able to lead us triumphantly to the resurrection.

Sermon passages for February 2023:

February 5: Ephesians 4:29-32

February 12: 1 Peter 2:9-12

February 19: Micah 6:6-8

February 22: (Ash Wednesday): Jonah 3:1-5, 10

February 26: Revelation 1:5b-8

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 from January 19, 2023

Members Present:

Clara McGee, Betty Lou Mosley, Dennis Robinson, Larry Schott, Bob Stirton(excused), Rev. Paul Rankin

I. Prayer and Devotions

II. Approved: November 17, 2022 minutes (stated meeting); January 8, 2023 Congregational Meeting minutes

III. Baptisms and new members: N/A

IV. Committee Reports: "How is each committee fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. February 2023 Committee of the Month: Christian Education

B. February 2023 Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): Larry Schott

C. Building & Grounds: *Bob Stirton*

-Cemetery report

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: will require reliable Wi-Fi/internet in Fellowship Hall

-storage building has been purchased (Boyett and Jeffrey are preparing sight)

-gathering information for an electronic message board for our sign. Report to be given at a future meeting

-We will need 2, one for each side. Taking measurements.

D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: March 19, 2023

-2023 VBS: July 31-8/3 (new dates)

-Fire & Ice: February 11, 11am-1pm

-Sunday School teachers: Debbie Robinson & Sherri Simpson: younger children; Debbie Rankin: older youth

-Would like to paint youth room (lighten it up)

E. Congregational Care: *Dennis Robinson*

F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-February 2023 Mission of the Month: Ground 40

-next meeting:

-2023 Chicken & Dumpling tentative dates: March 11, September 16

-Project2Heal yard sale: October 28, 2023

G. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-Next meeting: February 12, 2023

-2023 tentative Communion dates:

Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, Apr. 6 (Maundy Thursday), May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5,

Dec. 3, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

H. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: May? October 12, 2023

-November/December 2022 Financial Report approved

-Pastor Paul's Medicare information

- I. Nominating Committee: *Clara McGee and Betty Lou Mosley*
-Meeting date: February 12, 2023, 4pm in the Fellowship Hall

V. Old Business

- A. Presbytery Report
1. Next Presbytery meeting: January 27-28, 2023 (Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC)
 2. Set up a sub-committee (Congregational Care?) and date to meet to form two new membership lists

VI. New Business

- A. Received and approved Debbie Rankin's resignation as secretary as of 3/31/2023
- B. Paul Rankin (and Debbie) on vacation:

-April 16: Jack Royston preaching (RTS student)
preaching (RTS student)

-April 23: Zachary Leach

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

January 21, 2023—Debbie Rankin February 25, 2023--Beverly Haney March 26, 2023—
Jennifer Trull

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: February 16, 2023, 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 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:

-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, Walter Norwood, Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden Mary Edwards, Richard and Tyler Lee, Lisa Echols, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson Joanne Hale, Richard Wieck, Pete Green, Wyatt Melton,

Dawn Culp, Karen Trull, Bob and Brenda O;Kelly, Katya Newsham, Pat Varner, Baby Kix , Rachel Tyson, Brenda Mosley, Wendy Trull, Carolyn Porter, Saylor Grace Hardy, Christopher Plyer and Doug Couick.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Walter Pfister.

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

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

February

Clara McGee-2

Paul Rankin-2

Sherri Simpson-3

Bert Stirton-3

Dennis Robinson-5

Tommy Norwood, III-8

Brian Rogers-10

Chloe Hardy-13

Hazel Norwood-17

Grady Rose, Jr.-18

Chris Trull-19

Chad Clonch-20

Clyde & Ruth Norwood-2/21/64

Debbie Rankin-23

Jeffery Norwood-27

Jim Outen-28

If you would like to send a card or note to Walter Norwood, his address is:

Hermitage Retirement Center

Attn: Walter Norwood

139 Mallard Lane

Rockingham, NC 28379



February Roster

Committee of the Month: Christian Education

Mission of the Month: Ground 40

Nursery Workers:

Feb 05 Rhonda McManus

Feb 12 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Feb 19 Jessica Johnston

Feb 26 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

February 2023

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Ladies Bible Study in Bruce Powell Room	Happy Valentine Day 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	5:00 PM Session Meeting		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	President’s Day	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	Ash Wednesday 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angel’s			
26	27	28				
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service		11:30 Senior Luncheon 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing				