



**WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173
JULY 2020

A Note from the Pastor...

Do you take the Word of God to heart? Is it a resource along the line of an encyclopedia? Is Scripture a store of wisdom, similar to Aesop's Fables? Is it a source of comfort in life's struggles and challenges?

In some ways God's Word is all of those things, but also much more. My hope is that it is more than that for you. I hope all of us are following the words of Paul in Philippians 2:16 as he writes that we need to hold fast to the word of life, the Bible. But how? So many people agree that holding onto God's Word for dear life is a good thing to do and some even make it a New Year's resolution. How do we turn good intentions into good habits and daily routines?

For me, whether it is exercise or my daily time with God, it has to be readily available. I have to do these kinds of habits at the beginning of my day or else they easily get crowded out. If you are looking to hold fast to the word of Life, there are an overwhelming number of resources that you can use to create a daily habit. Let me give you just a few.

If you have a smart phone you can go to the "app store" and search for the "*You Version Bible: Daily Study, Audio & Prayer*". There are hundreds, maybe thousands, of devotional studies available. There are many that will interest and appeal to you. They will also help you to hold fast to Scripture. This app also has the entire Bible in several translations available, so you will have the Bible with you wherever you go (if you don't already).

If you want to have something you can literally hold on to, devotionals like "*Daily Bread*" are kept here at the church. Christian bookstores have a plethora of materials. My office and the church Library have numerous possibilities.

If you already are using a devotional resource, wonderful. The only way to start is to *actually start*. It's much easier to do nothing, but also more costly in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Make it a habit, a part of your daily routine. Make it easily available. Spend time in the Word of God. Spend time in prayer (you can use the Weekly Prayer Guide on the insert in your bulletin). But the only way to start is to *actually start!!* Hold fast to the word of Life.

Sermons for July

July 5: John 8:1-11 "A Lifestyle of Grace"

July 12: Philippians 2:25-30

July 19: Philippians 3:2-11

July 26: Philippians 3:12-4:1

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 and 6:00 PM in the Library

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The session of Walkersville EPC met on June 18, 2020 @ 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Elders present were Boyet Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Jim McGee, Dennis Robinson and Rev. Paul Rankin as moderator.

The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from June 4, 2020 were read. Hazel Norwood made motion to accept the minutes. Jim McGee seconded the motion and session approved.

Betty Lou Mosley and Clara McGee were examined by the session. Both ladies gave their testimonies. They will be the class of 2023. Thanks for their willingness to serve.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Boyet Twitty is looking into getting tree work done and the hanging limbs removed. Rubber mulch is suggested to be put down in playground area and also a rubber bumper to go around the perimeter of the playground.

Christian Education: Debbie Rankin will start up the play group soon. Time to be decided. Little Angels will meet for some fun activities during the summer. See Rhonda McManus or Alice Gay for more information. Sunday School teachers are needed for the children's and the Adult classes. See Debbie Robinson if interested.

Congregation Care: Encouraging each of us to check on each other during this time of Covid 19. Continue to keep the family of Jean Price in your prayers.

Mission & Outreach: Much thought and discussion were made on how to go about having the September Chicken & Dumplings safely during this pandemic. Jim McGee made the motion to cancel the September Chicken & Dumpling Fundraiser due to the covid 19 virus with social distancing issues. Dennis Robinson seconded the motion and the session approved. Boyet Twitty made the motion to take \$6,500.00 out of the general fund and donate to the school in Nicaragua, this would make up for the lost revenue from this September fundraiser. Hazel Norwood seconded the motion and the session approved.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship: Rev. Paul Rankin will be on vacation June 22 – July 7, 2020. Rev. James Sheldon will preach on June 28, 2020 and Rev. Brian Martin will preach on July 5, 2020. The decision whether to have Homecoming this year and dinner on the grounds will be tabled until next session meeting.

Old Business: New speakers and stands have been ordered. New pictorial directory pictures will be taken on September 22 & 23, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm each day. We need at least 3 volunteers to organize calling people and setting up appointment time for pictures to be taken.

New Business: On October 6, 2020 from 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm a Life Chain for Pro-Life to end abortion will be held in Waxhaw. Dennis Robinson made the motion for Walkersville EPC to participate. Dean Haney seconded the motion and session approved. See Peggy Dvorak for more information. Peggy Dvorak asked to give out flyers with our church name's involvement. Dean Haney made the motion to permit Peggy to do this, Jim McGee seconded the motion and session approved.

On June 21, 2020 during worship service Betty Lou Mosley and Clara McGee will be installed and ordained as elders in Walkersville EPC for class for 2023. Boyet Twitty made the motion for Clara McGee to serve as clerk of session. Hazel Norwood seconded the motion. Session approved. The next meeting will be on July 16, 2020.

There being no further business, Dennis Robinson made the motion to adjourn. Jim McGee seconded the motion and session approved. Dennis Robinson and Jim McGee closed in prayer.

Rev. Paul Rankin
Moderator

Dennis Robinson
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 3:00/6:00 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 Clara McGee. 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 Clara to continue to list that person's name.

Senior Saints Luncheon

55 plus luncheon is meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 11:30.

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, Barb Castner, Gregg Ross, Phil Keyes, Lynne Dewlen, Henry and Phyllis Parker, Becky Adams (sister of Phyllis Norwood), Linda Goodman, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Matthew Stewart, Libby Kiser, Larry Schott, Jane Threatt, Marcie Barrell, Debbie Wallace, Phillip Carter, Faye Cox, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Bruce Griffin, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Edith Kimmarling, Rick and Iris Moser, Beth Simpson, Nancy Morgan, Alan Wright, Todd Huntley, Frank Rogers, Molly Ingram and Janice York.

We extend sympathy to the families of Don Kerr.

Our special prayer from the Congregation Care Committee is that our Walkersville Family will be spared from the coronavirus.

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

New Members to Walkersville Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Please continue to welcome and to get to know our new members:

Fall 2019

Ann Rose

Ann & Grady Rose have lived on Tom Greene Road since 1974. They have been married for 58 years. They have four daughters, who live in Charlotte, Mt. Gilead, Summerville, SC, and Indianapolis, IN. They have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, who is a "sweetie." Grady worships in his home church in South Carolina. Ann grew up Baptist and joined the Lutheran church when she got married. While a part of the Methodist church she became a part of various ministries. Ann continues to serve Christ through these ministries, visiting the people who are shut-in and have become her friends. She also helps with Operation Reach out. She became familiar with the church when Walkersville participated in joint holiday church services with Turner Presbyterian and Prospect Methodist. She started attending services after Dennis & Debbie Robinson encouraged her to visit. She has very fond memories of Mr. & Mrs. Bob McCain welcoming her each week.



Audrey & Larry Schott

Larry and Audrey Schott have been married for 53 years. They have lived in the area since 1975. They have 2 sons, one daughter-in-law, and six grandchildren, who are 13 to 24 years old. They all live in the area. They transferred their membership to Walkersville EPC from Turner Presbyterian Church. When they first visited Walkersville, it felt like "old home week," as they knew a number of people in the church. They are thankful to be able to help with two Chicken n' Dumplings and hope to serve Jesus Christ in other ways. Audrey would like to be a part of the congregational care by keeping in touch with other church members through sending cards of encouragement and celebration. She also likes to do crafts. Larry has had cancer for 10 years and been on kidney dialysis for the past three years, so prayers are always appreciated. He can no longer do the physical upkeep of the church property, like he did at Turner, however, he is willing to assist with phone calls and setting up appointments where needed. Larry also likes to fish and listen to Bluegrass gospel music. They are thanking God that we can all worship together "Under the Oaks", enjoying the trees and the beauty of the church.

Debbie Rankin

Debbie is joining are joining Walkersville EPC with a letter of transfer from Christ Community EPC, Montreat, NC. Debbie and Paul moved to the area just over one year ago when Paul became the pastor at Walkersville. Debbie grew up in Kansas on a farm and attending a Presbyterian church. During her college years she served as a short-term missionary at Pine Springs Camp in Pennsylvania, where she and Paul met. They got married in 1987 and lived most of the next 26 years in Somerset County, PA. Then they moved south for Paul to go to seminary. Debbie has worked with children in various jobs and ministries, including a Mother's Day out program, camping ministry, childcare, foster care, and most importantly being a mother. They have a son, daughter-in-law, and daughter, and two amazing grandsons. Debbie wants to continue serving Christ by encouraging parents and children as they live in this world through ministry and outreach in the community. She enjoys gardening, hiking in the woods, and, for the first time, this year began riding a bicycle with Paul.

June 2020

Richard & Frances are joining Walkersville EPC with a letter of transfer from Duluth First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Georgia. Richard was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Frances was born and raised in Mississippi. They met after Frances moved to Atlanta, and have been married for 38 years. Frances was a financial analyst for the federal government for 30 years. Richard was in furniture sales and property management before his retirement. They moved to North Carolina to be closer to Richard's sister who lives in the JAARS area. They have one son, two grandsons, and one great-grandson. Richard likes to spend time in his backyard gardening. Frances spends her time

cooking, reading, and cross-stitching. Their first Sunday at Walkersville felt like God “opening the door and saying this is where you belong,” and they have felt Christ’s love ever since. Frances would like to join the church choir once it begins so she can praise God during the worship service. Richard wants to be a servant wherever there is a need at Walkersville by using his carpentry skills and helping with church events.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are in need of new Sunday school teachers. If you are interested in teaching 1st through 6th grade or in leading the John Knox Sunday school class, please let Dennis or Debbie Robinson know. These classes need new leaders. Dennis has had the John Knox class for years and he hopes someone else will accept the challenge.

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 for Jean Price

By Marlene Brown

Bob and Marsha Stirton

Boyet and Lynn Twitty

Bob McCain

Betty Lou Mosley

Dennis and Debbie Robinson

Tommy and Phyllis Norwood

Bobby and Janice Hughes

Jerry and Allyn Jenkins

Charles Harriman

Memorials for Perry Brown

By Tommy and Phyllis Norwood

Troy and Leah Norwood

Memorials for Alice Hamilton Goode

By Garry Anthony

Memorials for Bryant Russell

By Bob and Marsha Stirton

Operation Reach Out

Wow, Walkersville!! What a blessing you are to the folks at Operation Reach Out. Let's continue to serve our God by helping others. Walkersville EPC has pledged to provide lunch once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We generally take chicken casseroles or soup or baked spaghetti or Walkersville Stroganoff (They're very appreciative of whatever we bring!), one or two sides, rolls, and a dessert. Please consider signing up for this ministry of our church.

We also donate items each month. Did you know that Operation Reach Out provides a food pantry? I copied this list from their website (<https://www.opreachout.org/>):

Always Needed:

Dry goods--cereals, rice, grits, dry beans, potato flakes, etc.

JELLY

PEANUT BUTTER

DRIED BEANS

RICE

CANNED SOUPS

**OATMEAL
CRACKERS
MACARONI & CHEESE
CANNED MEATS
CANNED FRUIT**

WOW News

We are continuing our Bible Study on *Bad Girls of the Bible*. If you are interested in attending, please contact Debbie Rankin or Marsha Stirton to find out which lesson we will be studying. As you know, we canceled our Spring Luncheon in hopes that we might be able to host a luncheon in the fall. We will be discussing this at our next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Chicken & Dumpling Canceled

September Chicken & Dumpling Fundraiser canceled due to the covid 19 virus with social distancing issues.

Nicaragua Mission Trip

After much prayer, we have decided to cancel our Mission Trip to Nicaragua for 2020. Considering all that is going on, we feel that it will be better to postpone until 2021. If you are interested in going next year, please let us know so that we can include you in the planning stage.

Good News and Praises

A Shout Out to our Congregation and Pastor for reaching out to our church members and checking on each of us during this social distancing time.

A special **THANK YOU** to all of you who have reached out to someone with a helping hand and support during these trying times.

It's a Happy Birthday to Boyet Twitty July 29th....Celebrate.

Happy 80th Birthday to Linda Mosley-Hess on July 24th.



Welcome to the World
Caleb Alexander Rankin
Born June 10, 2020

Diapers and Wipes Baby Shower
(size 1 diaper or bigger)

Date: July 11, 2020, Saturday

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Walkersville Fellowship Hall

Why: Who can resist a cute baby
and a chance to share our love with
Kayleen and Caleb

Who: the women and girls of the church?

Given by: His Grandma Rankin
and ladies of Walkersville

POTPOURRI II

by Layne Dewlen

GOOD GRIEF!! Do you feel like you have awakened on another planet? The things that are happening, and the speed of change is mind boggling. As the saying from years ago stated, "Stop the world, I want to get off!" Does that pretty well say how you feel? It's where I am these days, and I'm so glad God has promised He is going to take us out of this old world in what I would call a rescue operation, before the wrath of God is poured out upon this sin-filled ball.

Our little 8-pound puppy dog that we have had for 8+ years died this week, (as I write). It was hard to dig the hole and put him in it. He was aggravating, and very hard headed....and so loving. It's something how attached you become to them. As I was burying him, I got so mad at Satan, sin, and separation. After all, he is the reason for it all. Satan caused sin, and sin causes separation. Then I thought about where we are going soon, and about what this earth will be like when Christ reigns here in person.....and to think we will reign with Him! (2 Tim. 2:12, Rev. 5:10). By the time of thinking all that through, the sorrow was turned to joy. Even so, come Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)

I came across something that caught my attention, it's short, but makes one think. "We err when we think that it is God's mercy or kindness that allows man to continue in sin. It is actually His wrath that allows us to go on destroying ourselves with sin."

Have you heard of a man by the name of Watchman Nee? He was a Chinese man who was an overseer of a number of churches in China, and stayed after the communist came. He spent much time in prison, and in fact died there in 1972. Check out his biography on line. He wrote a number of books which were translated into English. If you can find one of his books, I guarantee your spiritual life will be changed. Anyway, here is a couple of things he said, "I don't want to be more like Jesus; I want Jesus to be Himself living in me." He visited Great Britain once and made the comment, "Your people have wonderful light, but oh so little faith." That hurts. Last one, "Show the world the fruits of Christianity and it will applaud; show it Christianity and it will oppose it vigorously!"

Years ago, when there were gas station attendants, (I was one), the story I heard went like this. A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Have you ever thought how modern technology is shown in the book of Revelation? Take for instance how it would be impossible to control everything bought and sold whether you have the mark of the beast without a massive computer. Then there's the mark itself. I remember reading a book years ago that had a cover showing a man with a bar-code on his forehead, but today they can mark you so it is invisible to the human eye. Also, how could they stop you from buying with money? That's where cryptocurrency comes into play; with one keystroke your money no longer exists. Don't forget the two witnesses of chapter 11. How could the whole world see them killed in Jerusalem, rise from the dead, and go into Heaven? It could not have been done until this generation with world-wide TV coverage. Lastly, we now understand how there could be a statue, (chapter 13), that thinks and talks because of AI (Artificial Intelligence). It seems we are that generation that was spoken of by Jesus in Matt. 24:34. MARANATHA!

RECALL NOTICE!

Layne Dewlen

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Subsequent Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control

Please see the operating manual, the B..I.B.L.E. (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention.

-GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by "Knee-mail."



June Roster

Committee of Month: Worship

Nursery Workers:

Jul 05 Rhonda McManus
 Jul 12 Jessica Johnston
 Jul 19 Debbie Rankin
 Jul 26 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

2020 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	1 Year
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	3 Years
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	3 Years
Boyet Twitty	704-843-1245	2 Years
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	1 Year

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate

Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2020 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	Lynn Twitty	Sue Thornton

July 2020

				1 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study	2 9:30 to 11:30 AM Community Playgroup	3	4 Independence Day
5	5:00 PM – Children Choir Practice	6	7	8 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study Operation Reach Out Meal	9 9:30 to 11:30 AM Community Playgroup	10	11
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