

# WALKERSVILLE EPC

## October 2023

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### **A Note from Pastor Paul:**

When we look at each other and then take an even deeper look within ourselves, what do we see? What does all this look like to our heavenly Father? Jesus' parables have more than one message for us to learn. There is the surface message that we can apply here and now, but then there is the larger message that takes in God's view of heaven and earth, spanning from Genesis to Revelation, including the present "already" and reaching into the future "not yet". To understand it, we must keep Jesus Christ as the central figure. As is the case with the Bible, God, and life, in general, if humanity attempts to leave Christ out, eventually everything will cease to make sense, including his parables.

Matthew 13: 44-46 asks, "How precious is precious?" At what point do you decide that something is worth everything? Have you discovered what is available through Jesus Christ? Are you able to see Christ as a priceless treasure? What would your life look like for you to give up everything for Christ? We can carry these thoughts with us when we approach our Lord's Table to celebrate Communion.

All will be drawn into the net. Matthew 13:47-50 includes souls from every nation, language, culture, and religion. All will be mixed together. Only at the end of the age will there be a separating, the evil from the righteous. How do you know which you are? What is the standard of righteousness? where do we find Christ, as we, the fish, are being "separated"??

Who is prominent in the kingdom of God? Have you realized how valuable you and I are to God? To what lengths will Christ go to find you? What sacrifice will Christ make for you? Jesus gives us the answer in Matthew 18:10-14.

Your question to consider: How much have you and I been forgiven? All of us are actually both servants in the parable. Do you and I like both of these servants? Through Christ, we have been forgiven much, and are called on to forgive one another. How much do we need to forgive each other? Is there anything outside of Christ's forgiveness? Is there anyone whom you or I refuse to forgive? In our world today we need to seriously consider Matthew 18:23-35.

How much do we deserve to receive? Do some deserve more than others? When Christ is the one paying the wages, does he pay fairly? Matthew 20:1-16 wonders what our human nature says in response to this parable.

# ***Walkersville EPC Session Meeting Review for September 19, 2023***

- I. **Prayer and Devotions** (Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders) -The Search for Leaders
  - What leadership qualities in the business world should we see in church leaders?
  - Are we ready to be used? (Matthew 6:33; Mark 10:41-45)
  - Is our leadership in the church felt here on earth? In heaven? In hell?
  - How has God prepared you for leadership in his Kingdom?
- II. **Approved:** August 17, 2023 minutes (stated meeting)
- III. **Baptisms, new members, and visitors:** No report
- IV. **Committee Reports:** “How is each committee fulfilling the Great Commission?”
  - A. **October 2023 Committee of the Month:** Finance Committee
  - B. **October 2023 Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month):** Dennis Robinson
  - C. **Building & Grounds:** Bob Stirton
    - gathering information for an electronic message board for our sign.
    - We will need 2, one for each side. Taking measurements.
    - Use an existing brick frame or stand-alone?
    - Education Wing Proposal
    - pews in Bruce Powell room to remain
    - painting classrooms and hallway in Education Wing: referred to committee
    - counter in nursery: referred to committee
    - Remodel Fellowship Hall?
    - Security Camera Upgrade
    - replace existing cameras?
    - cameras in Sunday School rooms?
  - D. **Christian Education:** Larry Schott
    - next meeting: November 19, 2023
    - Fall Sunday School teachers:
      - 0-4 year old: Debbie Rankin and Jennifer Trull
      - Younger Elementary: Debbie Robinson and Sherri Simpson
      - Older Elementary: Paul and Peggy Dvorak
      - Middle School: Gretchen Presson
      - High School: Caitlin Richardson
    - new teen group starting in conjunction with Little Angels
  - E. **Congregational Care:** Dennis Robinson
  - F. **Mission & Outreach:** Bob Stirton
    - October 2023 Mission of the Month: Operation Christmas Child
    - next meeting: November ??, 2023
    - Project2Heal Yardsale: September 30, 2023 (new date)
  - G. **Worship:** Ann Rose
    - Next meeting: October 22, 2023
    - 2023 tentative Communion dates: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Dec. 24
    - benches outside on sanctuary porch discussion (coordinating with Building & Grounds)
    - New sanctuary banners (coordinating with Building & Grounds)
    - Christmas Eve services (Sunday, December 24): 10 am (no Communion); 9 pm (with Communion)
  - H. **Finance Committee:** Dennis Robinson
    - Next Meeting: October 12, 2023
    - August 2023 Financial Report
  - J. **Nominating Committee:** Clara and Betty Lou
    - Meeting date: (for 2024 Nominating Committee)
  - K. **Fellowship Committee:** Rick Gay
    - Next meeting: September 26, 2023, 7 pm
    - More information to come: November 4, 2023: Fall Get-Together; December 17, 2023: Christmas Party

## V. Old Business

### A. Presbytery Report

1. Next Presbytery meeting: September 29-30, 2023 (Valley Hope Church, Swannanoa, NC)
2. Hosting a presbytery meeting: April 2024  
-Pastor Paul will discuss this at the next presbytery meeting

### B. Pastor Paul is on vacation: September 20-25, 2023.

Jack Royston preaching on September 24, 2023.

Pastor Paul is on study leave: November 6-12, 2023.

Ken Schmidt preaching on November 12, 2023.

## VI. New Business

A. Adult Sunday School Class plans to have a Christmas party on December 9, 2023 (details TBD)

B. UCEPC Women: discussion on hosting a meeting at Walkersville  
-\$500 approved for hosting a meeting of the UCEPC Women at Walkersville

C. Annual Church Leadership Meeting: October 15, 2023

- all elders, committee chairs, and committee members are invited
- covered dish lunch

D. Caitlin Richardson job review: session has been very pleased with her work

E. Caitlin Richardson: extra work (one-time jobs: organizing/digitizing old bulletins, newsletters, records)  
-approved on an as-needed basis

F. Amazon Smile Account—Caitlin Richardson

-approved to set up this account; anyone using Amazon can use this and a portion is donated to the church

G. Communion for Children (see below)

-Called session meeting for October 3 at 5 p.m. has been scheduled to discuss this.

## VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

1. Bob Stirton: October 21, 2023 (weather backup)
2. Debbie Robinson: November 15, 2023
3. Alice Gay: December 2, 2023, 2-4 pm
4. Adult Sunday School Class Christmas Party: December 9, 2023
5. Debbie Robinson: December 16, 2023

## VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: October 19, 2023, 5 p.m. in the Library

**Dear Friends,**

**Walking by faith is something i'm still learning about even after all these years...and so often God has used you folk at Walkersville to keep teaching me! The unexpected gift of \$100 has encouraged me more than you know. Little things here in my home - the latest an issue with my refrigeration - remind me that replacements are likely to be needed of various items and I can find my self worrying. But then God sends a surprise, as this is, and says, "I know you, and love you!" Thank you for being His messenger of that truth to me!! May He refrest your spirit and fill your life with its peace! -Joyce Smith**

## Teaching Elder:

Pastor Paul Rankin

814-279-5055

## Ruling Elders:

### Class of 2024:

Larry Schott

704-774-7691

Bob Stirton

704-361-4888

### Class of 2025:

Dennis Robinson

(Clerk of Session)

704-291-0856

### Class of 2026:

Rick Gay

704-843-5733

Ann Rose

704-764-9078

## ***SERMON SCHEDULE***

October 1:

Matthew 13: 44-46

October 8:

Matthew 13: 47-50

October 15:

Matthew 18: 10-14

October 22:

Matthew 18:23-35

October 29:

Matthew 20: 1-16

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **Building & Grounds:**

Chair: Russell Mosley

Clerk: Bob Stirton

### **Christian Education:**

Chair: Debbie Rankin

Clerk: Gloria Norwood

### **Congregational Care:**

Chair: Bob McCain

Clerk: Tammy Mosley

### **Missions & Outreach:**

Chair: Clay Murray

Clerk: Betty Lou Mosley

### **Stewardship:**

Chair: Fran Griffin

Clerk: Betty Lou Mosley

### **Worship:**

Chair: Frances Gamble

Clerk: Sue Thornton

### **Fellowship:**

Chair: Debbie Robinson

Clerk: Caitlin

Richardson

## **CHURCH HOURS**

Pastor Paul:

Mon-Thur 8:30-5:00

or by appointment

Caitlin Richardson

M-W-F 8:00 - 2:00



## **Mission of the Month**

### **Operation Christmas Child**

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Information for packing a SHOEBOX can be found in the MaryAnn room or at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)

Bob McCain and family would like to thank our church family for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, food, phone calls, and other acts of kindness during Bob's surgery and recovery. We would appreciate continued prayers as he completes six months of chemotherapy.  
-Thank you!

## **OCTOBER** Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Tommy "Wolfman" Norwood - 1**

**Tom Salisbury - 2**

**Ryan Campbell - 4**

**Debbie Robinson - 4**

**Rick Gay - 5**

**Brock Clonth - 6**

**Martha Allen - 7**

**Zoe Bartel - 9**

**Rick Simpson - 9**

**Phillip Carter - 10**

**Russell & Tammy Mosley - 10/11**

**Paul Dvorak - 12**

**Eric & Amy Bartel - 10/14**

**Kim Dion - 17**

**Ben Horton - 17**

**Tarah Horton - 17**

**Paul & Peggy Dvorak - 10/19**

**Bob & Marsha Stirton - 10/21**

**Amy Bartel - 31**

**Fran Griffin - 31**



Thank you to everyone that came out and volunteered for Chicken N Dumplins! Our next one is March 2!



If you would like to participate and decorate a trunk please let Nick Horne know!

**Bible Study with Pastor:**

Wednesday 3:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Group:**

Wednesday 4:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

**The Men's & Ladies Bible Study:**

**Monday, August 14**  
at 7:00pm

Men: Fellowship Hall

Women: The Manse

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Caitlin by the 15th of each month at [walkersvilleepc@gmail.com](mailto:walkersvilleepc@gmail.com)

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Please contact Clara McGee at 704-709-7125 or Gloria Norwood at 704-843-2352 if you have a prayer request. You can also fill out a prayer card in the church pew or email. [walkersvilleepc@gmail.com](mailto:walkersvilleepc@gmail.com)



You are invited to Union County's  
**Christian Movie Night**

A One Night Event on the Big Screen Showing

**God's Not Dead**

\*Free Admission\*

Show-time: 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 5:30 pm for fellowship

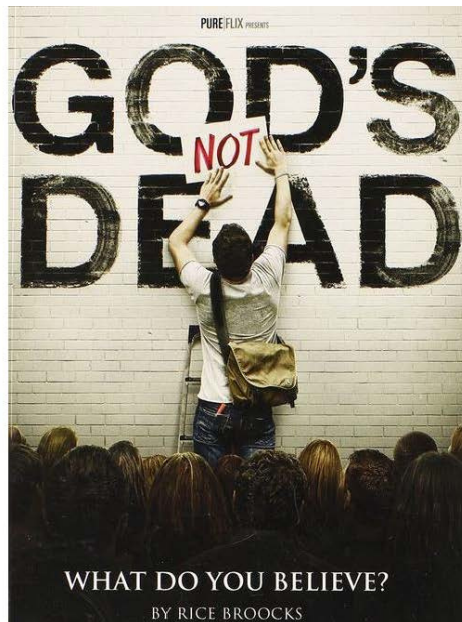
Preshow Options: A Cause for Tea & The Oasis Sandwich

Shop

The Dowd Center Theater  
120 S Main Street, Monroe NC

Seating limited to the first 568 participants.

Brought to you by the Foundations Class of Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel. Money-back guarantee.



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY PRAYER & ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

\*Sue Thornton\* Joe Wilson\* Bob McCain\* Robby Griffin\* Sheldon Medlin\* Sandy Brady\* Shirley Starnes\* Albert & Bo Starnes\* George Huntley\* Bart & Pat Jackson\* Barry Joyner\* Jerry & Alice Griffin\* Lynn & Layne Dewlen\* Chris Starnes\* Mary Edwards\* Maggie Thompson\* Wyatt Melton\* Bob O'Kelly\* Baby Kix\* Chris Beck\* Monty Brady\* Pat & Joanne Cochran\* Kim Dion\* Mark McCain Jr.\* Jackie Bennett\* Blakely Moore\* Katelyn Ohmes\* Rick Moser\* Sheila Medlin\* Beth Simpson\* Linda & Phil Goodman\* Reece Starnes\* Kaymon Carter\* Silas Simpson\* Rudy Robinson\* Suzette Barker\* Remington Hargette\* Bryan Dean\* Richard & Tyler Lee\* Richard Wiecek\* Dawn Culp\* Katya Newsham\* Tami Fowler\* David Pruett\* Barb Salisbury\* Eric Munoz\* Beth Handsel\* C.B. Griffin\* Larry & Audrey Schott\* Rachel Brody\* James Gordon\* Clara mcGee\* Frankie Norwood\* Pat Schlappich\* Mark Mull\* Billy Norwood\* LeeAnn Ventuo\* Doris & Brooke Rhoden\* Fran Griffin\* Pete Green\* Karen Trull\* Brenda Mosley\* Saylor Grace Hardy\* Logan Liuzzo\* Joyce Wooten\* Betty Simpson Medlin\* Phil Keyes\* Cameron Plyler\* Lily Pryor\* Alan Crum\* Donny Willbanks\* Mary Mosley\* Jack and Mary Rogers\* Faye Cox\* Ella Rogers

## Assisted Living

Robby Griffin: Lee Forest Group Home  
1209 Pelham Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352  
Travis Price: Brookdale Monroe Sq.  
Room 44918 Fitzgerald St, Monroe, NC 28112  
Linda Goodman: Arcadia Care Home  
7415 Walnut Crest Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173

We would like to say thank you for the donation that was sent. Our child ministry thanks you also. This will help us in this area.

Howie Baptist Church

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS...THEY CROSSED & REACHED DENOMINAL LINES! HALLELUJAH!! AMEN! BLESS YOU & THE CONGREGATION.**

Beth

## Memorials:

**For: Clyde Norwood**

By: Johnny & Debbie  
Taylor









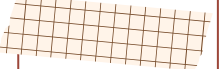



*In*  
**Christian**  
*Sympathy*

**Ney Couick**

**Larry Mack Starnes**

**Elizabeth Godfrey**

# October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Sch. - 9 Worship - 10 Holy Communion Choir - 11:15 Life Chain - 2:15	2 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg - 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	3 Session Mtg, 5 pm, Library Square Dancing, Fellowship Hall 7 - 9 pm	4 Bible Study - 3 Prayer Time - 4	5 	6 	7
8 Sunday Schl - 9 Worship - 10 Choir - 11:15 	9 Men's & Women's Monthly Bible Study - 7 pm 	10 Square Dancing, Fellowship Hall 7 - 9 pm	11 Operation Reach Out Meal - 12 Bible Study - 3 Prayer Time - 4	12 Finance Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm	13 	14 
15 Sunday Schl - 9 Worship - 10 Choir - 11:15 Annual Leadership Mtg - 11:15	16	17 Square Dancing, Fellowship Hall 7 - 9 pm	18 Bible Study - 3 Prayer Time - 4 	19 Session - 5 pm, Library	20	21 Fellowship Hall Reserved
22 Sunday Schl - 9 Worship - 10 Choir - 11:15	23	24 Square Dancing, Fellowship Hall 7 - 9 pm 	25 Bible Study - 3 Prayer Time - 4 Little Angels & The Outsiders - 5:30 pm	26 	27 	28
29 Sunday Schl - 9 Worship - 10 Choir - 11:15 	30	31 Snr Covered Dish Lunch 11:30 Square Dancing, 7 - 9 				



## REMINDER



### Mission of the Month:

Operation Christmas Child



## NOTES

### Committee of the Month

Finance

