



# WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

FEBRUARY 2020

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## **A Note from the Pastor...**

Where would we be without each other? We need each other deeply and intensely. As the Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 12, we are each a part of the Body of Christ and each part is essential. No one part is more important than another. Having said that, Debbie and I have been blessed over and over by your love. In one way or another your lives (your part of the Body) have touched us. And then, just before Christmas, we received a tangible, generous outpouring of your love. Once again, we are the ones being blessed by you. Thank you! Our prayer is that we can also be a blessing in your lives as well.

With the thought that each of us serve beautifully in our Lord's service, we find our foundation in God's Word. Here are the Scripture passages for the month of February. I have included potential titles. Go ahead and read the passage to see if you can figure out why I might have given the passages these particular titles. Of course, I'd love to hear what title you might use.

## **Sermons for February**

February 2: Mark 1:29-39 "Power Source"

February 9: Mark 2:1-12 "The Sure Thing"

February 16: Mark 6:1-6a "It Doesn't Work That Way"

February 23: Mark 7:24-37 "Open Up!"

February 26 (Ash Wednesday): Mark 8:27-30 "But who do you say that I am?"

## *Wednesday Bible Study*

Another thought I wanted to share includes the Wednesday Bible Studies. Beginning in February we will meet *every* Wednesday (instead of just the first and third Wednesdays). They will continue to be at both 3:00 and 6:00. These will both be the same study at different times to fit into people's schedules, both at home and in the church.

## *Enquirer's Class*

I wish I could say I came up with the name, but I didn't. It comes from a church where Debbie and I were members several years ago. The Enquirer's Class is for anyone who wants to know more about what it means to be Presbyterian, and specifically Evangelical Presbyterian. Attending this class does not mean you have to become a member, but if you are not a member and want to become one, then, yes, you have to attend this class.

The Enquirer's Class will take a look at: Church History and how we got to where we are now in the EPC as well as a look at the history of Walkersville EPC, church polity (how things work and are organized within this denomination), and finally a quick look at Reformed Theology. This class

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is truly a whirlwind tour of this part of the Body of Christ. This is a good time for you to ask questions about any of these topics. Who knows, maybe I'll know the answer!  
The Enquirer's Class will meet in the Old Choir Room during the Sunday School time beginning at 9:45am on February 9, 16, 23, and maybe March 1.

### *Website*

Finally, the church website is up and running. It will always be a "work in progress". Please take a moment to thank David Rankin who put it all together and was very patient with his dad as he explained how to make changes and additions to the website. If you happen to see a problem or even an error, please let Pastor Paul or David know. The site address is: [walkersvilleepc.org](http://walkersvilleepc.org).

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### **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:** Wednesdays at 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Library

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### **Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes**

The session of Walkersville EPC met on January 23, 2020 in the church library. Elders present were Boyet Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Jim McGee, Dennis Robinson and Rev. Paul Rankin. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Paul Rankin. The minutes from December 19, 2019 meeting were presented and approved. Dean Haney presented the treasurer's report. Session approved the report as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

**Building and Grounds**—Boyet Twitty reported that glass was put in the door in the nursery so parents can check on children without opening the nursery door. Thank you Boyet. Lights in serving area of the Fellowship Hall are needed. Motion was made by Dennis Robinson to approve installing lights at Boyet Twitty's discretion. Hazel Norwood seconded the motion and session approved.

**Christian Education**—Vacation Bible School will be here soon. The committee will soon be choosing the theme and date for VBS 2020. If anyone is interested in directing VBS 2020 please let Debbie Robinson or any Sunday School teacher know. Everyone is welcome to be thinking about how you can help out. Kayleen and David Rankin will be taking the elementary Sunday School class in August, 2020. David will take the boys and Kayleen will take the girls.

**Fellowship**—Hazel Norwood ask if anyone feels led to take over the Fellowship committee to please contact him. It was suggested that the responsibilities of the Fellowship committee may need to be divided with the other committees.

**Mission and Outreach** —Thanks to all who helped make the January chicken and dumplings a success. There may be an upcoming meeting to discuss ways to make things go smoother.

**Worship**—Communion will be February 2, 2020 and Ash Wednesday service will be February 26, 2020 @ Walkersville.

**New Business**—Kyle Norwood and fiancé Hailey Peck asked to be married at Walkersville. September 18, 2020 for rehearsal and dinner party. The wedding will be September 19, 2020. Session approved.

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The session approved for Debbie Rankin to start a play group for preschool kids in the fellowship hall starting January 30, 2020. This will be held each Thursday from 9:30 –11:30 am.

**Old Business**—Pastor Paul Rankin will be holding Inquirer’s class during Sunday School time starting February 9, 2020. This should last three Sunday’s or more. This is for anyone interested in joining Walkersville or those who just want to find out more about our denomination.

Elders nominating committee will meet February 6, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

February 9, 2020 @ 1:00pm all elders and committee chairs will meet at tent 26 Pleasant Grove Campground for lunch and yearly planning time 2020 for Walkersville EPC.

Session approved the following memorial pavers: Jim Brady by Sue Thornton, Virginia Courtney, Curtis Courtney, and Dottie Svendsen by Dennis and Debbie Robinson, Larry Thompson by Maggie Thompson and Maggie Thompson by Maggie Thompson.

Session looking for volunteers to help with a new church pictorial directory. We would like to have this happen before June, 2020.

There being no further business Jim McGee made the motion to adjourn. Dean Haney seconded. Session approved. Pastor Paul Rankin closed in prayer.

Rev. Paul Rankin  
Moderator

Dennis Robinson  
Clerk of Session

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Senior Saints Luncheon**

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

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### ***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 Perry and Marlene Brown, Jean Price, Robby Griffin, Bryant Russell, Eric Thomas, Ronnie Craig, Barb Castner, Gregg Ross, Phil Keyes, Lynne Dewlen, Henry Parker and Edith Kimmerly, Pam Gordon, Jim McGee and Linda Mosley-Hess, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Matthew Stewart, Libby Kiser, Larry Schott.

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We extend sympathy to the families of Connie Graham (sister of Bruce Powell), Judy Couick, Martha Duke (mother of Anne King), Bobby Helms (grandfather of Daisy Hardy), Terry Plyler and Jake Caudill.

Please continue to send cards and remember in prayer our church members who are in assisted living homes:

Mrs. Jean Price, White Oaks of Waxhaw 700 Howie Mine Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173

Robby Griffin, Lee Forest Group Home, 1209 Pelham Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

Bryant Russell, Monroe Manor, 1101 Baucom Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

Travis Price, Brookdale Monroe Square, Room 44918 Fitzgerald St, Monroe, NC 28112-5679

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### **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!

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### **Fellowship Committee**

Fellowship Chair Alisa Pierce and Clerk Alice Gay are giving up their positions effective December 31, 2019. We have served on the Fellowship Committee for years; we need a break and it is time to let someone with fresh ideas take over! We would like to thank you all for your help and support over the years and look forward to attending Fellowship Events in the future.

Contact Hazel Norwood Elder for Fellowship Committee if you are interested in taking over these positions.

Thank you.

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### **Operation Reach Out**

Just a quick reminder that Walkersville has pledged to provide lunch to the clients at **Operation Reach Out** each month on the **2nd Wednesday**. If you would like to take the meal one month, you can find the sign-up sheet posted on the door to the sound room as you enter the sanctuary.

If you would like to help with this mission project, there is a signup sheet on the door to the sound room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact anyone on the Mission/Outreach Ministry Team.

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### **Women of Walkersville (WOW) News**

At the January Bible Study, we discussed the possibility of having a Spring Salad Luncheon on May 2nd. If you would like to decorate a table or help in any way, please let Debbie Rankin or Marsha Stirton know.

The Women of Walkersville meet at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the manse for Bible Study. Currently we are studying *Bad Girls of the Bible: and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. We are blessed to have Debbie Rankin leading our study this year. All ladies of Walkersville are welcome to join us.

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## **Mission and Outreach Ministry Team News**

### **\*\*Operation Reach-Out**

This was a new project for Walkersville in 2019 and we thank God for laying it on our hearts to volunteer at Operation Reach-Out. A special thanks to everyone who donated items last year. We will continue to donate items each month. Right now, they are asking for socks and hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant). And thanks to all who signed up to help with lunch. Walkersville will continue to take lunch on the second Wednesday of each month during 2020. If you haven't already signed up, you can find the Sign-Up sheet at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

### **\*\*Chicken and Dumplings**

Thanks to everyone who helped with Chicken and Dumplings on January 18th. What a wonderful opportunity we had to witness for the Lord! Our next date for Chicken & Dumplings is March 7th. **SEE YA THERE!!!**

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## **UNC Campus Outreach**

Our annual New Year's Conference was a huge success and students from colleges all across the East Coast came to worship and grow.

The sophomore girls I formally disciple is truly starting to catch vision for their lives and are fighting to spend time in God's word daily and share their faith with their friends.

-I just started back up my Evangelistic Bible Study with non-Christians on campus and it is already going well! The study is an investigative study on the person of Jesus through the gospel of Luke.

-We have a women's retreat this weekend I am helping lead for all our women in our ministry to rest in Christ and refocus on Him. The theme of the retreat is SEEN.

-Our winter retreat is next month in Charlotte, NC if y'all can be praying for this time. The gospel will be clearly shared and I am praying many of the students I am sharing Christ with will come!

I am so grateful for your partnership in my ministry. God Bless you all!

Jennifer M. Corley

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## **In Memory of Betty and Marion (Mac) Mcwhorter**

By Bernice and Richard Wilson

## **In Memory of Connie Graham**

By Dennis and Debbie Robinson

## **In Memory of Terry and Athae Laine for Cemetery Fund**

By Larry Ann Councilman

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## **Good News and Praises**

### **Family News**

If you're looking for a fun outing for the second weekend of March, why not consider driving to the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston Salem to watch Violet Clonch compete at the KPAC CUP Gymnastics Meet? We haven't received her schedule for that weekend yet, but if you're interested, see Bob or Marsha for more details.

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# Community Playgroup for Moms & children

When: Every Thursday

Time: 9:30-11:30 AM

Where: Walkersville Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall,  
6204 Brady Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Why: A time for children to play and moms to visit in a safe environment

\*Please bring a snack & drink for your family\*

Sponsored by Walkersville EPC  
For more information contact-  
Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612  
Kayleen Rankin, 540-840-0375

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## First Kiss

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I was an eight-year-old second grader when I saw the moving truck pull up to our apartment building. The apartment below ours was empty, so we could stomp on the floors without worrying about the noise we made. We were going to miss that.

I watched as the moving men brought all the furniture into the apartment. Once the movers had finished unloading, the family that would be occupying the apartment arrived. The father was skinny and tall and wore a tee shirt that said **FOLLOW ME TO JESUS** on the back. The mother was plump and happy. Her thick eyeglasses looked like they had been made by the Coca Cola Bottling Company. Between the parents were three boys. The youngest one looked to be about my age. Just one look at that boy made my heart pound. I had never been interested in boys before, but that was about to change. He looked at me through bright hazel eyes and I knew right away that I was a goner.

The next afternoon, Brother Lee and Brother Allen invited those boys to go to the baseball field with them and play some catch. All three of them went. When they got back home in the late afternoon, they looked tired and happy at the same time.

That evening, I asked Brother Allen what the boys' names were. He said, "Tommy, Danny, and Mikey."

Trying not to appear too inquisitive, I asked, "Which one is the youngest?"

"That would be Mikey, and he's too little to play baseball," Brother Allen complained. Suddenly his eyebrows shot up and he said, "Wait a minute. Are you in love with Mikey?"

"I am not in love with nobody but Jesus," I insisted. But that was a lie.

The next morning as I was walking to school, I saw Mikey, walking all by himself. I ran to catch up with him.

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“Hi, Mikey. I’m Linda,” I told him breathlessly. “Why are you walking by yourself when you’ve got two brothers?”

“They think I’m too little to walk with them. I can’t keep up,” he explained, then asked, “How do you know my name?”

“Brother Allen told me. My name’s Linda.”

I must have been bolder than I remember, because, without hesitation I blurted out, “I want you for my boyfriend. “

He looked at me like I was crazy. “My mama says I can’t be a boyfriend until I’m at least 14 years old. I’m only eight.”

“What she doesn’t know won’t hurt her,” I protested.

“It doesn’t work that way with my mama. She knows everything,” he replied. Then he took off running and howling like he was being chased by a banshee.

I was not about to let him get away with that, so I started running after him, yelling, “Mikey, I am going to catch you and kiss you!”

He just ran faster, and I could not catch up with him.

The following morning, I watched out the kitchen window until I saw him walk out of our building. Immediately I ran down the stairs and out the door chasing after him. Once again, I yelled, “Mikey, I’m going to catch you and kiss you!” Once again, he started running and left me behind in a cloud of dust.

They say that the third time is the charm, but that was not true in my case. I chased that boy to school for two weeks, and never even got close to kissing him.

Once cool, brisk Monday morning, however, I woke up with a runny nose, a sore throat, and watery eyes. I also had a hoarse cough. Mama said I should stay home.

I was tempted, but I could not even imagine a day without Mikey. “It’s just a cold,” I said. “I’ll be fine,”

I began my day as usual, finding Mikey and running after him, arms opened wide so I could grab him when I got close enough to kiss. As always, he ran faster than me.

Suddenly, I stopped. I remembered that colds are contagious, and I could not bear the thought of cute little Mikey, my almost boyfriend, getting sick because of me. I started walking to school at my regular pace. That kiss would just have to wait.

Imagine my shock when I realized that Mikey had stopped running. He wasn’t even walking. He was standing still, waiting for me.

“You give up too soon,” he told me.

Before I realized what was happening, he wrapped his arms around me and gave me a big, sloppy kiss on my lips; but it was a long kiss, and I could not breathe through my stuffed-up nose. I struggled to get away.

When the kiss finally ended, he said, “Wow! I must have really turned you on. You couldn’t even catch your breath.”

The next morning Mikey had a cold and stayed home from school. I guess girls are tougher than boys.

As for me, I did not chase him anymore. Kissing was not what it was cracked up to be. Jesus was still my favorite.

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## **Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out!**

By Layne Dewlen

I am the product of a VERY strict family. Well, maybe I should rephrase that statement. I am the product of a VERY strict MOTHER! My father was pretty easy going, but wouldn’t let us go past a certain point, which point seldom came since Mother had usually taken care of the altercation

before Father found out anything had happened. My mother never said, "Wait till your father gets home." The tool of punishment, (switch), was never too far from her hand.

Being a P.K., (preachers' kid), has a few advantages and a lot of disadvantages. My sister and I were told many times that like it or not, we were examples, therefore there were things we could not do for that reason only. My sister found that to be too much to take, while I on the other hand had no difficulty with it. (I always was a model child.) Well, come to think of it, there was that one time....

It was my father's first pastorate. The church building was an old theater building on the main street, in downtown Michigan City, Indiana, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from Lake Michigan. We lived upstairs with big rooms and 12-foot ceilings. (As a sidelight, my mother wouldn't let us play on the sidewalk in front of the church, of course, so the only place for my sister to ride her tricycle and me to drive my pedal powered firetruck was on the extended flat roof of the first story in back. The problem was there was nothing to stop two kids six and five years old from falling off the end twelve feet to the brick ally below! Did I say we were well behaved?) Back to the story, Layne. One other thing about Mother was we were never allowed water, candy, cookies, crayons, or toys when we went to church. You were to go to the bathroom and get a drink if you wanted one before service started, and that was that! I know I'm getting a little long winded here, but stick with me.

There was a young lady about 20 years old that got saved one Sunday night. She came to think the world of my folks, my sister, and especially me! Did I say I've always been lovable? One Sunday evening before the church service she came bringing gifts to my sister and me. I don't remember what my sister received, it didn't matter then, and it doesn't really matter to me now. But my gift was MARBLES!

There were different sizes, different colors, and a cloth bag to hold them! WOW! Then it was time to go to church and leave my new pride and joy. Couldn't I take them to church just this once? Surprise, surprise, my mother said OK, but "don't you open that bag in church!" was the last words from the power that be.

A further word of background. My sister and I had to sit with Mother on the front row. It was a law; I forget which number it was. As the service progressed everything was fine with my bag of marbles and me. Then it was prayer time. I fingered the bag, I picked up the bag, and suddenly the Devil got hold of that bag and the marbles started coming out! I tried to stop them but somehow the Devil had the upper hand. Now remember this was a former theater with very slanted floors, so the marbles started rolling toward the altar, and again the Devil got into the act and caused every one of those marbles to fall into the metal cold air return in the floor, making the most horrendous noise, bang-a-ty bang, bang-a-ty bang. I thought it would never stop, and right in the middle of **prayer** time! I was so embarrassed, and worried about what was coming when we got home.

Well, I'm glad to say I escaped the guillotine, but I knew better than to ever ask to take a toy to church after that. So much for being an example!



**February Roster**

**Committee of Month:** Congregational Care

**Nursery Workers:**

- Feb 02 Nanci Beebe
- Feb 09 Jessica Johnston
- Feb 16 Debbie Rankin
- Feb 23 Rhonda McManus

**Volunteers Needed**

**Newsletter Information**

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Harvey Hess by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may email the information to [harveyhess@bellsouth.net](mailto: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

**Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information**

2020 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Dennis Robinson	704-764-9025	3 Years
Jim McGee	704-709-7125	3 Years
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	2 Years
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	2 Years
Boyet Twitty	704-843-1245	1 Years

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	Alisa Pierce	Alice Gay
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Lynn Twitty	Sue Thornton

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Communion	5:00 PM – Children Choir Practice	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study	9:30 to 11:30 AM Community Playgroup 7:00 PM Elders Nominating Mtg		
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1:00 PM Elders and Committee Chairman Mtg	5:00 PM – Children Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study Operation Reach Out Meal	9:30 to 11:30 AM Community Playgroup		
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