

WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173
SEPTEMBER 2019



A Note from the Preacher...

Perhaps one of the biggest problems some folks have with the Bible is that it is filled with people and situations that are all too familiar to our own lives. And the Bible handles people's lives honestly, showing all the wrinkles and imperfections. We may not stop to think about it, but there are generally several characteristics of the churches mentioned by John in chapters two and three of Revelation that are true in our church. Some of the less positive personality traits in people like Samson or Peter are in us if we look hard enough.

In the past couple of years one of my favorite people from the Bible has been Moses. He often showed his human side, wrinkles and imperfections, even though he was called by God (literally). He audibly heard God's call and eventually said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." (Exodus 4:13) As we get to know him, we realize that for Moses to have achieved anything, it had to be God working in and through him.

Consider for a moment that he is the only person in the biblical record that receives incredible descriptions:

"Thus, the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend..."
(Exodus 33:11)

"Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face." (Deuteronomy 34:10)

These are amazing statements. Can you even imagine it? Even though we may call it a New Testament thought, it is true in the Old Testament as well: *It is for God's purpose that Moses, you, and I have come to this hour...Father, glorify your name.* After Jesus Christ, Moses could easily have come in second place for living out the truth found in this statement.

Beginning in September, and going through the end of November, sermons will come from Exodus, meaning one of the main characters will often be Moses. Occasionally someone else takes the lead, but Moses is usually somewhere around. Over the next several weeks we will see the foundations being laid for the deliverance of God's people.

Preacher
Paul Rankin

Sermons for September

September 1: Exodus 1:8-22 "A target on your back"

September 8: Exodus 3:1-10 "You want me to do what?"

September 15: Lora Jones preaching (author of *Song of a Wounded Heart*)

September 22: Exodus 3:13-4:13 "Excuses, Excuses"

September 29: Exodus 5:1-2 "Oh be careful little lips what you say"

You will notice that there's something different about September 15. Lora Jones will be bringing the message that Sunday morning, but more on that later

Guest Speaker - Sunday, September 15, Lora Jones

Here I was holding Lora's book, "Song of a Wounded Heart," an author's early release copy so I could read it and pray how God would have me help Lora in this next step of HIS story in her life. Yet I confess I was scared to read it. I remember coming home from Thanksgiving 2004 and learning Lora had lost her husband, and two children in an auto accident. I prayed immediately for God's comfort to surround Lora and wrap her in His arms—He gave her a song.

Here is an excerpt from her book:

"The memory sobered me. Not only did God choose me to be born, but He chose me to survive an accident where I should have died. My Creator showed me a partial answer to the "Why do you want me here?" question. He gave me an assignment, and an audience I didn't seek. I needed to know what to tell them.

So, I began to barrage God with my questions.

How do we live with this kind of pain? Is there healing for a wounded heart? You are a Healer. What does that mean for pain of the heart? When someone breaks an arm, it's healed when there is no more pain. When someone has surgery, they know they are healed when there's no more pain. What is healing of the heart? How can we be healed if the pain never ceases? Or is there no healing for this? God, if you want me to talk to people, I need the answers!

I prayed; I read the Scriptures; I read books people gave me about grief; I read autobiographies of loss; I read Christian fictional stories of people who endured pain. Everywhere I searched for nuggets of truth; people, books, God, and the Bible. Answers evaded me for quite some time.

Little by little God revealed the truth. An idea began to form from various pieces of those sources mixed together, until one day a phrase crystallized in my mind.

Healing is not the absence of pain.

Disappointed tears fell down my cheeks. Then what is healing, God?

'Healing is allowing joy to enter a heart of pain,' God explained.

Oh!! Pain and joy coexisting. That means my heart is functioning again!"

Page 128,129, [Song of a Wounded Heart](#)

Please join us Sunday, September 15 to hear the story God has given Lora, through scripture and life.

She will be sharing both at Sunday school, 9:45, and worship, 11:00.

In Christ,
Debbie Rankin

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

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The session of Walkersville EPC met on **July 29, 2019 @ 7:00pm** in the church library. Elders present were Jim McGee, Hazel Norwood, Dean Haney, Dennis Robinson, Rev. Paul Rankin, and Rev. Brian Martin was appointed moderator.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Brian Martin.

The minutes from the June 23rd session meeting and the July 7th congregational meeting were presented and approved.

Dean Haney presented the treasurer's report. Session approved the report as presented.

Ministry Team Reports:

Building and Grounds – Tree to be taken down on west end of the manse. Workday will be September 7, 2019 to clean up before homecoming.

Congregational Care – prayer needs for Perry Brown, Patrick Brown's step son, Barb Castner (recent pacemaker installed) Linda Goodman, Lynn Dewlyn, Nanci Beebe, Maggie, Amy and David Thompson, Jean Price, Travis Price, Robby Griffin, Irene Mosley and Hazel Norwood.

Mission Outreach – No report

Christian Education – 2019 has had a great Sunday School year. Thank you to all our teachers. Looking forward to 2020 and we encourage everyone to attend Sunday School. The children can learn of God's love for them and great Bible essentials. Adults also learn from God's word and have a great discussion as we grow together.

Fellowship – No report

Worship – The committee reported the need for new hymnals. The committee recommends to purchase Celebration hymnals. The session approved \$2500.00 maximum for purchase of new hymnals.

Old Business – Rev Brian Martin will hold elder training at Siler EPC. Session will choose nominating committee for elders at the October 2019 session meeting and choose a date for the congregational meeting. The nominating committee would choose 2 candidates for elders that would begin serving a 3-year term beginning in July 2020. This would give proper time for the elder training.

The Mid Atlantic EPC Presbytery meeting is September 27 & 28, 2019. Hazel Norwood and Boyett Twitty will be the voting delegates. This meeting will be held at Myrtle Grove EPC in Wilmington, NC.

New Business – Jennifer Corley with Campus Outreach will speak at Walkersville on September 15, 2019 during morning worship. She will be giving up an update on her mission work. Walkersville supports her in her ministry.

Debbie Rankin's friend Lora Jones, author will be speaking to the John Knox's Sunday School class on September 15, 2019.

Our church will soon be looking into setting up for a new church directory with Life Touch.

Session approved to purchase a Pack and Play for the nursery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dean Haney and Hazel Norwood seconded the motion. The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Paul Rankin.

Rev. Brian Martin
Moderator

Dennis Robinson
Clerk of Session

The session of Walkersville EPC met on **August 19, 2019** @ 7:00 pm in the church library. Elders present were Boyett Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Jim McGee and Dennis Robinson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dennis Robinson.

The minutes from the July 29, 2019 meeting were presented and approved.

Beverly Haney (through Dean Haney) presented the treasurer's report. Session approved the report as presented.

New Members: Ann Rose gave her testimony before the session. Dennis Robinson made the motion to accept Ann Rose as a new member. Boyett Twitty seconded the motion. Session approved. We gladly welcome Ann as a member of Walkersville EPC.

Ministry Team Reports:

Building & Grounds – Check on price of handicap sidewalk with ramp under covered walkway from Fellowship Hall to back door. Dennis Robinson made a motion to pour a cement pad to extend area needed for take outs during Chicken and Dumplings. Boyett Twitty seconded the motion and session approved.

Christian Education – No Report

Congregational Care – Phil Mosley got a good report on his cancer. Josue Guido (Patrick Brown's) step-son is recovering at home.

Fellowship – The committee will feed the Parkwood Football team on Friday, August 23, 2019 @ 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission & Outreach – Operation Reach Out work mission. Food is still needed for Prospect Food Pantry.

Worship – Thanks to Turner Presbyterian church for donating 95 Celebration Hymnals. The Worship committee will purchase the few remaining hymnals that are needed to fill the pews.

New Business – Dennis Robinson made the motion that the church pay for Preacher Paul Rankin's mileage, hotel, food expense for the Presbytery meetings. Dean Haney seconded the motion. This needs to be a line item in our church budget. Session approved. Lora Jones author and Debbie Rankin's friend will preach on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Jennifer Corley will also speak briefly on that Sunday to give an update on her mission work. Session meeting highlights was approved to go into newsletter after session meets.

There being no further business, Jim McGee made a motion to adjourn. Boyet Twitty seconded, session approved and Rev. Brian Martin closed in prayer.

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The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00PM

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.

Fellowship Supper

There will be **NO Fellowship Supper in September.**

From the Building and Grounds Committee

Volunteers are needed for the monthly church clean-up. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary. Assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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 Brown, Jean Price, Robby Griffin, Patrick Brown (safety), Logan Hasty, Linda Goodman, Jim McGee, Barb Castner, Shelia Medlin, Wilson Pierce, Irene Mosley, Lynn Dewlyn, Nanci Beebe, Eric Thomas, Josue' Brown(Patrick Brown's stepson), Maggie Thompson, Clara McGee, Marlene

Brown, Hazel Norwood, Phil Mosley, Edith Long(Boyet Twitty's sister), Chris Rankin, Richard Dixon, Lee Wright, Harold Goodman, Family of Ralph Carter (Philip Carter's brother). 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

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!

Little Angels Youth Group

Little Angels had a swimming party at Russell & Tammy Mosley's pool on August 7th. We had a great time swimming, jumping off the diving board and eating pizza and cookies. Even our youngest member, Ella, worked up the courage to jump off the diving board and after that we couldn't keep her off of it. Preacher Paul played with all the children and taught the older kids how to dive. Everyone had a blast! Thank you to Tammy & Russell for sharing their beautiful pool.

Rhonda, Alice & Alisa

Homecoming September 8

Homecoming is at Walkersville Sept 8th. We invite everyone to come and enjoy our celebration that day. Our current preacher, Paul Rankin will deliver the message and our choir will have special music. To top the day, we will have our picnic lunch under "The Oaks". So, tell your family and friends to save the date and bring a "well-filled: picnic basket to share with everyone. God Bless us All as we prepare for this special time in the life of our church.

Operation Reach Out

A special thanks to everyone who donated shoes for the clients at Operation Reach-Out last month. And thanks to all who have signed up to help with lunch. Remember, Walkersville has volunteered to bring lunch on the second Wednesday of each month. September 11th will be our next turn to bless those who are down on their luck. Our focus item for September will be **NEW UNDERGARMENTS**. Cara asks that we bring in Men's (Medium and/or Large) boxers/boxer briefs and Ladies'(Medium) underwear.

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.

Mission and Outreach Committee

Project to Heal Yard Sale - October 12th from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm

Walkersville is once again hosting a yard sale on Saturday, October 12th to benefit Project to Heal. You can bring your yard sale items to the "take-out" room AFTER Chicken and Dumplings on Sept. 21st. Please DO NOT place any items in the Fellowship Hall until after Cane Creek Cruisers have their Square Dance on Tuesday, October 8th. We will need LOTS of help on

Thursday & Friday to get everything priced and ready to sale. Please check your closets and around your home for items to donate and plan to bring them Thursday or Friday.

Chicken and Dumplings

Everyone is excited about our next Chicken and Dumplings on September 21st. Remember that this is always our biggest one, so we'll be trying to stay ahead of the crowd all day long. That means we need everyone's help - more workers, more desserts, more prayers! Let's covenant with each other to pray daily between now and Sept. 21st. And then we can start all over again getting ready for the next one on November 2nd. The January and March dates have not been set so if you have a conflict, please let us know.

Sign up for the Chicken & Dumplings, it will be at the door at the back door of the church. All are very welcome to sign up for something new! All or part of the day.

September 21 is the date.

Memorials to Cemetery Fund

For Larry Thompson

By Eugene and Sue Brantley

Ajean Broome

Irene Mosley

Memorials to Building Fund

For Larry and Maggie Thompson

By Debbie and Dennis Robinson

Women of Walkersville (WOW) News

The Women of Walkersville would like to thank Linda Goodman for leading our Bible Study this past year. We completed *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christenson in July. In August we met and decided to start a new study entitled, *Bad Girls of the Bible: and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies of Walkersville are welcome to join us. If you would like to be a part of the study group, please let Marsha (704-579-2358) know so she can order a book for you. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Youth Room.

BEAUTIFUL FALL! - WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME TO SING!!!

Hoping the heat and humidity are preparing to leave us and that Fall, with its golden leaves and coolness, is ready to make its grand entrance. What beautiful scenery God creates for us and what great blessings He bestows! He has given us the gift of a wonderful new Pastor and his wife and family. Paul and Debbie are bringing such joy and energy into the life of our church. God has also gifted us with music. Our Adult Choir is back in place (with Pastor Paul joining to sing) and we look forward to others stepping out in faith and claiming their seat with the Choir! Adult Choir practice continues to be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We are getting our music ready for our annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 8, 2019, and are looking forward to our church being filled with all our congregation, friends, and families as well as dinner on the grounds after worship. What a day that will be!! In September we will begin working on Christmas music as we plan for our Christmas Cantata scheduled here at Walkersville EPC for Sunday evening, December 15, 2019. Now, every one of you is invited to come and sing a joyful noise!

KIDS CHOIR will resume on Monday afternoon, Sept. 9th, 5-6 PM. Parents are invited to join us at 5:00 PM that day to help determine the best day and time of the week for kids practices ongoing. We have lots to work on - Sunday worship music, our annual program to honor Veterans

in November, and of course we'll be working hard on our Christmas Program scheduled for Sunday evening, December 22, 2019! So much to work on and look forward to! ALL children (Pre-K - Middle School) are invited and needed! Come and bring a friend. Yah - its Fall and time to play, sing and worship!

SEE YOU IN THE CHOIR!!!!

In Christ,
Sue and Marsha

Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance Club

The square dance club will hold an OPEN HOUSE on September 24 to introduce the art of square dancing at 6:30 PM. Anyone that is interested please join us. The club meets every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Feel free to drop in at any time.

Good News and Praises

Keep Paul Rankin in your prayers on his upcoming **EPC Orientation** on September 26 and 27.

It's a Happy Birthday to my favorite daughter-in-law, Debra Twitty from your favorite mother-in-law on Sept 7. God Bless you on your day and my prayers are for many more. Celebrate BIG.....

Glad to have Dennis Robinson back as our Sunday School teacher in the John Knox Sunday School Class.

There are many things going on in our church in the month of September. Congregation lets show our **SUPPORT** with your help when we are asked.

Thank you to the Women of the Church, for donating money to help my 23-year-old son who was involved in an almost fatal motorcycle crash. Praise the Lord, we are now 6 weeks after the accident and Josue has just started walking with a walker, and some help. Please continue to pray we still do not know how much damage has been done to his memories and thought process. Blessings to all of you,
PB

The Bag Lady

© Linda Goodman, August 2013

I was not doing what I wanted to be doing on July 4, 1975. I wanted to be sipping ice tea at the cookout that my boyfriend had invited me to attend. Instead, I was working.

July 4th is a big sales day for retail establishments, and the Portsmouth, Virginia furniture store that employed me was no exception. At 9:00 a.m., I and five of my co-workers stood at the front of the store, waiting to service the hoard of furniture shoppers who were sure to be coming through our doors soon. We worked on the "up" system. Before the store had opened, we had drawn numbers from a basket. The sales person who drew number 1 would attend to the first

customer who came through the door; the one who drew number 2 would attend to the second, and so on. I drew number 4.

Sales persons one and two greeted customers almost immediately. About ten minutes elapsed before customer number 3, a tired looking older woman, walked through the door. This woman looked like someone who had been hit by hard times. She was wearing a ratty winter coat (even though the temperature was in the nineties), flip-flops, and a wide-brimmed straw hat. In her right hand she held a large brown paper grocery bag.

"Do I have to help her?" asked the salesman who had drawn number 3. "She's a bag lady, for Christ's sake!"

The store owner, Mr. S, scrutinized the woman before replying, "She's probably come in to take advantage of our air conditioning. Just ignore her. She'll leave soon enough."

She did not leave, and while I waited for customer number 4, she looked back at us repeatedly.

"Don't you think someone should at least say hello?" I inquired.

"If you talk to her, she'll never leave," Mr. S answered. "She'll monopolize your time and you won't make any sales."

I knew he was probably right, but I looked back at her, and she was staring at me. The puzzled look in her eyes was clearly saying 'why won't you help me?'

She reminded me of my mother. Even after my father had gotten a job that paid well, my mother refused to buy new clothes. "We never know how long the job will last," she reasoned. "I aim to save as much money as I can for that rainy day that's sure to come." I used to wonder why the clerks in the stores where we shopped sometimes ignored her. Now I knew the reason.

I could not look away from this bag lady's eyes. "I'm going to go speak to her," I told Mr. S.

"Go ahead," he sighed. "But don't blame me when everyone else racks up big sales today and you end up with nothing."

I nodded and walked over to the woman. "Hi," I greeted her with a smile. "How can I help you today?"

"I'm looking for a new living room suite, a new dining room suite, and a new bedroom suite." She asserted. "I just got a new apartment."

"Very well," I responded, "come with me and I will show you what we have."

After walking through the living room section three times she finally stopped to ask questions about royal blue velvet sectional that cost \$999.99. She wanted to know what made that sofa worth that much money. I was well-versed on the strengths of that particular suite, so I quickly explained them to her. She nodded, accepting my explanations.

"And those tables," she asked, pointing to the set of 3 chrome and glass tables that accessorized the suite. "What makes them worth \$300.00?"

"They're tempered glass," I enlightened her. "They're four to six times the strength of regular glass, and if the glass breaks it shatters into round pieces that can't cut anyone." "She did not seem impressed, so I added, "These tables are so strong you can stand on them."

"I'm looking for tables that lamps can stand on; not people," she informed me. She pointed to a set of wooden tables across the room. "I'll take those," she said.

By this time, I had been with the woman for forty-five minutes. Meanwhile, sales persons 1, 2, 3, and 5 were closing multiple sales. I silently berated myself to not listening to Mr. S. He had been in this business a lot longer than me. His was the wise voice of experience.

After similarly scrutinizing the dining room furniture, she selected a chrome and glass dining room table with 6 leather chairs. "I might actually want to stand on that sometime," she shared with me. She took over two hours to select a bedroom suite, a French provincial set made of fruitwood. At \$1,549.99, it was the most expensive suite we carried. I invited her to join me at

my desk, but she insisted she needed to choose lamps for her new living room and bedroom suites first.

After another hour had passed, she was satisfied that she had everything she wanted. As I pulled a chair up to my desk for her, I glanced at Mr. S. He was shaking his head. I knew exactly what he was thinking, "I told you so!" I did not relish the thought of the scorching lecture that would soon be coming my way; not to mention the beating I would be giving myself for offering to help this woman.

I took a blank contract from my desk drawer and began to fill it out. She supplied me with her name, address, and phone number (clearly, she was making this stuff up!), but hesitated when I asked for her Social Security number. "What do you need that," she wanted to know.

"I need your Social Security number to get your credit approved," I insisted (like I actually thought she could get approved).

"I'm not buying this on credit!" she thundered. "I'm paying cash."

Mr. S, standing behind me, actually giggled, prompting snickers from the rest of the sales staff.

I ignored them. They could be dealt with later. I needed to get rid of this woman before she ruined my sales for the rest of the day.

"Very well," I said in my most business-like voice, "your total with sales tax comes to \$3,795.96. Since you are paying cash, I won't charge you for delivery. I'll write up your receipt while you go get the money."

"I don't need to go get the money," she smiled. "I got it with me."

She proceeded to open up that brown paper grocery bag sitting beside her. After removing several layers of newspaper, she started lifting banded packs of one-hundred-dollar bills and placing them on my desk. "There's \$3,800. You owe me \$4.04 change," she announced.

I wrote up a delivery slip and sent it back to our warehouse. Mr. S. was speechless, as the sales staff gasped in disbelief. I could hardly believe it myself. This had to be a dream!

But it was not a dream. I escorted her to the front door, and as I opened the door for her, I advised, "You ought to put that money in a bank account. It's not safe to walk around this city with that kind of cash in a paper grocery bag."

A sly smile spread across her face. "Don't you worry about me, Sugar," she reassured me. "Everybody thinks I'm a bag lady."

PERFECT PEACE

By Layne Dewlen

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusted in Thee."
Isa. 26:3

About 23 years ago I had a time where I experienced this wonderful peace that "passes all understanding" (Phil 4:7). I tell it now, hoping it will be a blessing to someone else.

It all started innocently enough with a routine colonoscopy where cancer was discovered. That was the start of a period of about seven weeks when the peace of God was mine.

At the doctor's office with the "good news" I was given some pictures and written material and told to contact a surgeon of my choice as soon as possible. Since I had no prior contact with surgeons, I pulled out the Yellow Pages and called one and set up an appointment. The surgeon accepted my information and set up an appointment for surgery to remove a large portion of my colon.

A couple of days later I called a close friend who was going through the same thing, (and wasn't doing well), and he made me promise not to do as he had done, going to a general surgeon, but to go to the very best cancer specialist I could find. The problem was there were none in my area on our health plan, but one was finally found 85 miles away in Orlando, Fl. An appointment was made and I was told to bring all the material I had been given by the gastroenterologist. Well, at the appointment it was apparent he was not happy with what material I had to show him, and he said to contact the people to send him ALL they had. As a lamb being led to the slaughter I said, "OK", and I consequently did.

About two weeks later the surgeon's office called saying they still didn't have the information needed, so another phone call was made to the pathologists who assured me they would get the information to the surgeon right away. Then with about one week until surgery I received another call saying the doctor still hadn't received the information. Another call to the pathologists with time running out fast, and the assurance again that they were sending it.

During this entire seven-week period of time I had total peace about what I was facing. Here was my close friend dying from the same thing I had been diagnosed with, but I had no fear of what I was facing. I literally didn't think about it, I was in the Lord's hands, and that was good enough for me. I didn't think about it except when I had to make phone calls, etc., otherwise it wasn't on my radar. Even now as I write this, I'm still overwhelmed by the peace I had in that time of trouble.

Anyway, the rest of the story. It was Tuesday I believe, and we were headed to Orlando to sign papers for pre-admittance to the hospital for surgery scheduled on Friday, and to find a place to park the motorhome so Lynn would have a place to stay close to the hospital. We were zooming down the interstate, about half way there, when the cell phone rang. Lynn answered and they wanted to talk to me, so I pulled over to the side of the road and stopped, (as you are supposed to do), and said, "Hello." It was the pathologist's office. My first thought was they still haven't sent the info, but no, the message was that I didn't have cancer. **Well, I told them just what I thought.....**which was, "Thank you, Lord, Praise God, Hallelujah!!!

What happened? I'm not sure, but I believe they messed up two reports and someone else got a good report that wasn't accurate. I'm sure it was the hand of God that had my friend insist I go to a specialist, which played heavily in the end result, but the message in all this? God is still on the throne; He is in charge of our lives and we can have His peace in the midst of the storms of life IF our minds are stayed upon Him. I'd like to leave you with the words of an old, old chorus.

He'll take you through however you're tried,
His tender care, He'll never deny,
So always trust His promises true,
He'll take you through, He'll take you through.
God bless you all, Layne



September Roster

Church Cleanup: Betty Lou Mosley

Committee of Month: Session

Monthly Greeter: Betty Lou Mosley

Nursery Workers:

Sept 01 Rhonda McManus

Sept 08 Nanci Beebe

Sept 15 Jessica Johnston

Sept 22 Rhonda McManus

Sept 29 Nanci Beebe

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

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2019 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Preacher
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

2019 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

September 2019

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Communion	Labor Day	6:30 PM – Cane 3Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice			Homecoming Clean-up Day
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Homecoming	4:00 PM – Children Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	6:30 PM – Cane 3Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 6:30 PM NO Fellowship Supper			
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