



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

JUNE 2021

A Note from the Pastor...

The summer is generally seen as a time to have a change of pace from the rest of the year. I want to give this summer a title: The Summer of Faith. Hebrews 11 is sometimes called the “faith chapter”. The people mentioned throughout this chapter are examples of what it means to live by faith.

What difference does faith make in our lives? We use the word “faith” regularly in the teaching and preaching of the church. We readily agree with its importance. But what does it actually mean to live out our faith in the world in which we live?

We can attempt to meet our societal challenges with faith in people and causes, but we consistently see how ineffective that is. We are able to have faith in science and data, but that is a shallow faith. We run into any number of people who have differences of opinion (and *everyone* seems to have the data to prove their opinion is correct!!). They can’t all be right! How do we react? When it’s all said and done, where have you placed your faith?

Our faith comes from a source that is more powerful than any earthly or manmade source. When we place our faith in the only living and true God, it changes everything. Faith unifies us and draws us closer to God. A Godly faith provides strength when everything around us seems to be falling apart.

The first three verses of Hebrews 11 cover an enormous range of spiritual reality. They take us from Creation to the hope we have of eternal life through Jesus Christ. They tell us that, whether we see it or not, the spiritual world is very real.

In June we will begin to answer some of the questions of faith by looking at the lives of Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham. These men had a faith in God before they knew they were supposed to have a faith in God. Throughout the rest of the summer, we will also take a look into the faith of Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, and Samson. In the end we will see that, through faith in God, people are used by God. That message travels from the lives of these men and women into our lives today. Through our faith in God, we also are used by God and stand shoulder to shoulder with these Hebrews 11 people in the work of the Kingdom of God.

Sermons for June

June 6: Used by God: Abel—Genesis 4:1-5

June 13: Used by God: Enoch—Genesis 5:21-24

June 20: Used by God: Noah—Genesis 6:9-22

June 27: Used by God: Abraham—Genesis 12:1-3; 22:1-18

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 in the Library

Sunday School



Sunday School starting June 6th!

Time: 9:00-9:45

Children (2 years – 5th grade): Debbie Rankin will be leading this group.

After the lesson, the groups will be divided by age for more individual attention for the project and prayer.

Pre-K: Assistant Teacher still needed

Elementary age: Assistant Teacher still needed

6th grade – 8th grade: Tiffany Medlin will be teaching these young adults a co-teacher.



and is in need of

Adults: teacher Layne Dewlen, they will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

The Session of Walkersville EPC met on May20, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Elder's present were Clara McGee, Betty Lou Mosley, Dean Haney, Boyet Twitty and Hazel Norwood with Larry Schott observing.

The meeting was opened with prayer and a word of encouragement by Rev. Paul Rankin.

The minutes from April 15, 2021 were read. Boyet Twitty made a motion to accept as read.

Hazel Norwood seconded and all approved. The minutes from the May 2,2021 Congregational Meeting were also approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds – Cemetery work completed.

Lighting was taken care of.

Discussed drainage problem at the back of the church and the cemetery

Boyet Twitty will let us know something at next meeting

Christian Education – Begin Sunday School back on June 6th at 9:00-9:45

VBS – Will be August 1st thru 4th from 6:00-8:00pm

The volunteer meeting is Sunday June 13th 11:15am

Congregational Care - We encourage the use of the new directory to keep the congregation Connected. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

Mission & Out Reach – Project to Heal received \$2,600.00 from our yard sale

Mission for the month of June is the Shepperd 's Place

September 18, 2021 is the date for the Chicken & Dumpling's if all goes w

Stewardship/Financial Report – Next committee meeting 9/9/21

Financial Report presented. Motion to accept by Clara McGee.
Seconded by Betty Lou Mosley. All appr

Worship – New Elder installation will be June 6, 2021

We have new flags out front

Next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2021

(We encourage everyone to wear a mask when entering and exiting the Sanctuary. They are mask at the back of the church if you need one)

Old Business –

New Business -

There being no further business Clara McGee made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Dean Haney and approved by all.

Paul Rankin closed in prayer.

Rev. Paul Rankin
Moderator

Clara McGee
Clerk of Session

The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

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

With Pastor Paul Rankin Wednesdays at 3:00 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 Debbie Rankin. 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 Debbie to continue to list that person's name.

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, Phil Keys, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde and Ruth Norwood, Travis Price, Troyanne and Mark Hinson, Rick Moser, Beth Simpson, Frank Rogers, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James and Francis Gordon, Sandy Brady, Fran Griffin, Edward Barber, Doug Laney, Linda and Phil Goodman, Wilson Pierce, Paul and Peggy Dvorak, Phil Mosley, Brody Batson, Billy Thompson, Terry McManus, Wendy Rose, Francis Gamble, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Rev. Steve Rembert, Bob Stirton, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert, Hazel, and Bo Starnes, Jenny Wilson and Bob and Brenda O'Kelley.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Glenda Steele and Cass Muchler, Kayleen Rankin's grandma.

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

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

The Congregational Care Committee

Have you noticed Walkersville is sending birthday and anniversary cards to members and friends of the church? The Congregational Care Committee would like to extend this ministry by sending cards to your friends and neighbors who need pray encouragement or to be remembered on their special day. Please let Audrey Schott, 704-774-1691, know their name and address and she will make sure a card is sent.

Fellowship Committee

Please pray how you can serve the Lord Jesus and His ministry here at Walkersville EPC, especially as we look for people to be a part of the Fellowship Committee. If you have a talent for hospitality and organizing, please consider serving on this committee.

Remember Romans 12: 6-8: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for the encouragement of Christian fellowship through various events and activities that they plan and organize. The committee will have regular meetings to discuss these events.

Special events include organizing the quarterly Sunday Fellowship time.

Walkersville EPC Vacation Bible School

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When: Sunday, August 1 – Wednesday, 4 from 6-8:00 p.m.

Please consider being a volunteer. The VBS kick-off meeting will be **Sunday, June 13th 11:15 a.m.**

Please join us if you are interested in helping,
but do not know where to serve.

Video Tech Needed



We need video team for our Sunday morning livestream ministry!!!!

Please encourage people you know who enjoy and understand the internet/ livestreaming/ and video cameras to serve in this area during the Sunday worship service.

Does NOT require a every Sunday commitment!

Jennifer Corley (Campus Outreach update from UNC Chapel Hill)

Spring Semester Coming to a Close...We praise God for the many Face Times, zoom calls, and text conversations with students, but we grieve the lack of face-to-face Bible studies, campus meetings, meals shared, and prayer times.

I am so grateful for the in-person events we were able to have safely and the hope and encouragement they provided. Below are the few of these events from this past semester...

April Campus Meeting...We loved meeting at UNC's on-campus amphitheater for a message about how earthy distractions keep us from contemplating spiritual/eternal realities. One of our student leaders also shared his testimony during this time and afterward we had a time of fellowship over Domino's pizza!

Women's Fellowship Night...UNC and NC State's women's ministries teamed up to plan a worshipful evening of fellowship, prayer, and teaching of the Word. The main message of the night was how we are fully known and deeply loved by our Creator. No other relationship on earth can fulfill this desire we were all created with—to be fully known and deeply loved by God.

Your Prayers Answered!!! Tori Pelt will be joining me this fall on campus to labor alongside me...Thank you for your faithful prayers!

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

June

Todd Twitty-5

Tommy, Jr & Debbie Norwood-6/9/96

Brooklyn Hardy-14

Ivey Hardy-15

Rachel Bartel-17

Savannah McManus-19

Hayley Norwood-19

Ruth Norwood-26

Sue Thornton-26

Mark & Allison Batson-6/26

Amy Thompson-27

Phyllis Norwood-28

Debbie Norwood-28

Natalie Rogers-28

Lindsey Presson-29

Congratulations to Dr. Eric Bartel. He received his doctorate degree from Talbot School of Theology at Biola University on May 7, 2021. Walkersville is proud of you and your hard work.

Congratulations to Rachel Bartel who graduates high school from South Lake Christian Academy in Huntersville, NC on May 28, 2021. Rachel will be attending Baylor University in the Fall.

WHERE IS YOUR CITIZENSHIP?

By Layne Dewlen

As I was walking the other day, the thought of my citizenship came to me. I've always thought of myself as a proud American, and thankful for what I believed to be a great blessing of being born in the USA. After all, there was only one land of the free, and home of the brave. However, the America that I knew and of which I was proud to be apart, seems to have been hijacked, and now is in the process of being disassembled, to be reassembled later as part of the Marxist New World Order. I imagine it's like watching a loved one destroying themselves day by day, and not having a way to stop it. This is what is seen by our natural eyes.

God on the other hand has a completely different view. He says we are in this world, but not of it. We are aliens from a different planet called Heaven. That is where our citizenship is, that is home. We are Christ's Ambassadors to a foreign planet, staying for a short while in a nation called the United States of America.

Is it easy? No. As an alien our ways, talk, desires, goals, and thinking are different from those who have a world citizenship, and as such we become the target. So be it. God is watching over us.

There's an old song we used to sing when I was a kid that came to mind as I walked and fits so well with these thoughts. The name is "Hold the Fort."

1-Ho, my comrades! See the signal, Waving in the sky! Reinforcements now appearing, victory is nigh.

Chorus – "Hold the fort, for I am coming," Jesus signals still; Wave the answer back to heaven, "By Thy grace we will.

2-See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading on; Mighty men around us falling, Courage almost gone!

3-See the glorious banner waving! Hear the trumpet blow! In our Leader's name we'll triumph over every foe.

4-Fierce and long the battle rages, but our help is near; Onward comes our great Commander, Cheer, my comrades, cheer.

Luke 21: 34-36, look it up.

HOLD THE FORT! DON'T GIVE UP, THE BATTLE IS ALMOST OVER! MARANATHA!



June Roster

Committee of Month: Stewardship

Nursery Workers:

- June 06 Ivey Hardy
- June 13 Rhonda McManus
- June 20 Jessica Johnston
- June 27 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

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

2021 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	Class of 2023
Larry Schott	704-774-1691	Class of 2024
Bob Stirton	704-361-4888	Class of 2024
Boyet Twitty	704-351-0833	Class of 2022
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	Class of 2023

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate	
Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2021 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	Marsha Stirton Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

June 2021

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