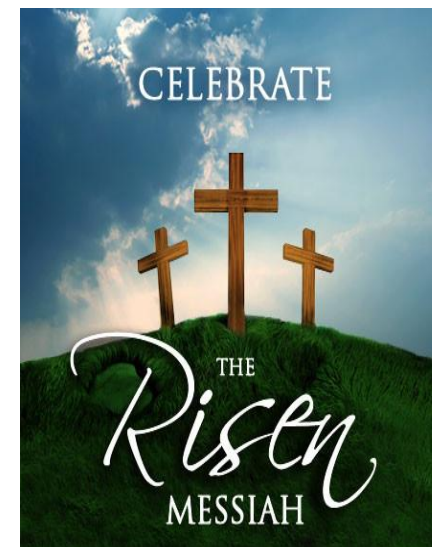


Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

APRIL 2018

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Birthdays In April

Happy Birthday to You!



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| 1- Gregory Miller | 21- Mickey Wells |
| 8- Kristin Robison Cottle | 25- Elizabeth Wells Merritt |
| 9- Brian Burroughs | 26- Ginger Black |
| Kelli Norris | 28- Sara Cooper |
| Mary Laine Rouse | 29- Vann Blake |
| 10- John Bullard | 30- Eduardo Moreno |
| 11- Mary Kellan Creech | Sam Rose |
| 19- Joey Fussell | |



COMMUNITY EARLY EASTER SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

7:00 am

First Baptist Church, Wallace
Breakfast following service

Easter Worship Service

11:00 am

Wallace Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir will present
"He Is Alive!"

Words and Music by
Joel Raney





Dear Friends,

Have you seen the internet meme with the picture of the rascally looking raccoon? He has his paws folded and a little grin on his face. The caption reads “Easter and April Fool’s are on the same day. Tell your kids to search for eggs you didn’t hide!” It seems strange to have Easter fall on April Fool’s Day. Maybe that’s because it doesn’t happen very often, only four times in the 20th century (1923, 1934, 1945, and 1956). Easter and April Fool’s Day will both occur on the same day only two more times in the 21st century (2029, 2040).

Somehow it seems appropriate to celebrate Easter on April Fool’s Day, since the forty day season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 14, Valentine’s Day. Putting aside any sentiment and romance associated with chocolates and red roses, we might say the day of love was a fitting way to begin the Lenten season in which we have contemplated the great cost of God’s love for us in Jesus Christ.

Early church theologians such as St. Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom spoke about how God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. That’s a much better joke than telling your kids to look for Easter eggs you didn’t hide! In 15th century Bavaria, priests developed

a custom of sharing funny stories in their Easter sermons to get their parishioners to laugh and celebrate. The tradition became known as the “*risus paschalis*,” which is Latin for “the Easter laugh.” However, Pope Clement X (1670-1675) prohibited the “*risus paschalis*” because he thought it was being abused.

Martin Luther, the 16th century Reformer, wrote, “If you’re not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don’t want to go there” and “You have as much laughter as you have faith.” Our forefather in the Presbyterian faith, John Calvin, reminds us that “We are nowhere forbidden to laugh.” The Easter laugh is not making light of the serious events of Holy Week. Instead, we can rejoice that God did play such a great joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. In Matthew’s Easter story, he tells us that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary hurried away from the empty tomb to share the good news with the disciples, “afraid yet filled with joy.” I wonder if the two Marys couldn’t help but laugh a little bit as they ran to find the disciples. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

On Sunday, April 1, I will celebrate my 20th year as your pastor. It is an honor, privilege, and joy to serve Jesus Christ with the good saints of the Wallace Presbyterian Church. And that’s no joke!

HAPPY EASTER!

In Christ,

Phil



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, March 20, 2018 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Curt Simpson;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * read and discussed God’s Word in Matthew 24:45-51 and reading by N. T. Wright;
- * approved a recommendation from the Sabbatical Planning Team that Rev. Cynthia Williams be hired by the session to serve as Stated Supply Pastor (20 hours per week) from June 1 - September 2018 while Dr. Philip Gladden is on sabbatical leave;
- * approved minutes from the February 20, 2018 session meeting;
- * approved a request from Michael and Ellie Newton to have their son, Jack Taylor, baptized on Sunday, April 29, 2018;
- * heard a report from Zach Casteen, Youth Ministry Leader;
- * were informed that Curt Simpson, Dan Robinson, Nell Sloan, and Christy Johnson will lead Opening Assembly on a rotating basis;
- * endorsed the publicity of and participation in “Meet Me at the Bridge,” a ministry to the homeless in Durham, NC, at the request of Elder Nell Sloan;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Dr. Philip Gladden.



WORSHIP LEADERS IN APRIL

SUNDAY

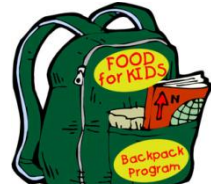
April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

ELDER

Curt Simpson
Susan Walters
Dan Robinson
Curt Simpson
Linda Burroughs

PREACHER

Philip Gladden
Philip Gladden
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FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, APRIL 22

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries
Contributions from individuals, twenty plus churches, foundations,
and other organizations provide lunches and weekend food to schoolchildren.
Thanks for your contributions!

Feed the Hungry Children/Backpack Buddies

Do you have a couple of hours a month to make a difference in the lives of local children? If so, the Backpack Buddies program needs your help. You would be working with other volunteers filling and distributing the backpacks (with food) to area schools to give identified children nourishment on the weekends. If you are called to work on this worthwhile ministry, please contact Cheryl in the office. Joe Tillman, or Susan Walters.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism twice in the month of April.

April 15: Rowan Wayne Casteen, son of Grayson and Ashton Casteen

April 29: Jack Taylor Newton, son of Michael and Ellie Newton



April



04/01: Lydia Woodard & Gerri Hanson
04/08: Georgia & Nate Farrior
04/15: Nettie Batchelor & Andrea Casteen
04/22: Madelyn Coombs & Hope Turnbull
04/29: Susan & Ellie Carone

05/06: Gloria & Dave Wells
05/13: Ann Carter & Fred Burroughs
05/20: Freddy & Rhonda Hall
05/27: Stanley & Lindsay Skidmore

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

04/01: Elizabeth & James Sills
04/08: Ellie Carone & Kennedy Thompson
04/15: Madelyn Coombs & Windsor Farrior
04/22: Cameron & Reese Blue
04/29: Garrett Bullard & Robert Coombs

Dan Robinson, Leader
Tim Peppe
RJ Peppe
Joyce Ange
Chuck Farrior
Kevin Johnson



GREETERS

04/01: Art & Cheryl Raymond
04/08: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives
04/15: Joe Tillman & Judy Holley
04/22: Emily Saunders & Georgia Longest
04/29: Leon & Jewel Wells

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

April 1-15: Bill Carone
April 16-30: Jack Blackney

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **We will receive** our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, April 1. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. This offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self Development of People Program. Thank you!

* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, April 2 in observance of Easter.

* **Presbyterian Men** will meet at the Rockfish Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome.

* **Basic Bible 101:** Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About the Bible but Were Afraid to Ask! meets on Monday nights (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) and Tuesday mornings (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.

* **We will receive** our Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, April 22.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)
June Blalock (Rosemary)
Kelsea Webster (home)



Greetings from the Youth!

We had a lot of fun in March! The middle school Presbytery retreat at Kirkwood was a huge success! James Sills, and Ayden Fussell went as campers, and Elizabeth Sills and Ellie Carone went as leaders for the weekend. Pictures of the event can be found in the hallway adjacent to the PEP room.

Information on upcoming youth events and pictures from past events can be found on a bulletin board in the hallway exiting the Currie building.

The youth will be having a bagged lunch fundraiser after church on April 15. Please contact Susie Bullard, or Danielle Sills for information on reserving a lunch.

April 11 – Confirmation 7-8:15pm

April 15 – Bagged Lunch Fundraiser after church
Youth Group 5-7pm

April 18 – Confirmation 7-8:15pm

April 22 – Confirmation 2-4pm
Youth Group 4-6pm

April 25 – Confirmation 7-8:15pm

April 29 – Youth Group 5-7pm

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to help with our youth program, please contact Zach@wallacepresbyterian.com.

In Christ,
Zach Casteen



APRIL-MAY SCHEDULE

(Fellowship Hall: Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.)

Monday, April 16/Tuesday, April 17

The Acts of the Apostles: Some have suggested this NT book could be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." Why? What is Acts all about? We'll find out what Luke's second volume tells us about the spread of the gospel "to the ends of the earth."

Monday, April 23/Tuesday, April 24

The Apostle Paul: Who was he? What does the Book of Acts tell us about him? What does Paul tell us about himself? Why was/is he so important in Christianity?

Monday, April 30/Tuesday, May 1

The Letters in the New Testament: a general introduction to how letters were used in New Testament times (their form, purpose, etc.). We will start looking at some of Paul's letters and also review the geography of Paul's missionary journeys.

Monday, May 7/Tuesday, May 8

"To all God's beloved in _____, who are called to be saints . . ." We will learn more about Paul's letters and the people to whom he wrote them.

Monday, May 14/Tuesday, May 15

The other letters of the New Testament: We will look at the letters of Peter, James, John, and Jude and learn from them about the development of the church at the end of the first century A.D.

Monday, May 21/Tuesday, May 22

The Revelation to John (Apocalypse): "I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'" (Revelation 1:11) Why was this strange book written? Can we hope to understand it? Does it have any meaning for us today? How has Revelation been used and mis-used through the centuries?



Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries has added a new ministry. “Senior Adult Ministry”. The ministry involves visiting with residents in area nursing homes, especially with residents who do not receive regular visits from family members or friends. Contact with Administrator and/ or Activity Director concerning the patient’s need is completed prior to the visit. The needed items are limited to undergarments and personal hygiene items.

If you would like to join the visiting team or learn more about the ministry, please call 285-6000. Items that are needed for the hygiene bags are: soap, lotion, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, tooth brushes, denture cleaner, body wash. You also can donate money to help purchase additional clothing items.



Happy Easter

confirmation | 2018

Confirmation 2018 Meets In April

Wednesday, April 11 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 22 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Confirmand

Piper Moore
Reese Blue
James Sills
Kennedy Thompson
William Powell
Henry Moore
Ayden Fussell

Elder Mentor

Christy Johnson
Geneva Maready
Nell Sloan
Dottie Obenour
Curt Simpson
Dan Robinson
Clay Blue



MONTREAT
conference center

The youth will be doing a bag lunch fundraiser on Sunday, April 15. The funds raised will be used to cover the costs for Montreat. Please help support the youth at Montreat. Thank You!

MONTREAT BOUND!!

Youth Bag Lunch Fundraiser

Name _____

Chicken Salad _____

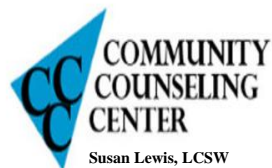
Ham & Cheese _____

Peanut Butter & Jelly _____

Pimento Cheese _____

Please mark how many of each kind

Includes: Sandwich, Chip, Dessert and Drink



CENTERPOINT

My mother turns 90 years old in a few months. She continues to live by herself and manage fine with the family checking in from time to time. Recently, however, her doctor of many years announced he is relocating his practice, and my mother must find a new doctor. The family made inquiries and scheduled an “interview appointment” with a potential candidate.

The new doctor passed the test. She not only listened attentively to my mother’s concerns about aging, but also surprised my mother by saying she makes house calls when circumstances require. The new doctor definitely passed the test!

The experience underscores the critical importance of health providers’ willingness to listen. Especially in the work of counseling, the key ingredient is listening to clients. But few people actually have the experience of truly being heard anywhere. In the midst of a session, a seemingly simple question can result in tears of sudden, new understanding that bring welcome relief. The individual senses being heard.

Are there things in your life you want to talk about? You will be heard at the Center! Call the Center at 910-452-7370. Visit at www.wantcounseling.com “Like” the Community Counseling Center on Facebook.

Jonathan Kelley, Counselor



Sunday School Assembly

Sunday School Assembly starts at 9:40 am every Sunday morning in the sanctuary. We sing a couple of hymns, recognize birthdays, and have a short devotion. Please come join us. It's a great time for fellowship before Sunday School, and everyone is invited. If you would like to do a devotion, please let Curt Simpson or Nell Sloan know.

The Community Counseling Center

is hosting a

Plant Sale

**Saturday, April 14th,
from 8 to 11 am.**

4810 Wrightsville Avenue

Johnson Nursery will be offering a wonderful selection of beautiful Spring plants!

Cash or check only

The Center receives 100% of proceeds!





5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING
Sunday, April 29

This offering helps underwrite the costs of maintaining the physical plant that provides needed space for the many ministries of our congregation. Thank you for your support!

*"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
1 Peter 2:5*



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Easter Sunday
April 1

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Easter Sunday, April 1. All who have been baptized and put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord are welcome at the table.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Lou Hoffler Bright on her death February 27, 2018.
Bill and Kelli Norris and their family on the death of Bill's brother, Jason Norris on March 5, 2018.
The family of Jim Alexander on his death March 6, 2018.
Tanya Robinson and her family on the death of her mother, Louise Brinson, on March 21, 2018.



**Come Join Us For a
BARBECUE SUPPER!**
on Friday, April 20, 2018
6:00 pm

**Come and enjoy the fun,
fellowship, and BBQ!**

\$12.50 Adult
\$6.00 (Children under 10)

**Tickets will be required and may be purchased
from any the following members:**
Georgia Longest, Mary Carone, Geneva Maready,
Linda Burroughs, Vanessa Ward,
Gerri Hanson, Brenda Long, Darleen Weller, or Dottie
Obenour.

Food provided by
The Rose Hill Restaurant
Entertainment provided by
Plus Three

April 2018

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- WPC Calendar
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- lee@wallacepresbyterian.com
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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