



NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

APRIL 2014

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**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18
7:30 P.M.**

**A SERVICE OF READINGS,
MUSIC, COMMUNION, AND
CONTEMPLATION OF JESUS
CHRIST'S DEATH FOR
OUR SINS**



**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

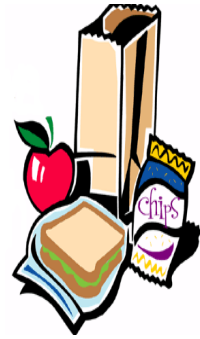
7:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Wallace

11:00 a.m.

Wallace Presbyterian Church

**He is
Risen
Risen**



**Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church**

“Meet and Eat at Noon”

**Wednesday, April 2, 2014
12:00 Noon**

Steve Paes

will be our guest speaker

Bring a sandwich

Drink & Dessert will be provided

Birthdays In April



Happy Birthday to you!



- 1- Terry Tate
- Gregory Miller
- 8- Kristin Robison
- 9- Brian Burroughs
- Kelli Norris
- 10- John Bullard
- 15- Dr. Jack Robinson
- 19- Joey Fussell

- 21- Mickey Wells
- 22- Mark Turnbull
- 25- Elizabeth Wells Merritt
- 27- Myree Bland
- 28- Sara Cooper
- 29- Vann Blake
- 30- Eduardo Moreno
- Sam Rose



Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday, April 20, I will have the privilege of preaching about Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. My sermon text will be Mark 16:1-8. In my study Bible, verses 9-20 are referred to as "The Longer Ending of Mark," and include some summary statements about Jesus appearing to the women and disciples. These concluding verses also contain statements about handling snakes and drinking deadly things, neither of which I plan to do during our Easter celebration!

If Mark 16:8 is the final verse in Mark's original gospel, it certainly is a strange way to end a gospel: "So they [the women] went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Why would Mark end his gospel with this unusual story? We tend to sanitize and domesticate the Easter story along the lines of "Oh, isn't it nice that Jesus rose again?" We think in terms of lilies and spring and Easter clothes and ham for Easter lunch. But Christ's resurrection means the defeat of sin and death. His resurrection means we have hope for the future, after we die, and hope and inspiration for today, in a world that can be terrifying and amazing. The women at the tomb that first Easter Sunday surely didn't expect to find the tomb empty. What we know to be the greatest good news of all time must have upset them — "He is not here."

Obviously, the women did tell Jesus' disciples and others the good news. Otherwise, we wouldn't be celebrating Easter on April 20. That leaves us with what to do with the end of Mark's gospel. Could it be that Mark is writing for us and anyone else who reads his story? Mark seems to be asking, "What will you do with this terrifying, amazing, wonderful, unsettling news, that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead?"

What will we do with the Easter message, not just on Sunday, April 20, but every day? As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. . . . Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

On April 1 (no foolin'!) I will begin my seventeenth year as your minister. I am profoundly grateful to God and all of you for the joy and opportunity to work together in ministry and mission as the Wallace Presbyterian Church. God bless you!

Happy Easter!

Phil



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, March 18 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * were led in a devotional and opening prayer by Elder Bill Walters;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God's Word in Matthew 23:1-12;
- * prayed for members of our congregation and community;
- * listened to Andrea Casteen's profession of faith in Jesus Christ and approved her request to be baptized on Sunday, April 6, 2014;
- * approved the request of Zach and Andrea Casteen to have their daughter, Adlyn Jo, baptized on Sunday, April 6, 2014;
- * approved the minutes of the February 18, 2014 session meeting;
- * heard a report from Elders Bill Saunders and Pat Barrow and Rev. Philip on the March 8 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * received thank you notes from Hampton Hall (contribution to mission trip), Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries (contribution of \$1250), Presbyterian World Mission Agency (contribution of \$1,824.37 for Ellingtons), and Lorna Stevens (contribution for contribution to aid her family in the Philippines in their recovery);
- * approved a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Ministry Team to accept a bid of \$2800 from Jenkins Painting (to power wash, caulk, paint exterior of manse; scrape/paint three louvers on rear of Currie Building);
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder John Green.



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR APRIL

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
April 6	Zach Casteen	Philip Gladden
April 13	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
April 20	Bill Saunders	Philip Gladden
April 27	Karla Casteen	Philip Gladden



It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.
St Francis of Assisi

SERMON TEXTS FOR APRIL

Please pray for our congregation and minister as we prepare to hear God's Word read and proclaimed in April and during our Easter celebration.

Date	Text	Theme
April 6	Mark 12:13-17	The Church & Society
April 13	Mark 11:1-11	Palm Sunday
April 20	Mark 16:1-8	Easter Sunday The Resurrection



MINISTER ON CONTINUING EDUCATION LEAVE

Philip Gladden will be on Continuing Education leave Tuesday - Thursday, April 29 - May 1 at the Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg, NC. This will be a time for sermon and worship planning and prayer. Please contact Susie Bullard, Clerk of Session, in an emergency.



NURSERY WORKERS

- 04/06: Watts & Tracey Carr
- 04/13: Andrea Casteen & Lydia Woodard
- 04/20: Clay & Noel Blue
- 04/27: Freddy & Rhonda Hall

- 05/04: Pam Teachey & Georgette Thompson
- 05/11: Kevin & Christy Johnson
- 05/18: Chuck & Gina Farris
- 05/25: Blake & Leah Wallace



- Freddy Hall, Leader
- Harvey Knowles Rich Phaneuf
- Wayne Casteen



GREETERS

- 04/06: Jewel & Leon Wells
- 04/13: Jay & Joey Fussell
- 04/20: Judy Holley & Violet Lanier
- 04/27: Cindy Barrow & Rebecca Eaddy

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

- 04/06: Joe Wallace & Kendrick Minchew
- 04/13: Raechel Woodard & Cameron Blue
- 04/20: Madison & Garrett Bullard
- 04/27: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill for dinner and Bible study. All men are invited to attend.
- * **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April, 6 (11:00 am) and Friday, April 18 (7:30 pm).
- * **We will celebrate** the sacrament of Adult baptism (Andrea Casteen) and infant baptism (Adlyn Jo Casteen) on Sunday, April 6.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to the elders on the appropriate Ministry Teams or the minister.
- * **The church office** will be closed Monday, April 21, in observance of the Easter holiday.
- * **There will be** no Tuesday morning SonRise service on April 29 or Bible study on April 30. Philip Gladden will be on Continuing Education leave.



- Hospital & at home:**
- Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)**
- Myree Bland (home)**
- Judy Robinson (home)**

- Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)**
- Kelsea Webster (home)**



Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in April

**Sunday, April 6, 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of the Quarter**

**Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Service**



P.E.P. (Presbyterian Enrichment Program)

The P.E.P. students are enjoying Spring and the warm weather after a cold winter. Coming up in April, we will be celebrating Easter. Not only will we celebrate with bunnies and eggs, but we will take time to focus on the real meaning of Easter: the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Spring also mean registration for P.E.P. Preregistration for church members and current P.E.P. families begins April 1 for 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. If interested contact me at the church number. 4 year old class—students must be 4 by August 31 and 3 year old class—students must be 3 by August 31. Also, remember Sunday, April 27, is P.E.P. Sunday.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to your P.E.P. School. Your prayers, monetary gifts, and all other gifts are all used to teach these beautiful children that Jesus loves so dearly.

Rebecca King, Director

Rebecca



*Praying the Psalms in Lent
A Lenten Bible Study
Sunday, April 6 and 13 4:00 p.m.
Room 304
(Alternative Sunday School Classroom)*

The Psalms have been a special source of prayer and reflection during the season of Lent for centuries. Join us as we pray through six selected psalms on the Sundays of Lent. This will be a time of sincere reflection, prayer, and fellowship as we prepare for our celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Bring your Bible and a friend and spend some time with God's Word and fellow believers.

April 6	Psalm 130	Trusting the Lord in Times of Trouble
April 13	Psalm 143	A Prayer in Times of Danger

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

- * Dean and Gerri Hanson on the death of Dean's father in Minnesota;
- * Jim and Sharon Robison on the deaths of her stepmother and sister in South Carolina;
- * The family of Emma Richards on her death;
- * Bill Buckley and family on the death of his sister, Isabelle Buckley;
- * Dianne McNamara and her family on the death of her father in South Carolina.
- * Jerry and Libby Godwin on the death of her father, George Dolin;
- * John and Andrea Dixon on the death of his mother, Angelene Dixon.



Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, April 6

Adult Baptism: Andrea Bentley Casteen

Infant Baptism: Adlyn Jo Casteen



Presbyterian Women of Coastal Carolina

SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 5

Culdee Presbyterian Church

West End, NC

Registration begins at 9:00

Business/Plenary begins at 10:00

Please call Cindy @ 910/284-0225 if you are interested in attending.



“A Quiet Place”

is available for your use — for prayer, for meditation, for small group meetings, for contemplation, for Bible reading

“A Quiet Place” is located off the Fellowship Hall and is available for private prayer, quiet reflection, and group devotional meetings. A prayer journal is available, as well as a CD player and spiritual CD’s.

Jesus said to them, “Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.”

Mark 6:31



Easter Sunday, April 20

The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of people. Church World Service, a division of the National Council of Churches, with overseas partner churches and church councils are often the first on the scene following a disaster of natural or human origin. Local church leaders identify the needs of their people. Priorities are set to bring long-term solutions that will improve the quality of life for individuals and communities around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing, nearly 50 years old, continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

Thank you for your generous contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Wallace Presbyterian Planning Calendar

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



PRESBYTERIAN MEN
Tuesday, March 1
7:00 pm
Oak Plain Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Men will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00 pm, at Oak Plain Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill. This fellowship group meets on the first Tuesday night of each month September-May. All men are welcome and encouraged to enjoy good food, good fellowship, and Bible study.

April 1 Oak Plain PC, Rose Hill
 May 6 Potts Memorial, Penderlea
 September 2 Rockfish PC, Wallace
 October 7 Wallace PC, Wallace
 November 4 Mt. Zion, Rose Hill
 December 2 Christmas Party

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30 am: Coffee & Doughnuts-Room 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 7:00 pm: Presbyterian Men Oak Plain Presbyterian Church	2 10:00 am: Bible study, Room 304 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	3 12:05 pm: Community Lenten /Worship & Luncheonm Wallace UMC	4	5
6 5th Sunday in Lent 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship with Baptisms & Communion 4:00 pm: Lenten Study, "Praying the Psalms" Room 304	7 10:30 am: Circle #1: Room 304	8 6:30 am: Coffee & Doughnuts-Room 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 10:00 am: Circle #3: Laura Green 7:00 pm: Circle #4: Cindy Barrow	9 10:00 am: Bible study, Room 304 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	10 12:05 pm: Community Lenten /Worship & Luncheonm Wallace UMC	11	12
13 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship 4:00 pm: Lenten Study, "Praying the Psalms" Room 304	14	15 6:30 am: Coffee & Doughnuts-Room 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 6:00 pm: Session Meeting, Room 304	16 10:00 am: Bible study, Room 304 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	17 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm: Living Last Supper Wallace UMC, Fellowship Hall	18 Good Friday 7:30 pm: Good Friday Service with Communion, WPC	19
20 Resurrection/Easter 7:00 am: Early Easter Service, 1st Baptist 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship/One Great Hour of Sharing Offg.	21 Church office closed	22 6:30 am: Coffee & Doughnuts-Room 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304	23 10:00 am: Bible study, Room 304 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 P.E.P. SUNDAY 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship	28	29 No SonRise Worship Minister on Continuing Education Leave	30 No Bible Study 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Choir Practice Minister on Continuing Education Leave			

April 2014

