

**Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church**

“Meet and Eat at Noon”

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

12:00 Noon

Guest Speaker

Becky Boney

Working with Stained Glass

Bring a sandwich

Drink & Dessert will be provided



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

JANUARY 2016

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall



Birthdays In January

Happy Birthday to you!!

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| 1. Joann Phillips | 17. Nick Baker |
| 2. Will Fussell | 18. Obbie Clemmons |
| 5. Fred Burroughs | Joey Brinkley |
| Caroline Goffena | 19. Jamie Alexander |
| 6. Will Richards | 20. Eddie Bowman |
| 8- Jacob Hargrove | 22. Tracey Carr |
| 9- Megan Strickland | 24. Sharon Moore |
| 10. Mike Teachey | 25. Rob Lanier |
| 11. Curtis Simpson | 27. Lindley Barrow |
| 15. Annie Johnson | 29. Mary Browder |
| Diane Knowles | Cindy Barrow |
| 16. Cathy Wells | 31- Dianne McNamara |



Presbyterian Elders in Prayer

On Saturday, January 16, our elders and minister will be on their annual session retreat. This year’s retreat will be held at the Wallace Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Our session will be worshiping, praying, studying the Bible, enjoying fellowship, and seeking to discern God’s will for our congregation. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers. They will be praying for you!



Dear Friends,
Happy New Year!

In 1965, a movie called "The Greatest Story Ever Told" was released. Max von Sydow starred as Jesus Christ, with Claude Rains as King Herod and Charlton Heston as John the Baptist. Although the movie was only about the life of Jesus from his birth in Bethlehem to his resurrection from the dead (the story in the New Testament), the entire Bible can be called "the greatest story ever told." That's what the Bible is — one great story of God's mighty acts and his salvation in Jesus Christ. The one great story is made up of many stories within the story.

The same is true of our church. Our congregation marked its 131st anniversary in November 2015. What a story we can tell at WPC! However, within that great story are many, many stories of faithful individuals who have trusted God's promises and served him faithfully through the years. Now we are making the stories that will be told in years to come.

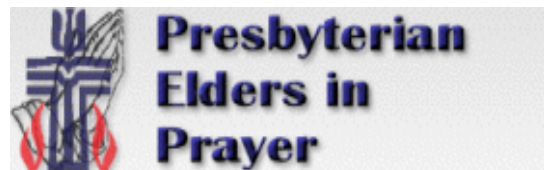
One of my favorite parts of elder training is hearing the stories of faith of men and women who have been called by God and elected by you to serve as spiritual leaders in our congregation. Everyone has a

story to tell! This year your session wants to help all of us tell more of our stories — stories of how Jesus Christ makes a difference in our lives, stories of how God is at work in and among us, stories of God's unexpected and amazing grace.

On the annual session retreat on January 16, the elders and I will work on a "narrative" budget, which is exactly what it sounds like — it's a "story" budget. We will use the 2016 line item budget and reshape it into the story of this congregation so we will all have a better idea and appreciation of what a difference Jesus Christ and our church can and does make in peoples' lives.

The old hymn says, "I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love." This year we will tell that story — and we will tell the story of seen things right here in our midst, the story of the difference Jesus Christ makes in our lives.

In Christ,



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, December 15, 2015 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Harriet Farris;
- * sang Christmas carols, enjoyed Christmas treats, and heard the Christmas story read from Luke 2:1-20;
- * examined elders-elect in preparation for their ordination and installation as members of the Class of 2018 on Sunday, January 3;
- * approved minutes from the October 20, 2015 stated meeting;
- * approved a request from the minister for vacation days, December 29-31, 2015;
- * received thank-you notes from Friends of Kirkwood and The Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington for continued financial assistance;
- * heard a report from Elder George Francis and Rev. Philip Gladden about the December 5, 2015 called meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * discussed plans to compile a narrative/missional budget to present to the congregation in the first quarter of 2016;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Dottie Obenour.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN JANUARY



DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
January 3	Joell Parker	Philip Gladden
January 10	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
January 17	George Francis	Philip Gladden
January 24	Jim Sills	Philip Gladden
January 31	Rick Batchelor	Philip Gladden



Class of 2016
Rick Batchelor
Zach Casteen
Harriet Farris
Dottie Obenour
Joell Parker

Class of 2017
Wayne Casteen
Vera Coombs
George Francis
Jim Sills
Brenda Long

Class of 2018
Nick Baker
Ann Carter
Nell Sloan
Joe Tillman
Susan Walters



On Sunday, January 3, the session will ordain and install five elders in the Class of 2018. To be ordained and installed: Nick Baker and Susan Walters. To be installed (previously ordained and served as elders): Ann Carter, Nell Sloan, and Joe Tillman.



Thank you to members of the Session's Class of 2015 who have faithfully served our Lord and our congregation for three years: Susie Bullard (Clerk of Session), Bill Walters, John Green, and Curt Simpson.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**



An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries During the 2014-2015 school year, this ministry received \$31,229 in contributions from individuals and twenty-five churches, foundations, and other organizations. 5,788 food packs (11,576 meals) were given to schoolchildren. Thanks for your contributions!



Hospital & at home: Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)
Myree Bland (home) Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home) Kelsea Webster (home)



NURSERY WORKERS

JANUARY



Jim Robison, Leader
Dave Wells Clay Blue
Roger Coombs

- 01/03: Rhonda and Freddy Hall
- 01/10: Georgette, Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
- 01/17: Christy and Kevin Johnson
- 01/24: Roger and Madelyn Coombs
- 01/31: Gina and Chuck Farrior

- 02/07: Susan & Ellie Carone
- 02/14: Danielle & Jim Sills
- 02/21: Rich & Keri Phaneuf
- 02/28: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

- 01/03: Cameron & Reese Blue
- 01/10: Garrett Bullard & Ellie Carone
- 01/17: Anna Grace Carr & Madelyn Coombs
- 01/24: Mary Kellan & Rance Creech
- 01/31 Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier

CHURCH NEWS For Your Information

- * **The church office** will be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Year.
- * **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 3.
- * **Members of the Session's Class of 2018** will be ordained and installed during worship on Sunday, January 3.
- * **Tuesday morning SonRise Worship** will resume on Tuesday, January 5 in Room 304 (coffee at 6:30 a.m., worship from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.).
- * **Wednesday morning Bible study** will resume on Wednesday, January 6 in the Church Office Building.
- * **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rockfish Presbyterian Church. All men are welcome for supper, fellowship, and Bible study.
- * **The Sound Retreat Planning Committee** will meet on Sunday, January 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Office Building.
- * **The session** will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 19 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** these special offerings in January: January 24 — Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry; January 31 — 5th Sunday Building Offering.

GREETERS

- 01/03: Bill & Susan Walters
- 01/10: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone
- 01/17: Rick & Nettie Batchelor
- 01/24: Dave & Gloria Wells
- 01/31: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

- January 1-15: Charley Farrior
- January 16-31: Curt Simpson



HOW CAN YOU HELP? 2016 Session Ministry Teams

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit . . . To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. . . Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:4, 7, 27)

Much of the ongoing work and ministry of the Wallace Presbyterian Church is handled through the eight session Ministry Teams. At the January session meeting, the session will be drawing up lists of potential Ministry Team members. The session needs your help.

Please review the responsibilities of the session Ministry Teams and indicate your top three choices for service. Each Ministry Team has an elder as chairperson and one or more elders as members. Ministry Team membership ranges from 8-12 members total. Every attempt will be made to honor your preference for service in 2016.

Thanks for your involvement in the life of our congregation!

Responsibilities of Ministry Teams

Christian Education: work in planning and overseeing the entire Christian Education program (e.g., Sunday School, youth groups, outdoor ministries, confirmation, LOGOS, etc.); recruit and train Sunday School teachers and youth leaders.

Building and Grounds: oversee the maintenance and development of the physical plant and grounds; be responsible for opening and closing the building on Sundays and at other times when needed; develop a long-range building and grounds maintenance plan.

Personnel: oversee all personnel matters; propose policy changes in personnel handbook as needed; conduct annual reviews of church staff.

Worship: oversee the worship life of the congregation; be responsible for ushers and nursery workers, sanctuary guild, Kirkwood Sunday, community Advent services, communion, pulpit supply.

Stewardship and Finance: oversee the financial matters of the congregation; prepare and submit the annual budget in consultation with the committees; provide for the annual audit of church accounts; evaluate and propose special offerings; be responsible for the Stewardship luncheon and program on the first Sunday of November; develop a year-round program of Stewardship education for the congregation.

Congregational Care: oversee the spiritual nurture and pastoral care of the congregation; work with/oversee Presbyterians Dining Together (PDT); develop and implement a new member

identification, support, and assimilation program (e.g., identification, initial contacts, welcome baskets, follow-up contacts, new member classes, sponsors, etc.); work with the minister to develop and offer spiritual nurture opportunities (e.g., retreats, studies, etc.); congregational communication (e.g., website, e-mail communications, etc.).

Outreach: oversee the outreach ministries of our congregation, including the Helping Hands Food Pantry, Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries (DCOM), Tabasco, Mexico partnership (with the Presbytery of the Gulf of Mexico and El Divino Verbo Church), Christmas Missions project, disaster responses (e.g., special offerings, work teams, shelter operation in a local emergency, etc.); Bikes for Zambia; Summer Reading Program; develop a congregational awareness of mission and outreach needs and opportunities in our community, presbytery, denomination, and worldwide.

Technology and Communications: oversee the technology of our church (e.g., sound system, recording/broadcast of worship services, website); facilitate communication within the church.

2016 MINISTRY TEAM PREFERENCES

NAME: _____

PHONE AND/OR E-MAIL: _____

Please indicate your top three choices for Ministry Team service in 2016 and return this form to the church office or e-mail Philip Gladden at drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com.

- _____ Christian Education
- _____ Building & Grounds
- _____ Personnel
- _____ Worship
- _____ Stewardship & Finance
- _____ Congregational Care
- _____ Outreach

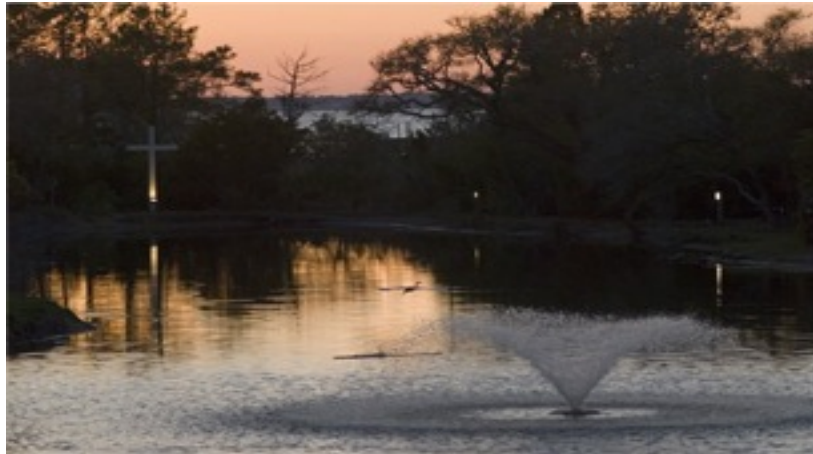
- _____ Technology & Communication



Don't forget to pick up your 2016 Offering Envelopes! They are available on the usher pew in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your faithful and generous contributions!

ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Casting your Net on the other side: Getting the Most out of Faith and Life”



SAVE THE DATE: February 5-7, 2016, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome!



Reverend Owen Carriker

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Owen Carriker, Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, Florida. It will be a stimulating and exciting time. We will also have an exciting program for our school age kids, led by Jenna Carriker, Youth Director, of our youth ministry program of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, and including Trinity led exploration of birds of prey and life in and around the Sound. Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!



Jenna Carriker



ELDERS TO WORK ON A NARRATIVE/MISSION BUDGET ON SESSION RETREAT IN JANUARY

The elders will construct a “narrative/mission” budget on their annual session retreat on January 16 and present it to the congregation during the first quarter of the year. It has been said that a line item budget is useful for understanding the financial requirements of the church and a narrative/mission budget will identify the mission and ministry of the congregation. This mission budget will help link all of us with the mission of the Wallace Presbyterian Church as we discover the many ways in which our congregation touches the lives of people. As one of our elders said at the December session meeting, “We’re going to help people see how their money is being used to help change lives!”

Stay tuned! The members of the session are excited to share the stories that will demonstrate the personal impact of your generous giving.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 3.

All who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and have been baptized in his name are welcome at the table.



5th Sunday Building Offering Sunday, January 31

This offering helps underwrite the costs of maintaining our physical plant so we can offer important ministries of worship, Christian nurture, and outreach.

January 2016

December 2015							January 2016							February 2016									
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■ WPC Calendar
■ cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 First Sunday after Christmas Day ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	28 Church office closed	29 Minister & Secretary on Vacation	30	31	1 Church Office Closed New Year's Day	2
3 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Communion/Ordination/Installation of Elders ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	4 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304	5 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Pat Wilson ■ 6:00 PM Presbyterian Men-Rock-fish PC ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Ginny Blackney	6 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 ■ 8:30 AM Sound Retreat Planning Committee Mtg. ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	11	12 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship	13 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	14	15	16 ■ 9:00 AM Session Retreat, Fellowship Hall
17 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	18 ■ 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	19 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	20 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Feed Hungry Children & Backpack Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	25	26 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship	27 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/5th Sunday Building Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	1	2 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship	3 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	4	5 Annual Sound Retreat	6 Annual Sound Retreat

