

# NEWSLETTER

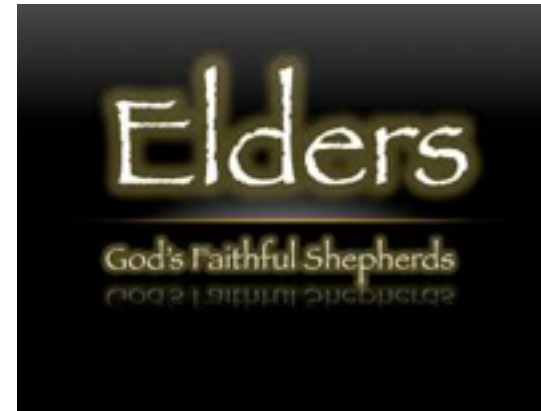
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

JANUARY 2017

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**ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT  
SATURDAY  
JANUARY 14, 2017  
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
Wallace Presbyterian Church**



## 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    | 27. Lindley Barrow  |
| 11. Curtis Simpson  | 29. Mary Browder    |
| 15. Annie Johnson   | Cindy Barrow        |
| Diane Knowles       | 31- Dianne McNamara |
| 16. Cathy Wells     |                     |

On Saturday, January 14, our elders and minister will be on their annual session retreat at the church.

Our session will be worshiping, praying, studying the God's Word, 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!

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

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

**Class of 2019**  
Linda Burroughs  
Dean Hanson  
Geneva Maready  
Jason Rouse  
Curt Simpson



Dear Friends,  
 Did you know that the year 46 B.C. was 455 days long? Did you know that it is referred to as the “last year of confusion”? Julius Caesar worked with philosophers and mathematicians to correct the measurement of time and to bring the calendar into better alignment with the earth’s orbit around the sun. Caesar added 67 days to an already extended year of 378 days, by adding two extra months between November and December (today adults might like the extra shopping time, but kids would hate having to wait two more months for Christmas!).  
 Did you know that in 1752, people in Britain went to bed on September 2 and woke up on September 14? That’s right, September 3-13 disappeared overnight by an act of Parliament. I’ve often wondered what people thought who had birthdays during that ten day stretch! The “correction” came as the Parliament switched Britain from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.  
 When Nancy and I text, FaceTime, or talk with Natalie in Seoul, we have to think about what time it is there in Korea and here in Wallace. The 14-hour time difference (she’s ahead of us) requires some careful planning at times.

*In his book, In My Heart I Carry a Star, Derek Maul writes, “What we understand as ‘time’ simply describes a relationship among . . . many variables [such as the Earth’s wobble due to the gravitational force of other planets and asteroids]. Time in actual fact is neither absolute nor is it empirically verifiable. Our understanding of time is hampered by the reality that minutes and days and hours and months are relative terms, fractions of whatever a year happens to be during the journey of one set of spinning, careening orbs in relation to another.”*

*As we begin a New Year, we are conscious of time and new possibilities that stretch ahead of us in 2017. As much as we like to think that time is static, we also know that our times can and will be interrupted by unexpected challenges, sorrows, and upheavals. We may not have to add 67 days or take out 10 days in the coming year, but we do face a New Year with hopes, dreams, questions, and maybe some anxieties.*

*St. Augustine (3rd/4th century A.D.) said, “What then is time? If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks, I do not know.” But here is something we **do** know and can count on in this coming year and in all of life: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)*

*Happy New Year!*

*In Christ,*

*Phil*

**ACTIONS OF THE SESSION**

At the Tuesday, December 20, 2016 stated meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- \* were led in an opening devotion by Elder Dottie Obenour;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* sang Christmas carols, enjoyed Christmas treats, and heard the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20;
- \* approved minutes from the November 15, 2016 stated session meeting;
- \* thanked members of the Class of 2016 for their faithful service on the session;
- \* discussed Ministry Team assignments and work for 2017;
- \* heard a report from the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team concerning the 2016 pledge drive;
- \* approved two recommendations from the Outreach Ministry Team: (1) a “book package” fund drive to purchase Greek and Hebrew textbooks for students at Justo Mwale Theological University in Lusaka, Zambia in early spring (to replace the bicycle program) and (2) a Hurricane Matthew Relief offering to benefit a member of the Hallsville Presbyterian Church (near Beulaville) who lost her home in the flooding following Hurricane Matthew;
- \* approved a request from Philip Gladden to use Continuing Education funds to purchase books to complete his set of Interpretation Bible commentaries;
- \* prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- \* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Brenda Long.



**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN JANUARY**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ELDER</u></b>	<b><u>PREACHER</u></b>
January 1	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
January 8	Jim Sills, Preaching	Jim Sills
January 15	Nick Baker	Philip Gladden
January 22	Brenda Long	Philip Gladden
January 29	Ann Carter	Philip Gladden



## 2017 Session Ministry Team Responsibilities

Christian Education: Jim Sills, Curt Simpson, Nell Sloan

Building & Grounds: Dean Hanson, Jason Rouse

Personnel: Nick Baker, Jim Sills, Joe Tillman

Worship & Music: Vera Coombs, Geneva Maready



Stewardship & Finance: Nick Baker, Wayne Casteen

Congregational Care: Ann Carter, Linda Burroughs, Brenda Long

Outreach: Susan Walters, Joe Tillman

Technology & Communications: George Francis




 GREETERS	January	
01/01/: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives		Dan Robinson, Leader
01/08/: Joe Tillman & Judy Holley		Tim Peppe R.J. Peppe
01/15/: Lois Edgerton & Georgia Longest		Chuck Farrow Kevin Johnson
01/22/: Emily Saunders & Effie Mobley		Joyce Ange
01/29/: Art & Cheryl Raymond		

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS	OPENING CHURCH BUILDING
01/01: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson	January 1-15: Charley Farrow
01/08: Elizabeth & James Sills	January 16-31: Curt Simpson
01/15: Cameron & Reese Blue	
01/22: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech	
01/29: Madelyn Coombs & Ellie Carone	

### CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- \* **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 1.
- \* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year.
- \* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. All men are welcome for supper, fellowship, and Bible study.
- \* **Wednesday Bible study** will resume on Wednesday, January 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Church Office Building and from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in Room 304.
- \* **The session** will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the church.
- \* **The Sound Retreat Planning Committee** will meet on Sunday, January 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Office Building.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 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** these special offerings in January: January 22 — Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry; January 29 — 5th Sunday Building Offering.

	Hospital & at home: Cathy Wells (Fayetteville) Judy Robinson (home)	George Walker (Rosemary) Kelsea Webster (home)
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**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

From July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016:

Contributions Received: \$25,470

Backpack Food Expense: \$36,826

Student Lunches Paid For: \$775

Bank Balance: \$6,425

Food packs given to students 7,530 (15,060 meals)

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High  
Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary  
Charity Middle School  
Wallace Elementary  
Chinquapin Elementary  
Beulaville Elementary  
B.F. Grady Elementary  
Warsaw Elementary  
Warsaw Middle School

Contributions received from individuals, churches, foundations, and other organizations.



**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Sunday, January 1**

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



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

R.J. Peppe on the death of her brother on December 9  
Mary Carone on the death of her sister on December 14



**5th Sunday Building Offering  
Sunday, January 29**

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



**Tuesday, January 3  
6:30 p.m.  
Wallace Presbyterian Church  
All Men are welcome to join  
us for supper and Bible study**



**ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!  
“Hearing and Speaking the Psalms”**

February 10-12, 2017, 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! The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Bill Goodnight, Retired Pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Reverend Goodnight is serving as the stated supply Pastor at the Oak Plain & Potts Memorial Presbyterian Churches. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC.



Dr. Bill Goodnight



Rachel Whaley Doll

It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church’s bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!

Have a blessed day!  
Louis DiDomenico  
Sound Retreat Chairperson

# January 2017

- Untitled
- Work
- Home
- WPC Calendar

December 2016							January 2017							February 2017							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	2 Church Office Closed 10:30 AM Circle #1: Church Office Building	3 10:30 AM Circle #3: Joyce Ange 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men-Wallace PC 7:00 PM Circle #4: Ginny Blackney	4 10:00 AM No Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:15 PM No Evening Bible study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	5	6	7
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