

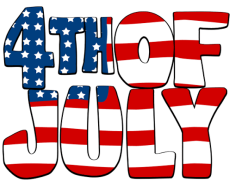
### DONATION OF BIBLE'S TO CHURCH

Two King James Version Super Giant Print Reference Bibles were donated to the church. They are for the asking. If you would like one of these Bibles, call (285-2808) or email me at [cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com) and I will hold it for you. They are LeatherTouch, one is teal green and the other is brown. First come, first serve! Thanks!



# NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

JULY 2021

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



### Birthdays in July

Happy Birthday to You!



2- Karla Casteen  
Charles McNamara  
4- Freddy Hall  
Nancy Gladden  
5- Danielle Sills  
Candace Knowles  
Wallace Strickland  
8- Bobby Ives  
9- Bill Carone  
Joyce Rau  
12- David Johnson  
17- Charley Farrior

18- Linda Burroughs  
Ellie Carone  
19- Ann Carter  
21- Nell Sloan  
23- Bill Walters  
24- Andrew Williams  
Jenny Blair  
25- Joe Wallace  
26- Todd Minchew  
J.P. Phillips  
29- Kevin Johnson



### CELEBRATION OF

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, July 4

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship (in-person and livestream) on Sunday, July 4. Individual, pre-packaged communion sets will be available as you enter the sanctuary. If you are worshiping online, please have your elements of bread and cup ready so you can participate in the communion with our Lord and one another.



Dear Friends,

*According to an article in Newsweek magazine dated July 3, 2019, America's top ten 4th of July foods are: 1. Cheeseburger; 2. Bacon cheeseburger; 3. French fries; 4. Hot dogs; 5. Onion rings; 6. Boneless wings; 7. Soft drinks; 8. Traditional wings; 9. Garlic naan; and 10. Tortilla chips. While all of those foods sound good, I'm not sure I associate all of them with a traditional 4th of July celebration. It's probably a regional thing.*

*This list sounds more like what you'd find at a 4th of July picnic around here: 1. Hamburgers and hot dogs; 2. BBQ ribs; 3. Baked beans; 4. Potato salad; 5. Coleslaw; 6. Chips and dip; 7. Watermelon; 8. Cookies with red, white, and blue icing; 9. Apple pie; and 10. Ice cream. Of course, you'd have to have gallons of sweet tea to wash it all down!*

*What is the menu for your 4th of July celebration this year? In addition to the menu, what traditions do you observe? Who will be at your celebration? What makes your celebration special? And how do you remind yourself and everyone at the party why and what you are celebrating?*

*In our house, we celebrate two birthdays — the nation's and Nancy's. Nancy gets to pick the menu and it usually has some combination of the items on the second list above. When it gets dark, we go out on the patio and burn through a few packs of sparklers. When our kids were little (and even when they grew up), we used to include "Pop-Its Fun Trick Noise Makers." They were fun to pop and a pain to clean up! Then we watch "A Capitol Fourth" on PBS. All of the traditions of the day remind us that we are celebrating Nancy's birthday and the blessings of freedom.*

*This year, July 4 is on a Sunday when we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The menu for the celebratory meal is simple and traditional — bread and juice. But we have our traditions. The invitation to the celebration has been sent out. People have been asked to prepare their hearts for the celebration. If you worship in person in the sanctuary, you will be provided with the bread and the cup. If you worship via lifestream, you are encouraged to have your bread and cup ready to join in the celebration. Just as we gather as families and friends for our 4th of July cookouts and picnics to celebrate our freedom as a nation, we gather at the Lord's Table at our Lord's invitation for the sacrament of communion to celebrate our freedom from sin and death through Jesus Christ's resurrection.*

*When I join in the 4th of July celebrations, hear the music, and enjoy the fireworks, I remember the responsibility that comes with being a free people. You often see the bumper sticker that says "Freedom isn't free." As we*

## ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, June 15, 2021 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- \* met in person for the first time since March 15, 2020;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* studied God's Word in 1 Corinthians 12:4-31 and talked about an article, "Pandemic Church Communications" by Christen Kinard;
- \* discussed plans for moving forward with technology improvements, especially in worship;
- \* approved the moderator appointing a Technology Working Group to bring recommendations to the session;
- \* transferred the church membership of Steven Wells to the Scotts Hill Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC;
- \* approved a request from the minister to use Continuing Education leave and funds to attend the annual East Community Pastor Retreat at The Trinity Center, August 15-17, 2021;
- \* approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to study Brent A. Strawn's book, *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament* for their summer study;
- \* ratified all decisions made during Zoom meetings since March 2020;
- \* approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team that compensation for guest preachers be \$150 honorarium + mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate, with the two amounts designated in writing and accompanying the check;
- \* prayed for members of the congregation and the community;
- \* prayed the Lord's Prayer together.



**Rev. Cynthia Williams**  
**Guest Preacher**  
**Sunday, July 18**

Rev. Cynthia Williams will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 18. Cyn is well known to our congregation, as she served as our preacher and pastor June - September 2018 while Phil was on sabbatical. Rev. Williams lives in the Sarecta community in Duplin County. Welcome back, Cyn!



## TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP APPOINTED BY SESSION

The session has appointed the following people to serve on our Technology Working Group: Bill Butler; Karla Casteen; Dan Robinson; Lindsay Skidmore; Jim Simpson; Zach Casteen; and Philip Gladden.

The Technology Working Group will research and recommend to the session the best ways to make permanent some of the temporary live streaming technology we have been using since March 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay tuned for more information!



## CAN YOU HELP?

The Technology Working Group is recruiting folks who are interested in learning how to operate our audio/visual technology equipment in order to help Bill Butler. If you have the interest, skills, or ability (or all of the above!), your help will be welcomed. You will be trained and become part of our Worship Technology Team. If you are interested, please contact Phil Gladden at 910-285-2808 or [drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com).

celebrate, that's worth remembering for two reasons. First, people have paid a great cost for the freedoms we enjoy. Second, in turn, we bear great responsibilities as citizens to work together to preserve and protect those freedoms for all people.

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul wrote these inspiring and challenging words: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. for the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:1, 13-14)

I hope you enjoy your 4th of July celebration, no matter what's on the menu. Take time to remember and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and renew your commitment to these freedoms for all people. I also hope you will take time to come to the Lord's Table during worship on Sunday, July 4, either in person, by live stream, or when you watch at a later time. As you eat the bread and drink the cup, remember and give thanks for the freedom we have in Jesus Christ — freedom from sin and death, freedom from fear, and freedom to love, serve, and live for God and for one another.

*In Christ,*

*Phil*







The sermon texts listed below are provided for your use in preparing for worship during the months of July and August. You are encouraged to read and pray about God’s Word and for our congregation and minister as we hear God’s Word read and proclaimed this summer.

**July 2021**

**The Sermon on the Mount (continued)**

July 4	Matthew 6:1-18	True Piety
July 11	Matthew 6:19-34	Orientation to God
July 18	Rev. Cynthia Williams, guest preacher	
July 25	Matthew 7:13-29	A Firm Foundation

**August 2021**

**To the Saints Who Are In Ephesus (and Wallace)  
and Are Faithful In Christ Jesus**

August 1	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the Body of Christ
August 8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Living the New Life in Christ 1
August 15	Ephesians 5:15-20	Living the New Life in Christ 2
August 22	Ephesians 6:10-20	The Whole Armor of God
August 29	Ephesians 3:14-21	A Prayer for Us



Hospital & at home:  
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)  
Judy Robinson (home)  
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)  
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



**JULY**



07/04: Geneva Maready  
07/11: Devin & Bailey Riley  
07/18: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore  
07/25: Kristin & Bradley Cottle

Fred Burroughs     Bill Walters  
Susan Walters

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

July 1-15: Charley Farrior  
July 16-30: Curt Simpson

*CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information*

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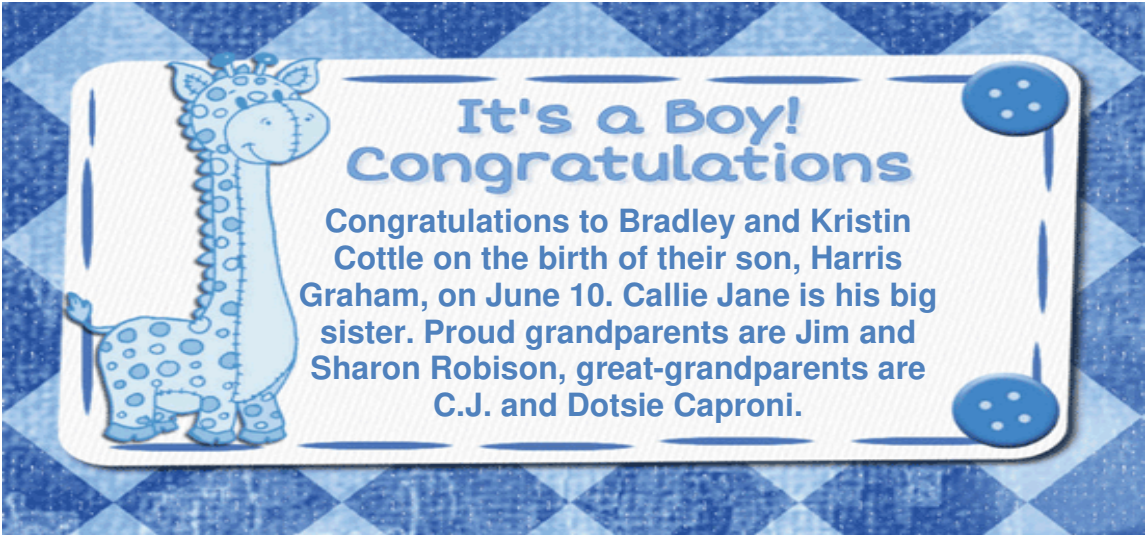
**\*The church office** will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

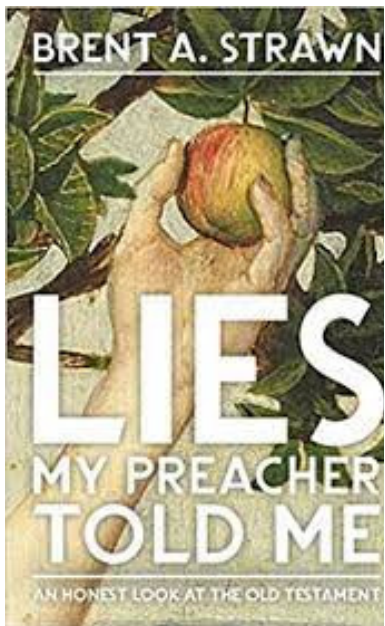
**\*Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Monday, July 12 - Monday, July 19. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) or the church office (910-285-2808) in an emergency.

**\*Rev. Cynthia Williams** will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 18.

**\*There will be no** Monday Night Zoom Bible studies on July 5, 12, 19. There will be no Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible study on Wednesday, July 14.

**\* The Session will not meet in July.**





## Alternative Sunday School Class

Summer Study

Begins July 18

Hybrid Class

In person & Zoom

The members of the Alternative Sunday School Class begin their summer study of Brent A. Strawn's book, *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament*. Dr. Strawn is on the faculty at the Duke Divinity School and a two-time graduate

of Princeton (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary. From the [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0664265715) blurb: In this concise volume, Brent Strawn addresses ten common "lies" or mistruths about the Old Testament, from perceptions of God's personality (the "angry Old Testament God") to the relevance of the Old Testament for Christians. Discover why stories and laws written thousands of years ago, centuries before Christ, are enriching and indispensable for modern Christians. This book will expand your thinking about the Bible's First (and largest) Testament.

You can order Brent A. Strawn's book from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0664265715). (\$15.62)

Westminster John Knox Press (\$16) at

[www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664265715/lies-my-preacher-told-me.aspx](http://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664265715/lies-my-preacher-told-me.aspx)

Barnes and Noble (\$16) at [www.barnesandnoble.com/w/lies-my-preacher-told-me-brentastrawn/1136551953;jsessionid=25140EA8B38BED485B865111F8BBD53E.prodny\\_store01-atgap17?ean=9780664265717](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/lies-my-preacher-told-me-brentastrawn/1136551953;jsessionid=25140EA8B38BED485B865111F8BBD53E.prodny_store01-atgap17?ean=9780664265717)

Cokesbury (\$12.99) at [www.cokesbury.com/9780664265717-Lies-My-Preacher-Told-Me](http://www.cokesbury.com/9780664265717-Lies-My-Preacher-Told-Me)



## Nursery and Children's Church Workers Needed

As we reopen our Nursery and Children's Church ministries, we need folks who are willing to serve the children and families of our church.

The Nursery is provided for newborns — 3 year olds during the summer months during the worship hour.

Children's Church is provided for ages 3 - 5 years old during morning worship, following the children's sermon.

If you are willing and able to be part of either the Nursery Ministry or the Children's Church Team, please contact Cheryl in the church office at 285-2808 or Geneva Maready at 910-284-2162.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me;  
do not stop them; for it is to such as these  
that the kingdom of God belongs."  
Mark 10:14*





# July 2021

- Home
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June 2021							July 2021							August 2021							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Handbell Ensemble Practice 9:30 AM Adult Zoom Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)	28 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	29	30 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	1	2	3
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