



# NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MAY 2015

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## CONFIRMATION 2015



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

During worship on Sunday, May 17, members of Confirmation 2015 will be confirmed in their baptismal vows as they make public professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Thirteen Junior Highs have been meeting with Rev. Philip Gladden and Elder Regina Simpson and many other elders since February to learn more about their faith, personal beliefs, worship and sacraments, church government, prayer, and the mission of our congregation. These young people will be confirmed and commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church.

### CONFIRMAND

- Cameron Blue
- Garrett Bullard
- Ellie Carone
- Anna Grace Carr
- Madelyn Coombs
- Rachel Ann Cottle (to be baptized)
- Mary Kellan Creech (to be baptized)
- Sarah Pearl Farrow
- Hill Lanier
- Jane Caroline Minchew
- Colby Phaneuf
- Elizabeth Sills
- Lydia Thompson

### ELDER COVENANT PARTNER

- Harriet Farrow
- Greg Maready
- Fred Burroughs
- Joell Parker
- Curt Simpson
- Dan Robinson
- Geneva Maready
- Nell Sloan
- Judy Holley
- Vera Coombs
- Pat Barrow
- Regina Simpson
- Karla Casteen

These young people will be presented with stoles of their own design as symbols of their commitment to Jesus Christ. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this important decision in their lives.

Come Join us at  
Rockfish Presbyterian Church

“Meet and Eat at Noon”

Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
12:00 Noon

Mavis Pigford

will be our guest speaker

Bring a sandwich

Drink & Dessert will be provided



Happy Birthday to you!!

## May Birthdays

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4- Frankie Coleman   | 16- Lindsay Skidmore |
| 5- Sherri Ellington  | 17- Blake Saunders   |
| 7- Andrew Miller     | 20- Jennie Lee Wells |
| 8- Linda Wells       | 24- Blake Wallace    |
| Anna Grace Carr      | 25- James Cavanaugh  |
| 10- Louis DiDomenico | 26- Pam Teachey      |
| 13- Alan Wells       | 28- Joseph Phaneuf   |
| Clayton Hall         | 29- Myles Teachey    |
| Mott Blair           | 30- Bob Sandercock   |
| Susan Walters        | Denny Lanier         |



Dear Friends,

On Sunday, May 17, we will celebrate the youth of Wallace Presbyterian Church. Our graduating high school seniors will be honored at a breakfast that morning, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. During worship they will receive Bibles. Our Junior and Senior High youth will be leading us in worship on Youth Sunday. Also, thirteen members of Confirmation 2015 will be confirmed and commissioned in their faith.

While we set aside this Sunday as "Youth" Sunday, let's not forget to support and encourage the youth of our church every day. You often hear it said, "The youth are the church of tomorrow." I disagree with that statement. Our youth may be the adults of the church of tomorrow, but our youth are the church of **today** just as much as anyone else in our congregation.

When babies and children are baptized, the congregation makes a vow to help raise them in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. When young people confirm their baptismal vows, they claim their baptismal faith as their own and are commissioned for their lives and work as followers

of Jesus Christ and as members of the body of Christ in the Wallace Presbyterian Church.

In Confirmation 2015, we talked about how God's Holy Spirit gives each and every one of us spiritual gifts to be used for the common good in the body of Christ. Our young people identified what needs we have in our church and what gifts they have to meet those needs. They also identified a multitude of gifts which they recognize in members of our congregation.

Our young people are already a vital part of the church as they usher, take up special offerings, participate in LOGOS, lead worship, play music in worship, and lead us in energizers on the Sound Retreat. They have expressed their desire to be even more actively involved in the life of our congregation. How can we support and encourage them to be the church of today, so they will be the adults and leaders of the church tomorrow?

Plan to be in worship on Sunday, May 17 for Youth Sunday/Graduate Sunday/Confirmation Sunday. You will be blessed by the ministry of our youth!

In Christ,



## ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Sunday, April 19, 2015 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- \* welcomed members of Confirmation 2015 to observe and participate in the session meeting;
- \* were led in an opening devotion by Elder George Francis;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* studied God's Word in John 20:1-18;
- \* approved a contribution of \$200 to support church member Hampton Hall (first year pharmacy student at UNC-CH) on his summer medical mission trip to Trinidad;
- \* received an update on the work being done on the new Youth Space upstairs in the Currie Building and visited the space;
- \* invited Rev. Lauren Deer to preach on Sunday, June 21, 2015;
- \* met in small groups with members of Confirmation 2015 to talk about what it means to be an elder in the Wallace Presbyterian Church;
- \* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Jim Sills.



### 5th Sunday Building Offering Sunday, May 31

This offering helps fund the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our church's physical plant. Our sanctuary dates from the early 20th century. The Currie Building was constructed in the 1930's. Thank you for your ongoing support!



# Kirkwood Creation Camp

**June 15-19, 2015**

9:00am to 3:00pm

Camp Kirkwood

Watha, NC 28478

3yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Register your camper online: <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=28749>

Join us June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm as we celebrate God's Word with the children in our community. We invite children ages 3 years old to 5th grade to share God's love and beautiful creation at Kirkwood Creation Camp. The cost of the camp for each camper is \$5.00 for their t-shirt.

### Junior Campers (3 to 5 yrs old)

Junior Campers will enjoy Bible stories, snack, recreation, crafts, worship, and music and drama. Junior Camp at Kirkwood Creation Camp will be Monday to Friday from 9am to noon.

### Campers (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Campers will enjoy Bible stories, snack, recreation, crafts, worship, music, drama, ropes courses, zip line, swimming, and many other activities at Kirkwood Creation Camp. To participate in these activities each camper will need have a parent/guardian sign the waiver at registration on Monday, June 15. Campers will need to pack a bag lunch, swimsuit, sunscreen, and a towel daily.

### Thursday Night Camp-Out

We invite all families to join us on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for a camp-out at Kirkwood Creation Camp. This grand finale celebration will include dinner, worship, games, and a camp fire. Those planning to stay the night at Kirkwood Creation Camp will reside in the cabins. We will conclude Kirkwood Creation Camp on Friday morning with breakfast and worship. All campers must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. If your family would like to participate please contact Jenna Carriker at [jenna.carriker@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.carriker@gmail.com) to make your reservation.



## NURSERY WORKERS

MAY



05/03: Freddy & Rhonda Hall  
05/10: Georgette, Lydia & Kennedy Thompson  
05/17: Kevin & Christy Johnson  
05/24: Roger & Madelyn Coombx  
05/31: Chuck & Gina Farrior

06/07: Susie & Ellie Carone  
06/14: Danielle & Jim Sills  
06/21: Rich & Keri Phaneuf  
06/28: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse

Joe Tillman, Leader  
Joey Brinkley    Jonathan Fussell  
Sam Rose        Jim Sills



## GREETERS

05/03: Philip & Georgia Longest  
05/10: Emily Saunders & Effie Mobley  
05/17: Bill & Susan Carone  
05/24: Cindy Barrow & Glenda Mobley  
05/31: Joey & Rita Brinkley



## YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

05/03: Elizabeth & James Sills  
05/10: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson  
05/17: Raechel Woodard & Cameron Blue  
05/24: Madison & Garrett Bullard  
05/31: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr

## OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

May 1-15: Jim Simpson  
May 16-31: Art Raymond

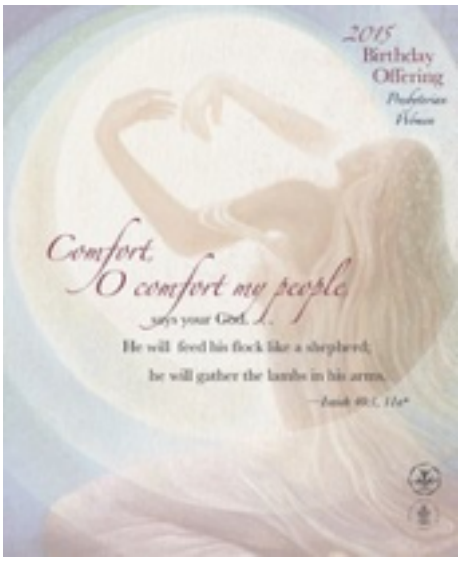
## CHURCH NEWS . . . . For Your Information

- \* **Presbyterian Men** will meet at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and Bible study. All men are invited to attend.
- \* **Philip Gladden** will be on an overnight retreat Monday-Tuesday, May 11-12 with The Pastor as Spiritual Guide program.
- \* **We will celebrate** the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, May 17 with Rachel Ann Cottle and Mary Kellan Creech.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to an elder or the minister.



## Hospital & at home:

Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)	Sonny Blalock, ( Autumn Care,
Wilmington, NC)	Judy Robinson (home)
Kelsea Webster (home)	Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Myree Bland (home)	



**Presbyterian Women 2015  
 Birthday Offering:  
 Monday, May 18 at 7:00 PM**

**What is the Birthday Offering?**

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women’s concerns. PW in the Congregations (PWCs) typically collect

the Birthday Offering in the spring and dedicate their offerings at spring gatherings. No giving guidelines are suggested other than “give as you are blessed.” PWCs who collect the Offering should send their donation (as a check made payable to Treasurer of Presbyterian Women) to the treasurer of PW in the Presbytery.

**History of the Birthday Offering**

In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman’s Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women’s work, visited Miss Dowd’s School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. Realizing the school’s needs, she challenged members of the Women’s Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

**2015 RECIPIENT**

After reviewing numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and Bethesda Christian Community Center to receive grants from the 2015 Birthday Offering. Gifts to the 2015 Birthday Offering will allow these ministries to support women in Memphis, Tennessee, and Barranquilla, Colombia, who are overcoming oppressive, violent situations. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2015. The goal for the offering is \$500,000.

**Bethesda Christian Community Center**

**Oxford Presbyterian Church (Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian Church  
 (Colombia)**

**Barranquilla, Colombia**

Wallace Presbyterian Women will have their Spring Gathering on Monday, May 18, at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend our Birthday Party celebration as we wrap up for the year. Because of vacation and summer activities, the circle groups do not meet in June or July.



**Presbyterian Enrichment Program (P.E.P.)**

Wow! I have to confess to having some days when I thought May would never arrive, and yet, here it is May already! This has been a wonderful year and I’m so thankful for the many opportunities we have had to minister to these children and their families. On Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 pm, we will have our “Moving Up” Program. We will recognize each child who will be heading off to kindergarten and those who will move up to the 4 year-old class.

The children moving up to the 4 year-old class are:

- Blaine Padgett
- Brady Blanton
- Bray Hatcher
- Charlotte Ray
- Cooper Batchelor
- Giana McLeod
- Haleigh Brown
- Leah Rivera
- Scarlett Robinson
- William “Junior” Flores

The children “graduating” and moving on to Kindergarten are:

- Ashdan Stone
- Cameron Jones
- Hailey Cavanaugh
- Macy Lovette
- Reece Wells
- Roxie Blackmon
- Stone Rivenbark
- Tate Turner

Each of these children have come a long way since the beginning of the school year. I look forward to having many of our 3 year olds back here next year, and will greatly miss seeing our current 4 year olds. Thank you so much for allowing me to teach and minister here at PEP for Preschoolers. Thank you also for your support through both your prayers and donations. We wouldn’t be able to operate without your help!

In Christ,

*Dee*

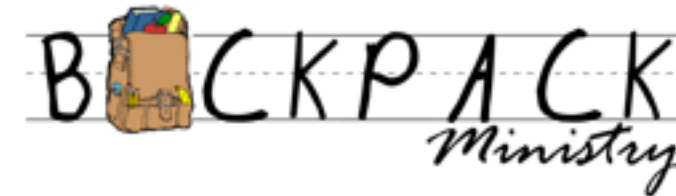
Dee Thompson, P.E.P. Director

**Graduate Breakfast**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
  
**8:30 a.m.**  
  
**Given in honor**  
**of our graduates**  
**and their parents**  
  
**by the**  
**Wallace Presbyterian Women**



**Thanks for your support for Bikes for Zambia!**

Thanks to your generous support, fourteen May graduates of Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia will receive bicycles and repair kits to help them in their ministries in Zambia and surrounding countries.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN & BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**

**Sunday, May 23**

We collect this offering on the fourth Sunday of each month during the school year. Our offering is combined with donations from other area churches, businesses, and individuals to provide school lunches and backpacks of food for the weekends for public school children whose families are experiencing financial difficulties. Thanks for your contributions!



**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:**

The family of Frank Toothman who died April 19, 2015

The family of Bill Norris who died April 21, 2015



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Sunday April 26	April to-date	2015 to-date
Budgeted Collection	\$ 3,685	\$ 17,791	\$ 81,261
Average weekly needed for 2015 budget	\$ 5,339		
Average weekly collected to date 2015 (17 weeks)	\$ 4,780		
Budget <b>DEFICIT</b> to date	<b>\$ 9,503</b>		
(represents Actual Receipts vs Budgeted Expenses)			
<u>AT THIS PACE DEFICIT WILL BE \$29,500 AT YEAR END</u>			

### DUPLIN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRIES



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- \* Kitchen of Blessings (Campbell Center) is in need of a Volunteer Kitchen Manager.
- \* Blessings in Store (W. Main Street) needs volunteers.
- \* Crisis Center (S. Norwood Street) needs volunteers to serve as secretary and interviewers.

If anyone is interested please contact Duplin Christian Outreach ministries at 910-285-6000 or stop by the Duplin Christian Outreach Office located at 514 S. Norwood Street on any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday after 1:00 p.m. and talk with the Executive Director, Jeralene Merritt.

### Youth Group



### WPC YOUTH SPACE UPDATE

Carpet repaired, paint purchased, electrical outlets installed, college bean bag chairs in place — our Youth Space is coming together!  
 Thanks to everybody who has helped make our dream a reality!

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015!



Madison Bullard  
Pender High School  
Future Plans: ECU



Annie Johnson  
Topsail High School  
Future Plans: UNCW



Joseph Phaneuf  
Harrells Christian Academy  
Future Plans: UNCW



Kendrick Minchew  
Harrells Christian Academy  
Future Plans: NC State



Jacob Hargrove  
Wallace-Rose Hill  
Future Plans: Undecided



Andrew Miller  
Harrells Christian Academy  
Future Plans: UNCW

Wallace-Rose Hill  
Baccalaureate  
Sunday, June 7  
7:00 pm  
Graduation  
Saturday, June 13  
10:00 am  
Pender High  
Graduation  
Saturday, June 13  
11:00 am  
HCA  
Baccalaureate  
Sunday, May 17  
4:00 pm  
Graduation  
Friday, May 22  
7:00 pm

# Wallace Presbyterian Planning Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					<b>1</b> 6:00 pm-10:00 am Confirmation Lock-In	<b>2</b> 10:00 am: Confirmation Lock-In ends 2:00 pm: Bill Norris' Memorial Service
<b>3</b> 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship 4-6:30 pm: Confirmation 2015, Youth Room 5:00 pm: Called Session Meeting, Youth Room	<b>4</b> 10:30 am: Circle #1: Living Room in Office Bldg.	<b>5</b> 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 10:30 am: Circle #3: Rose Hill Restaurant 7:00 pm: Circle #4: Sandy DiDomenico 7:00 pm: Presbyterian Men, Mt. Zion PC/Rose Hill 7:00 pm: VBS Planning Mtg., Room 304	<b>6</b> 10:00 am: Bible study, Church Office Building 6:00 pm: Handbells 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 
<b>10 Happy Mother's Day</b> 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship	<b>11</b>  Minister on Overnight Retreat	<b>12</b> No SonRise Worship  Minister on Overnight Retreat	<b>13</b> No Bible study 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Youth Sunday/ Graduates' Sunday/ Confirmation Day</b> 8:30 am: Graduates' Breakfast 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship led by Youth/Service of Confirmation/Baptisms	<b>18</b> 6:15 pm: Presbyterians Dining Together-Western Sizzlin' 7:00 pm: Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering	<b>19</b> 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 6:00 pm: Session Meeting, Room 304	<b>20</b> 10:00 am: Bible study, Church Office Building 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Day of Pentecost</b> 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship with Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry Offering	<b>25 Memorial Day</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>26</b> 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304	<b>27</b> 10:00 am: Bible study, Church Office Building 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Trinity Sunday</b> 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship/5th Sunday Building Offering						



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



"In the minutes, should I record this as a 'vigorous theological discussion' or a 'serious ecclesiastical debate?'"



**MAY 2015**





