

Come Join us at **Rockfish Presbyterian Church** "Meet and Eat at Noon"

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

12:00 Noon

James Gantt, Director of **Planning & Development Town of Wallace** will be our guest speaker Bring a sandwich Drink & Dessert will be provided





- Frankie Coleman
- **Sherry Ellington**
- **Andrew Miller**
- Linda Wells **Anna Grace Carr**
- 10- Louis DiDomenico John Rau
- 13- Alan Wells Clayton Hall **Mott Blair Susan Walters**

- 16- Lindsay Skidmore
- 17- Blake Saunders
- 20- Jennie Lee Wells
- 24- Blake Wallace
- 25- James Cavenaugh
- **26- Pam Teachey**
- 28- Joseph Phaneuf
- 29- Myles Teachev
- **30- Bob Sandercock Denny Lanier**





Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MAY 2016

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor





Harrells Christian Academy Baccalaureate Service Sunday, May 22, 2016, 3:30 pm

Harrells Christian Academy Graduation Friday, May 27, 2016, 7:00 pm

Wallace-Rose Hill Baccalaureate Service Sunday, June 5, 2016, 7:00 pm

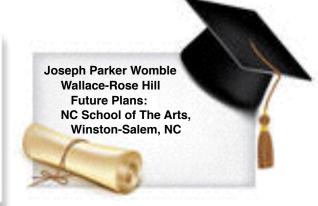
> **WRH Graduation** Saturday, June 11, 2016 10:00 am

> > CONGRATS CLASS OF



Congratulations to the following College Graduates!

Matt Maready: UNC Wilmington Natalie Gladden: UNC Asheville **Ben Roberts: Wake Forest University** Whit Newkirk: Maine Maritime Academy





Dear Friends,

In 1788, the Synods of New York and Philadelphia drew up principles of church order that were adopted at the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States on May 21, 1789. The principles, which we still use today in governing ourselves in the church and can be found in the introductory chapters of our Book of Order, include guidelines about how to live and work together as Christians in the church and in society. The principles are biblically based and theologically sound.

Among the historic principles is the idea of "Mutual Forbearance," which reads in part, "we also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which men [sic] of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other."

We are told that we live in a greatly divided society, and we can see that played out in many ways. On a state level there are disagreements about House Bill 2, state funding of different projects, and education. On a national level, we are engaged in a long, bitter presidential primary season. Internationally, we wrestle with questions about welcoming refugees, homeland security, and our country's role in the world. In the church we debate and decide important issues having to do with human sexuality, justice, and the relationship between church and state.

Presbyterians have a long history of being involved in critical, pressing, and difficult social issues. This involvement stems from our Reformed theology that teaches us that God calls us to act on our beliefs and to shape our mission, as individuals and as the church, according to the life and ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Another historic principle of church order is "Truth and Goodness," which says, "we are persuaded that there is an inseparable connection between faith and practice, truth and duty. Otherwise it would be of no consequence either to discover truth or to embrace it."

In Romans 12:2, Paul writes, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect." This verse is often interpreted as a warning against watering down or accommodating the gospel message, and so it is. However, Paul may also be warning us Christians against conducting ourselves with the divisive behavior that is so prevalent today. In Philippians 2:4-5, Paul encourages believers, "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Paul then goes on to praise Christ Jesus who gave himself up for us by being obedient to God, even to the point of dying on a cross.

We live in a complex and messy world. Our faith calls us to be engaged in that very world, even as God chose to engage with us by becoming one of us. It's not easy, it's not without its controversies, but we Christians in the church are called to live and model a still more excellent way of living in the world.

In Christ.



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, April 19, 2016 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Nick Baker;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God's Word in Jeremiah 1:1-19 and discussed a reading, "The Bible Is Calling," about our calling to service in God's Church;
- * heard from Dr. Nancy J. Gladden, Mission Coordinator of the East Community of the Presbyterian of Coastal Carolina, about the changes that are being implemented in our presbytery, primarily having to do with presbytery meetings. She filled us in on plans for the East Community Gathering on Saturday, June 11 at the Windermere PC in Wilmington. Curt Simpson is a member of the planning team. Elder George Francis was elected as our elder commissioner. We will have a church sign for the parade of churches and a display for the Mission Fair highlighting our Summer Reading Program, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Sound Retreat, and Bikes for Zambia;
- * approved minutes from the March 22, 2016 stated session meeting and the April 3, 2016 called session meeting;
- * received a thank-you note from Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries for a contribution of \$1,710.28 for Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry;
- * approved a request from Myra Powell and Joey Stone to use the sanctuary on Friday, May 13, 206 at 5:00 p.m. to exchange wedding vows;
- * discussed ways to help our congregation be even more welcoming and hospitable;
- * approved a recommendation from the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team to instruct Edward Jones Investments to convert all non-cash contributions (e.g., stock) into cash immediately upon receipt for deposit in the church's money market account;
- * approved a request from Watts Carr to photograph a stained glass window in the sanctuary as part of his series of church windows in the community:
- * named prayer concerns in the church and community and were led in a closing prayer by Elder Zach Casteen.



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR MAY

SUNDAY	WORSHIP LEADER	PREACHER Philip Gladden		
May 1	William Powell			
May 8	Zach Casteen	Rev. Matt Highfill		
May 15	Rick Batchelor	Philip Gladden		
May 22	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday		
May 29	George Francis	Philip Gladden		





FINAL FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

SUNDAY, MAY 22

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

From July 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016:

Contributions Received: \$20.863 Backpack Food Expense: \$23,701

Bank Balance: \$12,597

Food packs given to students 4,882 (9,764 meals)

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary;

Charity Middle; Wallace Elementary; Chinquapin Elementary;

Beulaville Elementary; B.F. Grady Elementary

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



5th Sunday Building Offering Sunday, May 29

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



05/08: Ann Carter & Hope Turnbull

05/15: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

05/22: Joell & J Parker

05/29: Nate & Georgia Farrior

06/05: Rhonda & Freddy Hall

06/19: Christy & Kevin Johnson

06/26: Roger & Madelyn Coombs

05/01: Madelyn Coombs & Gerri Hanson

MAY



Joe Tillman, Leader

Joey Brinkley Jonathan Fussell

Sam Rose Jim Sills

GREETERS

05/01: Bill & Susan Walters

05/08: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone

05/15: Rick & Nettie Batchelor 05/22: Dave & Gloria Wells

05/29: Catherine Blanchard &

Hope Turnbull

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

05/01: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech 05/08: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr

06/12: Georgette, Lydia & Kennedy Thompson

05/15: Madelyn Coombs & Mary Kellan Creech

05/22: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

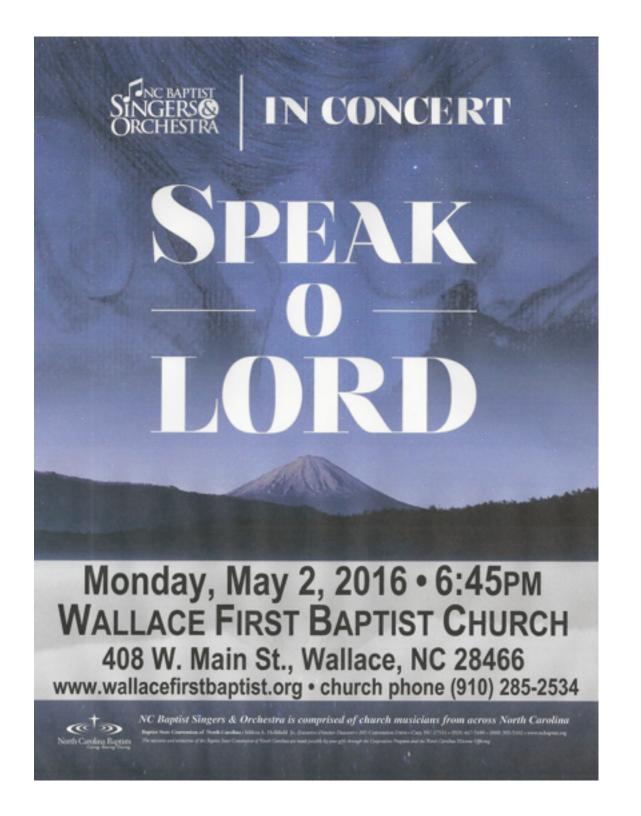
May 1-15: Jim Simpson May 16-31: Art Raymond

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

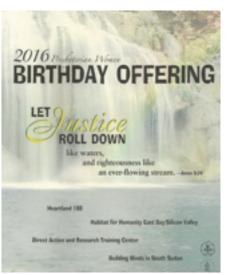
- * Presbyterian Men will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend for supper and Bible study.
- * Rev. Matt Highfill of Wilmington will be our quest preacher on Sunday, May 8 while Philip Gladden attends graduation at the University of North Carolina-Asheville.
- * Philip Gladden will attend the Sprunt Lectures at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA Monday-Wednesday, May 9 - 11.
- * The session will meet on Tuesday, May 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 our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering for the 2015-2016 school year during worship on Sunday, May 22.
- * We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, May 29.



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







Presbyterian Women 2016 Birthday Offering Monday, May 23 at 7:00 PM

Wallace Presbyterian Women will have their Spring Gathering on Monday, May 23, 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.



Group leaders needed for Camp Kirkwood Vacation Bible School Camp, June 13-16

This summer, Vacation Bible School returns to Camp Kirkwood with many other Presbyterian churches from our area. Last summer's camp was a huge success, and this year we expect it to be even bigger.

One of our needs is for adults who can commit to being a Group Leader for the week. This job entails making sure your group of campers makes it from station to station during the day. Activities, such as Bible Stories, Music, Crafts and Games, will be headed up by other individuals. Your main job will be to make sure that everyone in your group stays safe and is where they need to be.

Each day will begin at 9 a.m., and end at 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, June 13-16.

To help, please see Curt Simpson, or call him at (910) 290-2194, or email him at curt.simpson@gmail.com.

More details on registration for campers (K-5th grade) and all helpers will be coming soon. Let's help make this the best VBS ever!





KIRKWOOD SUMMER VESPER SERVICE

Sunday, May 15 5:00 p.m. Refreshments under the Large Pavilion 6:00 p.m. Worship by the Lake

Sponsored by Friends of Kirkwood May 15 Hosted by Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill Rev. Brian Doles, pastor

Summer Schedule

June 12 July 10 August 14 September 11 October 9 Beulaville Presbyterian Church Fuente de Agua Viva/Faison St. Andrews-Covenant/Wilmington First Presbyterian/Wilmington First Presbyterian/Jacksonville



Graduate Breakfast Sunday, May 22, 2016 8:30 a.m.

Given in honor of our graduates and their parents by The Wallace Presbyterian Women



Bikes for Zambia 2016

CLASS OF 2016 JUSTO MWALE UNIVERSITY LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, AFRICA Graduation is the second weekend of May.

L-R, back row: Mary Limula (Malawi), Dorah Lungu (Zambia), Leonard Mwanza (Zambia), Dinah Chirwa (Zambia), Noah Siwo (Zambia), Shingi Masunda (Zimbabwe), Charles Ngoma (Zambia), Godwill Mwanza (Zambia), Sam Ruzivo (Zambia).

Front row: Gilbert Mbewe (Zambia), Alex Mwafulirwa (Zambia), Abraham Mwale (Zambia), Mphatso Matemba (Malawi), and Joseph Chilenje (Zambia).

Thank you for your generous contributions to purchase bicycles and repair kits for these new pastors!

"Making a Difference....

Inspire, Energize, Engage"

- ☑ Be inspired by the preaching of **Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon**, pastor of C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and PC(USA) Evangelism Coach! *Worship includes Communion*.
- Witness artist **Hope G. Smith**, owner of Art by Hope, paint a representation of our worship experience. *Someone will go home with an original piece of art!*
- Majestic and lively music by **Karla Casteen and Vera Coombs** will stir your soul (and perhaps have you tapping your toes)!
- ☐ The **Mission Fair** will showcase outreach ministries of our churches. *Bring your display!*
- **☑** This Gathering is the **June Presbytery meeting**. **Elected commissioners should attend**.
- Everyone is welcome to come share stories, offer ideas for future events, and enjoy the fellowship!

Congratulations

To Myra Powell and Joey Stone who will be married in our sanctuary on Friday afternoon, May 13.

To Grayson Casteen and Ashton Mallard who will be married in Angier, NC on Saturday, May 21.

June 11, 2016 9 am - 1:30pm

Energetic Preaching Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon

Worship Painting Artist Hope G. Smith

Business session Short!

Mission Fair All Day

Lively music



Come Join Us

Windermere Presbyterian Wilmington

East Community Gathering

Come!!
Celebrate
our common
calling and
faith in
Jesus Christ



Sunday,
May 22, 2016
11:00 a.m.
Worship
will be led by
The Youth
of our
congregation



May Schedule

May 1: Bagged lunch service after worship (No Youth Sunday evening)
May 8: Mother's Day (No Youth)

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May 15: Laser Tag (details to be

announced)

May 22: Youth Sunday (No Youth

Sunday evening)
May 29: No Youth



First, let me thank you all for the donations made to PEP. We will use these donations to purchase supplies for next year and, hopefully, to upgrade some of our toys and furnishings. We also thank you for your daily prayers and support you offer through out the year.

If you want to continue to support us financially, we will be keeping our webpage at <u>givingbean.com</u> open year round. Those who have already purchased and used the coffee have said that it is really good. Many plan to purchase more through the website when they need it. If you go to the webpage, click on the find an active fundraiser button in the upper right hand corner, and look for PEP under faith groups. You can order coffee and teas as well as some delicious cookies, and support your favorite preschool too!

We are currently accepting applications for next year. If you know anyone looking for a quality preschool program and a low tuition price, please take them an application. They are located on the bulletin board by the canopied entrance. We have openings in both classes. Thank you again for all your support.

May 2016

WPC Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
= 9:40 AM Opening Assembly = 10:00 AM Sunday School = 11:00 AM Worship = 12:00 PM Youth Fellowship Bag Lunch Pick-Up	= 10:30 AM Circle #1: Office Build-	= 7:00 AM No SonRise Worship = 10:30 AM Circle #3: Rose Hill Restaurant = 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men: WPC = 7:00 PM Circle #4: Georgia Longest	= 10:00 AM No Bible Study = 6:00 PM Handbells = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	5	6	
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Happy Mother's Dayl	Minister at Sprunt Lectures, Richmond, VA				Carolina Strawberry Festival	
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Youth/Graduate Sunday = 8:30 AM Graduates' Breakfast, Fellowship Hall = 9:40 AM Opening Assembly = 10:00 AM Sunday School = 11:00 AM Youth Sunday/Graduation Recognition/Feed Hungry Children/Backpack Offering	= 7:00 PM Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Program	= 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 = 7:00 AM SonRise Worship	= 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Of- fice Bldg. = 6:00 PM Handbells = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	26 ==6:00 PM Chamber of Commerce/ Small Business Center Workshop, Fellowship Hall	27	21
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