Prayer for Students as They Go Back to School......



Father, I pray for each and every child of every age that will be heading away from home to attend school this year. I pray that you cover them in your full armor so they may repel the enemy's tactics. I pray for their health and safety and that school administrators are able to prepare a healthy and safe environment for them to learn in.

I pray that each child is able to put aside their fear and worry so they may fully enjoy the resources in learning that they'll be provided. I pray for the parents who may be home worrying. I pray they trust that you will be watching and protecting their children during this time away from home. And I pray that you will destroy any tactic the enemy wishes to use to do harm or cause temptation to these young, innocent souls.

And I pray that each day, each and every child will come home, safe and full of joy, ready to share in the excitement of everything they learned. Amen.



Birthdays in August





- 1. Jeffrey Stevens
- 2. Sarah Pearl Farrior
- 3. Harvey Knowles Gary Ange Jason Rouse
- 4. HaLee Knowles Noel Blue Rowan Casteen
- 5. Lindsey Blackmon Joel Coleman
- 6. Hank Frey
- 10. Jill Johnson

- 10. Leah Wallace Tammy Callihan
- 11. Jeremy Stevens
- 14. Grayson Casteen
- 17. A.C. Rivenbark
- 19. Rita Brinkley
- 24. Jay Fussell
- 26. Payton Westbrook
- 27. Elizabeth Sills
- 30. Austin Brinkley
- 31. Barbara Lyon







AUGUST 2023

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Coming Soon to Wallace Presbyterian Church

Interim Pastor Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp

On behalf of the Interim pastor committee and the Elders of Wallace Presbyterian, we would like to announce that Robb Lapp from Wilmington, NC has accepted the calling to the position of Interim pastor to fill the pulpit until we are able to select a new pastor for our church. Robb will begin his duties on Monday, August 28.

In his 35 years of ministry, Robb has served as an Associate Pastor and a Solo Pastor in churches ranging in size from 300 to 2,000 members. Most recently, he completed a long pastorate of congregational care and assimilation at St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC and just completed a interim pastorate at Southport Presbyterian Church in Southport, NC. His formal interim ministry training was in Montreat NC, but he says his informal training came from serving on the staff of churches with interim pastors three times.

Robb grew up in Florida and is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. He is active in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, served on the Mission Cabinet Steering Team, and is currently serving on the Commission on Ministry. His wife Vickie recently retired from teaching in elementary schools in New Hanover County. Their daughter, Kate, and son in-law, Bob, live in Wilmington with their three-year-old son, Charlie. Their son Stephen lives in Durham. We all welcome Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp to Wallace Presbyterian Church!

The Interim Pastor Committee Joyce Ange Sandy Cobb Curt Simpson

August Lessons with the Lord.. from Biblical Space: August 2023

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

We all wish to have prosperous and happy life but, on the other hand, we know that it is actually a perfect balance between good and bad times. That is why beyond the circumstances we may be going through, it is important to maintain a positive attitude in the face of the events that the divine plan of the Lord presents to us on our way.

When we smile, even in difficult times, we do not do it by force or by commitment. We do it because we know that we have the greatest and most perfect Love that is that of our Lord. It is very important, then, to remember at all times who we are and what we long for. In The Savior, we can do everything and the many blessings received every day are more than enough reason to stay on our feet, welcoming the future with a smile.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

There seems to be a tendency to examine the episodes of our lives under the magnifying glass of exaggerated self-criticism, non-appreciation, and a sense of failure. Nurturing this concept is not only unfair to us, it is a misguided look at our failures and weaknesses. What if we changed the focus, what if we allow ourselves to replace the impression we have formed about ourselves?

We must internalize that this is a God-given gesture of Wisdom to sustain our Humble Spirit and to correct the things that are not working well in our lives. We must not lose hope in everything and thus lead us into states of desolation.

That is why we could start by reflecting on the positive aspects of our existence and that this reflection opens the doors to recognize all the blessings that the Lord pours on us every day.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Philippians 4:4

It is impossible to maintain happiness all the time during our lives. Sickness, the loss of a loved one, economic problems, are instances that we must go through bypassing through pain sustained by our Faith.

However, there is one place where we can be happy eternally: our relief in the Lord. It comes into our lives in this way because it is a Love that does not depend on earthly circumstances.

We will overcome difficult and incomprehensible moments with the strength granted by our Heavenly Father. Our Love for Him has no limits and there is no room for sadness in His heart. Have a blessed August!



AUGUST



08/06: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse 08/13: Ellie & Michael Newton

08/20: Harriet & Windsor Farrior 08/27: Geneva & Greg Maready

Clay Blue Ray Cobb

Devan Riley, Leader ue Kevin Johnson bb Debbie Price

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

August 1-15: Nate Farrior August 16-31: Clay Blue

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- *The Annual Jack Holley Memorial Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 9 from 2:00 7:00 p.m. See the front page of the newsletter for more details and information about how to register to donate.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders.
- * **We will receive** our initial Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2023-2024 school year on Sunday, August 27. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the ministry.



Worship Leaders for August

Sunday	Elder	Preacher
August 6	Sandy Cobb	Rev. Cynthia Williams
August 13	Joyce Ange	Rev. Barbara Hager
August 20	Debbie Price	Becky Jones
August 27	Danielle Sills	Rev. Sid Batts

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Lois Edgerton on her death on July 8, 2023.



Hospital & at home:

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)

Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)





FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING RESUMES

Sunday, August 27

As school begins this month, we resume our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, August 27. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.

Donate Blood In Memory of

Jack Holley

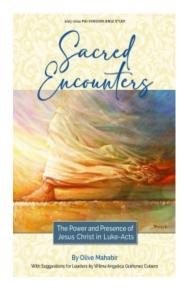
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Wallace Presbyterian Church
205 W. Main Street, Wallace, NC
Wednesday, August 9th
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall



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2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study

"Sacred Encounters"

The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

> By Olive Mahabir



Welcome to the 2023–2024 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.

Within the pages of this study, Olive Mahabir invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

The Gospel According to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts, "one story in two parts," demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled. Jim Sills will introduce the 2023-2024 Study Book.

The Presbyterian Women will have their Fall Gathering on Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 pm, in the Currie Building. All women are invited. See you there!



August 2023

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III Holidays in United States

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20 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in-person and live-stream/ Becky Jones, Speaker		■ 7:00 PM PW Fall Gathering	7:00 PM Choir Practice			26
27 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in-person and live-stream/Rev. Sid Batts, Preacher/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering	28	29	7:00 PM Choir Practice	31	1	2