



## CHOIR REHEARSAL & HANDBELL PRACTICE RESUMES



**SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 24,  
9:00 A.M.**



**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 3  
6:00 P.M.**



## Birthdays in August



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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jeffrey Stevens     | 8. Janice Peterson   |
| 2. Sarah Pearl Farrior | 10. Jill Johnson     |
| 3. Harvey Knowles      | Leah Wallace         |
| Gary Ange              | Tammy Callihan       |
| Jason Rouse            | 11. Jeremy Stevens   |
| 4. HaLee Knowles       | 14. Grayson Casteen  |
| Noel Blue              | 24. Jay Fussell      |
| Rowan Casteen          | 26. Payton Westbrook |
| 5. Joel Coleman        | 27. Elizabeth Sills  |
| 6. Hank Frey           | 31. Barbara Lyon     |



# NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

AUGUST 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



## WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**Please join us for Christian Education activities!**

### Christian Education



## Rally Day Covered Dish Breakfast & Open House

**10:00** Covered Dish Breakfast  
& Open House

**10:30** Teacher Introductions  
& draw for door prizes

Please join us!

- Visit the youth and adult classrooms

**A great opportunity to join  
a new class!**

**Come and eat breakfast and visit  
all of our classrooms and see  
what's going on in Christian  
Education!**



## Covered Dish Breakfast



**Bring a breakfast dish to  
share.**



**School Sunday and Children's Church Teachers  
will be commissioned during the worship service.  
Bibles will be presented to Fourth grade students.**



Beloved,

You know, it still amazes me that it’s always the people who are the busiest who manage to find the time to squeeze one more thing into their lives. Maybe it’s because they truly see their talents as gifts from God. We all have good intentions, but few of us are able to give those good intentions form and substance, but you are not like that. Vickie and I have personally been the beneficiaries of your tangible acts of love and kindness.

So, thank you all for the thoughts and prayers, the encouragement and support, the notes and cards, the meals, and all of the many ways that you have ministered to Vickie and me since her falls and lengthy recovery. We could not have done it without you and we are eternally grateful.

Jesus told us, “*Come unto me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*” I find it interesting that Jesus did **not** say, “*Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will relieve you of your burdens.*”

No, he said, “*Come unto me and I will put a yoke around your neck and place a burden on your back that you’ve not previously borne.*” Sure, his yoke may be “*easy*,” meaning it is well fitting, and because it fits well it may make the burdens “*lighter*”, but a burden is still a burden. Jesus seems to be saying that it is the burdened life that is truly the abundant life.

Thank God for your willingness to help carry our burden. The past few months have reminded me once again of the deep interdependence of human life. No one is an island unto themselves - not one of us. We are truly dependent upon each other.

Thank you for sharing your time and talent so generously with Vickie and me and ministering to the minister and family!

Faithfully,

Pastor Robb



AUGUST



08/03: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse  
08/10: Ellie & Michael Newton  
08/17: Harriet & Windsor Farrior  
08/24: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange  
08/31: Jennifer & Royal Johnson

Kevin Johnson, Leader  
Henry Stevens      Debbie Price  
Ray Cobb

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

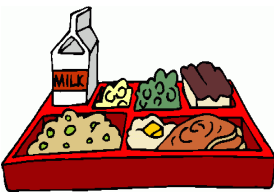
- \* **Rev. Robb Lapp** will be on Continuing Education August 18-24. Part of that week he will be at the Pastor’s retreat at Trinity Center at Salter Path. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) or Cheryl Brinkley at the church office (910-285-2808) in an emergency.
- \* **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet on Monday, August 18, at 5:30 pm in the Blue Room.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, August 19 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 pastor.
- \* **There will be no Wednesday Morning Bible on Wednesday, August 20.**
- \* **We will receive** our initial Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2025-2026 school year on Sunday, August 24. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the ministry.
- \* **The Presbyterian Women** will have their Fall Gathering on Sunday, August 24, at 5:00 pm, in the Currie Building. All women are invited.
- \* **We will receive** our initial Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2025-2026 school year on Sunday, August 24. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the ministry.
- \* **We will receive** the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, August 31.



Sunday, August 24, 2025

Welcome to the Pulpit The Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) M. Thompson on Sunday, August 24. Bob is a retired United Church of Christ minister living in Leland, NC. He retired in 2023 and moved to the Leland area to be close to children and grandchildren. Bob has degrees from Columbia International University (Columbia, SC) – Bachelor of Arts, 1978, Columbia International University (Columbia, SC) - Master of Divinity, 1987, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC) - Doctor of Ministry, 2003 and has pastored churches in Reidsville, Thomasville, and Hickory, NC.





**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
RESUMES  
Sunday, August 24**



As school begins this month, we resume our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, August 24. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2023-2024 school year, the following schools were served: Beulaville Elementary, Chinquapin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School. A total of 6,186 backpacks of food were provided over the weekends, 900 backpacks were provided over the summer, totaling 7,086 backpacks!

You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).



**SERMON TEXTS FOR AUGUST**


SUNDAY	SERMON TEXT	PREACHER
August 3:	Luke 12:13-21	Rev. Robb Lapp
August 10:	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Rev. Robb Lapp
August 17:	Luke 12:49-56	Rev. Robb Lapp
August 24:	Guest Pastor	Dr. Bob Thompson
August 31:	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Rev. Robb Lapp

**COME  
Worship  
WITH US**  
**Worship Leaders for August**

Sunday	Elder
August 3	Karla Casteen
August 10	Youth
August 17	Royal Johnson
August 24	Debbie Price
August 31	Youth



Presbyterian  
Peace  
Fellowship



JAMES  
ATWOOD  
INSTITUTE


for Congregational  
Courage

Gun Violence Prevention  
Ministry for Such a Time as This

Wed-Sat Sept. 24-27 2025  
Massanetta Springs  
Conference Center,  
Harrisonburg, VA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REV. SHARON RISHER  
author of For Such a  
Time As This: Hope  
and Forgiveness After  
the Charleston  
Massacre

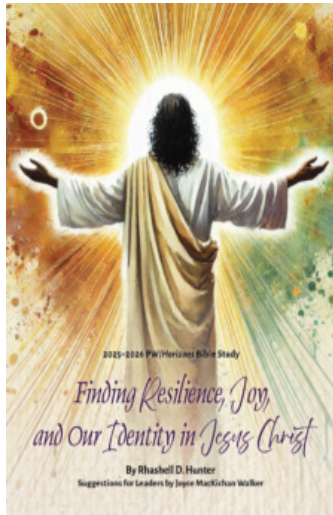




The Rev. James T. Atwood served as the Pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church from 1959-1964.



**Youth Mission Weekend** - The youth are planning a mission weekend in Wilmington on August 22-24. We'll be serving Eden Village, a tiny home community for those who are homeless and disabled. Their vision is to build tiny home communities so no one has to sleep alone outside <http://edenvillagewilmington.org/>. We will be staying at Matthew House, a two-story beach house located at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach and worshipping with them at their Beach Service. Permission forms and \$25.00 are due on **Monday, August 4**. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Price or Robb Lapp.



## 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study

***“Finding Resilience, Joy, and  
Our Identity in Jesus Christ”***

**By  
Rhashell D. Hunter**

***Suggestions for Leaders by  
Joyce Mackichan Walker***



**Welcome to the 2025–2026 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study,  
*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.***

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience? Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.

The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy. Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace (Gal 5:22-23). Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity. Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Women will have their Fall Gathering on Sunday, August 24, at 5:00 pm, in the Currie Building. Elder Jim Sills will introduce the 2025-2026 Study Book. Refreshments will be served. All women are invited. See you there!



## **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am, Room 304**

### **Bible Study Texts**

Wednesday, August 6:

Wednesday, August 13:

Wednesday, August 20:

Wednesday, August 27:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:49-56

No Bible Study

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*All scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,  
equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*



### **Back to School Family Fun Cookout**

The Congregational Care Ministry Team is hosting a Back to School Family Fun Cookout on Sunday, August 17 from 4-6. Everyone, please join us for an afternoon of fun, games and fellowship! Please sign up by contacting Cheryl via email, calling the church, or filling out bulletin form and dropping in offering plate. We will need a head count by Sunday, August 10.





## Interim Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Robb will be taking the week of August 18-24 for continuing education. Part of that week will be spent at the pastor's retreat hosted by Nancy Gladden each year at the Trinity Center at Salter Path. This year's theme is *"And the People of the City Were Divided": The Disruptive Gospel of the Acts of the Apostles* led by Dr. Christian Sanchez of Union Presbyterian Seminary.

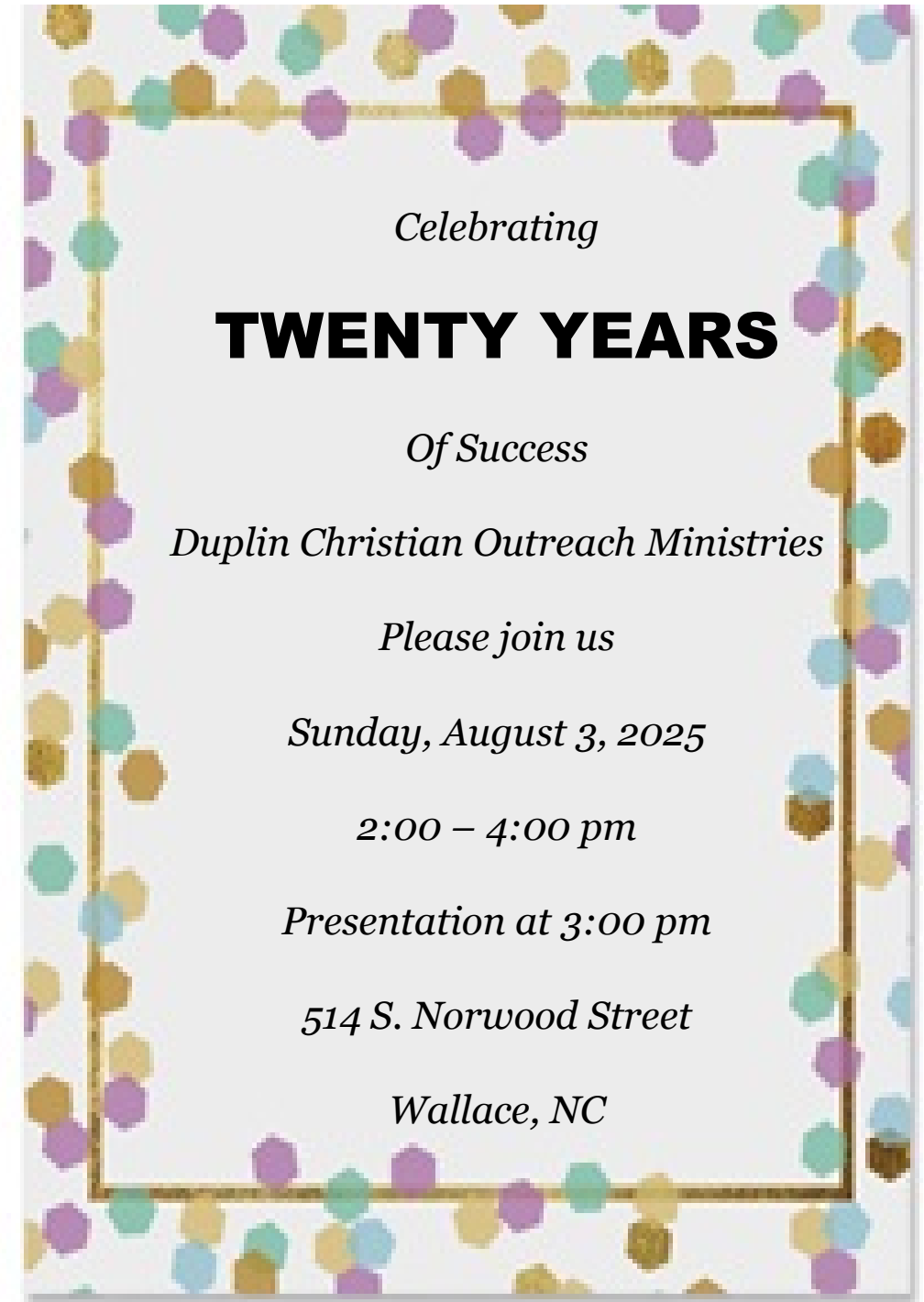


**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS BAGS!** If you have any plastic food bags from the grocery store please bring them to the church office to use in Food Pantry. We are in great need of plastic bags!

**Food Pantry item for August: Chunky soups and Condensed soups**

## 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday Building Offering August 31, 2025

We will receive our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, August 31. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!



# AUGUST 2025



July 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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27	28	29	30	31		

September 2025

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

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<b>3</b> 9:45 am Adult S. School 10am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship 2-4:00 pm DCOM 25 year Celebration	4	5	<b>6</b> 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm PNC, Room 304	<b>7</b> 12:30 pm East Community COM, Room 304	8 Office Closed	9
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