

2026-2027 Horizons Bible Study

Monday, August 31, 2026

6:30 pm

“United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other”

By
Rhonda Mawhood Lee

Suggestions for Leaders
by Sarah Leer



Welcome to the 2026–2027 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, “*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians*”.

Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus’ imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God’s life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.

Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ’s victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it?

This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, you will seek yourself through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion. I pray that unity in Jesus Christ will guide you and your study group and inspire you, together, to do everything in love.

The Presbyterian Women will have their Fall Gathering on Monday, August 31, at 6:30 pm, in the Currie Building. Angela Washburn will introduce the 2026-2027 Study Book. Officers and Communicators will also be installed. There will be light refreshments followed by the meeting. All women are invited. See you there!



Birthdays in August

Happy Birthday to You!



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



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, Minister

AUGUST 2026

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 13, 2026

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.

As we head into August, I want to share a few upcoming things. The week of August 24 – 30 I will be out of the office on Continuing Education. I'll actually be leaving the 23rd Sunday following worship to go The Trinity Center for a short Pastor's Retreat sponsored by the Presbytery. And then, after spending Tuesday night at home, I'll be heading out Wednesday for Cliffs of the Neuse State Park for a four-day Personal Spiritual retreat. Each year I do one or two of these Personal Spiritual Retreats which allow me some intentional time in worship and prayer, reading a book related to ministry or spiritual growth, and reflecting on my sense of call. At our August Session meeting the elders will receive an outline of my plans for my time away. They receive this for two reasons. First, I will ask them to be in prayer for me during that week that it may be a time of spiritual renewal and physical refreshment. Second, it is a way of being held accountable...this isn't vacation or just another camping trip. Camping is simply a tool for me to find a bit of solitude and quietness. (We can talk later about the wisdom of tent camping in Southeastern North Carolina at the end of August!!!) I will also make available to you a copy of those plans I share with the Session. You are welcome to pick up a copy to see what I will be doing. I would also cherish your prayers for that time away.

When we get into September, we have a couple of exciting things going on. Sunday, September 13 is Rally Day and we will kick off a new year of Sunday School. One of the things we will do this year during worship we will invite all students, teachers, and school staff to come forward so we can have a time of prayer asking for God's blessing on the new school year. So, I hope you will make an effort to join us that Sunday.

But the excitement of that day doesn't end there. Later that afternoon...for the first time since Sunday, May 3, 1998... Wallace Presbyterian Church will host an installation service for a minister. Actually, this isn't just my installation service...this is OUR installation service. An installation service for a minister is technically a service of the Presbytery where they officially, and publicly, establish the covenant bond between a minister and a specific church. At this service the minister, the congregation, and the Presbytery all make promises and commitments. The minister commits to shepherd, preach, teach, and care for the congregation; the congregation promises to support, pray for, encourage, and provide for the minister; and the Presbytery authorizes the pastoral relationship and pledges to support the church and minister. This service will be led by an Administrative Commission of the Presbytery...which is basically fancy language for a committee authorized to act on behalf of the Presbytery. This commission is made up of ministers and elders from the Presbytery. I am also excited that a good friend of mine...Jeremy Simmons...who serves as the chaplain at the hospital in Columbus County and pastors a church in Wilmington, will be the guest preacher. The installation service will be on September 13 at 4:00 in the afternoon, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall to follow. This should be an exciting service and I hope you will not only plan to be here but invite your friends and neighbors as well.

Pastor Joe



Pastoral
Installation

July & August: Nursery suspended for summer

Bill Carone, Leader
Henry Stevens, Sr. Kenn Thompson
Henry Stevens, Jr.

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

August 1-15: Nate Farrior

August 16-31: Clay Blue

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **Pastor Joe Washburn** will be on a short Continuing Education at the Trinity Center and then on to the Cliffs at the Neuse State park for a Personal Spiritual Retreat August 24-30.
- * **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet on Monday, August 17, at 5:30 pm in the Blue Room.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, August 18 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.
- * **Wednesday Morning Bible will resume on Wednesday, September 9.**
- * **Choir Practice will resume on Sunday, August 16, at 9:00 am.**
- * **Handbells will resume practice after Labor Day on September 9, at 6:00 pm.**
- * **The Presbyterian Women** will have their Fall Gathering on Monday, August 31, at 6:30 pm, in the Currie Building. All women are invited.
- * **We will receive** our initial Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2026-2027 school year on Sunday, August 23. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the ministry.
- * **Rev. Jonathan Watson** will be our guest pastor on Sunday, August 30.
- * **We will receive** the 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, August 30.

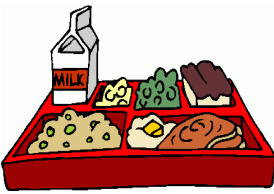


5TH Sunday Building Offering August 30, 2026

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, August 30. 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!



Food Pantry item for August: Canned Beans: (Pinto, Kidney, Black, and Cut Green Beans). Also, all canned vegetables. A BIG Thank you for the great response for the Chef Boyardee products! We got a bunch!



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
RESUMES
Sunday, August 23**



As school begins this month, we start up our monthly 2026-2027 Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, August 23. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2025-2026 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.



SERMON TEXTS FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY	SERMON TEXT	SERMON
August 2:	Matthew 14:22-33	“Something to Remember: Peter Walks on Water”
August 9:	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus Calms the Storm”
August 16:	John 6:1-15	Feeding of the 5,000”
August 23:	Acts 9:1-6	Saul’s Conversion”
August 30:	Guest Pastor	Rev. Jonathan Watson (TBA)

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

Sunday	Elder	Preacher
August 2	Adlyn Casteen	Dr. Joseph Washburn
August 9	Royal Johnson	Dr. Joseph Washburn
August 16	Susan Carone	Dr. Joseph Washburn
August 23	Kevin Johnson	Dr. Joseph Washburn
August 30	Devan Riley	Rev. Jonathan Watson

Gracyn Strickland's
VOCAL RECITAL
3 PM
at
Burgaw Presbyterian Church
on
August 9th, 2026
Accompanied by:
Vera Simpson
Donations toward Gracyn’s study abroad fund are greatly appreciated!



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Will resume after Labor Day on
Wednesday, September 9, 2026



Rev. Jonathan Watson
Sunday, August 30, 2026

August 2026



JULY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

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