

Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church
“Meet and Eat at Noon”
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
12:00 Noon
Chris Debnam
Quinn McGowen Funeral Home
will be our guest speaker
Bring a sandwich
Drink & Dessert will be provided



Birthdays In February

Happy Birthday to

- 1- Gloria Wells
- Ann T. Johnson
- Kendrick Minchew
- 3- Richard Hirshkind
- 4- Cody Cavenaugh
- Rusty Walker
- Phil Gladden
- Pat Wilson
- 6- Chris Knowles
- 7- Shirley Carlton
- Hope Turnbull
- 8- Greg Maready
- 10- Robert Steen
- 11- William Blalock
- 12- Kelly U. Culler
- Marissa Parks
- MacKenzie Parks
- 14- Lois Edgerton
- Jeff Hargrove
- 15- Neyland Tate
- Mary Carone
- 16- Judy Holley
- 17- Jason Fussell
- Katie Robison
- 18- Nolan Hall
- Jean Parks
- Sara Lanier
- 21- Kyle Teachey
- Dona Lanier
- 23- Louise Smith
- 24- Chuck Farrior
- Courtney Moore
- 25- Lee Baker
- 26- Tom Whitfield
- 27- Hampton Hall



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

FEBRUARY 2015

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



CONFIRMATION 2015



Confirmation 2015 will begin with a lock-in at the church on Friday night/Saturday morning, February 6-7. Please keep our young people and their leaders in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Leaders: Regina Simpson and Philip Gladden.
Confirmands: Cameron Blue; Garrett Bullard; Ellie Carone; Anna Grace Carr; Madelyn Coombs; Rachel Ann Cottle; Mary Kellan Creech; Sarah Pearl Farrior; Hill Lanier; Jane Caroline Minchew; Colby Phaneuf; Elizabeth Sills; and Lydia Thompson.



Our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Order* directs that, “The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church. . . After the session has received them as active members they shall be presented to the congregation during a service of public worship. In that service the church shall confirm them in their baptismal identity. They are commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church, and are welcomed by the congregation.”

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

In his second letter to his young protege, Timothy, the apostle Paul wrote, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you . . . But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15)

This month thirteen young people in our congregation will continue their journey of faith as they begin Confirmation 2015. When a child is baptized in a Presbyterian congregation, the parents and members make promises to raise him/her to know and love Jesus Christ. We also express the hope and prayer that one day the child being baptized will make a public and personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Confirmation means the congregation confirms young people in their baptismal identity as a child of God who has been marked as Christ's own by

the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is not an endpoint, but an important part of the ongoing life journey in the faith.

Our young people will explore what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ and to live out their faith in what God is calling them to do. They will work with elders and other members of our congregation who, along with me and Elder Regina Simpson, will serve as mentors and covenant partners.

The session has set Sunday, May 17 as Confirmation Sunday. That will be a very special day in the life of our congregation. Our youth will lead worship that day, our high school seniors will be recognized and celebrated, and our confirmands will be confirmed in their baptismal identity.

I invite you to pray for these young people as they continue their Journey of Faith in Confirmation 2015:

Cameron Blue, Garrett Bullard, Ellie Carone, Anna Grace Carr, Madelyn Coombs, Rachel Ann Cottle, Mary Kellan Creech, Sarah Pearl Farrior, Hill Lanier, Jane Caroline Minchew, Colby Phaneuf, Elizabeth Sills, and Lydia Thompson.

In Christ,

Paul



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, January 20, 2015 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * lit the Christ candle and sang around the piano in the Music Room;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God's Word from Isaiah 65:17-25 and shared a devotion called "Ears That Tingle";
- * elected the following officers for 2015: Treasurer — Wayne Casteen; Clerk of Session — Susie Bullard; Assistant Clerk of Session — Rick Batchelor.
- * heard Elder Jim Sills' story of faith and motivation for serving as a member of the Class of 2017;
- * approved minutes from the December 16, 2014 stated session meeting;
- * invited Rev. Steuart Link to preach on Sunday, February 1, 2015;
- * approved a request from the LOGOS Worship Skills team to ask the congregation to contribute new washcloths and soap for a worship mission project;
- * approved working together with other Duplin County Presbyterian churches to host the October 2015 presbytery meeting;
- * reflected on the January session retreat and briefly reviewed the responsibilities of the Ministry Teams;
- * approved the minister's request to use Continuing Education leave and funds to attend an event at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA March 24-26, "Staying Fresh in a Long Small Church Pastorate";
- * approved a change in the format of the weekly worship bulletin;
- * set February 24, 2015 as the date of the February stated meeting;
- * joined in prayer to close the meeting.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Vernon Mountcastle and his family on the death of his father in Baltimore, MD on January 18.



BACKPACK Ministry

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN & BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Sunday, February 22

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!

Here is a report on the ministry for the 2014-2015 school year through December 31, 2014:

102 food packs on first weekend of 2014-2015 school year

145 food packs on December 19, 2014

1,975 food packs provided from beginning of school year - 12/31/14

Financial report for 7/1/14 - 12/31/14

Contributions received	\$16,279
Food expense	9,178
Bank balance	\$21,825

Contributions received from: Byrd's Chapel Missionary Baptist, Christian Fellowship, Concord Baptist, Duplin Community Foundation, First Missionary Baptist of Chinquapin, Island Creek Missionary Baptist, Magnolia Baptist, Mill Swamp Community Club, Mount Zion Presbyterian, River Landing Golf Assoc. for Ladies, Sharon Baptist, Shiloh Baptist, Teachey Baptist, Transfiguration Catholic — Knights of Columbus, Wallace First Baptist, Wallace Presbyterian, Wallace United Methodist.



NURSERY WORKERS

- 02/01: Sherry Roberts & Ann Carter
- 02/08: Lori Newkirk & Hope Turnbull
- 02/15: Stanley & Lindsay Skidmore
- 02/22: J & Joell Parker
- 03/01: Curt & Regina Simpson
- 03/08: Leon & Jewell Wells
- 03/15: Charley & Harriet Farrior
- 03/22: Dave & Gloria Wells
- 03/29: Fred Burroughs & Nell Sloan

USHERS

Fred Burroughs, Leader	Bill Walters
Blake Wallace	Susan Walters
	Greg Maready



GREETERS

- 02/01: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull
- 02/08: Jim & Sharon Robison
- 02/15: Freddy & Rhonda Hall

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

February 1-15: Nate Farrior
February 16-28: Clay Blue

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

- 02/01: Will & Jane Caroline Minchew
- 02/08: Joseph & Colby Phaneuf
- 02/15: Elizabeth & James Sills
- 02/22: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Potts Memorial Presbyterian Church in Penderlea for supper and Bible study.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, February 24 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 monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, February 22.

Congratulations!

To Mayor Charley Farrior who will be awarded the Harry "Toots" Carlton Award and to Curt Simpson who will be installed as First Vice President at the Wallace Chamber of Commerce banquet on Tuesday, February 17.



Hospital & at home: Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)
 Bettisue Tillman, (Brian Center) Myree Bland (home)
 Frank Toothman (Brian Center) Kelsea Webster (home)
 Judy Robinson (home) Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)



Pancake Breakfast P.E.P. Fundraiser

Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast at Hwy 55
of Wallace (Former Andy's)

Time: 8:00 – 10:00 am

Tickets \$5.00 each

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Bring your sweetheart for a Pancake
Breakfast!

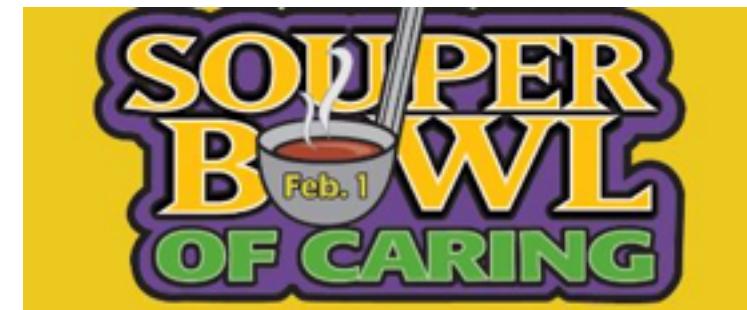
(tickets available from PEP students
teachers, or board members)



Congregational Meeting



The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 8 immediately following worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and to act on the committee's nomination of a fifth elder for the Class of 2017.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Drop a dollar or more in the soup pot on your way out of worship this morning.
The money collected will support our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
Our church participates with churches across the United States in the
"Souper Bowl of Caring" on Super Bowl Sunday.



“Holy Conversations”
Sunday, February 22
Wallace Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.



Pastors, churches, and our Presbytery all face important decisions about how to vote on the General Assembly’s actions regarding same-gender marriage. Before we debate and vote on the proposed amendments on March 7, our Presbytery wants to encourage a time of discernment through “holy conversations” – conversations which intentionally make room for the Holy Spirit. Two pastors, Jim Randall (MacPherson PC/Fayetteville) and Ernie Thompson (First PC/Wilmington), have been asked to share their perspectives on same-gender marriage in the church and engage in such a holy conversation at three locations in the Presbytery. At these gatherings there will also be a time for questions and small group discussion.

These Holy Conversations gatherings will be conversational but not a debate, time for debate will be at the stated meeting on Saturday, March 7, in Elizabethtown. All voting commissioners to the Presbytery are encouraged to attend:

1. The ruling elder commissioner elected by the session of your church to attend the March Presbytery meeting;
2. All Pastors and Commissioned Ruling Elders (lay pastors), especially those who plan to attend the March 7 meeting;
3. All other voting members of presbytery;
4. Other interested church leaders and members who want to explore this subject.

PREACHING AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN FEBRUARY



**FOCUS ON
THE BIG MESSAGE**

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DATE	SERMON TEXT	ELDER	PREACHER
February 1	Mark 1:21-28	Curt Simpson	Steuart Link
February 8	1 Corinthians 13	Bill Walters	Philip Gladden
February 15	Mark 12:28-34	Jim Sills	Philip Gladden
February 22	Luke 9:23-27	Rick Batchelor	Philip Gladden

LENT THE CROSSES OF LENT



Child Safety Policy Meeting
Sunday, February 8
Immediately Following Worship
Fellowship Hall

If you work with children and youth in any capacity at WPC, please plan to attend a brief Child Safety Policy meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8 immediately following worship. WPC has contracted with Group Publishing Company and First Advantage to conduct background checks on volunteers with children and youth as required by our church’s insurance policy and our Child Safety Policies.

The Child Safety Policies and the Sexual Misconduct Policy will be briefly explained, and signature sheets indicating willingness to comply and permission/information sheets for background checks will be collected.

For more information about the Group program called “Shepherd’s Watch,” visit www.group.com/shepherds-watch. All information collected will be kept in a locked, secure location at the church and the minister alone will be responsible for submitting information and receiving reports. Thank you for helping us make WPC a safe place for our children, youth, and adults!

Wallace Presbyterian Planning Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1
9:40 am: Open Assembly
10:00 am: S School
11:00 am: Worship/Rev. Stuart Link, preacher
“Souper Bowl of Caring” Offering
1:00 pm: Sound Retreat concludes, Trinity Center

2
10:30 am: Circle #1: Room 304

3
6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304
7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304
10:30 am: Circle #3: Judy Holley
7:00 pm: Circle #4: Dottie Obenour
7:00 pm: Presbyterian Men, Potts Memorial PC

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10:00 am: Bible Study, Living Room in Office Bldg.
4:30 -7:30 pm: LOGOS! Beach Party
6:00 pm: Handbell Practice
7:30 pm: Choir Practice

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Confirmation 2015 Lock-In at the Church

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9:40 am: Open Assembly
10:00 am: S School
11:00 am: Worship
12:15 pm: Safety Policies Meeting, Fellowship Hall
4-6:30 pm: Confirmation 2015 Fellowship Hall

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6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304
7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304

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10:00 am: Bible study, Living Room in Office Bldg.
4:30-7:30 pm: LOGOS!
Love Your Neighbor
6:00 pm: Handbell Practice
7:30 pm: Choir Practice

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“Faith means believing in things you’ve never seen...like your feet!”

15
9:40 am: Open Assembly
10:00 am: S School
11:00 am: Worship
4-6:30 pm: Confirmation 2015 Fellowship Hall

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6:00 pm: Presbyterians Dining Together-Western Sizzlin'

17
6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304
7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304

18 **Ash Wednesday/ Beginning of Lent**
10:00 am: Bible study, Living Room in Office Bldg.
4:30 -7:30 pm: LOGOS!
Backwards Night
6:00 pm: Handbell Practice
7:30 pm: Choir Practice

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22 **1st Sunday in Lent**
9:40 am: Open Assembly
10:00 am: S School
11:00 am: Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering
3-4:30 pm: “Holy Conversations” in Sanctuary
5:30-7:30 pm: Confirmation 2015, Fellowship Hall

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24
6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304
7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304
6:00 pm: Session Meeting, Room 304

25
10:00 am: Bible Study, Living Room in Office Bldg.
NO LOGOS TONIGHT
6:00 pm: Handbell Practice
7:30 pm: Choir Practice

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“Our pastor says all men are brothers. Does that mean all men want to pull my underwear up over my head?”

FEBRUARY 2015

