



Birthdays In February

Happy Birthday to you!!



- 1. Gloria Wells
- Ann T. Johnson
- Kendrick Minchew
- 3. Richard Hirshkind
- 4. Cody Cavanaugh
- Rusty Walker
- Phil Gladden
- 7. Shirley Carlton
- Hope Turnbull
- 8. Greg Maready
- 10 Robert Steen
- 12. Marissa Parks
- MacKenzie Parks
- 14. Lois Edgerton
- Jeff Hargrove
- 15. Mary Carone
- 16. Judy Holley
- 17. Jason Fussell
- Katie Robison
- Debbie Thomas
- 18. Nolan Hall
- Jean Parks
- 21. Kyle Teachey
- Dona Lanier
- 24. Chuck Farrior
- Courtney Moore
- 25. Lee Baker
- 26. Tom Whitfield
- 27. Hampton Hall



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

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Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING

Sunday, February 5, 2017
Following Sunday Worship

The final score of Super Bowl LI has yet to be determined, but we already know that our Helping Hands Food Pantry at the Wallace Presbyterian Church will be a big winner because of our Souper Bowl of Caring Offering on February 5.

This offering was started by a Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Group in South Carolina and has spread to many other organizations. All money raised nationally remains local and supports many different ministries of assistance, such as our church's food pantry.

On your way out of worship on Super Bowl Sunday, drop a few dollars into the Souper Bowl of Caring. Thanks!



Dear Friends,

One day, I texted Vera on my iPhone and asked if she would change the cloths on the pulpit and lectern. The cloths are also called "paraments." After I hit "Send," I looked at the message and realized the autocorrect function had kicked in. So, I actually asked Vera to change the "pulpit parrots"! She wanted to know what color parrots I wanted in the sanctuary!

We use purple, white, green, and red paraments in our church (and my and the choir's matching stoles) to symbolize the different seasons of the Church year. Purple appears during Advent and Lent. White shows up at Christmas and Easter, and also for weddings and funerals. Red is the least used color, on the Day of Pentecost. Green is the most commonly used color in about 65% of the Church year. That season on the Church calendar is called "Ordinary Time."

The "Directory for Worship" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) says, "God has provided a rhythm of seasons which orders life and influences the church's worship. God's work of redemption in Jesus Christ offers the Church a central pattern for ordering worship in relationship to significant occasions in the life of Jesus and of the people of God. Human life in community reflects a variety of rhythms that also affect Christian worship. Among these are the annual cycles of civic, agricultural, school and business life; special

times of family remembrance and celebration; and the patterns of a variety of cultural expressions, commemorations and events. The church in carrying out its mission also creates a cycle of activities, programs and observances."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We mark the times of our lives with clocks, watches, calendars, anniversaries, and customary celebrations, even in the church. The passage of time and its apparent repetition of events lulls us into thinking "there is nothing new under the sun."

Even in this green Ordinary Time in February, we believe God has done and continues to do extraordinary things in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ. That's the good news of the gospel, as John puts it in the introduction to his gospel: "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." (The Message) God chooses what is ordinary to do his extraordinary work. That includes you and me. As ordinary as we are, as ordinary as our lives may appear to be, we are claimed by God and called God's children to do his extra-ordinary work.

As we make our way toward the purple Season of Lent (begins March 1), let us remember that God's Son, our Savior, lived an ordinary life, just like each of us. But he lived it in an extraordinary way, loving God with his whole being and loving us, even to the point of dying for our sins.

In Christ,

Phil

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, January 17, 2017 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Susan Walters;
- * elected the following officers for 2017: Clerk of Session — Elder George Francis; Assistant Clerk of Session — Nick Baker; Treasurer — Elder Wayne Casteen; President of the Corporation — Elder Curt Simpson;
- * studied God's Word in Acts 2:43-46 and discussed a reading, "The way it used to be: What can first-century churches teach us today?";
- * approved minutes from the December 20, 2016 stated session meeting;
- * approved the 2017 schedule of communion and special offerings;
- * approved a request from Ainsley's Angels to use the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 5, 2017 to celebrate the group's first anniversary. This organization gives special needs children the opportunity to participate in road races by pairing runners and riders in specialized wheel chairs;
- * received a thank-you letter from Children's Hope Alliance for our \$349 Thanksgiving offering;
- * reviewed the 2016 financial report from Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries;
- * discussed the work and membership of 2017 Ministry Teams;
- * approved a request from the minister for vacation February 1-7, 2017 to attend and officiate niece's wedding in Florida;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and the community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Jason Rouse.



For February

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
February 5	Curt Simpson	Rev. Jerry Bron
February 12		Rev. Jerry Bron
February 19	Susan Walter	Rev. Philip Gladden
February 26	Curt Simpson	Rev. Philip Gladden



Elected by the session in January for service in 2017

Clerk of Session	Elder George Francis
Assistant Clerk of Session	Elder Nick Baker
Treasurer	Elder Wayne Casteen
President of the Corporation	Elder Curt Simpson

Thank you for your service!



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, February 26

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

For the period 7/1/16 - 12/31/16:

2,925 food packs delivered to seven schools in Duplin County
Donations totaling \$26,241 from 25 churches and organizations and
15-20 individuals

Ending bank balance as of 12/31/16 of \$17,182

(includes \$3,500 designated for 2017 summer food).

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary;
Charity Middle; Wallace Elementary; Chinquapin Elementary;
Beulaville Elementary; B.F. Grady Elementary; Warsaw
Elementary; Warsaw Middle.

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



PREACHING IN FEBRUARY

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
February 5	Luke 4:31-40	Rev. Jerry Bron
February 12	Matthew 3:13 - 4:11	Rev. Jerry Bron
February 19	Luke 4:1-13	Rev. Philip Gladden
February 26	Luke 9:28-36	Rev. Philip Gladden

Please take time to read these scripture lessons before worship and pray for our congregation and preachers as we get ready to read, proclaim, hear, and live the Word of God.



GREETERS

February



02/05: Bill & Susan Carone
02/12: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myrick
02/19: Charley & Harriet Farrow
02/26: Cindy Barrow & Lois Edgerton

Freddy Hall, Leader
J Parker Wayne Casteen
Roger Coombs Clay Blue
Dave Wells

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

02/05: Sarah Pearl Farrow & Hill Lanier
02/12: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
02/19: Elizabeth & James Sills
02/26: Cameron & Reese Blue

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill. All men are invited for supper and Bible study led by Rev. Brian Doles.

* **The 7th annual Sound Retreat** will be held Friday - Sunday, February 10-12 at The Trinity Center at Pine Knoll Shores, NC. Rev. Bill Goodnight will be the adult program leader. Rachel Doll will provide the program for children and youth.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any concerns or business 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 26. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for a financial report from the second half of 2016.



Hospital & at home:

Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)

Judy Robinson (home)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)

George Walker (Rosemary)

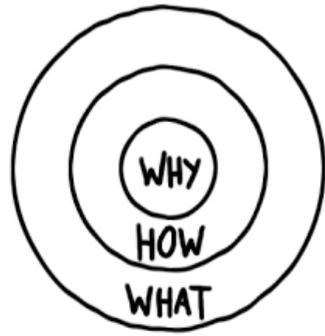
Kelsea Webster (home)



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Linda Guglielmi and her family on the death of her husband, Ralph, on January 23, 2017.



Congratulations to J and Joell Parker on the birth of their son, Richmond Henry Parker, on January 13 (7 lbs. 14 oz., 21.5 inches) Bella Peach and Ireland are his proud big sisters!



You must define your **why** before you can begin with the **what** and the **how**.



ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Hearing and Speaking the Psalms”

What is Our Why?

Our Ministry & Mission catalog describes twenty-three ministry programs and opportunities to serve in our church. Have you ever wondered “Why?” Why do we do we have all of these ministries?

Join your fellow Christians for a conversation about “What Is Our Why?” on Sunday, March 5, following worship. Dr. Phil will lead us in discussion about what is most central in our life as a congregation and how our “why” is the basis for “how” and “what” we do in our ministry and mission.

Please join us immediately after church in the Currie building for a covered dish luncheon sponsored by the Wallace Presbyterian Women.

February 10-12, 2017, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome! The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Bill Goodnight, Retired Pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Reverend Goodnight is serving as the stated supply Pastor at the Oak Plain & Potts Memorial Presbyterian Churches. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC.



Wallace Presbyterian Women News

World Day of Prayer 2017
"Am I Being Unfair to You?"
Friday, March 3, at 10:00 am



We will celebrate World Day of Prayer 2017 on Friday, March 3, at 10:00 am, in our sanctuary. Wallace United Methodist women will provide the program entitled "Am I Being Unfair to You?" written by the women of the Philippines. The artist for the picture above is Rowena “Apol” Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. Everyone is invited.

Our annual church-wide Mission Luncheon is Sunday, March 5, following the 11:00 am worship service. We will share a potluck meal, and Dr. Phil will lead us in discussion of “What is Our Why?”. Please plan to attend.



Dr. Bill Goodnight



Rachel Whaley Doll

It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church’s bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!

Have a blessed day!

Louis DiDomenico
 Sound Retreat Chairperson



Sanctuary Flowers

Dear WPC Family,

Each week sanctuary flowers are provided for our Sunday morning worship. Members and friends of the church take this opportunity to remember a birthday, anniversary or recognize/honor someone special. Acknowledgement of the flowers is in the church bulletin.

There are Sundays available, and we ask that you consider taking a date to provide the flowers. Please contact Cindy Barrow or Lois Edgerton.

The church guidelines are:

- Flowers need to be in the sanctuary before assembly.
- Flowers need to be removed after the service.
- No bows or ribbons
- Family is to pay the florist directly.
- Flowers do not have to be from a florist. You can create your own arrangement.
- The use of silk or artificial flowers and plants is discouraged.

Two local florists have keys to the church and will deliver the flowers on Saturday.

Stallings Florist – 910/285-3896

Olive Branch Gardens – 910/285-4957

Let us hear from you, please.

Cindy Barrow – 910/285-2561, cbarrow28466@yahoo.com

Lois Edgerton – 910/285-2160, thomasedgerton@hotmail.com

Wallace Presbyterian Women

Co-Chairs for Sanctuary Flowers



Rev. Jerry Bron Guest Preacher February 5 & February 12

Rev. Jerry Bron will be our guest preacher on February 5 and 12. For us to get to know him better, here is a short bio about him:

Gezinus “Jerry” Dirk Bron was born in the Netherlands on December of 1945. He is the oldest of five children. He emigrated to the US in 1955. Grew up in the Castle Hayne-Wrightsboro section of New Hanover County, NC. Played basketball at New Hanover High and UNC -W. Graduated from UNC-W with a BA in history in 1968 and Union Seminary in 1972 with a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry in 1982. Pastored three churches over the next 38 years: Pink Hill Presbyterian Church, Pink Hill, NC from 72-78, First Presbyterian in Washington, NC from 1978 to 1993, and then as organizing pastor of the Southminster Church in Gastonia, NC. from 1993 to 2010. All three churches experienced significant growth in various ways while he was pastor there. Jerry has been married to Linda McKoy since 1968. She is a 1969 grad of VCU in Richmond, Va. She taught public school elementary grades and AIG for 33 years. Linda and Jerry are parents to Allison, Elizabeth and Jakob. Seven grandchildren call him Opa. He retired in 2010 and now lives on the Wrightsville Beach side of Wilmington. He still serves the church as a supply preacher and an occasional part time interim. He is a coach to new church developments and new church pastors. He specializes in helping start new churches. He enjoys his grandchildren, the salt life, being the handy man around the house, yard work, boating, photography, golf and the wind in what’s left of his hair driving his convertible. We look forward to having Rev. Bron with us.

