

The beginning of this year has brought unprecedented challenges for our neighbors in California, who are now facing a devastating disaster. The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. Authorities are reporting this as a historic and deadly wildfire event. More than 40,000 acres have burned, with over 12,300 structures destroyed, entire communities wiped out, and tens of thousands of residents displaced. Currently, 92,000 residents are under evacuation orders, and 89,000 more remain in evacuation warning zones, meaning they may need to leave their homes at a moment's notice. Tragically, at least 24 lives have been lost, and the numbers continue to rise as fires remain uncontained. This is an ongoing disaster, and the extent of damage and loss continues to evolve, with figures expected to change as the situation develops.

As part of the ongoing response and in consultation with the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Fernando, and San Gabriel, as well as the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and its leadership, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, we are clear that the magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Presbyterians in the region are participating in coordination calls with nonprofit and faith-based disaster organizations to ensure that no one is forgotten.

Financial support for relief efforts is being coordinated by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). If you would like to contribute, you can give directly through [PDA online](#). You can also write a check to WPC with "Wildfire Relief" in the memo line, and we will send it on. You can drop off checks at the church, place them in the offering plate during worship services, or mail to WPC at PO Box 717 Wallace, NC 28466.



Birthdays in February

 Happy Birthday to you!! 



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| 1. Gloria Wells | 16. Debbie Thomas |
| 6. Hayes Ludlum | 18. Nolan Hall |
| 7. Hope Turnbull | Jean Parks |
| 8. Greg Maready | 21. Dona Lanier |
| 10. Robert Steen | 24. Chuck Farrior |
| 15. Mary Carone | 26. Tom Whitfield |
| 16. Katie Robison McCourtie | 27. Hampton Hall |

 February

NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

FEBRUARY 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER OFFERING

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Following Worship

Our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Offering will be received on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. 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.

All money collected will be given to our Helping Hands Food Pantry here at the church. You may put your contribution in the bucket or offering plate in worship, mail it to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, drop a check in the mail slot in the front door of the church office building at 205 W. Main Street, or contribute online at www.wallacepresbyterian.com.





Beloved,

Hollywood Presbyterian Church was one of the most prestigious churches in the nation; one with a long and rich history, having been pastored by such influential church leaders as: Drs. Louis Evans, Richard Halverson, and Lloyd John Ogilvie. (both Halverson and Ogilvie went on to serve as chaplains to the US Senate).

A featured article about Presbyterians in general and this church in particular appeared in LIFE magazine (January 10, 1949) and spoke of a very different day and time than today. One in which huge crowds lined up each week to get into the 1,700 seat sanctuary; a time when men wore dark suits and white shirts, and the women came in dresses, hats and gloves! And it was a time of great success and growth, with scores of people joining each month and the Sunday School program overflowing with children!

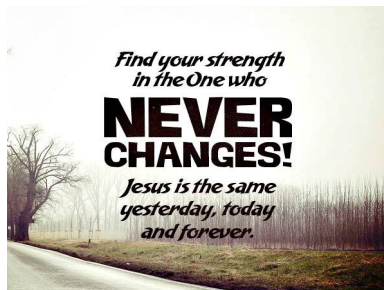
However, the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, after reaching its highpoint in the 1950's, began to lose members in the succeeding decades, despite the fact that it had been home to some of the most notable preachers of the 20th century. The community changed...the culture changed...and it was hard for the church to adapt. One of the on-going struggles was how to deal with the persistent memory of "how things used to be," and the painful realization that those days weren't coming back.

Hollywood Presbyterian is certainly very different today than it was when that LIFE article was written in 1949, but in other ways it hadn't changed at all: It's still committed to sharing the timeless truth of God's love and grace for all, except now they're willing to go about it in new and fresh ways that speaks to a new generation.

As we prepare for the next installed pastor, let us remember that while times change, and while our community and culture may change, let us be clear about what does not change: Our God does not change, nor does the need to share the timeless truth of His love for us all. Let us remember and rejoice in what God has done with us in the past, but let's not look in that direction too long, or too longingly, lest we miss what God plans to do with us -- and through us -- now, and in the future!

Faithfully,

Pastor Robb



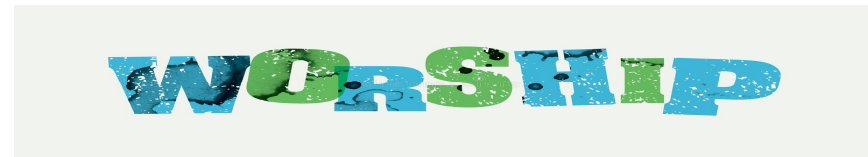
Building Repairs and Painting

Recently, the Session identified the need to have the exterior of our beautiful church repaired and painted. Subsequently, the Building and Grounds Committee reached out to our own Dwight Hall, owner of DPH General Contractors. Dwight assessed the needs of the exterior of our church and presented a plan to the Session to address the following issues:

- Power wash all the buildings and scrape all areas to be painted.
- Clean the brick on the Currie Building to remove white stains.
- Repair or replace all rotten wood on the church.
- Rebuild the louvers on the towers on the front of the church.
- Remove and replace the windows in the church office.
- Paint, with two coats of paint, the trim/doors, excluding the stained glass windows.
- Paint the exterior wrought iron handrails.

The Session voted unanimously to authorize DPH General Contractors to oversee the proposed work and repairs began in November of last year. All the repairs have now been completed and the exterior of our church has been restored to like new condition.

The Session would like to thank Dwight and DPH for a job well done.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
February 2	Geneva Maready	Robb Lapp
February 9	Sandy Cobb	Robb Lapp
February 16	Devan Riley	Robb Lapp
February 23	Debbie Price	Robb Lapp



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, February 23. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. 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.



FEBRUARY 2025

February 2:	Genesis 37
February 9:	Luke 5:1-11
February 16:	Luke 6:17-26
February 23:	Luke 6:27-38

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and pastor in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word during the month of February.



Wednesday morning, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304

You are invited to join our weekly Bible Study as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday.



Youth Group Handbells!

Our church has purchased a set of handbells for our youth who are 5th grade and older. No experience is needed to play and you don't need to read music. If you can count to four, you qualify as a member!

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, January 12 at 9:45 AM during the Sunday School hour. Whole group rehearsals are 2-3 times per month (dates listed to the right), but we are also offering small group practice times on additional Sundays. Consistent attendance is extremely helpful when learning how to play together as a group.

We hope you will join us as we seek opportunities to worship and to be of service to our Church. Playing bells is not only fun but a joyous way to praise the Lord!



Rehearsal Schedule
January 12 Whole Group
January 19 Whole Group
January 26 Small Group
February 9 Whole Group
February 16 Whole Group
February 23 Small Group
March 2 Whole Group
March 9 Small Group
March 23 Whole Group
March 30 Small Group
April 6 Whole Group
April 13 Whole Group
April 20 Easter Sunday Performance



Scout Sunday

WPC and Pack 35 celebrated Scout Sunday on January 26. Pack 35 has been providing Cub Scouting to the young boys in the Wallace area for almost 75 years. Scout Sunday gives our pack the opportunity to put our final and most important Scout Law point into action, 'A Scout is Reverent.' Our pack is also able to thank the congregation of the Wallace Presbyterian Church for being our charter organization.

Chad Savage, Pack Leader



CAMP KIRKWOOD MEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 31
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

2015 Camp Kirkwood Rd
Watha, NC 28478



ABOUT THE RETREAT

Please join us for a time of fellowship, relaxation, kicking back, and giving back.

On Friday night, you'll get to enjoy dinner followed by two great guest speakers around the fireplace and sleeping in the cabins with other snoring men. On Saturday, we will have breakfast, complete service projects, and finish up in the early afternoon with lunch.

There is no cost for this event, other than a day of hard work on camp projects.

REGISTER TODAY

Don't miss this fun opportunity to be a camper again and to meet other men that support this worthwhile ministry to God's children of all ages.

For more information, please contact YMCA Camp Kirkwood at 910-726-9789. To register, scan the QR code or visit ymcasenc.org/MensRetreat2025



OUR SPEAKERS



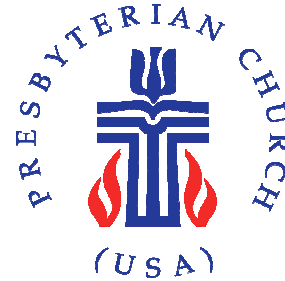
Soaring with Eagles

Bob Fuller

Retired US Navy Pilot

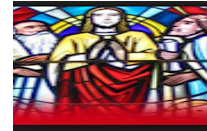
Don Miller

Retired US Army & Coast Guard Helicopter Pilot



2025 CHURCH OFFICERS

Clerk of Session: Hope Turnbull
Church Treasurer: Wayne Casteen
Corporation President: Curt Simpson



Session

2025 SESSION

Robert Lapp, Moderator

Hope H. Turnbull, Clerk

CLASS OF 2025

Sandy Cobb
Debbie Price
Blake Wallace

CLASS OF 2026

Kevin Johnson
Royal Johnson
Nell Sloan

CLASS OF 2027

Karla Casteen
Geneva Maready
Devan Riley

2025 Ministry Team Assignments

Christian Education:

Debbie Price

Building & Grounds:

Blake Wallace, Royal Johnson

Worship & Music:

Karla Casteen, Sandy Cobb

Personnel:

Blake Wallace

Stewardship & Finance:

Devan Riley

Congregational Care:

Nell Sloan, Geneva Maready

Outreach:

Kevin Johnson



Christian love and sympathy is extended to Joe Wallace and family on the death of his wife Judy Blake Wallace on January 9, 2025.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **MUSIC ON A SUNDAY WITH FRIENDS - On Sunday, February 2, at 3:00 pm**, Wallace-Rose Hill Friends of the Arts will be hosting **Carolina Sound**, a graduate-level acapella group from the University of Mount Olive, at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. The concert is free and open to the public.

* **Wallace Presbyterian Shirt Orders** need to be turned in no later than Sunday, February 2nd. Please Note there are 2 options-a cotton material and also an athletic slick material. The order form for both is in the fellowship hall, or you can text your order to: Jennifer Johnson-(828) 385-0644. Money can be paid directly to church, see Wayne Casteen.

* **We will collect** our annual “**Souper Bowl of Caring**” Offering after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, February 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.

* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) **Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering** during worship on Sunday, February 23.



FEBRUARY



02/02: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse
02/09: Ellie & Michael Newton
02/16: Harriet & Windsor Farrior
02/23: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange

Kevin Johnson, Head
Debbie Price Henry Stevens
Ray Cobb

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

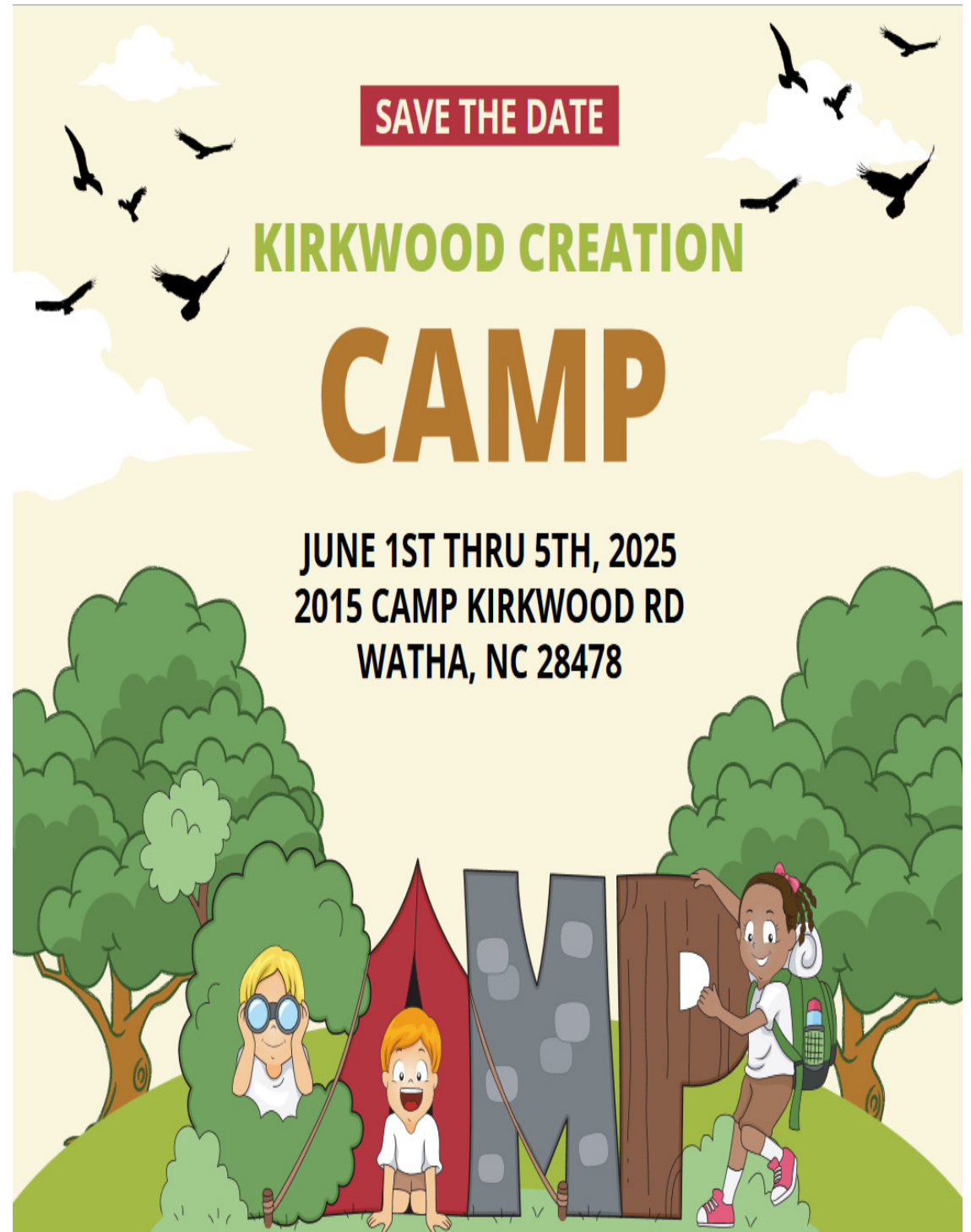
February 1-15: Nate Farrior
February 16-28: Clay Blue

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

02/02: Debbie Price
02/09: Courtenay & Parker Thompson
02/16: Ellie Newton
02/23: Windsor/Georgia Farrior



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. On that day from 12 noon - 1:00 pm, the sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation and to receive the imposition of ashes, if you'd like. A resource with scriptures and prayers will be provided. You're welcome to come and go during that hour as your schedule permits. The ashes remind us of the consequences of our sin which is death. During Lent we remember and respond to the atoning death of Christ. Lent offers the opportunity to respond to the death of Christ so that we may rise with Him. Thus, it is appropriate to give up something for Lent (dying) and to take on an opportunity to serve (rising).



February 2025



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