



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

JANUARY 2015

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

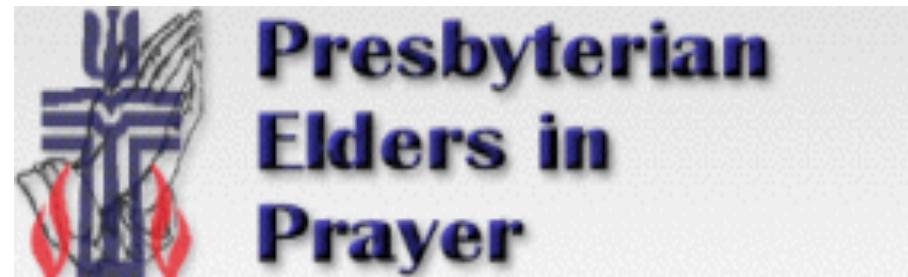
Wallace Presbyterian Church
Room 304



Birthdays In January

Happy Birthday to you!!

1. Joann Phillips
2. Will Fussell
5. Fred Burroughs
- Caroline Goffena
6. Will Richards
8. Jacob Hargrove
9. Megan Strickland
10. Mike Teachey
11. Curtis Simpson
15. Annie Johnson
- Diane Knowles
16. Cathy Wells
17. Nick Baker
18. Obbie Clemons
- Joey Brinkley
19. Jamie Alexander
20. Eddie Bowman
22. Regina Simpson
- Tracey Carr
24. Sharon Moore
25. Rob Lanier
27. Lindley Barrow
28. Ciria Lanier
29. Mary Browder
- Cindy Barrow
31. Dianne McNamara



On Saturday, January 10, our elders and minister will be on their annual session retreat. This year's retreat will be held at the Wallace Presbyterian Church in Room 304.

Our session will be worshiping, praying, studying the Bible, enjoying fellowship, and seeking to discern God's will for our congregation. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers. They will be praying for you!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Our new hymnal, *Glory to God*, has many wonderful songs for us to learn in the coming weeks, months, and years. As we begin a new year and look ahead to what God has in mind for the Wallace Presbyterian Church, let me share one song from the section called "Celebrating Time." The hymn (#684) is called "Faith Begins by Letting Go."

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way seems less secure: pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

The explanatory note below the hymn says, "This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of

becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

In this new year, as always, God's promises are sure. In our life and ministry together, we need to ask, "What do we need to give up that seemed sure as we trust our lives to God? What do we need to hold on to that will ground us as we move ahead trusting in God's great faithfulness? How can we reach out in the grace of God and with the love of Jesus Christ?"

Our elders and I will spend time in fellowship and prayer on Saturday, January 10 as we seek God's guidance for the coming year. We will focus on our relationships with God and each other in the congregation. An article we will read together ends with the statement, "But none of it [different ways of reorganizing or restructuring] will work if we aren't willing to give up all the things we love and worship more than Jesus."

Please join your elders and me in seeking God's guidance in 2015 as we try to give up all the things we love and worship more than Jesus, so WPC can bear a faithful witness to God's grace.

In Christ,



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, December 16, 2014 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * sang Christmas carols around the piano in the Music Room;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God's Word from Luke 2:1-21;
- * examined elders-elect in the Class of 2015 (Curt Simpson) and the Class of 2017 (Wayne Casteen, Vera Coombs, George Francis, and Jim Sills) for ordination and installation on January 4, 2015;
- * prayed for members of our congregation and community;
- * approved minutes from the stated session meeting on November 18, 2014, the congregational meeting on November 23, 2014, and the called session meeting on December 14, 2014;
- * approved plans for Confirmation 2015;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Joell Parker.



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN JANUARY

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
January 4	Dottie Obenour	Philip Gladden
January 11	Rick Batchelor	Philip Gladden
January 18	Bill Walters	Philip Gladden
January 25	Zach Casteen	Philip Gladden



RULING ELDERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED ON JANUARY 4



Congratulations to George Francis who was ordained and installed as a member of the session's Class of 2017 and to Wayne Casteen, Jim Sills, Vera Coombs (Class of 2017), and Curt Simpson (Class of 2015) who were installed on Sunday, January 4.

"Thank You" to Elders Pat Barrow, Fred Burroughs, Karla Casteen, Harvey Knowles, and Curt Simpson who have served faithfully for three years in the Class of 2014.



Don't forget to pick up your 2015 Offering Envelopes!

They are available on the usher pew in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your faithful and generous contributions!



NURSERY WORKERS

JANUARY

USHERS

Jim Robison, Leader

Michael Teachey Dave Wells
Roger Coombs Clay Blue

GREETERS

01/04: Bill & Susan Walters
01/11: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone
01/18: Rick & Nettie Batchelor
01/25: Dave & Gloria Wells

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

January 1-15: Charley Farrior
January 16-31: Greg Maready

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

01/04: Madelyn Coombs & Mary Kellan Creech
01/11: Rance Creech & Cole Farrior
01/18: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier
01/25: Andrew Miller & Tommy Newkirk

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, January 1-2. Happy New Year!
- * We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 4. All who have been baptized and put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table.
- * Elders in the Class of 2015 and 2017 will be ordained and installed during worship on Sunday, January 4.
- * Presbyterian Men will meet at the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and Bible study. All men are welcome.
- * The session will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, January 10 here at the church.
- * The session will meet on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to an elder or the minister.
- * We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, January 25.



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



HOW CAN YOU HELP? 2015 Session Ministry Teams

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit . . . To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good . . . Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:4, 7, 27)

Much of the ongoing work and ministry of the Wallace Presbyterian Church is handled through the seven session Ministry Teams. At the January session meeting, the session will be drawing up lists of potential Ministry Team members. The session needs your help.

Please review the responsibilities of the session Ministry Teams and indicate your top three choices for service. Each Ministry Team has an elder as chairperson and one or more elders as members. Ministry Team membership ranges from 8-12 members total. Every attempt will be made to honor your preference for service in 2014.

Thanks for your involvement in the life of our congregation!

Responsibilities of Ministry Teams

Christian Education: work in planning and overseeing the entire Christian Education program (e.g., Sunday School, youth groups, outdoor ministries, confirmation, LOGOS, etc.); recruit and train Sunday School teachers and youth leaders.

Building and Grounds: oversee the maintenance and development of the physical plant and grounds; be responsible for opening and closing the building on Sundays and at other times when needed; develop a long-range building and grounds maintenance plan.

Personnel: oversee all personnel matters; propose policy changes in personnel handbook as needed; conduct annual reviews of church staff.

Worship: oversee the worship life of the congregation; be responsible for ushers and nursery workers, sanctuary guild, Kirkwood Sunday, community Advent services, communion, pulpit supply.

Stewardship and Finance: oversee the financial matters of the congregation; prepare and submit the annual budget in consultation with the committees; provide for the annual audit of church accounts; evaluate and propose special offerings; be responsible for the Stewardship luncheon and program on the first Sunday of November; develop a year-round program of Stewardship education for the congregation.

Congregational Care: oversee the spiritual nurture and pastoral care of the congregation; work with/oversee Presbyterians Dining Together (PDT); develop and implement a new member

identification, support, and assimilation program (e.g., identification, initial contacts, welcome baskets, follow-up contacts, new member classes, sponsors, etc.); work with the minister to develop and offer spiritual nurture opportunities (e.g., retreats, studies, etc.); congregational communication (e.g., website, e-mail communications, etc.).

Outreach: oversee the outreach ministries of our congregation, including the Helping Hands Food Pantry, Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries (DCOM), Tabasco, Mexico partnership (with the Presbytery of the Gulf of Mexico and El Divino Verbo Church), Christmas Missions project, disaster responses (e.g., special offerings, work teams, shelter operation in a local emergency, etc.); Bikes for Zambia; Summer Reading Program; develop a congregational awareness of mission and outreach needs and opportunities in our community, presbytery, denomination, and worldwide.

Technology and Communications: oversee the technology of our church (e.g., sound system, recording/broadcast of worship services, website); facilitate communication within the church.

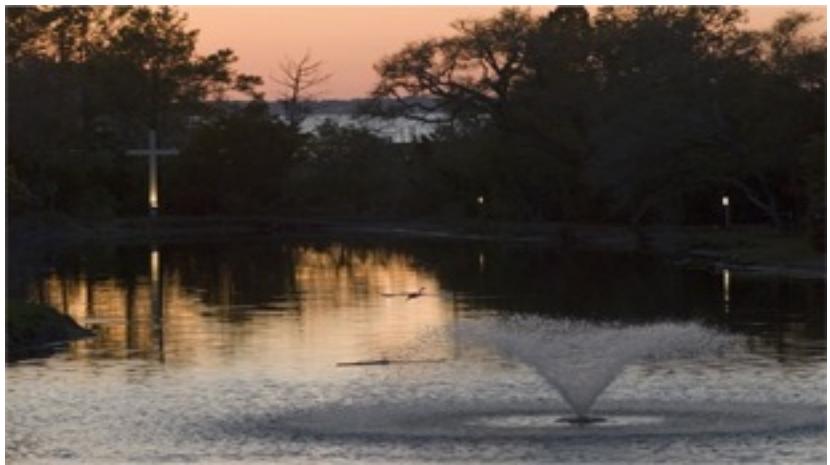
2015 MINISTRY TEAM PREFERENCES

NAME: _____

PHONE AND/OR E-MAIL: _____

Please indicate your top three choices for Ministry Team service in 20135 and return this form to the church office or e-mail Philip Gladden at drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com.

- Christian Education
- Building & Grounds
- Personnel
- Worship
- Stewardship & Finance
- Congregational Care
- Outreach
- Technology & Communicati



ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Words with the Word: Conversations in the Gospel of John”

SAVE THE DATE: January 30-February 1, 2015, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Salter Path, N.C.

All ages welcome.

- Great Leaders
- Delicious food
- Rest & Relaxation
- Spiritual renewal
- Fellowship & Fun
- Worship



Dr. George Anderson



Jenna Carriker

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Dr. George C. Anderson. We are so fortunate to have him back! It will be a stimulating and exciting time. We will also have an exciting program for our school age kids, led by Jenna Carriker, Youth Minister from Topsail PC., and including Trinity led exploration of birds of prey and life in and around the Sound. Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat; make your plans to join us. Don't miss out: Sign up now!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ELDERS!

Class of 2015

Curt Simpson is a real estate broker who grew up in the Beulaville, N.C., Presbyterian Church. A member of Wallace Presbyterian since 2001, he and his wife Regina have just opened Simpson Real Estate Group, Inc., at 101 W Main Street, Wallace. Curt is assistant to Regina in the pre-school Sunday School class. Over the years, he has served on the Building and Grounds, Stewardship and Finance, Technology and Communications, and Christian Education ministry teams. "Being an elder has been one of the most rewarding things that I've ever done," he says. "I really appreciate all of the support and prayers from the congregation in the last three years." Curt has been on the session for the last three years and will be filling the unexpired term of Elder Bill Saunders in the Class of 2015.

Class of 2017

Wayne Casteen has been a member of Wallace Presbyterian Church since marrying Karla, our music director. A native of Rose Hill, Wayne is a graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School and UNC-Chapel Hill. He is Vice President of Human Resources at Murphy-Brown LLC. Wayne has served as an elder in the past and has been church treasurer for years. He has chaired a pastor search committee, plays in the Attie Carlton Handbell Choir, and is active in the Sunday School department and many other areas in our church. He and Karla have two sons, Zach and his wife, Andrea, and daughter, Adlyn Jo, and Grayson.

Vera S. Coombs has been our organist since February 2000 and a member since December 2001. She teaches piano, has been involved in our weekly LOGOS ministry, and has served as an elder before. Vera is married to Roger Coombs. They have two children, Madelyn (12) and Robert (6).

George Francis grew up in Charleston, WV, and is a graduate of Culver Military Academy and of Denison University. After retiring from working with Information Technology with The Hartford Financial Services Group, George earned a degree in Mathematics Education and taught at the university level, where he also served as the Faculty Mentor to the Women's Soccer team. George and his wife, Mary, moved to River Landing in 2012. He transferred his membership from the First Church of Christ, Hartford, CT where he was active for twenty-eight years (chaired a pastor search committee, Board of Christian Education, treasurer, and deacon). Mary is an active member at the Transfiguration Catholic Church in Wallace. George is currently teaching Math at Coastal Carolina Community College and is active at WPC in the Sunday School and LOGOS programs.

Jim Sills has been a member of the Wallace Presbyterian Church for ten years. During that time, Jim has served as an elder, a member of the Christian Education Ministry Team, youth leader, and Sunday School Teacher (Margaret Hall Glasgow Class). Jim also preaches at our church and in other area Presbyterian churches. Jim works for the Fayetteville Publishing Company. He is married to Danielle. They have two children, Elizabeth (12) and James (10).



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Jason and Mary Laine Rouse on the birth of their son, Lane Philip Rouse, on December 31, 2014 (7 lbs., 4 oz.; 20 inches). J.J. is his proud big brother!

To Rev. Lauren Deer who will be sworn in as Chaplain for the Wallace Police Department on Thursday, January 8.



To the family of Rebecca Eaddy who died on December 22, 2014.

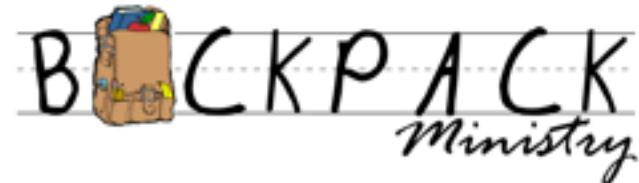
To Jan Zoesch on the death of her father on December 26, 2014.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN & BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Sunday, January 25

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!



"A Casual Afternoon of Music with Friends"

Sunday, January 25, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Free Admission

Featuring:

Randy Bittner

Karla Casteen

Vera Coombs

Joell Parker

Sponsored by Wallace Friends of the Arts



Pancake Breakfast

P.E.P. Fundraiser

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

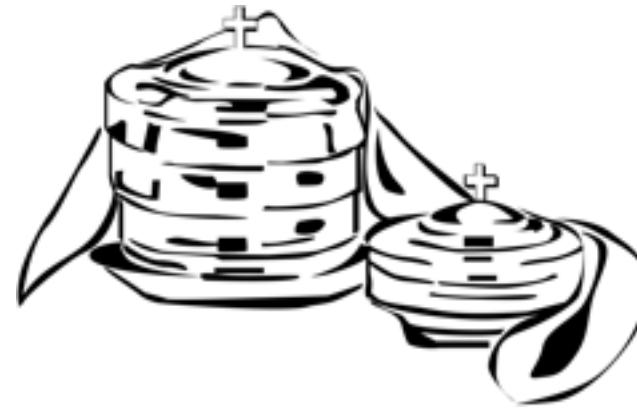
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 am

Tickets \$5.00 each

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Bring your sweetheart for a Pancake
Breakfast!

(tickets available from PEP students,



The sacrament of the Lord's Supper
was celebrated during worship
on Sunday, January 4.

Our next celebrations of the
sacrament
will be on Good Friday (April 3)
and Easter Sunday (April 5).



Wallace Presbyterian Planning Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 New Years Day Church Office Closed	2 Church Office Closed Secretary on Vacation Minister on Vacation	3
4 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship/ Communion/Ordination & Installation of Elders	5 10:30 am: Circle #2: Room 304	6 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 10:30 am: Circle #3: Faye Jones 7:00 pm: Circle #4: Susan Walters 7:00 pm: Presbyterian Men, Oak Plain PC	7 10:00 am: Bible study, Manse Living Room 4:30-7:30 pm: LOGOS! 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	8	9	10 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Session Retreat, WPC
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25 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering 3:00 pm: Concert at WPC	26	27 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304	28 10:00 am: Bible Study, Manse Living Room 4:30-7:30 pm: LOGOS! 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	29	30 Sound Retreat, The Trinity Center	31 Sound Retreat, The Trinity Center

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