

Birthdays in July



Happy Birthday to You!



2- Karla Casteen
4- Freddy Hall
5- Danielle Sills
Candace Knowles
Wallace Strickland
8- Bobby Ives
9- Bill Carone
Joyce Rau
12- David Johnson

17- Charley Farrior
18- Linda Burroughs
Ellie Carone
19- Ann Carter
21- Nell Sloan
23- Bill Walters
25- Joe Wallace
29- Kevin Johnson



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

JULY 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



SUNDAY, JULY 6 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 6.

*"O taste and see that the Lord is good."
Psalm 34:8*

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."
1 Corinthians 11:26*



Beloved,

The month of July is usually a slower, more leisurely time in the life of the church. It’s a time to refresh and renew for the fall programming. And as we do, let me encourage you to reflect upon the vision, mission, and values of Wallace Presbyterian Church and ask yourself how you might make a commitment to them.

Vision

At Wallace Presbyterian Church, we envision a community where faith, friendship, and service intertwine to embody God’s love and grace. We strive to create a nurturing environment and develop ministries where individuals of all ages can grow spiritually, form meaningful relationships, and actively participate in acts of compassion and service, both locally and beyond.

Mission

To carry on Christ’s mission today by enriching the lives of our church and community, nurturing the faith of children and youth, fostering meaningful relationships across all ages, and serving through dedicated outreach and support.

Values

Faith and Spiritual Growth	Service and Outreach
Inspirational Worship	Community and Belonging
Representative Leadership	Hospitality and Fellowship

We invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and mission as we strive to live out our faith and share God’s love in our community and beyond.

Once upon a time, there were four people; their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it. So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

Thank you for being a church of “Somebodys” who embody these values, who have a vision of what it means to be a people of faith, and who are making a difference in the lives of those in our congregation and beyond through our mission.

Faithfully,
Pastor Robb
Transitional Pastor

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the June 17, 2025 stated session meeting, the elders and pastor:

- Royal Johnson offered the devotion and opening prayer.
- Approved the application from the Helping Hands Food Pantry for a hunger grant through the presbytery.
- Session will not meet in July.
- Approved the interim pastor contract.
- Approved vacation and continuing education time for the interim pastor.
- Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, July 6, by intinction. Servers are Darlene Weller, Greg and Geneva Maready, and Robert Lapp.
- Heard an update on the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- A Back to School Cookout will be held on Sunday, August 17 from 4-6 pm.
- Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 7 and will include a breakfast during the Sunday School hour.
- Approved support for Coach Jonathan Taylor and his ministry with FCA.
- Hope Turnbull and Karla Casteen were elected to serve with Robert Lapp on updating the Manual of Administrative Operations for the church.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, July 7 for the Independence Day holiday.
- Youth will be enlisted to serve as worship leaders along with the elders.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



SERMON TEXTS FOR JULY

SUNDAY	SERMON TEXT
July 6	(Communion)Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 13	Luke 10:25-37
July 20	Guest Pastor
July 27	Luke 11:1-13



JULY



07/06: Tonya & Emory Landen Patram
07/13: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull
07/20: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook
07/27: Parker & Courtenay Thompson

Fred Burroughs, Leader
Bill Walters Susan Walters
Jan Peterson

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

July 1-15: Charley Farrior
July 16-31: Dave Long

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **Rev. Robb Lapp** will be on vacation July 14-20. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) or Cheryl Brinkley at the church office (910-285-2808) in an emergency.
- * **There will be no Wednesday Morning Bible on July 16 or July 23.**
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, July 7, in observance of Independence Day.
- * **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 6. All are welcome at the table.
- * **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 17- 4-6pm:** Back to School Cookout after worship
Sunday, September 7: Rally Day Breakfast during Sunday School hour



Congregational Care Ministry Team is hosting a Back to School Family Fun Cookout on Sunday, August 17 from 4-6. Everyone, please join us for an afternoon of fun, games and fellowship! Please sign up by contacting Cheryl via email, calling the church, or filling out bulletin form and dropping in offering plate in July/early August. We will need a head count by Sunday, August 10.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS BAGS! If you have any plastic food bags from the grocery store please bring them to the church office to use in Food Pantry. We are in great need of plastic bags!

Food Pantry item for July: Canned Vegetables (No green beans)



We welcome Rev. Jonathan C. Watson to fill our pulpit on July 20 while Pastor Robb is on vacation. Jonathan retired from parish ministry in 2022, having served Cape Fear Presbyterian Church (Wilmington) and Falls Church Presbyterian Church (Virginia). He continues to minister through his work on the East Community Commission on Ministry. An experienced photographer, his love for God and the diversity of Creation continually inspire his images. Jonathan regularly photographs presbytery meetings/events and was the chief photographer to the General Assembly for The Presbyterian Outlook. He also did the portraits of Dr. Phil Gladden in our church. He and his wife Darcie have a son, James, who will soon begin his Senior year at Wake Forest University. You can find Jonathan's images at jonathancwatson.com



Worship Schedule July

Our summer worship schedule remains the same as we gather each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for worship in the sanctuary. The service is also available in real time via live stream on our church website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com), Facebook, and YouTube. The services are archived on YouTube and can be accessed at any time by visiting our church website.

As you make your summer plans, be sure to include weekly worship in your schedule. Join us in person when you're in town and via technology at any time.

SUNDAY

July 6
July 13
July 20
July 27

LEADER

Karla Casteen
Sandy Cobb
Kevin Johnson
Hayes Skidmore

PREACHER

Robb Lapp
Robb Lapp
Jonathan Watson
Robb Lapp



Camp Kirkwood wants you Live and In person for Chapel Chats!

Hello from the Woods of YMCA Camp Kirkwood! I hope you are having a glorious day, and this note brings a bright spot to you and excitement to your summer plans!

I am seeking wonderful spiritual leaders from the community to come and invest into our youth at YMCA Camp Kirkwood. Each week we come together at the chapel at YMCA Camp Kirkwood and have what we call Chapel Chats with Overnight and Day Campers! Our guest for that Wednesday will share a short devotion, story of impact or presentation to speak life into the mission of the YMCA and Camp. Please go on your church website and click the link **Sign Up for Chapel Chat** to find out more and sign up for a Chapel Chat.

Our Mission: The YMCA of Southeastern NC is a non-profit association committed to a mission of putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

YMCA Camp Kirkwood Focus: Helping people reach their God-given potential in spirit mind and body.

Core Values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Faith.

I hope you will consider spending a Wednesday with us and I thank you in advance for praying for our youth at camp this summer and for the consideration of connect at camp through Chapel Chats! If you know of other great leaders that would be interested in this opportunity, please share this communication with them, or let me know and I am happy to reach out. Thank you and Happy Camping!

Savanah Standifer
Executive Director-YMCA Camp Kirkwood



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Led Bible Study on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon. We look forward to you joining us.

Bible Study Texts

Wednesday, July 2:	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Wednesday, July 9:	Luke 10:25-37
Wednesday, July 16:	No Bible Study
Wednesday, July 23:	No Bible Study
Wednesday, July 30:	Luke 12:13-21

*All scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,
equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

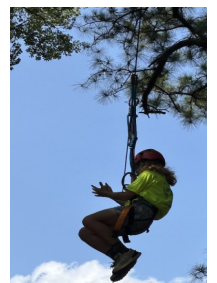


CREATION CAMP 2025: Sensing the Lord

Once again, Creation Camp was a Bible School adventure! The excitement in the air was palpable as campers jumped into each day filled with learning, laughter, and community. At the Bible Station, we explored the story of Elijah and discussed how we come to know God through our senses. We engaged in a blindfolded sniff test to discover the aromatic qualities of God, and heard stories of how Jesus healed those He touched. During our worship session, Pastor Phil helped us remember our Bible verse for the first day, Psalm 34:8: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." He reminded us of Jesus's comforting words to Thomas: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." These lessons beautifully intertwined the themes of touch, taste, seeing, smelling and hearing and the ways we experience God's goodness through our senses. Recreation was a hit, as campers enjoyed a thrilling array of activities! Some took to the waters for canoeing, while others honed their archery skills. Ax throwing, ziplining, kangajumping, and soaring from the V-Swing brought excited screams from our adventurous swingers! We also held intense GaGa Ball matches, showcasing the competitive spirit of our Wallace Presbyterian campers. Snack time was delightful, with a feast of popcorn, M&Ms, Oreos, goldfish, and cheese puffs keeping everyone energized throughout the day. Creativity flourished as campers crafted origami sailboats and created string art plaques; the sound of hammering could be heard as they diligently created their masterpieces. We played, ate, laughed, swam, and prayed together. By the end, we were hot, sweaty, and happily exhausted. It was fun-filled week with perfect weather, despite the rain on the last day! A special thank you goes out to our Wallace Presbyterian children and the incredible volunteers who supported our efforts. Without the adult volunteers, this camp would not be possible. Thank you for your commitment and dedication! And our treasures—We are so grateful to you for sharing your wonderful children with us this week. Their bright smiles and infectious joy truly enrich our lives. We look forward to many more exciting days ahead as we continue growing in faith.



**Camp Kirkwood 2025!
We will see you next year!**





2025 SUMMER ART CAMP



INSTRUCTOR ~ CHRISTIE BONEY WEAVER
Retired Art Teacher from Pawleys Island, S.C.

PLACE ~ Wallace Methodist Church
303 South College Street, Wallace, NC

DATES ~ July 14 - 18 ~ AM Grades K-2 and PM Grades 3-4
July 28 - August 1 ~ AM Grades K-2 and PM Grades 5-8

*** Select Group Based on Your Child's Completed Grade

TIMES ~ AM - 9:00am - 12:00pm
PM - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

CAMP TUITION ~ \$130.00 includes tuition & materials/daily snack
Art camp participants will create 2-D and 3-D projects to include clay, sculpture, multimedia compositions, and a variety of painting mediums

Contact Christie Weaver at artweaver@msn.com for registrations forms or by phone at 843-222-9664 for more information.

Registration forms may also be picked up at the following locations: Duplin County Elementary/Middle Schools and Wallace Methodist Church.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

EXPERIENCE



Awesome news!

Meals you packaged are headed to the Philippines!

The Philippines consists of over 7,000 islands in the Ring of Fire in the Pacific Ocean. One of the most environmentally disaster prone countries in the world, it faces near constant threats of natural disasters like earthquakes, typhoons and volcanic eruptions. These disasters cause displacement and major loss of livelihoods and infrastructure, and disproportionately affect poor communities in rural areas, where people rely on agriculture and fishing. The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorizes the Philippines as having a "moderate" level of hunger overall. Rise Against Hunger serves the regions of the Philippines where hunger is most urgent.

Your impact

To address some of the food security challenges that children, families, and communities in the Philippines face, Rise Against Hunger partners with organizations that support educational programs by providing meals to children at schools and early child development centers. This is a key part of Rise Against Hunger's Nourishing Lives pathway. In some cases, the food children receive at school will be the majority of the food they eat in a day. The meals you packaged will help ensure that children have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives and successfully pursue their education.

Gratefully,

Rise Against Hunger

JULY 2025



JUNE 2025

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AUGUST 2025

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Pastor on Vacation						
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