



NORTH CAROLINA GUARDIAN AD LITEM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

North Carolina Guardian ad Litem equips community volunteers to serve abused and neglected children by advocating for their best interests in court. The GAL's primary responsibilities include:

- * Digging for details in the case
- * Collaborating with other participants in the case
- * Recommending what's best for a child by writing court reports
- * Empowering the child's voice
- * Staying vigilant by constantly monitoring the case
- * Keeping all information confidential

Volunteers are trained as child advocates for abused and neglected children. Child advocates and attorneys work together to champion for children's needs in court. Child advocates promote a safe and permanent home for children.

To volunteer or find out more about being a GAL, call 1-800-982-4041 or visit www.volunteerforgal.org.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays in September



- 1- Roy Lettieri
- 2- Charlie McGowen
- 3- Mark Burroughs
- 4- J.J. Rouse
- 5- Dustin Ellington
- 6- Tom Stamm
- 7- Effie Mobley
- 8- Harriet Farrior

- 18- Clay Blue
- 19- Glenda Mobley
- 25- Rhonda Hall
- 26- Dan Robinson
28. Hank Saunders
- Rosanna Hirshkind
- 29- Dave Wells



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

SEPTEMBER 2022

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 11

Please join us for Christian Education activities!

Christian Education
Sunday School

Open House

10:00 Visit all the Classrooms
10:30 Teacher Introductions & draw for door prizes

Please join us!

- Visit the youth and adult classrooms
- Meet the teachers and see the curriculum
- Refreshments and door prizes in every classroom

A great opportunity to join a new class!

Come visit all of our classrooms and see what's going on in Christian Education!

ANNUAL
RALLY DAY
children youth adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parent Meeting

For parents of children 1st grade & up.
Following worship
In the church fellowship hall

Topics:
Youth activities - ideas& plans
Confirmation Class (6th-8th grade)

A pizza lunch will be served (children are welcome)

Sunday School and Children's Church Teachers will be commissioned during the worship service.

Dear Friends,

When men and women are ordained as *Ruling Elders* and *Teaching Elders* (*Ministers of Word and Sacrament*) in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), they are asked nine constitutional questions. The first eight questions are the same for elders and ministers. Question #9 differs only because *Ruling and Teaching Elders* are ordained to different functions and service in the congregation and for the church at large.

At the August stated session meeting, our elders and I discussed the meaning and importance of ordination question #8: "Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?" We watched a video of an interview with Dr. Rodger Nishioka who described imagination in terms of being aware and looking for God at work all around us (including in our lives) and then finding creative ways to share that good news with other people. In our discussion of serving with imagination, we heard the idea, "The promise to serve with intelligence is a promise to encourage creativity and creative problem solving."

Our discussion around the session table was guided by these two questions: *Where do you see imagination at work in our congregation? What are the hindrances to imagination in our congregation?* As we continue to make our way out of the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be important for us as a church to imagine what future God has in mind for us. It's an understatement to say that things have changed. As we take stock of where we have come from, where we are, and where we are headed, imagination can play a key role in helping us discern what new things God is calling us to do.

I recently read some challenging thoughts in a book of devotions. One was the idea that, in the church, we are prone to "embalming the past and substituting it for the present." A similar thought is, "We fear failure more than we love life. We are careful to do only what we have always done and know how to do well, so we never break the dull repetition of the old routine for the new creation in God." The key to changing such repetition appears to be using our imaginations so we can see and participate in the new creation in God.

In the coming months, the elders and I will invite you all to share your ideas, hopes, dreams, and prayers for our congregation as we move ahead as God's people. While ordination question #8 is used specifically when we ordain *Ruling and Teaching Elders*, with just a bit of tweaking, it can be a good question for everyone in our congregation to ask himself or herself: "Will I seek to serve God and God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?"

Just imagine what we might be able to do, with God's help!

Blessings,

Phil



At the Tuesday, August 16, 2022 session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Kelli Norris;
- * read God's Word in Philippians 4:8-9 and Ephesians 3:20-21 and talked about "Serving God's People with Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love"
- * approved a request from the minister for vacation time Monday - Sunday, October 17-23, 2022;
- * approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to use *Christian Prayer for Today* for the Fall 2022 study beginning on Sunday, September 18, 2022;
- * approved minutes from the June 21, 2022 stated session meeting and the July 17, 2022 called session meeting;
- * heard a report from the July 26, 2022 called meeting of the East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * received an update on church security and WiFi access in the Currie Building from the Building & Grounds Ministry Team;
- * received a report on Rally Day plans for September 11, 2022 and other plans for 2022-2023 from the Christian Education Ministry Team;
- * approved a congregational fellowship gathering for Sunday, September 25, 2022, to be planned by the Congregational Care Ministry Team;
- * authorized Bill Butler and Philip Gladden to purchase a new computer for the minister's study;
- * prayed for members of the congregation, community, and the world; were led in a closing prayer by Elder Kelli Norris.

**WORSHIP
WITH US**

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	ELDER	PREACHER
September 4	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
September 11	Danielle Sills	Philip Gladden
September 18	Darleen Weller	Philip Gladden
September 25	Joyce Ange	Philip Gladden



2022 - 2023 Sunday School Teachers

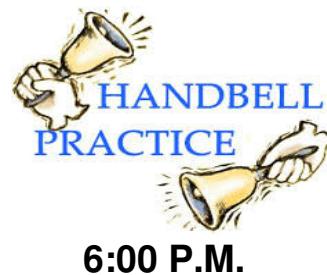
Thank you to
these folks who
will teach us
about God's
love and God's
Word this year.



Birth – Pre-Kindergarten:	Jennifer Johnson & Bailey Rouse
Kindergarten – Third Grade:	Kristin Cottle & TBA
Fourth – Eighth grade:	Mary Laine Rouse & Lindsay Skidmore
The Working Class :	Curt Simpson
Margaret Glasgow Class:	Jim Sills
The Alternative Class:	Philip Gladden

"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 Jesus Christ. 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 3:14-16



6:00 P.M.

REHEARSALS RESUME
ROOM 304
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



7:00 P.M.



09/04: Jennifer and Royal Johnson
09/11: Kristen and Bradley Cottle
09/18: Devan and Bailey Riley
09/25: Debbie and Katie Price

September



Sam Rose Jason Rouse
Dave Wells

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Jason Rouse
September 16-30: Dave Wells



CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **We will receive** the quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, September 4. This offering supports our presbytery's feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

* **Handbell practice and choir practice** resume on Wednesday, September 7. If you are interested in ringing and/or singing, contact Karla Casteen.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.

* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering on Sunday, September 25.



Monday Evening and Wednesday Morning

You are invited to join the minister for a weekly Bible Study on either Monday night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Monday night study is via Zoom. The Wednesday morning study is in person in Room 304 and via Zoom. The Zoom invitations/links are emailed on Monday of each week.

Join us for good fellowship and study of God's Word as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday.

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5

Wednesday, September 7

Monday, September 12 & Wednesday, September 14

Monday, September 19 & Wednesday, September 21

Monday, September 26 & Wednesday, September 28

No Bible Study

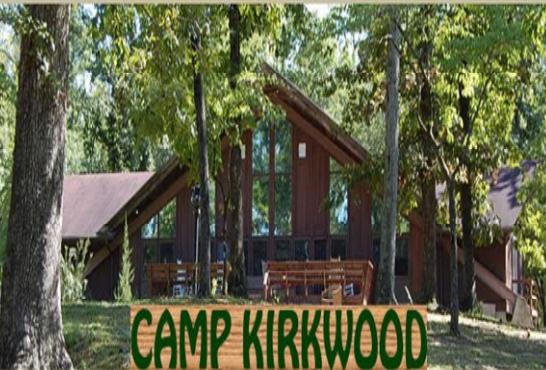
Galatians 2:1-21

Galatians 3:1-18

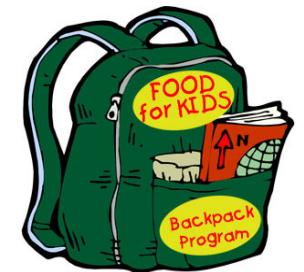
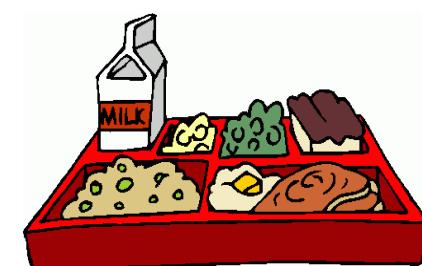
Galatians 3:19 - 4:7

Galatians 5:1-15

10:00 a.m.	Coffee, juice, doughnuts, fellowship in Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Vesper Area by Lake
12:00 noon	Lunch in Dining Hall
1:00 p.m.	Fellowship, Relaxation, Zip Line, Swing by Choice, and other activities



KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9



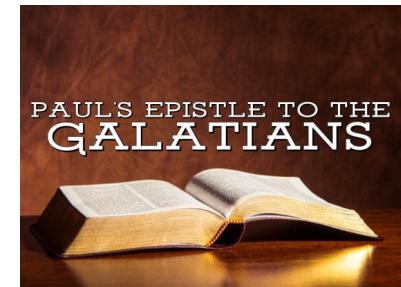
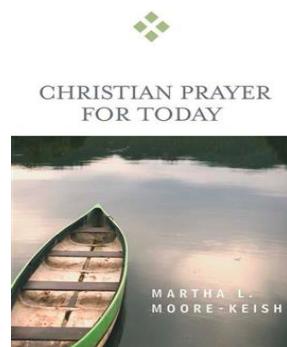
FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Sunday, September 25

We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 25. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of
Worth Wilson, who died on Saturday, August 13.



Alternative Sunday School Class

Fall Study begins
Sunday, September 18
9:30 a.m.
Room 304 and via Zoom

You are invited to join the Alternative Sunday School Class for a Fall Study on *Christian Prayer for Today*. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in Room 304 (across from the Music Room) and via Zoom (link is sent by email on Thursday). This is a time for fellowship and good discussion.

Here is a description of the Fall Study: "This volume in the popular For Today series deals with one of the most central and important aspects of Christian living--the practice of prayer. Martha Moore-Keish provides fresh help for understanding and revitalizing prayer life, challenges readers to engage all the senses while in prayer, and invites them to use prayer as the chief exercise of faith. Both groups and individuals can use this deeply theological yet engaging book and its discussion questions to increase their understanding of prayer and to enrich their prayer practice. The For Today series was designed to provide reliable and accessible resources for the study and real life application of important biblical texts, theological documents, and Christian practices. The emphasis of the series is not only on the realization and appreciation of what these subjects have meant in the past, but also on their value in the present--'for today.' Thought-provoking questions are included at the end of each chapter, making the books ideal for personal study and group use."



Hospital & at home:
Judy Robinson (home)
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)

Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

PREACHING IN SEPTEMBER

"The Cross-Shaped Life"

Sermons during the month of September will be based on Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia. Galatians has often been called the "Magna Carta" of the Christian faith. This description comes from Galatians 5, "For freedom Christ has set you free." What difference does the cross of Jesus Christ make in and for your life and for our church? How is the cross relevant in the 21st century? What does it mean to be "free in Christ"? What do a cross-shaped life look like?

These sermon texts are provided ahead of time so you can read them and pray for our congregation and minister as we ready, hear, and proclaim God's Word during the month of August.

Sunday	Sermon Text
September 4	Galatians 1:1-20
September 11	Galatians 2:1-21
September 18	Galatians 3:1-18
September 25	Galatians 3:19 - 4:7



P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Sunday, September 4



This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and provides grants to church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support.

September 2022

■ Holidays in United States

■ WPC Calendar

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August 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 ■ 9:45 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Choir Practice ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering	29 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	30	31 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304)	1	2	3
4 ■ 9:45 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) P.A.T.H. Offering	5 ■ HAPPY LABOR DAY! ■ Labor Day ■ Church Office Closed ■ 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	6	7 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	8	9	10
11 ■ Christian Ed Rally Day ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Open House ■ 10:30 AM Gathering in Fellowship Hall ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Communion ■ 12:00 PM Pizza Lunch for Parents & Youth (Grades)	12 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	13 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall	14 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15 ■ First Day of Heritage Month	16	17
18 ■ 9:45 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)	19 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	20 ■ 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	21 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23	24
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