



Back to School Prayer for Students

This season of transition comes with a variety of emotions for students, parents, and teachers. Many may be feeling excitement about seeing friends again and new classrooms but also

anxiety and stress over new schools and schedules. Let's pray for our students as they return to school. Praying for their safety, focus, and faith is crucial during this time. Join us as we pray together for our schools, students, and teachers.

As the School Year Begins Lord Jesus Christ, as a child, you increased in wisdom and stature, you listened to your teachers and asked them questions. Bless those who learn that they may grow in the knowledge of their Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver, and your glorious world. Bless those who teach, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above and that they may do their work with patience and love that reflect your mercy that endures forever. Amen.

Have a Blessed school year!



Birthdays in September

Happy Birthday to You!



- 1- Roy Lettieri
- 3- Mark Burroughs
- 5- J.J. Rouse
- 6- Dustin Ellington
- 7- Tom Stamm
- 8- Effie Mobley
- 11- Harriet Farrior
- Robb Lapp

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



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robb Lapp, Interim Pastor

SEPTEMBER 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Please join us for Christian Education activities!

Christian Education

Rally Day
Covered Dish
Breakfast
& Open House

10:00 Covered Dish Breakfast
& Open House

10:30 Teacher Introductions
& draw for door prizes

Please join us!

- Visit the youth and adult classrooms

A great opportunity to join
a new class!

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

ANNUAL
RALLY DAY
children youth adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Covered Dish Breakfast



Bring a breakfast dish to
share.



School Sunday and Children's Church Teachers
will be commissioned during the worship service.
Bibles will be presented to Fourth grade students.



Beloved,

Labor Day signals the unofficial end of summer. The school year has begun. Rally Day is coming up on Sunday September 7 and we hope that you will join us for our annual covered dish breakfast and open house. It is always such a fun morning. Also, that Sunday in worship we will commission our Sunday School Teachers and present our fourth grade student, Clara Casteen, her Bible.

I love the story of the great Hasidic leader, Zusia. One day he came to his followers with his eyes red with tears and his face pale with fear. “Zusia, what’s the matter? You look frightened!” “The other day, I had a vision. In it, I learned the question that the angels will one day ask me about my life.”

His followers were puzzled. “Zusia, you are pious. You are scholarly and humble. You have helped so many of us. What question about your life could be so terrifying that you would be frightened to answer it?”

Zusia turned his gaze to heaven. “I have learned that the angels will not ask me, ‘Why weren’t you a Moses, leading your people out of slavery?’” His followers persisted. “So, what will they ask you?” “And I have learned,” Zusia sighed, “that the angels will not ask me, ‘Why weren’t you a Joshua, leading your people into the Promised Land?’”

One of his followers approached Zusia and placed his hands on Zusia’s shoulders. Looking him in the eyes, the follower demanded, “But what will they ask you?” “They will say to me, ‘Zusia, there was only one thing that no power on heaven or earth could have prevented you from becoming.’ They will say, `Zusia, why weren’t you Zusia?’”

Christ has something marvelous for you to do. Something that only someone with your personality, your life experience, your gifts, and your sphere of influence can pull off. So go and be the servant leader that God has called and gifted you to be.

Faithfully,

Pastor Robb
Transitional Pastor



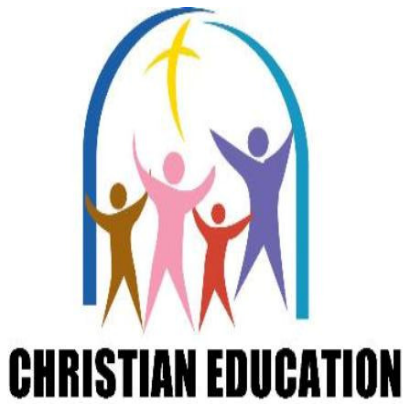
At the Tuesday, August 19, 2025 session meeting;

- Sandy Cobb offered the opening devotion and prayer.
- **Presbytery**
- Rev. Jerrod Lowry is on medical leave as he undergoes cancer treatments and Rev. Laura Lupton is the Acting General Presbyter/Stated Clerk.
- Rev. Eduardo Moreno is retiring at the end of 2025 as the Associate for Hispanic Ministry. His office is upstairs at WPC.
- **Session**
- Received a financial report from the Treasure, Wayne Casteen and discussed the decline in financial giving and the number of giving units.
- Approved the request to celebrate communion on Saturday, August 23, at the Youth Mission Weekend.
- Approved the request of the interim pastor for Continuing Education, 10/13-19, to attend Duke Pastor’s School and vacation on 11/20 - 11/24 to attend his niece’s wedding in GA.
- Approved the request for the wedding of Cameron Blue and Cody Whaley to be held at the church on Saturday, March 7, 2026.
- Appointed Karla Casteen to organize a team to review the rolls of the church.
- Contacting Camp Kirkwood on hosting Kirkwood Sunday, October 5, World Communion Sunday.
- Began an initial discussion on building a columbarium on the grounds.
- Continue to work on reviewing the Manual of Administrative Operations and to add policies on harassment, racism, and the protection of vulnerable adults per the Book of Order.
- Plans for Rally Day, September 7, cover dish breakfast, open house, commissioning of teachers, and presentation of a Bible to our 4th grade student, Clara Casteen.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



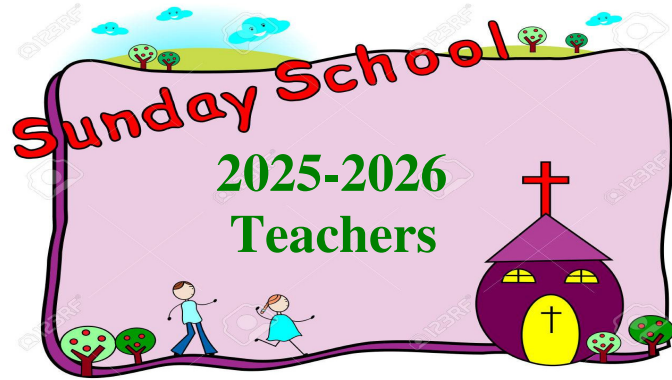
WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	ELDER	PREACHER
September 7	Devan Riley	Robb Lapp
September 14	Sandy Cobb	Robb Lapp
September 21	Youth	Robb Lapp
September 28	Debbie Price	Robb Lapp



2025 - 2026
Sunday School
Teachers

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



Birth–Kindergarten: Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Danielle Sills, Sara Matthews

First--Third Grade: Jennifer Johnson, Bailey Riley

Fourth–Sixth grade: Kristin Cottle, Casey Hall

Seventh–Tenth grade: Mary Laine Rouse, Lindsay Skidmore

The Adult Class: Glenn Price, Curt Simpson

“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



**Wednesday's
6:00 P.M.**



REHEARSALS RESUME

**Youth Handbell's
To be announced**



**Sunday's
9:00 A.M.**



September



09/07: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
09/14: Parker & Courtenay Thompson
09/21: Emily & Hayes Ludlum
09/28: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore

Jason Rouse, Leader
Sam Rose Dave Wells
Michael Patram

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Jason Rouse
September 16-30: Greg Maready

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/07: Tonya Patram/Emory Landon
09/14: Mary Laine Rouse & JJ
09/21: Jennifer Johnson
09/28: Debbie Price

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 7. 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 1, in observance of Labor Day.
- * **Handbell practice** will resume on Wednesday, September 3. **Choir practice** is on Sunday mornings at 9 am. If you are interested in ringing and/or singing, contact Karla Casteen.
- * **Rally Day is Sunday, September 7.** At **10:00 am** there will be a covered dish breakfast and open house and at **11:00 am** we will commission our Sunday School and Children's Church teachers and our fourth grade students will receive their bibles.
- * **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary, will be on vacation September 15-18.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304 of Gladden Hall. If you have business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to Rev. Lapp or one of the elders.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering on Sunday, September 28.



WPC Youth on a Mission (August 22-24) - 15 middle and high school age youth and 4 adults served at Eden Village, a 31-unit tiny home community in Wilmington for those who are chronically homeless and disabled. The founders, Tom and Kim Dalton shared about the root causes of homelessness and Eden Village's vision to build tiny home communities so no one has to sleep alone outside. We stained a fence, painted frames for sponsor signs, and weed eaten. For more information on Eden Village go to <https://edenvillagewilmington.org/>

Our devotional time focused on the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Our students were challenged to cultivate one of those gifts this coming school year. We also talked about where we saw those gifts in the ministry at Eden Village. We remembered that in our Baptism we always have a family and a spiritual home and we celebrated Communion, our family meal.

We stayed at Matthew House, a two-story beach house located at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach and worshipped with their faith community at the 8:00 am service. Rev. Caroline Jinkins' message was based on gentleness - one of the Fruits of the Spirit. How providential!

Oh, and we also had some fun, too. We enjoyed an afternoon at Jungle Rapids (water park, mini golf, go karts), spirited games in the evening, beach time, ice cream, and the creation of good memories for a life-time.

You can be very proud of our youth and how they represent their faith, families, and church family. And thank you for the many ways you show your love and support of our youth. They are a very special group of young disciples! See pictures below and on next page!



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:00 am, Room 304

Bible Study Texts

Wednesday, September 3:	Luke 14:25-33
Wednesday, September 10:	Luke 15:1-10
Wednesday, September 17:	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Wednesday, September 24:	Luke 16:19-31

*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



SERMON TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	SERMON TEXT	PREACHER
September 7:	Luke 14:25-33 (Rally Day)	Rev. Robb Lapp
September 14:	Luke 15:1-10	Rev. Robb Lapp
September 21:	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Rev. Robb Lapp
September 28:	Luke 16:19-31	Rev. Robb Lapp



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Sunday, September 28



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 28. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2024-2025 school year, the following schools were served: Beulaville Elementary, Chinquapin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School. A total of 6,186 backpacks of food were provided over the weekends, 900 backpacks were provided over the summer, totaling 7,086 backpacks!

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. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



P.A.T.H. Offering (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Sunday, September 7, 2025



We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering during worship on Sunday, September 7. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

The Hunger Program supports feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and provides grants to church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry and other congregational feeding programs within the bounds of our presbytery. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of this ministry!



We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to Nell Sloan and family on the death of her brother Faison Sloan on August 10, 2025.

Youth Mission Trip Pictures



September 2025



AUGUST 2025						
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OCTOBER 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri Office Closed	Sat
	1 Labor Day Church Office Closed	2	3 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells 6pm PNC, Room 304	4 12:30 pm East Community COM, Room 304	5 Office Closed	6
7 Rally Day 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am Covered Dish Breakfast & Open House 10:30 am Meet Teachers and Door Prizes 11am Worship/Commission of Sunday School Teachers/Bible to 4 th graders/P.A.T.H. Offrg.	8	9 10:30 am Morning Circle Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Evening Circle Fellowship Hall	10 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells 6pm PNC, Room 304	11	12 Office Closed	13
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