



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

18- Clay Blue
- 19- Glenda Mobley

24- Phil Brice

Emory Landen Patram

25- Rhonda Hall

26- Dan Robinson

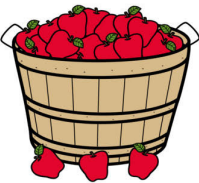
28. Hank Saunders

29- Dave Wells



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, Minister

SEPTEMBER 2026

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School



Sunday, September 13, 2026

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

In the closing days of August, with September racing this way, I find myself in a little cabin at Raven Rock State Park. While I would prefer my tent, I will admit that on these hot and humid days the air conditioner is quite nice. Once or twice a year I get away...usually by myself...for a time of solitude, worship and prayer, and reflection on my sense of call. I find that this dedicated time with God, away from my normal schedule and to-do-lists, allows me to hear and sense God's presence in ways that are different than normal. Whether you are able to get away for a week or not, I do encourage you to set aside time...in the midst of the business and hecticness of life and crazy schedules...to be with God. Focus on His divine presence...on that still, quiet voice...and the peace that passes understanding. I encourage you to make this time a priority...to carve out a halve hour, or even an hour,...to spend dedicated time with God. And I will add, that as this times becomes a part of your routine and your journey of faith, it will have positive consequences on all aspects of your life.

Here are some things on my mind as September is racing our way... Don't forget to join us on Sunday, September 13! This will be a pretty full day...but should prove to be an exciting day as well. During Sunday School we will have our annual Rally Day. While I have not experienced a Rally Day with you, I am getting excited as I see and hear of teachers and people getting things ready and making preparations! During worship we will once again commission our Sunday School Teachers and surround them with our prayers as we ask God to pour His Holy Spirit upon them. But a new thing we will be doing is a Back to School Blessing...so we encourage all students, teachers, and staff to be present as we will surround them with our prayers as well.

And then, at 4:00 that afternoon, we will gather for our Installation Service. This is a public and formal service of the Presbytery where they install me (even though I have been your pastor since May 17) as the pastor of Wallace Presbyterian Church. But while I will be installed, this isn't only about me...it is about celebrating God bringing us together and celebrating how God is moving in our lives and ministry. Not only do I hope you will join us...but this is a great service to invite your neighbors and friends to as well.

Each One Bring One! Over the years I have read a lot of books, attended



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

REHEARSALS RESUME

**Youth Handbell's
To be announced**



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

COME Worship WITH US

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

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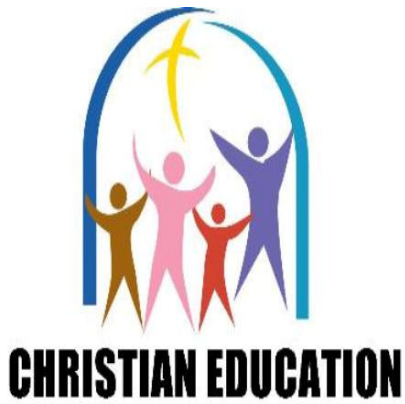
Sandy Cobb
Kristen Cottle
Karla Casteen
Curt Simpson

PREACHER

Joseph Washburn
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Joseph Washburn



September 7, 2026



**2026 – 2027
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



conferences, and been a part of many conversations related to church growth. But if I was to boil it down to a simple idea, which can be dangerous, I would say the most important aspect of church growth is inviting people to come and see...come and see what we are doing and how God is moving. And this starts with you! If each of us sought to bring one person with us each week...we would double our attendance. And more importantly...we would double the number of folks getting to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ! Together we can grow Wallace Presbyterian Church...together we can grow God's Kinadom!

Pastor Joe



September



09/06: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
09/13: Parker & Courtenay Thompson
09/20: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
09/27: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Kevin Johnson, Leader
Clayton Hall Freddy Hall
Ray Cobb

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Jason Rouse
September 16-30: Curt Simpson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/06: Tonya & Emory Landon Patram
09/13: Mary Laine Rouse & JJ
09/20: Jennifer Johnson
09/27: 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 6. 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 7, in observance of Labor Day.
- * **Handbell practice** will resume on Wednesday, September 9. **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 13.** 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. Installation service for Pastor Joe Washburn will be at 4:00 pm followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.
- * **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary, will be on vacation September 15-18.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 15 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 Pastor Joe or one of the elders.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering on Sunday, September 27.



INSTALLATION SERVICE

REVEREND
DR. JOSEPH D. WASHBURN

13

September
2026

Wallace
Presbyterian
Church

4:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
205 WEST MAIN STREET, WALLACE, NC 28466



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am, Room 304

Bible study begins on Wednesday, September 9. We have had a break this summer to let Pastor Joe have a smooth transition. He is excited to start Bible study and he is going to change things up a bit. Come on out to Bible study on Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 am and see what's new!

*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	SERMON "Confronted with a Decision:
September 6:	Joshua 24:14-25	Whom Will You Serve?"
September 13:	Psalms 77:1-15 (Rally Day)	Remembering
September 20:	1 Kings 19:19-21	Will You Burn the Plow?
September 27:	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Going All In!



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**

Sunday, September 27



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 27. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2025-2026 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 6, 2026**



We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering during worship on Sunday, September 6. 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!

Have some fun! Do a Word Search!



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**PATRIOT DAY
PROPOSAL DAY
GRATITUDE DAY
DEAF DAY
BATMAN DAY
SOBER DAY
ALZHEIMERS DAY**

**PEANUT DAY
GYRO DAY
CHAI DAY
SALAMI DAY
FAMILY DAY
GREENPEACE DAY
SCARF DAY**

**VFW DAY
RHINO DAY
RESPECT DAY
SKYSCRAPER DAY
TV DINNER DAY
SUDOKU DAY
COFFEE DAY**

September 2026



August 2026

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October 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 12:30 pm East Community COM Meeting	4 Office Closed	5
6 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed 	8 10:30 am Morning Circle-Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Evening Circle-Fellowship Hall	9 10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 Rally Day 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Covered Dish Breakfast & Open House 10:30 am Meet Teachers & Door Prizes 11 am Worship/Commission of S. School Teachers & Bibles for 4 th Graders 4 pm Installation Service & Reception	14 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room	15 6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304	16 10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells	17	18 Office Closed	19
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