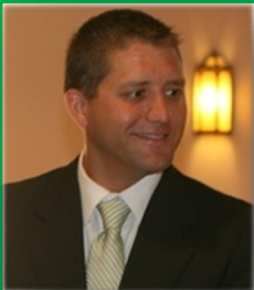




Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

April 2025 - Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

Because He Lives

"If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die."

- 1 Corinthians 15:32

This month we will celebrate Easter on Sunday the 20th. But... and I know this is a weird question coming from your pastor... why do you even care? Maybe even more than Christmas, it feels like Easter has become this vague spring holiday where people feel a bit more vaguely obligated to go to church but they are not sure why. When I teach pre-school chapel in December, most of the children understand why we celebrate Christmas- it is the birthday of Jesus! But, in the spring, when I ask them why we celebrate Easter I either get blank stares or "Easter bunny." And I have strong suspicion that the reason children feel this way is because their parents feel this way! Our culture understands the significance of a birthday because we all have them! But how do we wrap our minds around resurrection from the dead, much less talk to our children about it?

So why do you care about Jesus' resurrection from the dead? Why does it make one lick of a difference in your life? Seriously think about this: Has Jesus's resurrection from the dead changed the way you live your life at all? If so, how? How are you living differently now than you would if Jesus had not been raised? I am going to be honest with you... I think most so-called "Christians" are fooling themselves into thinking that they are following Christ. The reality is that most of them would be more concerned with living a "good American life," than they are a life sacrificed to Christ; and the reason they have a hard time living out the life they confess is because they understand money, family, patriotism, reputation, and success, but they don't understand resurrection from the dead.

Most people are living lives that make sense if death ends it all. If we can expect 70, 80, maybe 90 years then it makes sense to keep your mouth shut about your faith because it might ruffle some feathers, and you wouldn't want to ruin a relationship that you are only going to have for a few decades. But what if there is more than a few decades at stake? What if we are going to be raised from the dead and live forever- and the eternal destiny of those we love hinges on important, difficult conversations that they need to have *now*?

Most people are living lives that make sense if death ends it all. In that case we should certainly invest and save as much money as we can so that we can enjoy our retirement years and pass along our wealth to the next generation of our family who can enjoy it for decades or even centuries after we do. But what if those decades and centuries are dwarfed by endless millenia upon endless millenia - and every dollar we spent on comfort and safety, instead of mission and ministry, was wasted? What if we live out all eternity in new and raised bodies with the thought in our mind that we could have spent those dollars with more *eternal* impact?!

Most people are living lives in the pursuit of good reputations, career success, comfort, health, safety, and as much physical life as they can possibly squeeze out of these aging bodies... And... that makes sense... *if* death ends it all. But it is an egregious miscalculation if we actually believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. If Jesus is raised from the dead, then it means we will be too. It means we celebrate Easter, not as one less spring we have left to live, but as the promise of endless year upon endless year in new and raised bodies worshipping our Risen Lord! It changes the calculations of longevity, the types of investments we make, the attitudes that we have, the way we spend our time. In short, if we believe what Easter truly stands for, it changes absolutely *everything* about the way we live... Because He lives!

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

Note about Pastor John's changing schedule see page 6



April Liturgists: 4/6 Mike Coleman,
4/13 Jennifer Edge, 4/20 Bert Smith, 4/27 Hudson &
Toby Southerland

April Ushers: Dennis Wood, Deidre Wood,
Martha Faircloth

2025 Committees

Clerk of Session: Deidre Wood

Worship – Freyja Lawson, Chair,
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Nursery: Donna Kaiser, 910-622-4237

For a complete listing of the missionaries and missions that Windermere supports, go to the church's website, www.windermerepres.org. On the menu line, click on "More" and then Missions and Service. Newsletters from our missionaries are also posted keeping us apprised of the work they are doing locally and globally.

Identity Statement:

The mission of Windermere Presbyterian Church is to mutually nurture, support and encourage one another toward spiritual maturity while reaching out to the community in response to God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world.

Mission Statement:

Windermere is committed to making disciples who make disciples, and planting churches that plant churches.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We had 21 prayer shawls blessed on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Our inventory has been increased with these blessed shawls. We will look into donating shawls in April.

Our March Special Project thanks to Kay Anson. Kay prepared 200 mini prayer cloths for the Disabled Veterans and VA of Wilmington and delivered them. She was joined in the photo with several different commanders. The mini prayer cloths were greatly appreciated.

We decided to have Prayer Shawls made by Kay Anson available for the Bride to Be. The first Bride's shawl was presented to Nicolette Bilezikian on Sunday, March 30th. Nicolette and Justin Cavanaugh are getting married in Virginia on Sunday, April 6th. The couple were honored after worship on Sunday with a basket full of gifts from the congregation and a cake to celebrate their upcoming wedding.

Correction to the number of prayer shawls donated to Zimmer Cancer Center...72 shawls since June of 2024. They sincerely appreciate our donations of beautiful shawls for the patients undergoing cancer treatment at the facility.



Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School Class (SALT):

There are three adult Sunday School offerings – all of them excellent. The SALT (Seeking Adults Learning Together) class meets in the Narthex study room at 8:45. It offers a variety of biblical centered DVD series with lively discussion included. Not to oversell it, but this might be the greatest Sunday School class since the Apostle Paul's class in Ephesus. It's a new month, how about joining a new Sunday School Class. If not ours, there are two others you could try. They all have empty chairs that need bodies, and you are guaranteed to grow in the Lord from it. Think about it; or just come and try it out!

Church workday is scheduled for 4/5 from 9:00 until 12:00. We are tentatively planning lunch but need to confirm. This is a rain or shine event since the majority of work will be indoors.

Moving the library is going to be a big effort. Anyone that has a cart or dolly suitable for moving books would be very helpful along with totes or boxes. They can call me if someone has tools to help.

Thank you, Mike Edge



Windermere Presbyterian Church
Income and Expense Statement

Feb-25	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Budget Difference	Annual Budget
INCOME					
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$31,647.62	\$66,060.15	\$53,444.00	\$12,616.15	\$387,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	322.60	1,954.99	6,764.00	-4,809.01	10,680.00
TOTAL INCOME	31,970.22	68,015.14	60,208.00	7,807.14	397,680.00
EXPENSES					
PERSONNEL COSTS	18,948.80	39,202.84	39,808.32	605.48	234,150.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	919.99	3,947.20	4,942.75	995.55	18,954.00
PROPERTY	3,386.31	21,613.22	25,898.34	4,285.12	132,470.00
STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH	169.50	228.13	330.02	101.89	2,650.00
CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY	0.00	49.38	250.00	200.62	2,500.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	105.40	100.00	-5.40	1,650.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC	256.85	783.34	0.00	-783.34	6,550.00
MISSIONS & SERVICE	1,032.90	6,788.68	7,275.00	486.32	38,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,714.35	72,718.19	78,604.43	5,886.24	437,624.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$7,255.87	-\$4,703.05	-\$18,396.43	\$1,920.90	-\$39,944.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE 12/31/24			\$67,571.75		
GENERAL FUND BALANCE 2/28/24			\$79,066.20	NOTE 1	
BUILDING FUND BALANCE 12/31/24			\$65,916.90		
BUILDING FUND BALANCE 2/28/25			\$125,036.77	NOTE 2	
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES 12/31/24			\$18,678.99		
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES 2/28/25			\$17,442.57	NOTE 3	

NOTE 1: Revenues for the 2 month period were above budget due to a couple of one-time larger donations.

NOTE 2: The Building Fund received a large stock donation and the Employee Retention Credit applied for in 2022 was finally received. The Session approved these funds going to the Building Fund.

NOTE 3: Special offerings such as the Joy Gift were remitted to the Presbytery.

April Preschool News



**"He is not here.
He is Risen." Luke 24:6**

Easter is by far my favorite time of the year. It's a time to reflect on the sacrifice that Christ made for all of us, and the miracle that God performed when He raised His only son from the dead. I am so thankful for His outpouring Love for all.

April is a time of renewal as the colors of spring burst forth and reminds us to stop and enjoy God's creations. The preschool will celebrate the true meaning of Easter this month and enjoy egg hunts.

Our preschool fundraiser 'Blooming Together 2025' will be on Thursday, April 24 at 5:30. We are accepting silent auction items and donations for our event. Please let me know if you would like to attend. Last year's fundraiser was a success. Thank you to all who supported us. It was a fun evening together.

Thank you, Windermere Presbyterian Church, for all your support and prayers for the preschool.

Blessings, Cristy Bain

Dust to Glory Continues:

The survey study of the New Testament with R.C. Sproul as our teacher continues on Sunday evenings at 6:00. This study provides an excellent overview of the life, teaching and redemptive work of Christ; followed by the work and teachings of the Apostles as they brought the gospel to the then-known world. Even if you have missed the beginning of this class, please consider joining as we conclude this New Testament series. Remember: Sunday evenings in the Narthex study room at 6:00 pm..

Jill Casey Memorial Library

THE CROSS

Heaven's most precious treasure was hung there.
 Earth's greatest victory was won there.
 Man's greatest enemy was defeated there.
 The windows of hope were raised there.
 The door of deliverance was opened there.
 Oceans of grace were exposed there.
 The greatest kindness was shown there
 Rivers of mercy were released there.
 Fountains of cleansing burst forth there.
 Mountains of opportunity began there.
 Our strength is renewed there.
 The greatest of friendships was initiated there.
 The apex of forgiveness was reached there.
 Man's peace with God was established there.
 All of God's benefits were distributed there.
 The foundation stone of joy was laid there.
 All our iniquities were nailed there.
 Our redemption was purchased there.
 The love of God was expressed there.
 Our robe of righteousness was woven there.
 The search for satisfaction ends there.
 2005 Edward Alan Cockrell



Wednesday Men's Bible Study:

Interested in joining the Windermere Men's Bible Study? We would love to have you. It's exciting, it's encouraging, it's small, and there is still room. Not to oversell it, but this might be the greatest Men's Bible study since Jesus' studies with His disciples. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of John and we would love to have new members. Think about it – think hard about it – then come! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Laura Coley room.

April Newsletter Notes from Session

Approved the Deacon's recommendation to switch our lawn care service to Edge Landscaping.

Approved Pastor John's vacation time request for the following dates: April 14-16 and April 21st.

There will be a Called Session Meeting on Sunday, April 6th following the worship service to receive candidates for baptism.

Next Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, May 1st at 3:30 PM.

COME TO THE CROSS AND REMEMBER

A CANTATA BY
PEPPER CHOPLIN



Windermere Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025 +++ 10:00 A.M.

Windermere Choir, Orchestra & Pageant Players
Rev. John R. Pflug, Narrator & Preacher
Candace Williams, Music Director & Organist
David N. Williams, Conductor

104 Windermere Road, Corner of Eastwood & Windermere Roads
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405 +++ (910) 791-5966
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EASTER Egg Hunt

April 12th
Festivities Begin at 10:30 AM
Cotton Candy, Crafts, and Hot Dog Lunch

Operation Christmas Child

March Collection:

Personal care items -
Brush/comb, toothbrush,
washcloth, water bottle, eating
utensils, nail file, clippers (No soap)



Our dear friend, Billy Ramsey, is now resting with Jesus. Billy passed away last March 20 right after midnight. For those that didn't know Billy and his wife, Jeannette - Billy was a fun character and always had a story to tell you. When I would go see Jeannette, he was always trying to get his boat running so he could go fishing. Jeannette passed away a few years ago; she is the one that prompted the purchase of the Robo Call service. We will surely miss Billy.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

In March the WOC had a very inspiring speaker sharing her trip to Uganda to help women in three villages. Kim was passionate and excited about her trip and plans to return next January. Our April meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, April 16, tentatively at 9:30. We plan to car pool to the Thrift Store supported by Safe Haven of Pender County. Safe Haven is a domestic violence shelter for abused women and their families. We will leave from the church, travel to the thrift store, hopefully find many wonderful treasures that we can't live without followed by lunch at the Saw Mill Restaurant nearby.

Please bring one or two items that you would like to donate to the thrift store to support this outreach program to the community. Credit cards are accepted.

A reminder/update email of our plans will go out the week before.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PURPOSE - Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



Strengthening of the Church News

Our favorite menu for Family Night is coming up on Wednesday, May 14th - MEXICAN POTLUCK! Join us for an evening of delicious food! There will be more information forthcoming. We will not have a Family Night in April.

The Gathering Table will be provided for the first Sunday in April (April 6th) and after the Easter Cantata on April 13th. Please sign-up in the Narthex if you will provide an item for the Sunday of your choice. Many thanks!!






We enjoyed celebrating Nicholette and Justin prior to their wedding on April 5th in Charlottesville, VA. Best wishes to this special couple.

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:6)

Wishing you a blessed and joy filled Easter!
Sue Stott & Committee



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:45 pm Staff Mtg	2 9:30 Pre-school Chapel 10 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm AA 12 Step 6 pm Choir	3 10 am Prayer Shawl Mtg	4	5 9 am—12 pm 
6 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 am Worship Called Session Mtg 5:45-7:30 Youth 6-7 pm Dust to Glory	7 10:30 am Bible Study 3-4:30 pm Bible Study	8 4 pm Finance Mtg.	9 10 am Men's Bible Study 11 am Missions 6 pm AA 12 Step 6:30 pm Choir	10 10 am Quilting 2 pm Property	11 GEM Gala	12 Easter Egg Hunt  Cantata Rehearsal
13 PALM SUNDAY 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship CANTATA 6-7 pm Dust to Glory 5:45-7:30 Youth	14 5:15 pm STC 3-4:30 pm Bible Study	15 12:45 pm CE Mtg 	16 10 am Men's Bible Study 10:30 am Women of the Church 	17 10 am Prayer Shawl Mtg  6 pm Maundy Thursday	18 CLOSED 12 noon Good Friday Service @ Chestnut St. Presby.	19
20 EASTER <i>One Great Hour Offering</i> 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 6-7 pm Dust to Glory 5:45-7:30 Youth	21	22	23 10 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm AA 12 Step 6 pm Choir	24 10 am Quilting <i>Preschool Fundraiser</i> 6 pm New Member Class	25	26 9:30 am Meals on wheels
27 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 6-7 pm Dust to Glory 5:45-7:30 Youth	28 11:45 am Worship	29	30 10 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm AA 12 Step 6 pm Choir			

Note about Pastor John's changing schedule

Windermere Family I am going to make some adjustments in my personal schedule after Easter. Monday Morning Bible study will become Thursday Morning Bible Study, and I will move the time to 10am. I will use Monday as my study and preparation day, and so I will not normally be in the office except for scheduled meetings.

As my own children start to get older and their schedules get filled with more and more activities my wife and I have found it important to guard our family time together in the evening. For this reason I am going to try and step back from as many evening things as I can between 5 and 7pm.

There is one thing I am, however, considering adding. Stay tuned because I would like to have a Sunday evening worship service that is far more focused on expositional preaching. The idea would be that the other parts of the service would be very simple so that the preaching can take the lion's share of the service in the evenings. If this works out this would allow the morning service sermons to be a bit shorter and perhaps have some different Biblical focuses and flexibility instead of preaching straight through books. I know not everyone will be able to make an evening service, and that is okay! I am expecting a small congregation- I am just personally looking forward to the preaching!!

I will strive to maintain office hours 2-5pm on Tuesday, and 11am-2pm on Wednesday, and then by appointment as needed. I will maintain Friday as my day off, and I will take Saturdays as my second day off where I am able to.

I am also going to continue to make home visits where I know it would be helpful. While I do my best to intuit who might need a visit, my intuition is not my strong suite! Don't be embarrassed to help me out, Lord knows I need it!! If a pastoral visit would be helpful to you please reach out to myself, Julia Huntly, or Sue Stott. I do love all of you and love visiting with you, I just don't always know when it would be helpful. Grace and Peace, Pastor John

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's Church will be studying a new portion of the "Journey Through the Bible" series entitled "The Voice of Wisdom" which will cover the books of the Bible from Proverbs through Ezekiel. Students, as always, will have the opportunity to earn points and redeem prizes for memorizing Bible verses and submitting their Bible reading charts.



Sunday Mornings
10:00am

Youth Group

Windermere's youth are excited for Spring! This April we will be extending our study on the fruit of the spirit for a couple of weeks concentrating on how the Lord works in and through us to bear fruit. In addition to our Biblical knowledge, the youth group will be adding to the fun by holding a blindfolded chocolate taste test, an advanced egg hunt for the teens, and a laser tag outing over Spring break!

Mission & Service News

The committee is committed to bring awareness to the congregation of the missions Windermere supports both locally and globally. Watch this space and the Missions display in the narthex for mission spotlights over the summer months.

Missions has only 8 seats available for a table for the GEM Gala to be held on Friday, April 11. Please sign up for a seat at the Sign-Up Center in the narthex. The Gala is an evening of good food, good entertainment, a great silent auction and an opportunity to learn more about Global Education Ministries. Sign up soon before the seats are taken!

You Are Cordially Invited

To the **Global Education Ministries Annual Gala** on April 11, 2025. The Mission & Service Committee has reserved two tables and asks, if you are able, to reimburse the Church \$125.00 per person. A sign-up sheet is at the Sign Up Center in the narthex.

If you have attended before, you know it is an enjoyable evening. If you haven't attended, join us for a great evening of good food, a very nice silent auction, learning about GEM's good work in the world and fellowship. Sign up – seating is limited!

April 11, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Crossway Church—3701 Princess Place Drive

PRAYER CONCERNS



Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Janet Casey, Bob Wolfe, Sandy Boone,
Sue Hebert, Ben Faircloth, Allan Nance, The Family of Buddy
Locklear, The Family of Billy Ramsey

Our Extended Body of Christ—Frances George, Norman Hunt,
Kenneth Henson, Star M., The McGirt Family,



April Anniversaries

William & Carol Davis	04/11
H C & Wanda Johnston	04/14
Bill & Susan Lewis	04/17
Brian & Crissie Allen	04/19
Croix & Carol Paquin	04/27
Ted & Becky Kalnen	04/28

April Birthdays

Nancy Worsley	04/01
Jane Elliott	04/03
Priscilla Smith	04/06
Jennie Galloway	04/08
Phyllis Morgan	04/12
Bruce Hayes	04/13
Kilaeah Pflug	04/10
Deb Steward	04/12
James L. Edge	04/16
Joan Sibbald	04/17
Eli Smith	04/21
Ashley Allen	04/23
Robert Stowe	04/23
Michael Coleman	04/25
Sara Butcher	04/26
Thomas Steward	04/26
James Bain	04/27
Dru Farrar	04/27
Peter Cerra, Jr.	04/28
Layla Sayer	04/29

Who to Call ...

Usher Coordinator	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
Communion Coordinator	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
Women of the Church	Ellen Allen	910-392-1274
Funeral Coordinator	Ellen Allen	910-392-1274
	Becky Kalnen	910-616-0015
Wedding Coordinator	Dottie Stinson	910-409-0207
Wednesday Church Family Dinners		
	Sue Stott	910-508-5046
Meals on Wheels	MaryKay Anson	910-297-5679
Preschool	Christy Bain	910-262-4557
Hands 4 Christ Quilting	Becky Kalnen	910-616-0015
Church Work Day	Mike Edge	910-622-0632
Sunday School Coordinator	Kayla Orrell	
Prayer Chain/Care Group	Sue Stott	
	windermere4prayers@gmail.com	
Flowers for Sanctuary	Carol Pearson	686-0728
Transportation	Estelle Link	910-233-2393
Music Director	Candy Williams	910-313-0243
Family Promise	Angelique Mathers	910-200-5944
Prayer Shawl	Dottie Obenour	910-665-0112

Please sign up for Meals on Wheels

9:30 a.m.
April 26, 2025



Times you can help with Meals On Wheels

Saturday—Preparation 7am to 9:30 am

Packing - 9:30 am

Delivery Pickup—10:00 am to 10:30 am

Contact Person: MaryKay Anson

Cell (910)297-5679- ansonm1@ yahoo.com




Please join the
Women of the Church for a
fun daytrip on
Wednesday, April 16th to
Safe Haven in Hampstead for
thrift shopping and lunch.

We plan to meet at church at 9:30 am for a
devotion and then carpool to Safe Haven
Thrift Shop. Safe Haven supports domestic
violence in Pender County.



We plan to eat lunch at
Saw Mill Restaurant, Hampstead, NC

If you care to donate any clothes or household items, it
would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be
available at the Narthex sign-up area.
For further information, please contact
Ellen Allen at 910-617-4910




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Welcome
to Windermere

Dates April 15, 16 , and 17.
Sign up will be in the Narthex.

