



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 2022
Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

The Bible, Together in 2022

August: 2 Chronicles 30-36; Ezra 1-10; Nehemiah 1-13; Esther 1-10; Job 1-39;
Romans 15-16; 1 Corinthians 1-16; 2 Corinthians 1-5 Psalms 25-44; Proverbs 21-22

In the last months you read through Kings and now Chronicles. Those books told the story of the kingdom of Israel, but as you know that kingdom did not last. The Assyrians destroyed Samaria in the northern kingdom, and then the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and the southern kingdom. Then almost all the Jews were taken into captivity in Babylon. This month you will read about that period of Jewish history in Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.

Ezra and Nehemiah are about the Jewish people returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the city, its walls and the temple. This comes about when the Persian empire takes over Babylon where the Jews were being held captive. Cyrus, the Persian emperor, decides it would be better to have the Jewish people living in their own city and paying taxes so he sets them free and even funds the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Ezra and Nehemiah tell the story of how all of that happens and the difficulties that unfold along the way. It is helpful for us to think about how God is willing to go to great lengths to restore his people after they have fallen away from him. Sometimes there are periods in life when we fall so far away from God that we wonder if we can ever be restored. Ezra and Nehemiah are great examples of how God restores and rebuilds his people. This is not without some effort and difficulties, as you will see when you read the books, but nonetheless God is faithful to them... and to us.

Esther takes place during the reign of the Persian emperor Xerxes, who reigned after Cyrus. But, instead of Jerusalem, it takes place in the Persian capital of Susa. This is one of only two books in the Bible that makes no mention of God. However, as you read it you will notice it is yet another story of how God rescues His people (even if He is not mentioned directly). It is a story that focuses on a beautiful woman named Esther who is part of the exiled Jewish people. She wins the eye and favor of Xerxes and becomes his wife. In that position she has the opportunity to plead with the emperor to both save her people and destroy their enemy. It is a beautiful foreshadowing of Christ who intercedes for us before the throne of God and destroys our enemy.

You will also read the book of Job. Job might be the oldest book we have in the Bible. It tells the story of a man who seemingly suffers for no reason. In his suffering he has three friends who come to give him "advice" and explanations for his suffering. Mostly their advice is theologically sound, but the problem is it just does not fit Job's suffering. Toward the end of the book you will read God himself speaking to Job, but before that you will read of a character named Elihu. Pay attention to him, I believe Elihu speaks like a prophet. Unlike his other three friends, I think Elihu actually prepares Job to rightly hear God. Job is a book that reminds us that our suffering does not always have tidy theological explanations to go along with it, but that God is always working in our suffering in inexplicable ways.

In the New Testament you will be reading the two letters that Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. It is a congregation that is having some trouble. There is division in the congregation, and there is difficulty learning how to navigate being a Christian in a pagan culture. In the letter Paul reprimands the Corinthians and instructs them in Christian unity, marriage, love, and right worship including the Lord's supper. He ends his first letter drawing us into the mystery and hope that we have in our upcoming resurrection from the dead.

Enjoy your time in God's Word this month! Grace and Peace, Pastor John

August Ushers—Pam Aherne, Johnnye Hilliard, Mike Saylor, Marriane Saylor

August Liturgists – Aug. 7, Tom Murray; Aug. 14, Tom Hebert; Aug. 21, Walt Griffith; Aug. 28, Fritz Rohde

2022 Committees

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton

Worship – Freyja Lawson, Chair, Gary Galloway, Elder Liaison

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Finance – Eli Smith, Chair, Julia Huntley, Elder Liaison

Property – Bud Townsend, Chair, Mike Edge, Paul Albritton, Elder Liaison

Christian Education – Jennie Galloway, Chair, Matthew Coleman, Elder Liaison

Mission & Service—Mike Saylor, Chair, Bob Stowe is the Elder liaison.

Minister: Rev. John R. Pflug Jr., 910-617-5200, email: revjohnpflug@gmail.com

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Pre-School Director: Cristy Bain 791-8290 email: windpreschool@att.net, 791-8290

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade, Wilmington

Outreach Foundation, Iran

Dustin & Sherry Ellington—Antioch Partners

Bret & Mindy Taylor—Interaction International GEM (La Luz Elementary School)



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.

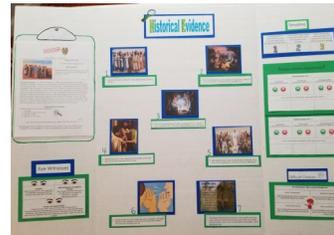
Mission Statement:

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

Vacation Bible School 2022

We sure had fun at Apologetics Vacation Bible School this summer! The kids discovered that our faith is based on historical, scientific, and archeological facts. They had fun extracting DNA from strawberries and digging up artifacts in the dig site. They also did a great job at looking at the evidence for the resurrection of Christ. The facts supported a resurrection not a stolen body!

The food was great, and the crafts were fabulous as always! Those who participated in the skits were great sports! The younger kids really enjoyed learning activities for the theme Jesus is the Light of the World. Thank you to all who helped!



Music Notes for August 2022
from Candy Williams,
Director of Music & Organist

A Note of Thanks to our choir; our guest soloists: Miss Marva Robinson, Mr. Aaron Leathers, and David Williams; the Cape Fear Brass Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Daniel Johnson, the members of the Sons of the American Revolution: Gene Funderburk, Danny Hilton, Jack Albert and Tom Waltz; Elizabeth Albritton for her gifted piano work; Paul Albritton for his tech handling of sound, recording, and live-streaming; and a very special thanks and acknowledgement to our guest speaker, Rev. John R. Pflug, Jr.! I always like to have a special segment of our concert devoted to an educational theme. This year the theme was from our Pledge of Allegiance, "One Nation, Under God...". Pastor John was the Perfect Speaker for the topic, having degrees in Political Science as well as degrees in Religion! If you missed this talk, you can probably access it on Windermere's FaceBook or YouTube. His understanding and ability to make clear the importance of God not only in our individual lives but in the lives of our political leaders is a special gift.

Our Choir is on vacation this month meaning there are no midweek rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:15. This is a wonderful time for newcomers to try out the choir. If you enjoy singing whether trained or not, **please visit the choir**. Each one of our choir members was a visitor at one time.

During the month of August, Anthems will be based on hymns, some new, some old favorites, some requests and some for teaching hymns to the congregation. If you have hymns you would like us to include in our worship services, please let me know.



Hands for Christ Quilting
 2nd and 4th Wednesday—1 to 3:00 p.m.

Thank You
 to
Meals
 on
Wheels
 (one of many)



Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much for providing Meals on Wheels on Memorial Day! It was delicious and such a blessing!

*Sincerely,
 Kaye Brewster*

Save the Date

52 in '22 - October 16, 2022

Windermere's 50th Anniversary was in March of 2020. Unfortunately, so was the COVID Pandemic! We had a wonderful celebration planned that, of course had to be cancelled. But here we are two years later ready to celebrate our 52nd year.

We hope that all former members, staff and new members as well will be here to celebrate this wonderful church that we call Windermere. We will have a special worship service, and afterward, all are invited to a catered luncheon.

We will have items to view from the past 52 years—pictures, a slide show, timelines, and viewing of the items that were buried in a time capsule from 10 years ago*. We also have a history booklet for you to take home.

The committee has worked hard to make this a special time to look back to where we have been and to look forward to see what the Lord has for us to do in the future! Look for an invitation and RSVP in the bulletin soon.

*Please leave ideas for our new time capsule in the Anniversary mailbox across from the office.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Women of the Church will resume meetings in the fall. Have a great summer!



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.

Transportation Angels

I would like to thank everyone that have offered to drive our church members/family to church, doctor appointments, and any other need for the last few years. We haven't updated our list of drivers since COVID and would like to give you the opportunity to sign up to transport our "angels". There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for you to leave your name and contact information or if you would like to speak with me about this opportunity, please give me a call or see me at church. Thanks for your help and May God Bless You!



In Christ, Estelle Link—910-233-2393

Please sign up for
**Meals
on
Wheels**

9:30 a.m.
August 27, 2022



The Jill Casey Memorial Library



Having just completed the VBS camp in Mexico and VBS here in Wilmington, there's one thing I know for sure. Kids are the same everywhere! They love to laugh, make things, climb trees, play in the dirt, snuggle puppies and jump in puddles. Kids love to have fun, and that's why we strive to make VBS memorable and fun. The kids at Windermere in the older group learned amazing truths about the trustworthiness of God's Word. Extracting DNA from a strawberry and digging for artifacts in the dirt; examining the evidence for the resurrection and looking at famous Christians who are also scientists showed the kids the Bible doesn't contradict anything in science or nature. A big THANK YOU to Mark and Sue Townsend for the hundreds of hours they put into the program. On the subject of kids, our church library has a sizable children's section with plenty of interesting books for the older kids as well. I hope you will check it out!

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

The family of

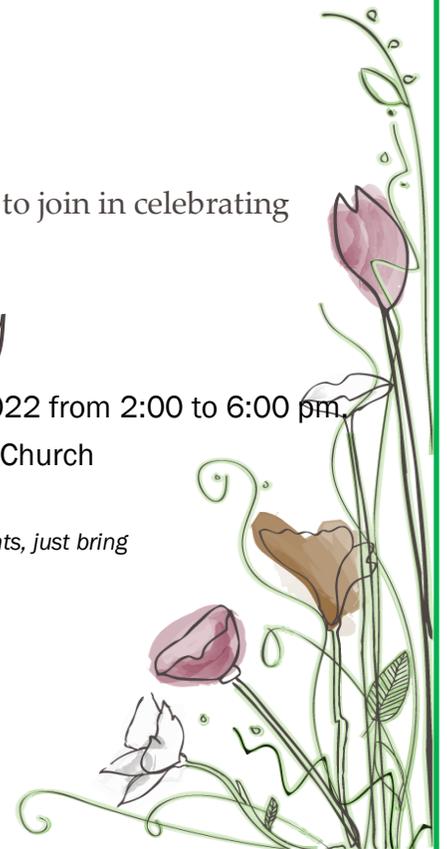
Jenny King

Would like to invite you to join in celebrating her

99th Birthday

On Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Windermere Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

**Jenny requests, please no presents, just bring
Your special selves!*



AUGUST 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	2	3 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	4	5	6 2-6 p.m. Jenny King Birthday
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	8 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	9 Family Promise 	10 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm Family Promise  1-3 p.m. Quilting 5:30 p.m. FAMILY NGHT 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Narthex	11 Family Promise 	12	13
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21 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	22 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	23	24 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 1-3 p.m. Quilting 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	25	26	27 9:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels 
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes,
Dru Farrar, Dave Allen, Jane Beck, Brian Mulvey,
Jenny King, Paul Albritton, Dave Allen, Betty Taylor,
Mary Kowal, The Family of Bruce Failing

Our Extended Body of Christ—Alex Zoltek, Kathleen Smith,
Frances George, Our Missionaries



August Anniversaries

Kerry & Catherine Wooding	08/01
Douglas & Freyja Lawson	08/03
Hubert & Betty Taylor	08/03
Andrew & Jennifer LaGrange	08/09
Peter & Margaret Cerra	08/12
Mark & Sue Townsend	08/12
Nicholas & Christina Hoffman	08/22
John & Christine Ponton	08/24
Dennis & Gayle Brandon	08/27
David & Ellen Allen	08/28
Bill & Sharon Harris	08/28
Mark & Wendy Clemens	08/29

August Birthdays

Sue Townsend	08/01
Jenny King	08/03
Freyja Lawson	08/07
Memory Brogden	08/11
Brittany Pflug	08/12
Joel Joyce	08/13
Hubert Taylor	08/13
Ethan Lawson	08/13
Marianne Saylor	08/14
John Krywy	08/16
Carol Weaver	08/17
Becky Kalnen	08/18
J.R. (Bud) Townsend	08/18
Roy Brewton	08/19
Blair Kelly	08/21
Nikki Kelly	08/21
Ryan Winstead	08/21
Pam Aherne	08/22
Debbie Anderson	08/22
Doris Failing	08/23
Ryne Locklear	08/24
Sue Hebert	08/26
Gayle Brandon	08/27



Elders:

Gary Galloway, Julia Huntley, Janet Coleman,
Bob Stowe, Matthew Coleman, Paul Albritton

Deacons:

Eli Smith, Kay Stowe, Bud Townsend,
Jennie Galloway, Mike Edge, Freyja Lawson,
Mike Saylor

Who to Call ...

Usher Coordinator Pam Aherne 609-462-6822

Communion Coordinator Ellen Allen 617-4910

Women of the Church Elizabeth Albritton 799-4271
Ellen Allen 392-1274

Men of the Church

Funeral Coordinator Ellen Allen 392-1274

Wedding Coordinator Ann Barker 392-1376

Wednesday Family Dinners Kaye Stowe
704-473-4448

Meals on Wheels Michael Coleman 262-8771

Preschool Christy Bain

Hands 4 Christ Quilting Becky Kalnen 799-9612

Church Work Day Mike Edge 910-622-0632

Sunday School Coordinator

Gary & Jennie Galloway 313-0707

Prayer Chain/Care Group Sue Stott
prayers4windermere@gmail.com

Flowers for Sanctuary Carol Pearson 686-0728

Transportation Estelle Link 910-233-2393

Transportation Angels Estelle Link 910-233-2393/319-7402

Join us for Family Night

Wednesday, August 10th at 5:30 pm

Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert and Beverage

Plus a detailed report with slides on the recent MISSION TRIP!

Please sign up in the Narthex, by calling the church...910.791.0566



or by replying to [email](mailto:prayers4windermere@gmail.com)

\$6.00 for Adults - \$3.00 for **children under 12**

Family of 4 (**children under 12**) \$15

Family of 4/5/6 (**ages 12-18**) \$22

See you on August 10th!

welcome

to our new members!

Bret & Mindy Taylor to Visit Windermere on Sunday August 21st

Bret and Mindy Taylor are missionaries with *Interaction International* that Windermere has supported for a number of years. Their ministry with *Interaction International* is centered around helping children of overseas missionaries bridge two cultures.

In Bret and Mindy's words, "[They address] the unique issues connected to missionary kids growing up overseas (Third Culture Kids). . . In Bret's role as the Director of Operations, he helps Interaction better serve missionary families. While he is responsible for oversight in the areas of HR, finances and communication, he also helps to refine and expand the programs they currently have. One responsibility Bret has been particularly instrumental in is running an annual transition seminar in Colorado for missionary kids (MKs) from dozens of mission organizations, who will be returning from overseas to start college in the States."

Bret and Mindy will be speaking more about their missionary work and look forward to meeting and renewing acquaintances with their Windermere family. Please come to worship and to hear more about their work and meet them personally – It's Sunday, August 21st!

InterFaith Hospitality (Aug. 9-11)

The next time procedures will be different:

Day Center – Dinner / Evening Hosting -- Time: 5:30 – 7 pm. Volunteers should arrive at the day center around 5:30 pm in order to turn on lights and set up for dinner. Families are to arrive at the day center no later than 5:45pm. This allows for families to help with set up and dinner, as well as getting their children comfortable and situated. Dinner should begin around 6pm. There are plenty of games and toys in the playroom / study room (back of day center). Playing a game, helping with homework, or simply chatting after dinner is always encouraged (just like it was when hosting at the churches)!

Everyone should be finished and leaving the day center by 7 pm. Families know they are to help clean up after dinner and the playroom before leaving. It's not just a chore, it's part of the program.

Supplies for dinner and hosting:

There are plenty of real silverware in the kitchen. As well as serving utensils and some serving dishes. There are plenty of plastic cups for adults and children. The rest is for the church to provide. Items include, paper plates, napkins, paper towels, and items like dish soap or other cleaning items when needed. Volunteers are welcome to go in the supply room (back room) for any supplies FP may have if volunteers forgot something and need right away. Every church is asked to bring their own plastic bin with the supplies on the first day of their rotation (Sunday). If you are a partner church, then bring your supplies for the days that you are hosting dinner.

During the week, no one will mess with the supplies. Family Promise staff is in the day center with any other volunteers or families through the week. At the end of the week, churches and volunteers are asked to please clean out the fridge before the next church begins their rotation.

Families are welcome to take leftovers after dinner each night or by the end of the week. Condiments can be given to the families also but they can stay in the day center fridge too.

Property map, rules for the evening and reminders, will be placed on a bulletin board for everyone to see. There is a sign-in sheet for volunteers and one for families. There will also be a communication notebook for volunteers if they ever need to leave a concern, suggestion, or entry of an event.

We are always welcome to call or email Cicily!

As our turn comes closer, a new sign up chart will be in the narthex. Questions? Please see Walt Griffith



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