



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 2022
Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

The Bible, Together in 2022

January: Genesis, Exodus 1-13, Matthew 1-21, Psalms 1-25, Proverbs 1-6

We are going to begin our reading this year reading all the way through the book of Genesis and about one third of the way through the book of Exodus. The first five books of the Bible are called the Pentateuch and they are written by Moses who features as Israel's leader in the book of Exodus.

Fortunately all the readings this month are relatively easy to read because they tell one consistent story. Genesis begins with the creation of everything (Genesis 1-2). We are then told about how the human race fell into sin, and about the consequences of that sin (Genesis 3). In that same Genesis 3 chapter we are given the first promise of the Messiah, see if you can spot it! The story then moves on to tell us how corrupted by sin the human race became until finally God determined to flood the entire planet saving only Noah and his family. One of Noah's sons, Shem is given a pretty important blessing in Genesis 9. Be sure not to miss that one! One of Shem's descendants is a man named Abram (later Abraham), and it is through Abraham and his family God makes his covenant to save the human race.

From Genesis 12 onward the story the Bible tells is the story of Abraham's family. But as you are reading it can be tempting to gloss over the genealogies, the lists of who begat who, but those genealogies are actually really important markers to help us understand how the story fits together. For instance if you follow the genealogy from Adam to Noah in Genesis 5 then connect it from Noah to Abraham in Genesis 10 and 11, now you will have a much richer understanding of how it all connects when you open up your New Testament reading in Matthew 1 and see how that same family line connects from Abraham to Jesus.

As you read through the story of Abraham's family you will read about how Abraham was asked to sacrifice his only son, Issac, as a prefigure for the sacrifice God would make of His only Son. Does he actually sacrifice Issac? You will have to read to find out! You will be introduced to Jacob and Easau, twin grandchildren of Abraham. You will see, particularly through Jacob, how faith in God is renewed in every successive generation of this family. Jacob, you will see, is also called Israel, which is how the nation got its name. And eventually, this family does become that entire nation, but first the family get trapped as slaves in Egypt. How did they get there? That occurs through one of Jacob's sons, Joseph. Joseph gets the family to Egypt under positive circumstances (in fact he becomes the Prime Minister of Egypt), but once Joseph dies, the family grows huge, and the new Pharaoh enslaves them. That is the point where Genesis ends and Exodus begins.

Exodus is the book about Abraham's family (now grown to the size of a nation) escaping from slavery in Egypt and getting ready to inherit the land that was promised to Abraham. God uses a man named Moses. Moses is the first unifying religious leader of Israel. He starts off, through some strange providential circumstances, being raised in the palace of Pharaoh, but after being called by God Moses finds himself opposed to Pharaoh in order to deliver the Israelites out of slavery. God performs some pretty incredible wonders to eventually set the people of Israel free.

I hope you will pay very close attention when you get to Exodus 11 and 12. During the last plague when God sends the angel of death through Egypt to kill the first-born of every house He instructs the Israelites to take part in a certain meal called "The Passover." Notice the blood on the door, and notice the lamb that they eat. It is doing these things that cause the angel of death to "pass" - "over" them. This meal is the basis of our Communion, where the blood of the lamb, the one whom we eat, He causes death to pass over us still.

Matthew's gospel will be familiar to many of you even if you have not read much of the Bible. It is the unfolding story of Jesus' life. It is one of the easiest books in the Bible to read, but hopefully as you read it alongside Genesis and Exodus you will begin to get even more depth and richness than you ever have before.

The Psalms are amazing! They were originally written to be sung, but they also serve as great prayers. If you use them daily as prayers it will certainly deepen your prayer life and enrich your relationship with the Lord. This month we will also read through the beloved 23rd Psalm! The Proverbs are given to us as a gift from God to add wisdom to our daily thinking and acting. Blessings on your time in reading this wonderful book, the Bible!

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

January Ushers – Michael Coleman, Janet Coleman, Hugh Taylor, Julia Huntley

January Liturgists – Jan. 2, Fritz Rohde; Jan. 9, Walt Griffith; Jan. 16, Dru Farrar; Jan. 23, Elizabeth Albritton; Jan. 30, Gary Galloway

2022 Committees

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton

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

Strengthening the Church – Kay Stowe, Chair, Janet Coleman, Elder Liaison

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

Secretary: Fran King, 515-6484, email: windermere@bizec.rr.com

Music Director: Candace Williams, 791-5966, email: towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com

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

Nursery: Donna Kaiser, 508-2296

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

Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade, Wilmington

Outreach Foundation, Iran

Dustin & Sherry Ellington—Outreach Foundation, Zambia, Africa

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.

December Finance Report

We ended the year in a better position than in previous months, thanks to the generosity of our membership and friends of Windermere. We will end the month of December with about \$52,000 left in our General Fund.

Outside of the General Fund we received donations of \$10,000 for the Building Fund and \$1,250 for the Special Music Fund.

Thank you all for helping us to continue in the ministry of our Lord.

Contribution statements will be mailed in early January.

Tom Hebert, Treasurer

Windermere Youth Parents and Grandparents,

The Youth group is having a great time. Lots of fun and fellowship! We have grown each successive Sunday. We will generally continue to meet Sunday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

Also if anyone wants to volunteer to bring food to youth groups on our normal nights that would be wonderful. Probably feeding 4-7 people. We do have a modest budget, so if there are Sundays where no one volunteers that is okay too!

Grace and Peace, John



Elders:

Gary Galloway, Julia Huntley, Janet Coleman, Bob Stowe

Deacons:

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



Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Children's Church
and
Worship
10:00 a.m.



Windermere Strengthening of the Church

Please join us for our first
 Family Night of 2022

Wednesday, January 12th
 at 5:30 pm

Menu will be lasagna, salad,
 garlic bread, beverage and tea

Adults \$6

Children \$3 (under 12)

Please sign up in the narthex.
 Looking forward to seeing YOU!

The Sunday School Laura Coley Class

As the new year begins, the Laura Coley Sunday School class will take a fresh look at both very familiar Bible passages and some not so familiar for their Sunday School lessons.

We invite you to join us as we study on:

Jan. 2nd - Ephesians 1:3-14

Jan. 9th - Acts 8:14-17

Jan 16th - I Corinthians 12:1-11

Jan. 23rd - I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Jan 30th - I Corinthians 13:1-13

At least one of them is very familiar.

The above passages are from the Church Lectionary, Year C. You are invited to check out their class. They meet at 9 a.m. in the Laura Coley Room across the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

The Jill Casey Memorial Library



The New Year lies before
 Like a freshly fallen snow.
 Be careful how you tread it
 For every mark will show.



Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

Family Promise 2022 Dates

For those who want to mark their calendars with Windermere's dates for Family Promise (InterFaith Hospitality) in 2022, we have received the following dates:

February 8-10

May 3-5

August 9-11

November 8-10



Thank You It is with grateful hearts Windermere Presbyterian Church wants to thank Matthew's Motors. For the second time now, they have made a financial offering to Windermere simply because they want to bless the Church. This month they donated \$1,640.00 to our church! Thanks be to God for Matthew's Motors.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Women of the Church will meet on Tuesday January 11th at 10:30 a.m. with Sue Stott leading the meeting.

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.



Prayers for Sue and Tom Hebert as they grieve the loss of Sue's great nephew Josh Steinmetz at age 34. He passed away December 10th. Prayers for his father Jimmy and for Sue's sister Diane, his grandmother.

Sue and Tom thank everyone for all the prayers and thoughts during this time.



Notice!

If you have information for the website, please let Sue Stott know...

Hands4Christ Quilters



In 2021, there were continued COVID challenges. The quilting meetings were suspended as we learned that Coastal Horizons Emergency Youth Shelter was unable to accept as many kids in order to maintain social distancing. Still we were able to provide them with 43 quilts throughout the year. Since we began

our quilting mission in 2016, we have made 235 quilts for the Shelter.

The Shelter is for children, ages 6-18, that have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. It provides a safe haven for them until the courts decide if they can return home, or to a relative's home, or into foster care.

We will resume quilting in January on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Laura Coley Classroom. We welcome newcomers and no experience is required! Please join us January 12th.

Becky Kalnen
Hands4Christ Quilters

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



Session News:

Approved the 2022 Budget

Established January 9 during the worship service as the time and date for the Installation and Ordination of new officers.

Called a Congregation Meeting for Sunday, January 23, following the Worship service for the purposes of presenting the 2022 Budget, electing the 2022 Nominating Committee, approving the change in the pastors call and electing directors for the corporation.

At the request of the Worship Committee, approved adding the following language to the Funeral Brochure: "During the course of holding a visitation or a funeral at Windermere Presbyterian Church, the casket needs to be removed from Windermere prior to the end of the day."

Called a special meeting of the Session following the Worship Service on January 2 for the purpose examination of Deacon – elect.

Studied and discussed of the Law of God and of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience sections of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Next Stated Session meeting will be January 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Nancy Wolfe!



Windermere Presbyterian Women presented Nancy Wolfe with the Honorary Lifetime Membership award during the December 19th Worship Service. This award is the highest award given to deserving women through the Presbyterian Church USA. Nancy's has shown her dedication to Christ and her faithful service to the church and PW projects for over 50 years. This award is well deserved. Congratulations Nancy.

**Congregational Meeting January 23, 2022
after Worship Service**



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship Session Meeting	3 Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 Worship Comm.	4 9:30 a.m. <i>Un-decorate Church</i>	5 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 6 p.m. AA 12 Step 6 p.m. Choir/	6 Cubs	7	1 8  11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
9 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship Installation of Officers 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	10 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	11 10:30 a.m. <i>Women of the Church</i>	12 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11 p.m. Mission Comm. 1-3 p.m. Quilting 5:30 p.m. <i>Family Night</i> 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. Choir/	13 Cubs	14	15 11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
16 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	17 Office Closed MLK Day 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	18 6 p.m. Session Mtg	19 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Choir/ Sanctuary	20 Perspectives	21	22 8:30 a.m. Meals on wheels 11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
23 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship Congregational Mtg 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	24 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	25	26 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1-3 p.m. Quilting 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6p.m. Choir/ Sanctuary	27 Cubs	28	29 11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
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PRAYER CONCERNS



Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes,
Dave Allen, Jane Beck, Dru Farrar, Brian Mulvey, Jenny King
Our Extended Body of Christ—Bruce Failing, Alex Zoltek,
Skeeter Rivenbark, Melinda Blizzard, The Family of Sandra
Howell, Kenny Horne, Callie Stinson, Susan Morgan Washing-
ton, The Family of Shirley Edwards Moore, Kathleen Smith,
The Fulford Family, Our Missionaries

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 Randy LaGrange 431-7710

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

Anniversaries

Mike & Marianne Saylor 01/03

Rodney & Kathy Oakes 01/12

Birthdays

Addison Kelly 01/02

Beth Whitley 01/02

Estelle Link 01/03

James Hutchins 01/03

Chris Butner 01/04

Doris Erkes 01/07

Roberta Mouheb 01/07

Samantha Coleman 01/09

Sharon Harris 01/10

Johnnye Hilliard 01/12

Hubert Taylor 01/13

Rodney Oakes 01/14

James Mathers 01/15

Elsie Brissom 01/15

Micayla Mathers 01/15

Bonnie Townsend 01/15

Crissie Allen 01/18

Pearl Cavanaugh 01/19

Susan Holt 01/19

Shawn Whitley 01/19

Hudson Allen 01/20

Elizabeth Pridgen 01/20

Mark Townsend 01/20

Ann Barker 01/25

Andrew LaGrange 01/26

Lucas Butcher 01/29

Casey Mathers 01/30



Meals on Wheels
8:30 a.m.—January 22, 2022

Worship Committee News

“The Worship Committee welcomes Freyja Lawson as our new Chairperson for our committee.

We continue with the all-in-one communion cups as we receive communion on Sunday, January 2. Volunteers are needed to help dismantle the church Christmas decorations on Tuesday, January 4. The time will be announced in church.

Blessings for a healthy 2022!”



welcome

to our new members!

Important

If you are the last one to leave the church, **PLEASE** make sure all lights are off and all doors are locked! Thank you.

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Registration and Orientation Night January 20, 2022 @ 6pm
 Class Starts January 27, 2022 @ 6pm
 Port City Community Church
 First Class is FREE

Go to www.perspectives.org/wilmingtonnc to register and learn more!



PERSPECTIVES

Want to be Part of God's Story?

God has an amazing plan for your life and for the world. Discover it at Perspectives! Please consider taking the 2022 Perspectives Class to begin a 15 week journey to discover God's heart and purpose - a purpose in which *you* have a part to play.

The Perspectives Class is for people from all walks of life who want to know more about who God is and how their lives can reflect more of His glory. The class will take an in depth look at the biblical, historical, cultural and strategic aspects of God's global plan to reconcile every nation, tribe, people and tongue to Himself.

The 2022 class begins on Thursday night, January 20 at 6:00 PM with Registration and Orientation Night at Port City Community Church. *The first scheduled class is on January 27 from 6:00-9:00 PM. If you're not sure the course is for you, attend the first two classes at no cost and at no obligation.* If you decide to take the course Windermere will cover all course expenses. We are confident that your investment of time and energy will have eternal value.

For more information go to www.perspectives.org/wilmingtonnc or talk with anyone in the congregation who has taken the course.

“Planting Churches that Plant Churches.”

Windermere is going to plant a church? Yes! Our new mission statement has given us a big picture vision, a destination if you will, but our path to that destination is still being determined.



Men's Bible Study



The Windermere Men's Bible Study is presently studying the book *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer – and it's been a great book. There are currently about six men attending and we would love to have more. The only requirement is a desire to grow in the Lord through the study of His Word. We do this by study and discussion, sharing our thoughts with each other. Need a good New Year's resolution? Try it once and see what you think! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Laura Coley room.

January Preschool News

Gingerbread houses with Mrs. Cristy!! Love my 4s class!



Happy New Year to all!
Cristy Bain

Dear Church Family,

The prayers, cards, visits, calls and all other acts of kindness shown to me during my recent hospital stay and recovery have meant so much to me. I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for the love and concern shown to James and myself. Windermere is definitely a caring church family and we are glad to be a part of it. May each of you be blessed this Christmas season.



Regards, Dottie

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