



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windermere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

March 2023 - Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

Guilt, and Grace

Psalm 130:3-4 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

Have you ever done something wrong, and then felt guilty about it? Probably all of us have. I hate the feeling of guilt. For me there is a physical sensation of a knot in my stomach, and a depression that sits over top of me like a blanket - a reminder that I failed to be the kind of person God has called me to be. It is even worse when I have caused someone else to be hurt or disappointed. Guilt is a very difficult feeling to wade through, and, unfortunately, I think some people get stuck in their guilt.

But I think guilt is also a very useful feeling. If you have ever burned your hand by grabbing a hot pan, you experience searing pain, but you are also much more careful the next time you are around hot pans. I think guilt functions similarly. When we sin we feel guilty, and hopefully that guilt will cause us to be more careful with our thoughts, words and actions if we ever find ourselves in a similar situation again. But guilt does something else too. It drives us to seek out a balm for our wounded soul. When we have sinned the only way the pain of the guilt can ever be relieved is if we find forgiveness.

The Psalmist points out something in his rhetorical question, "If You LORD should mark iniquities... who could stand?" The implied answer is, "no one." You might have a tendency to think, "Yeah pastor but if you knew my sins you would know that I *really* can't stand... those other people, their sins aren't as bad as mine; they can stand a little better than I can." I know it is natural to think that way, but if you do you are missing the point: NO ONE can stand! No matter how grievous or minor you think your sin is, no one can stand, that is the point. We all deserve wrath and we all feel that in the ominous feeling of guilt. However, the Psalm picks up in verse 4 with a beautiful "But!"

"But there is forgiveness with You." These two verses set up the contrast we know as grace. Verse 3 tells the terrible truth of the guilt we have earned, and verse 4 the wonderful truth of the forgiveness that we have not earned. Here it is! We have found it! the Balm to the soul! And where have we found it? "With You." If you believe this is God's Word, and you should, then you can trust that this is true. When you come to the Lord in repentance you will be forgiven!

One last point: If you have ever thought about this for any length of time then you may have asked yourself this question: "Why would God forgive someone like me?" And amazingly that answer is given here too: "that You may be feared." Maybe a better way for us to hear that would be, "that You may be... honored... respected... trusted... worshiped." God's forgiveness, as we come to rightly understand it, serves to endear us to Himself and make us lifelong worshipers. The only sorts of people who can worship God are forgiven people, which means, if you are in need of forgiveness, you are just one step away from being one of those worshipers. If this finds you today feeling guilty for your sin then when you finish reading this: repent of your sin, trust in the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, and then go and serve Him knowing full well that you have been forgiven.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John



March Ushers—Ron Stott, Sue Stott,
Johnnye Hilliard, Pam Aherne
March Liturgists – 3/5, Fritz Rohde;
3/12, Debbie Anderson; 3/19, Bert Smith;
3/26, Elizabeth Albritton

2023 Committees

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton
Worship – Freyja Lawson, Chair, Gary Galloway,
Elder Liaison
Strengthening the Church – Kerry Wooding,
Chair, Janet Coleman, Elder Liaison
Finance – Eli Smith, Chair,
Deidre Wood, Elder Liaison
Property – Bud Townsend, Chair, Mike Edge,
Julia Huntley, Elder Liaison
Christian Education – Jennie Galloway, Chair,
Matthew Coleman, Elder Liaison
Mission & Service—Mike Saylor, Chair,
Bob Stowe is the Elder liaison.

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

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.



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



Dear Windermere Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely reception you had for Randy, Cely and me on February 5th. I am sad to be leaving; however, I know I will enjoy being closer to my family.

Please know that I will carry the wonderful memories of love, kindness and support extended to my family “over the last fifty plus years”, forever in my heart.

Love and blessings to all, Janet Casey



Changes of Address:

Janet Casey
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Apt. 202B
Raleigh NC 27603

Betty Sloop
333 Thompson Street
Apt. 226
Henderson NC 28792-4804

Randy & Cely LaGrange
1406 Warwick Circle
Winterville, NC 28590

Windermere Youth Parents and Grandparents

The Youth collected 90 cans of food on Souper Bowl Sunday!

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. We do have a modest budget, so if there are Sundays where no one volunteers that is okay too!

Grace and Peace, John



Preschool News—

Happy March from the preschool

"Whatever you do,
do for the glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31

Seek Him first, and allow His goodness and grace to shine through you.

March is a busy month for the preschool. We celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, with a variety of his books, silly rhyming words, and cook green eggs and ham. We will have our annual book character parade on Thursday, March 9th (toddlers, twos, fours) and Friday, March 10 (toddlers, threes). If you are at the church on these days please meet us outside at 9:30, and we will parade on the sidewalk.

I am happy to announce that January/February's registration was a success. We are full for the 2023-2024 school year with the exception of filling a few spots in our Wednesday/Thursday Toddler class. We do have a waiting list for each class too. Please share the info. Thank you for the many prayers for the preschool, staff, and families. It's a delight to be your preschool director.

Cristy Bain



"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.



Hands for Christ Quilting

2nd & 4th Wednesday—1 to 3:00 p.m.

The church's quilting ministry, *Hands4Christ*, makes and delivers quilts to Coastal Horizon's Youth Shelter. The Shelter provides a safe haven for kids that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The kids stay at the Shelter until the courts decide if they can return to their parents or relatives or go into foster care.

Since the beginning of the ministry in 2016, 270 quilts have been donated to Coastal Horizons. *Hands4Christ* quilters meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Laura Coley Classroom. No quilting or sewing experience is required.

If you'd like to learn more, contact Becky Kalnen.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Women of the Church will meet at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, March 14. We will be discussing chapters 7 and 8 in our study book. All women are encouraged to come to enjoy the fellowship and the study.

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 the Church—News

Shrove Tuesday Family Night was a success and well attended by our church family. A huge thank you to everyone that volunteered. We look forward to seeing you at our St. Patrick's Day Family Night on March 15th! Don't forget to sign up in the narthex.

STC now has a Pastoral Care Group. If you have a concern or a family member that needs encouragement, please contact Sue Stott or a member of the committee: Patsy Stevens, Marianne Saylor, Bonnie Townsend, Dottie/James Stinson or Ron Stott.

Youth Group is enjoying lots of fun activities and great fellowship. See Pastor John or Kerry Woodring if you have a middle school student interested in attending.



Let the
Shenanigans begin!
Time to put on your green
and join us for
St. Patrick's Day Family Night



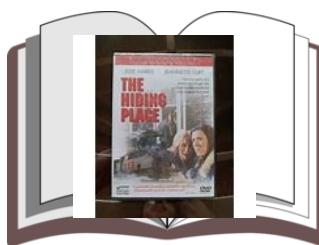
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
at 5:30 pm for
baked potato, salad,
dessert and beverage



Adults - \$6 Kids under 12 - \$3
Please sign up in the narthex.



The Jill Casey Memorial Library



March 18 is a holiday that most of us have never heard of: Supreme Sacrifice Day. This day recognizes the ultimate sacrifice made by some for the good of others. As Christians we immediately think of Jesus Christ who gave the supreme sacrifice when he died on the cross for us. But many books in our library spotlight people like Corrie Ten Boom and her sister who were imprisoned during World War II for hiding Jews from the Nazi's. The Hiding Place tells their story of hardship and loss, but also of God's hand of protection during those terrible years. There is also a book called Voice of the Martyrs by Richard Wurmbrand about the many Christians around the world who have died for their belief in Christ. There are other books in the biography section that tell the life stories of these brave men and women who sacrificed their lives or their freedom for Christ. I hope you will visit the library and check out one of these inspiration and challenging books.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

The Windermere Men's Bible Study

Interested in joining the Windermere Men's Bible Study? Now is a great time. We are just beginning a new book study: **Holiness** by J.C. Ryle, a compilation of 10 essays he wrote back in 1879 and which has since become a Christian classic. We would love to have new members join us. Think about it – think hard about it – and then come! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Laura Coley room. If you can breathe you belong!



HELP WANTED

Are you a Handyman or Handywoman??

If so, your church needs you to help keep it, not only beautiful, but in good working order!!

If you are willing to volunteer some time to this, please contact Bud Townsend, chair of the Property Committee.

Thanks!!





March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Choir 7-8 p.m. STC Mtg.	2	3	4 3:30-5:30 Jennie Galloway Recital /Sanc. Presby Mtg/ Wallace
5 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	6 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	7	8 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 1- 3 p.m. Quilting 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 5:15-5:50 Chime Choir 6 p.m. Choir	9	10	11
12 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	13 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m. Worship Comm. 6 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	14 10:30 a.m. Women of the Church	15 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 5:30 p.m. Family Night 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. Choir	16	17	18 10-12 NHHS Alumni/ LC Room
19 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	20 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6—7 p.m. Deacon Mtg. 6 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	21	22 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1- 3 p.m. Quilting 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Choir	23	24	25 9:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels
26 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Men of the Church 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	28	29 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Choir	30	31	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes,
Dave Allen, Jane Beck, Brian Mulvey, Jenny King,
Mary Kowal, Russ Barker, Ann Barker, Bob Wolfe, Estelle Link
Our Extended Body of Christ—Alex Zoltek, Frances George,
Mary Hunt Summerlin, Norman Hunt, Juanita Huckaba,
Our Missionaries



March Anniversaries

Robert & Kay Stowe	03/06
Bud & Bonnie Townsend	03/15
Robert & Sara Butcher	03/23

March Birthdays

Christine Ponton	03/02
Terri Wheeler	03/03
Douglas Lawson	03/05
Randy LaGrange	03/06
Cindy Nichols	03/06
Julie Smith	03/09
Rhonda Diggs	03/10
Carol Pearson	03/10
Diane Evers	03/13
Keith Register	03/14
Teresa Bell	03/15
Robbie Diggs	03/15
Sarah Kittle	03/17
Doug Whitley	03/18
Kristen Allen	03/20
Janet Coleman	03/22
Deidre Wood	03/22
Katherine Masula	03/23

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	Dottie Stinson	
	910-409-0207	
Wednesday Family Dinners	Kerry Wooding	
	817-707-8657	
Meals on Wheels	Michael Coleman	262-8771
Preschool	Christy Bain	791-8290
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
Music Director	Candy Williams	910-313-0243

Prayers to lift up Kerry Wooding, his mom, and his family as his dad went to be with our Heavenly Father February 19. Kerry's parents were attending Windermere prior to health issues. May the family feel the love and prayers from Windermere.

The cards that have been sent to his parents have been greatly appreciated. His mom took the cards to the hospital and read each one to Mr. Wooding.



Please sign up for
Meals on Wheels

9:30 a.m. March 25, 2023



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

Thank you Windermere congregation for the sweet reception following the worship service on February 5th. We appreciate every heartfelt conversation and thoughtful card that we received. Thanks to those of you who prepared and served the delicious treats and cleaned up afterwards. It has been an honor and blessing to have worshipped and served in Christ's name beside you over the years. Your friendships are dear to us and you will always hold a special place in our hearts and in our prayers.

God be with you till we meet again.

With love, Cely and Randy LaGrange



Session News: March

Approved any unspent amounts of the Mission and Service budget at 2022 year end be transferred to the Missions General (a non-budgeted account) for use in the future.

Approved the Presbytery request for 2023 Per Capita amount to PC(USA) of \$1,908 and for the Presbytery Shared Mission Support of \$7,250.

Approved 2022 Statistical Report submitted to PC(USA).

Approved the One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year for Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday).

Approved Joy Gift Offering for Sunday, December 3.

Elected Janet Coleman Commissioner for Presbytery Meeting on March 4, 2023.

Approved changes in Wedding Fees proposed by Worship Committee.

Reserved date for non-member wedding for May 31, 2024 with rehearsal on May 30, 2024. To be approved by Worship Committee after review of written application.

Reviewed January Financials and approved putting the \$25,611.87 bequest from the Stephanie Carr estate into the building fund.

Elected Corporate Officers for the next year:

President Gary Galloway

Vice President Matthew Coleman

Secretary Deidre Wood

Treasurer Eli Smith

Studied Of the Lord's Supper section of the Westminster Confession of Faith

Next Stated Session meeting – April 25, 2023

MUSIC NOTES - March 2023

from Candy Williams,
Director of Music, Organist



CHIME CHOIR - March 8 - 5:15- 5:50 p.m.

All interested in participating, please join us on Wednesday March 8 at 5:15 in the sanctuary. We have a full set of Suzuki tone chimes to work with. Beginners are welcome, including high school students. The Chime Choir will play for some of the upcoming services during Lent and Easter.

The Crucifixion - A Cantata by Sir John Stainer will be presented with choir, organ, orchestra, soloists and readers on Sunday morning, April 2, 10:00 a.m.

The Special Music Fund - Thank you for donations to the Special Music Fund that help Windermere present exceptional music programs to the church and community.

Recruiting Baseball Enthusiasts! We are looking for folks interested in taking part in planning the annual Patriotic Concert to be held Sunday afternoon, July 2, 3:00 p.m. In addition to brass ensemble, American Legion, choir and soloists, we will celebrate America's favorite pastime - "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". Special skits and musical selections will highlight the game. We need ideas from those of you really in the know about baseball! Please contact Candy to offer your input. Anyone have any baseball uniforms? Any possibility of a game on the lawn that afternoon? Thanks!

Keep those Hymn and Anthem suggestions coming!

Candy Williams, Director of Music and Organist
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welcome

to our new members!

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EASTER LILY ORDER FORM 2023

Deadline for Lily Orders, March 20th.

Quantity: ____ Price: ____ \$8.00 ____ each

Given in honor/memory of (circle one):

By: _____

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By: _____

Acknowledgement information: Please indicate on the memo line of your check the appropriate designation.

Welcome
to
Windermere

