



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,
Wilmington, NC 28405

October 2021
Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

Holiness

*1 Peter 1:15-16 Like the Holy One who called you,
be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written,
"You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

As protestants we have for centuries emphasized salvation by faith alone. And while that is correct and good, when salvation by faith alone is pitted against holy living it creates a distortion of what faith truly is. Holiness is as much a part of the Christian's life as faith, and in fact, holiness is born out of the Christian's faith.

To be holy means to be set apart or different from the rest of the world around us. For example, God is holy. He never sins. He always hates what is wrong and loves what is right. He always acts with justice towards the wicked, and with mercy toward the repentant. He always proceeds with the perfect measure of both grace and truth. And the call for us is to be holy because our God is holy.

We have rightly recognized that this is an impossible command, at least as far as it concerns our own efforts. In the flesh we cannot ever achieve perfection or perfect holiness. That reality makes us humble, confessing that we are not holy like we should be, and we are in need of a savior who can make us holy. However, growing more holy than we were the day before is not impossible. As we apply ourselves to the Word of God it gives us the knowledge and strength to grow more and more into the likeness and image of Christ; that is to grow in holiness.

We do well to remember that holiness is a tremendous eternal benefit for us. Jesus says of those who follow his instructions on holiness "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great." (Matthew 5:12) And, on the other hand, Paul reminds us that the deeds of the flesh have no place in heaven. "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident...those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21) In other words heaven will be filled with the things that God likes, and absent from heaven will be everything He hates. If you never grow in holiness heaven will be a disappointing place because none of the things of the flesh which you enjoy now will be there. So the more we spend time learning to like what He likes and hate what He hates (that is growing in holiness) the more equipped we are to enjoy heaven. Or, to put it in terms Jesus does, greater is your reward in heaven.

Growing in holiness might be one of the most difficult things we do as Christians. Putting away our sins and taking up the practice of selfless charity and unconditional love is an extremely difficult task. The Bible even describes this process as dying or being crucified (Romans 6:4-7; Galatians 2:20). Though it is extremely difficult, it is also extremely important; a sentiment that is too often lost on us protestants who emphasize faith. If you are thinking, "I don't really live a good life, but I also don't have to change because I have faith," I can assure you that you have misunderstood faith. Faith always pushes us toward holier lives. It is true that where we stumble and sin that same faith extends to us grace and forgiveness, but authentic faith will

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

October Ushers – Dennis Wood, Deidre Wood, Tommy Gill, Cheri Gill

October Liturgists – Oct. 3, Tom Hebert; Oct. 19, Jennifer Edge; Oct. 17, Bob Stowe; Oct. 24, Fritz Rohde; Oct. 31, Walt Griffith

2021 Committees

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton

Worship – Pam Aherne, Chair, Gary Galloway, Elder Liaison

Strengthening the Church – Kay Stowe, Chair, Estelle Link, Elder Liaison

Finance – Tom Hebert, Chair, Eli Smith and Paul Albritton, Elder Liaison

Property – Bud Townsend, Chair, Randy LaGrange, Mike Saylor, Elder Liaison

Christian Education – Ryan Winstead, Chair, Matthew Coleman, Elder Liaison

Mission & Service—Mission and Service will remain without a chair at the present time. 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

Rev. Gary and Marlene Van Brocklin – PCUSA, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh

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.

September Finance Report

Our income continues to be steady but remains less than our expenses. At the end of September we will have about \$25,000 in the General Fund, which is slightly less than the previous month. Contribution statements will be mailed in early October.

Blessings,

Tom Hebert, Treasurer

FALL BAZAAR POSTPONED

In consideration of the increase in COVID cases in New Hanover County and elsewhere the Session has recommended that this year's Fall Bazaar, scheduled for October 2, be postponed until the Fall of 2022.



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.

Current Session: Elders:

Paul Albritton, Matthew Coleman (2023)
Gary Galloway, Estelle Link, Mike Saylor,
Bob Stowe (2023)

Deacons: Pam Aherne, Tom Hebert,
Randy LaGrange, Eli Smith (2022), Kay Stowe
(2022), Bud Townsend, Ryan Winstead (2022)



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

Enchanted Airlie—STC Committee



The STC committee is in the process of making plans for a Christmas outing to Enchanted Airlie for the early part of December. We are planning to provide soup and sandwiches at church prior to going to Airlie Gardens for the Enchanted Evening. The tour for the sparkling

sights is one hour long. Tickets **will not** go on sale until November 3rd. As you may know, the tickets sell out quickly so we need to know the number of people that would like to attend this fun event by **Sunday, October 24th.**

The date we have in mind for this event is Wednesday, December 8th . The tickets to Enchanted Airlie are sold by "carloads". We have determined that the charge for a ticket and food at church would be \$7.00 per person. Since we may be limited in the number of carload tickets we can purchase at one time, we may have to stagger our times leaving the church to Airlie. Tour times are 5:30-6:30 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm, 7:30-8:30 pm. We will determine at a later date the times and carpooling.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sunday for you to indicate if you would like to join us for this enchanted evening. We need to know how many would definitely like to participate in order to purchase tickets for each car. If you have any questions, please respond Kay Stowe or a member of the STC Committee and we will answer any questions. If you have never been to Enchanted Airlie, you will thoroughly enjoy the walking tour and the fellowship.

If you are a member of Airlie Gardens and would like to donate your ticket, we would greatly appreciate your kindness. Please let Kay Stowe know. Thank you!

Kay Stowe - cell - 704-473-4448
 email - kayestowe@gmail.com

Hands4Christ Quilters

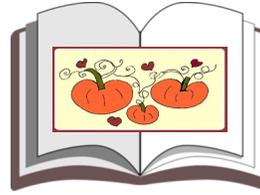


Quilting is suspended until further notice due to COVID restrictions. Coastal Horizons advises that they are not taking in as many kids to allow for social distancing and, as of last week, were not admitting any new children due

to two residents testing positive.

Becky Kalnen

The Jill Casey Memorial Library



Books excite me! My friend called to say she had some books she was giving away and would I like to go through them for the church library. I took all 50! I wish I could read a book a day... the things people have

learned or experienced is so far beyond what one person could ever know in their own lifetime. The first one I think I'm going to read is the biography of Dr. Nelson Bell, Billy Graham's Father-In-Law. Titled A Foreign Devil In China. The box also had The Pilgrim's Progress by Paul Bunyan, Miracles by Eric Metaxas, Praying God's Word by Beth Moore and some other really great titles. We will meet these people someday and how thrilling to be able to say, "I read your book!"

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Please join us for the women's meeting on October 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cely La-Grange is 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.



WEARING MASKS IN CHURCH



Session discussed this item in light of the rise in COVID 19 cases. It was decided to require that worshippers/attendees of ALL church events wear masks.

This includes in-church worship, Sunday school and any and all events held within the Church. Additional seating to view worship service will be provided in the Narthex.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebbox Ministry

It is time once again for Operation Christmas Child, the annual Samaritan's Purse project that provides needy children around the world with shoeboxes at Christmas filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to them with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The shoeboxes are delivered to children affected by war, natural disaster, famine and disease. The COVID-19 global pandemic continues to disrupt life for millions of people around the world so children need joy and hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ now more than ever. Windermere will have shoeboxes available for pickup in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, October 17. The boxes will need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 14. If anyone willing to participate in this project is unable to pick up a box at the church please contact the church office and someone from the Mission & Service Committee will deliver/pick up your box(es).



Samaritan's Purse will again offer the option of building a shoebox online. This is a great option and in a few easy clicks you can select the gender, age group and items for your shoebox. Your shoebox will be packed and shipped for you...all for \$25! A special link to the Windermere Build A Box website will be provided via email and Facebook in mid October. As always, thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry.

welcome to our new members!

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

Toddlers



Three's



Two's



Four's

Session News:

Approved and welcomed new member, Mike Edge.

Appointed Bob Stowe as Commissioner to Presbytery Zoom meeting on August 19, 2021.

Approved moving the following to the Non-Resident Member Roll:

Margaret Hill
Jean Crawford
William Loizias

Reviewed Covid 19 procedures in consideration of current community situation.

Decided that, until situation improves, masks will now be required in the Sanctuary and recommended elsewhere inside the premises.

Other recommendations were discussed and referred to the Pastor, Music Director and Worship Committee for further consideration.

Studied and discussed the Repentance and Good Works sections of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

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





October 2021

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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3 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	4 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	5 7 p.m. Property Comm.	6 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 11 a.m. Mission & Service 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6-6:45 p.m. Choir/ Sanctuary	7 Cubs	8	9 11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
10 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	11 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	12 10:30 a.m. Women of the Church- Fellowship Hall	13 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11 a.m. Deacons Mtg 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6-6:45 p.m. Choir/ Sanctuary	14 Cubs	15	16 11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
17 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship (pick up shoeboxes) 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	18 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m. Worship Comm Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	19	20 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6-6:45 p.m. Choir/ Sanctuary	21 Cubs	22	23 8:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels  11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
24 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	25 10:30 a.m.m Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	26	27 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6-6:45 p.m. Choir/ Sanctuary	28 6 p.m. Scrap- booking /LC Room Cubs	29	30 11-11:45 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanctuary
31 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth						

PRAYER CONCERNS



Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes,
Dave Allen, Steve Barone, Jane Beck, Clark Pearson,
Jeannette Ramsey, Brian Mulvey, Jenny King

Our Extended Body of Christ—Bruce Failing, Alex Zoltek,
The Family of Cliff Nance, Skeeter Rivenbark, Melinda Blizzard,
The Family of Kenny Johnson, Sandra Howell, Kenny Horne,
Callie Stinson, Susan Morgan Washington, Our Missionaries



October Anniversaries

Mindy & Chad Nicoll	10/13
William & Teresa Bell	10/19
Keith & Laurie Register	10/20

October Birthdays

Scottie Coleman	10/02
Ellen Allen	10/03
Stephen Barone	10/03
Dennis Brandon	10/03
Collin McClearn	10/03
Nancy Wolfe	10/03
Jeannette Ramsey	10/05
Ann Horne	10/07
Angelique Mathers	10/07
Sloan Stephenson	10/07
Terry Thomas	10/08
Sue Stott	10/10
Darrin Hoffman	10/11
Frances George	10/13
David Allen	10/15
Katelyn Kelly	10/15
Rev. John Russell Pflug, Jr.	10/15
Jacob Register	10/15
Patrick Reams	10/27
William Savage	10/28
Emily Clemens	10/29
Ted Kalnen	10/29
Bob Wolfe	10/30
James Spaulding	10/30

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 Clark Pearson 686-0728

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



Meals on Wheels

October 23, 2021 — 8:30 a.m.



Worship Committee News

Please be aware our Session has voted that all parishioners entering the Sanctuary must wear a mask. Note that there is seating set up in the Narthex to watch and hear the service on the screens, and wearing a mask in the Narthex is recommended but not mandatory.

We will continue to serve communion with the individual cups, and this will be on October 3.

Thank you all for your cooperation, and continue to stay safe.



Shoeboxes coming soon!



If you take Bibles or Hymnals out of the sanctuary, please return them so there will be enough for the next worship service. Many thanks.

NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM CANDY OCTOBER 2021



Dear Windermere Friends:

David and I thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards and help during our Covid illness. We were down about three weeks but are much better, glad to be out of quarantine and back to normal activities, or whatever is close to normal these days. Needless to say, the music plans for September were put on hold. I want to thank Elizabeth Albritton and Dru Farrar for covering Sunday services in my absence. It certainly was good to be back playing and praising the Lord this past Sunday!

Wednesday Choir Rehearsals will begin on October 6 with a new trial time and format.

We will rehearse from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. Please wear masks and/or face shields.

Chime Choir Rehearsals will begin on Saturday, October 9, 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Anyone interested in learning to ring is invited to attend.

Please contact our Director with any questions, requests, comments -
Candy Williams (910-313-0243; towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com).



Notice!

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

October Preschool News

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life".



Happy October, from the preschool.

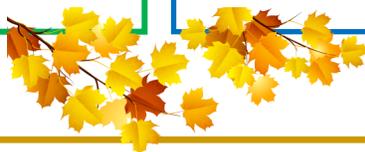
The preschool is thankful to be open and to minister to the children. I continue to seek a four year old teacher. Please be in prayer for His will in this situation and for our children. I am currently teaching in the fours class, and seeking His wisdom.

We have a busy month as we discuss Fall, Fire Safety, Pumpkins, and Pets. We will have our fall pictures taken and a visit from a Fire truck too.

Blessing, 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.



Men's Bible Study

Please join us for *The Windermere Men's Bible Study* (WMBS) on Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 am in the Laura Coley Room.

The Windermere Men's Bible Study is presently studying the book of Colossians. There are about 6-8 men currently 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 – and to share your thoughts as we study the Bible together. Try it once and see what you think!

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