



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,
Wilmington, NC 28405

September 2021
Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

Making Disciples

In the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) Jesus tells us to do 3 things. First, “make disciples.” Second, “Baptize them.” And third, “teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. It may seem strange to read this from your pastor, but I don’t feel like I am very good at “Making disciples.” Now the other two, teaching and baptizing, I enjoy very much, but making disciples is difficult. I feel like I am getting better at it (slowly!!), and I want to be better at it because the Lord commands us to do it. However, I am a work in progress, and I imagine many of you may be too. With that in mind I want to share in my limited experience what has been helpful.

Understanding your own conversion story- If your goal is to lead someone to the Lord, the easiest way is the most familiar way. First sincerely ask this question, “Do I truly know, love and trust the Lord myself, or am I just going through the motions?” If you do love Him, how did you get there? Some of you may have come out of a radical life of sin through some incredible conversion. Others of you have grown up in the church and yet come to know Him through more ordinary means. No matter the method through which you were saved, there is someone out there in a situation similar to you who is going to find your story compelling. Now, it may be that your personal story is not always going to lead someone to the Lord, which is why the second aspect is important.

Understanding the Bible- The better you know God’s Word the better you are going to be able to casually pull up connection points to it in a conversation with an unbeliever. The Bible is filled with connections to everyday life situations, and if you can let someone know what the Bible says about what they are going through they will usually listen.

Know who you are looking for- There is no sign on their head that says, “unbeliever.” So how do you know? Well you have to talk to them! Three things you can tease out in a conversation that will give you a pretty good indicator 1. Do they trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior? (Duh! But, be careful there are plenty of people who say they believe but don’t. There are many churches filled with unbelievers. Which is why the next two are important) 2. Do they believe all of the Bible is the very Word of God? 3. Do you notice their life in the process of actually being changed from sin to righteousness? If all three of these are not present then you are talking with an unbeliever, that is who you are looking for.

Pray- If you know ahead of time, pray before you speak with an unbeliever that God would use you and give you the words to say. Pray with the unbeliever if they will let you. Pray for whatever their earthly concerns might be, but then pray that they would come to know Jesus. Pray after you speak with an unbeliever that God would let the memory of your conversation be retained in their minds.

Be aware when you are around unbelievers- If you bring to your conscience awareness that you are among unbelievers it will heighten your senses to opportunities to share the gospel, or share your witness. Look for the Holy Spirit opening a door of opportunity and then step through it.

If it did not work the way you thought, it does not mean it did not work.- Not every gospel conversation you have with unbelievers is going to result in a conversion there on the spot. Maybe your job was just to plant the seed. Maybe your conversation will lead to future conversations. Maybe your job was to get them a little irritated so that they go home and keep thinking about everything you said. We would all love to be the guy whose conversation leads someone to Christ in that moment, but most of the time it does not happen that way. Most of the time we are the first or second or third guy who has talked to a particular unbeliever, but it is always the last guy who gets to see the conversion. But remember, it is not the last guy who gets the credit, it is God. God used the first, and second conversation just like he used the last one. No matter what the “outcome” of a conversation with an unbeliever is; if you shared the gospel, it worked like it was supposed to!

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September Ushers –Ron Stott, Sue Stott,
Johnnye Hilliard, Julia Huntley
September Liturgists – TBA

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.

August Finance Report

Our income remains steady but has been less than our expenses. At the end of August we will have about \$30,000 remaining in the General Fund. We appreciate all of the generous contributions from members and visitors, which have enabled us to get through this difficult year so far.

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.



The Blair Elementary Retired Teachers/Staff would like to express their thanks for the use of the Fellowship Hall for our "Back to School" luncheon on Monday, August 23rd. Twenty-one retired staff members were able to attend. A total of 529 years of teaching and serving the community from the ones attending the luncheon.

Thank you!
Sue Stott

welcome to our new members!

"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.



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



There is a new book in the library called I Still Believe by Jeremy Camp. The singer/songwriter lost his wife Melissa, just a few months after their wedding. The song, I Still Believe, was born out of his deep grief and pain. The book is his and his family's spiritual journey and shows the strength of undying love and the power of faith. This and many more great biographies are waiting to inspire and challenge you to develop a deeper faith and grow closer to God.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Due to the change in COVID, it has been decided to cancel the September meeting of the Women of Windermere until a later date.

We have not had any information from the Presbytery about suggestions concerning restarting the Women of the Church meetings. We will include a notice in the newsletter when we know the date we will be able to meet again.

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 **RECOMMEND** 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.





We thank each one of you for the cards, prayers, food and support received throughout this process of his treatment. May your kindness be returned 100 fold. Thanks be to God for answered prayers!

Garland and Linda

Prayers of comfort and peace for Estelle Link and her family as they grieve the loss of her brother, Frances (Chip) Chamness, from Jacksonville, Fl., who passed away August 17, 2021 from Covid and pneumonia. He had not been vaccinated. Chip has three surviving children, two sons and one daughter, and two grandchildren, all from Florida. He was 86 years old and in relatively good health prior to his illness. May the family feel our prayers.



Thank You from the Farrar Family

A huge thank you to our Church Family for all of your cards, calls, texts, food, and Prayers during this time of loss. Our Mother loved this church so much - all of you. She will be missed! God Bless-



Prayers for Phyllis Morgan and her family as they grieve the loss of this special family member.

Phyllis' niece, Susan Morgan Washinsky, passed away on Saturday August 21, 2021 Phyllis sent the link to the obituary. Susan sounds like an amazing lady that contributed so much to her family and community.



From Carol and Clark Pearson -

We ant to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers Clark received while waiting five months for his hip surgery. The surgery went well and he will be back at church soon. It is such a blessing to have such good Church friends! Thanks be to God for answered prayers.

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

Dear Windermere,

On behalf of the Anderson family I want to thank my Windermere family for the beautiful service you provided for our mother, Randy Anderson. We also thank you for all the calls, cards and prayers. She will forever live in our hearts and we know we will see her again. Fondly, Debbie Anderson



Prayers of peace and comfort for Janet Casey's daughter-in-law April and son Todd due to the death of April's mother. April's mother, Margaret Page, who had Covid and was in the hospital in Vermont while on vacation. (Margaret had been vaccinated.) Please lift April up in prayer as she is an only child and is very sad as this was unexpected. Other family members on vacation that had been vaccinated also developed Covid. Our prayers for the entire family are needed.



Sweet Charlene Farrar is now rejoicing with her Heavenly Father and celebrating with her husband Herb as of 11:20 pm on Monday night, August 10, 2021.

Please hold the family close in your prayers as they grieve the loss of this lovely and amazing lady. Charlene loved her family and her church family. We will surely miss her presence.

To Our Church Family,

We would like to thank you all for your kind words, cards, texts, and Prayers for our Mom. She loved you all and was so Happy when she attended church on Sunday mornings.



Thanks to those of you who were able to be with us on Friday and Saturday to Celebrate her 95 years of her Earthly life. Please continue to pray for our Family in the weeks and months to come. She was a Treasure and we will miss her Hugs, Kisses, and Love.

God Bless you all!
Dru, Rhonda, and Julie

Dear Church Family,

Words can never express our thanks for all your support over the past year. Jeff would have loved his memorial service. Your prayers have sustained us.

Love, The Townsend Family





2021

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
			1 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 11 a.m. Mission & Service 6 p.m. AA 12 Step Fellowship Hall	2 11 a.m. Pre- school/ Laura Coley Rm Cubs	3	4
5 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	6 LABOR DAY Office closed 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts	7 First Day of Pre- school 6:30-9:30 p.m. RUF/Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. Property Comm.	8 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11 a.m. Deacons Mtg 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	9 Cubs	10	11 10:30 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanc. NHHS Alumni Mtg 9:30-12 noon
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 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	14 10:15 a.m. Women of the Church-no meeting this month 6:30-9:30 p.m. RUF/Fellowship Hall	15 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	16 6 p.m. Session Cubs	17	18 10:30 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanc.
19 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	20 Fran vac. 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	21 Fran vac. 6:30-9:30 p.m. RUF/Fellowship Hall	22 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	23 Cubs	24	25  8:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:30 a.m. Chime Choir/ Sanc.
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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,
Cliff Nance, Skeeter Rivenbark, Our Missionaries



September Anniversaries

Allan & Yvonne Nance	09/08
Matthew & Sanica Coleman	09/09
James & Dottie Stinson	09/10
Ryan & Katie Winstead	09/10
John Russell & Brittany Pflug	09/15
Daniel & Morgan Hiatt	09/19
Darrin & Stephanie Hoffman	09/20
Mark & Angelique Mathers	09/23
Bebe & Roy Brewton	09/26

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

September Birthdays

Sally Brown	09/02
Marianne Wellman	09/03
Russ Barker	09/05
Gabrielle Barone	09/06
Lindsay Smith	09/08
Judy Taillon	09/10
Sandra Cerra	09/12
Brian Mulvey	09/14
Gary Galloway	09/15
Faith Thomas	09/15
Ryan LaGrange	09/18
Laurie Register	09/19
Murphy Nicoll	09/21
Laura Smith	09/23
David Williams	09/25
Diana Morgan	09/29
Sylvia Smith	09/29
Josh Stephenson	09/29



Meals on Wheels

September 25, 2021 — 8:30 a.m.

Worship Committee News

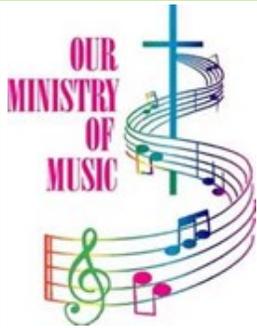
Session met recently, and in light of the increase of COVID cases we are recommending all of our in-house worshipers to please wear a mask when in church. We will have a supply of masks available on the gathering table if needed. We will also have seating available in the Narthex area to have more spacious seating, with screens providing worshipers a view and audio of the service. Worship time will remain at 10:00 o'clock.

Communion will continue with the individual all-in-one cups until further notice.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience in keeping everyone safe.



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 SEPTEMBER 2021

On Sunday morning Anthems: Hymns as Anthems and Teaching; and Our Hymnal as Source of Prose expounding Scripture

Windermere Adult Choir will continue to rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for 10-15 minutes in the sanctuary and we will continue to lead music for worship. We will postpone extra weekly rehearsals at least through September. Our choir welcomes anyone from the congregation that would like to join us. We will be presenting some hymns with special accompaniment arrangements as well as some lesser known hymns in the place of our usual Choral Anthem during September. This will be a good opportunity to introduce some very appropriate texts and music to our congregation. Often when Pastor John explains to me his scripture and its theme meaning, I find myself drawn immediately to texts of hymns that directly speak to the theme, but then I discover that the tune of the hymn, that is, the melody of the hymn is not familiar to the majority of our congregation. Our hymnal is a great source of prose using and relating to scripture as well as a resource to singing those texts. I encourage you to look through the hymnal this month with an eye toward scripture.

Beginning Chime Rehearsal Date: moved to September 11 at 10:30. Anyone interested in learning more about chimes, how to play, becoming a substitute or regular member, is invited to attend this first rehearsal of the season.

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...

PRESCHOOL NEWS

*"Give Thanks to the Lord."
1 Chronicles 16:18"*



It's back to school time at Windermere Presbyterian Preschool; and I am giving God all the Glory for a wonderful summer vacation, much needed family time, and for my health. The teaching staff and I are ready for a positive school year full of healthy children, and families.

Preschool starts Tuesday, September 7. I'm excited to see all the new and returning families. The teachers have worked hard getting the classrooms prepped and sanitized for the school year. We welcome two new teachers this year, Christina Sullivan, and Justine Cirello. They will be leading the fours class.

Thank you Windermere Presbyterian Church for all your prayers over the summer, and continued prayers.

Blessings, Cristy Bain

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Love - Jesus came to save sinners because He loves them, and we should too. If you can't enter into a gospel conversation in love, then you can't enter into a gospel conversation. Check your heart first and make sure that you love the unbeliever that you are about to talk to.

I am not an expert on making disciples, but these things have helped me along the way and I hope they will help you too.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

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!

God Bless, Gary Galloway

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