



# Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,  
Wilmington, NC 28405

September 2022  
Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

### The Bible, Together in 2022

**September: Job 40-42; Ecclesiastes 1-12; Song of Songs 1-8;  
Isaiah 1-62; 2 Corinthians 6-13; Galatians 1-6; Ephesians 1-6;  
Philippians 1-2 Psalms 45-72; Proverbs 23-24**

In this month's Old Testament readings you will get a heavy dose of King Solomon's writings as he wrote both Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. Ecclesiastes is book Solomon wrote as a result of a lifelong thought experiment. Solomon wondered, "Can a person find an ultimate meaning in life apart from God?" And the answer that Solomon comes to is, "No." In fact as you read Ecclesiastes you will read this description of life that is a constant refrain, "Vanity of vanity, all is vanity!" Solomon was uniquely equipped to undertake this thought experiment because he had everything one might aspire to have in life. In his lifetime he was the richest man alive. He had thousands of wives, virtually unlimited power, influence over all the world's events; and yet this man, at the pinnacle of human existence, evaluated it all and concluded that it is all meaningless apart from God.

Solomon also wrote Song of Songs. When he initially wrote it he probably intended it to be a love poem concerning the woman he had fallen in love with. Although Solomon had many wives in his lifetime, apparently this one was the one who had captivated his heart. Fair warning, Song of Songs is a fairly erotic book; which has made many wonder why it would be included in the Bible. The traditional interpretation of Song of Songs is that it presents a picture of Christ and the way he loves His bride, the Church (the way He loves us). Some have pushed back on that idea precisely because the book is so sexually charged. However, I think the classic interpretation is correct, not because it sexualizes our faith, but because for many/most the sexual experience is the highest form of physical pleasure in the human experience. So if God wants us to understand that our eternal relationship with Him is one of the utmost ecstasy, one even beyond our ability to comprehend, the closest analogy that can be drawn is that of a loving sexual experience between a husband and a wife. It is a book that points us to the pleasures of God, and although it uses sexual language, we are intended to let our minds be elevated above that, to hope in His pleasures that go beyond anything we have ever experienced.

You will also read from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah wrote before Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians and the Israelites taken captive. However, Isaiah does issue prophecy concerning these events. You will want to pay attention as you are reading Isaiah because it is one of the most quoted books in the New Testament. Understanding Isaiah's prophecies are essential to having the fullest understanding of Jesus.

In your New Testament readings you will read through both Ephesians and Galatians. These are both letters written by the apostle Paul to these two respective churches, and many of the themes of these two letters are the same, although their tone is very different. In both letters we get a heavy and clear understanding of the doctrine of salvation by faith alone. In the case of the Galatians Paul is notably upset because the Galatians, who once believed that doctrine that doctrine of salvation by faith alone, are being led astray by false teachers who are telling them that they also have to be circumcised and observe the law in order to be saved. It is a letter that teaches salvation by faith alone by way of reprimand. In the case of the Ephesians, Paul seems quite delighted with them. He explains to them how salvation by faith alone works out in eternity past and future. He also spends a great deal of time celebrating the fact that because we are saved by faith alone, gentiles are also included into that faith.

I hope you have a great time in God's Word this month! Grace and Peace, John

**September Ushers**—Ron Stott, Sue Stott, Bud Townsend, Julia Huntley  
**September Liturgists** – Sept. 4, Tom Murray; Sept. 11, Mike Coleman; Sept. 18, Debbie Anderson; Sept. 25, 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—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.



*Windermere Presbyterian Church*

*cordially invites you to our  
52nd  
Anniversary Celebration*

*Sunday, October 16, 2022  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*Lunch will be provided after worship.*

*Please RSVP by September 23rd  
with the number and name  
of those attending to  
Windermere - 910-791-5966  
or by emailing  
windermere4friends@gmail.com*



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

Grace and Peace, John



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

New Choir Members Invited to Join Us in September:  
 Windermere Adult Choir Rehearsals Resume on  
 Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.

(On Family Dinner Nights, rehearsal will begin at 6:30.)  
 Sunday morning choir will rehearse at 9:30 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Cantata scheduled for the morning  
 worship of December 18, 2022.

The choir will begin rehearsing the music during  
 September.

Chime Choir Invites New Members. Please let our Music  
 Director know if you are interested.



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



*Save the Date*

52 in '22 - October 16, 2022

**Quilting** will resume September 14 and 28 at 1:00  
 in the Laura Coley Classroom. Please mark your calen-  
 dars and plan to attend - new sewing experience  
 is necessary. Contact Becky Kalnen for more infor-  
 mation.

Quilts are given to the kids at Coastal Horizons Emer-  
 gency Youth Shelter. The Shelter provides a home-  
 like setting for kids, ages 6-18, when they are removed  
 from their home due to abuse or neglect. They stay  
 until the courts decide if they can return to their par-  
 ents or to a relative or foster care.



**Hands for Christ Quilting**

2nd and 4th Wednesday—1 to 3:00 p.m.

Windermere's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was scheduled 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 52<sup>nd</sup> year.

We hope that all former members, staff and new mem-  
 bers 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 ca-  
 tered 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 fu-  
 ture! Look for an invitation to RSVP in the bulletin soon.

\*Please leave ideas for our new time capsule in the Anni-  
 versary mailbox across from the office.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

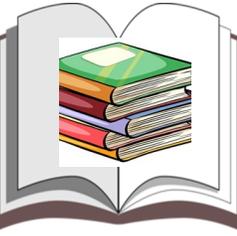
Women of the church will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, September 13. We encourage all women to attend as we make plans for the year. If you are not getting emails from Elizabeth Albritton, please send her your email address so she can be certain you get the news. ealbritton6312@gmail.com.

**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.



Ron Stott's brother Kenny passed away July 27, around midnight. Your prayers of comfort will be appreciated. Kenny was a great brother to Ron. He was 12 years older than Ron but through the years they remained very close.

He was a member of Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Our prayers are with Ron and Sue.



**The Jill Casey Memorial Library**

The kids are back in school! They haven't stopped learning... have you? Every book has a message for you; something for you to learn before your life is over. Whether it's a deep, intense look at a subject of interest to you, a calming devotional, a book of poetry, or a light book of fiction, if you are reading this you are still learning! Pick out a good book today! The door is open and the light is on. The library is there for YOU.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian



We would like to thank you for the warm words of comfort during the death of my brother, Kenny Stott. We truly appreciated the cards, prayers, food, and other acts of kindness shown to us during this heartbreaking time.

It's never easy losing a loved one but knowing our church family is thinking and praying for us eases the pain.

Ron & Sue Stott

## 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.  
Sept. 24, 2022



# September 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30-12:30 Preschool Open House 	2	3
4 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship  6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	6 6 p.m. New Member Class	7 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm  6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Choir	8	9 <i>ServPro to clean beams in Fellowship Hall</i>	10
11 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship Baptism-Max & Maisie Butcher  6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	12 10:30 a.m. Bible Study  11:45 a.m. Worship Comm.	13 10:30 a.m. Women of the Church / Fellowship Hall 1 p.m. Anniversary Mtg 2 p.m. STC 6 p.m. New Member Class	14 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 1- 3 p.m. Quilting  5:30 p.m. FAMILY NGHT 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Narthex 6:30 p.m. Choir	15	16	17
18 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship  6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	19 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	20	21 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm  6 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	22	23	24 9:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels  10:30-12 NHHS Alumni
25 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship  6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	26 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	27	28 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm  1- 3 p.m. Quilting 6 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall	29	30	

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes,  
Dave Allen, Jane Beck, Brian Mulvey, Jenny King,  
Paul Albritton, Dave Allen, Mary Kowal

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



### September Anniversaries

Allan & Yvonne Nance	09/08
Matthew & Sanica Coleman	09/09
James & Dottie Stinson	09/10
John Russell & Brittany Pflug	09/15
Joel & Sue Joyce	09/19
Darrin & Stephanie Hoffman	09/20
Bebe & Roy Brewton	09/26

### Who to Call ...

<b>Usher Coordinator</b>	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
<b>Communion Coordinator</b>	Ellen Allen	617-4910
<b>Women of the Church</b>	Elizabeth Albritton	799-4271
	Ellen Allen	392-1274
<b>Men of the Church</b>		
<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	Ellen Allen	392-1274
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Dottie Stinson	409-0207
<b>Wednesday Family Dinners</b>	Kaye Stowe	704-473-4448
<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	Michael Coleman	262-8771
<b>Preschool</b>	Christy Bain	
<b>Hands 4 Christ Quilting</b>	Becky Kalnen	799-9612
<b>Church Work Day</b>	Mike Edge	910-622-0632
<b>Sunday School Coordinator</b>		
	Gary & Jennie Galloway	313-0707
<b>Prayer Chain/Care Group</b>	Sue Stott	
	prayers4windermere@gmail.com	
<b>Flowers for Sanctuary</b>	Carol Pearson	686-0728
<b>Transportation</b>	Estelle Link	910-233-2393
<b>Transportation Angels</b>	Estelle Link	910-233-2393/319-7402

### September Birthdays

Sally Brown	09/02
Marianne Wellman	09/03
Russ Barker	09/05
Gabrielle Barone	09/06
William Davis	09/06
Lindsay Smith	09/08
Cynthia Moore	09/11
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
Sylvia Smith	09/29
Josh Stephenson	09/29

### Preschool News—September

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



Wow!! Summer has come and gone already. I'm super excited to welcome our returning families back to Windermere and, looking forward to getting to know all of our new families. Please join me in praying for our staff and families as we begin a new year.

Preschool will start school on Tuesday, September 6. I would like to welcome our new 2's assistant Mindy Nicoll. Mindy has subbed in the past, and her daughter graduated from the 4's class two years ago. Mindy currently has a son in the 4's class this year.

Thank you Windermere Presbyterian church for your continued support and prayers. Its going to be a great year.

Blessings, 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.



welcome

to our new members!

### Worship Committee News

What a wonderful summer and overall year we have had so far. God has blessed our congregation beyond measure, and has even willed our numbers to grow! Welcome to all of our new members, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to worship with you all.

We also want to give everyone some encouragement during this transitional time of year. School has started back, and Labor Day is approaching. It's sometimes hard to change gears, but we're here as a church family to help when you need it. We will be praying for everyone's success and sanity!

Proverbs 22:3  
3 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Proverbs 16:9  
9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.



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



**Special** **Notice!**  
If you have information for the website, please let Sue Stott know...

### Join us for Family Night September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

Join us for a "Pot Luck"  
Family Night

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

STC will provide: Ham and Beverage  
A Pot Luck & Covered Dish are the same! ✕

We invite you to bring yummy dishes to share! We have fantastic cooks at Windermere so this is your time to shine!  
A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

**JUM!!**

Donations Only



### Session News

Welcomed the following new members:

- Brenda Barnhill upon reaffirmation of faith
- Bill Campbell upon reaffirmation of faith
- Linda and Bob Morrow upon reaffirmation of faith

Approved Baptism of Max and Maisie Butcher, children of Sara and Robert Butcher, anticipated to be held on September 11, 2022.

Elected Bob Stowe Commissioner for East Gathering  
Called Zoom meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Approved Pastor John's request to take off August 22 through August 26.

At the request of a member the Session discussed the recent General Assembly of the PC(USA) action in declaring Israel an "Apartheid State" and the Elders felt that this action by the PCUSA was inappropriate, not well thought out, and should not have been issued as representing the entire PCUSA.

Rev. Pflug led a lesson and discussion of the Sacraments and of Baptism sections of the Westminster Confessions.



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