

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

October 17, 2024

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday**

Sunday morning

10/20/2024

Week 6 of 6 week series "Who We Are!"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

**"We Are Forward Focused"**

8:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Sanctuary) – Traditional Services

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

**"We Are Forward Focused"**

11:00 a.m. (Berly) – Modern Service

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

<https://spwmethodist.org/sunday-worship-services/>.

The 8:45 am and 11:00 am services will be live streamed via the church's YouTube channel.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2\\_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg)

You can only see the livestream from YouTube.

The recorded services for 8:45 am and 11:00 am will be available on our Sermons webpage

<http://spwmethodist.org/sermons/> following each Service as well as on

YouTube. They will be shared with the church Facebook friends later.

**Sermon Text: Luke 9:57-62 (NIV)**

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

59 He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

**Message From Pastor JR**

Week 5 of the Who We Are! sermon series brings us to the statement, "We are disciples who make disciples." What does it mean to be a disciple? The most basic definition of a disciple is one who follows a teacher. If we as Christians are striving to be disciples, we must desire to follow the teachings of Christ in our lives. For us to be capable of helping others become disciples, we must first become disciples ourselves. Discipleship demands that we learn more about Jesus through reading scripture and bible study. We should have a hunger for God's Word and seek it daily in our lives. Discipleship demands that we desire deeper relationship with Jesus. We develop that relationship through an active and daily prayer life. Discipleship demands that respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in faithfulness. Being a disciple is something we do. If we desire to lead others into discipleship, it is imperative that we live out our faith. When our priority is to personally become disciples of Jesus Christ, our actions will reflect our faith. In this way, when others experience us, they get to experience the Holy Spirit living in and through us. This may lead others to deeper understanding of Christ and a desire to grow deeper in their own faith. If we desire to be disciples who make disciples, we must first become disciples ourselves.

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!

Pastor J.R.

**New Members Class**

I will be starting a new members class soon. If you are interested in taking this class, please email the office at: [office@spwmethodist.org](mailto:office@spwmethodist.org) or call 843-237-2294.

Thank you,  
Pastor JR

### **Women's Fellowship Group**

"More details coming on Sunday." We are forming a new women's group called Mary and Martha. This group will meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in Berly Hall (location may change). We will focus on fellowship and support, prayer, Sunday's message, and how we can serve our local and church communities.

If interested, please email Amylou at [sophella2009@aol.com](mailto:sophella2009@aol.com). Our first meeting will be October 30, 2024, at 9:00 am in Berly Hall. Please join us in this new ministry!

### **Need Volunteers With Live Streaming**

We are looking for people interested in learning to operate our livestreaming and presentation software for the worship services at St. Paul's Waccamaw. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

### **Weekly Bible Reading:**

**October 20-Psalm 119:129-136; Jeremiah 38-39; John 12:1-19**

**October 21-Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 40-42; John 12:20-50**

**October 22-Psalm 119:145-152; Jeremiah 43-45; John 13**

**October 23-Psalm 119:153-160; Jeremiah 46-47; John 14**

**October 24-Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 48; John 15**

**October 25-Psalm 119:169-176; Jeremiah 49; John 16**

**October 26—Psalm 120; Jeremiah 50; John 17**

### **Our Faithfulness Sunday, October 13, 2024**

8:45 Service 147; on line viewers 78 (as of 10/15/24); 11:00 Service 89; on line viewers 87 (as of 10/15/24); 11:15 Service 62; Sunday School 80

**The Sunday School Classes will meet October 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

**NOTE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Discovery Classroom.**

**NOTE: Please turn off coffee pots, lights and make sure doors are locked when you leave the building.**

**Need Communion Servers for 8:45 a.m.**

Communion Servers are needed at the 8:45 a.m. service. If you are able to serve, please contact Jan Finnical at 843-315-4063 or email: [janfinnical@gmail.com](mailto:janfinnical@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Need Greeter's for all Church services. If you are interested in becoming a Greeter, please see Alisa Chapella or call or text her at 803-960-2791.**

**Family Pumpkin Painting, Sunday, October 27, 2024, 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm. (Bring Your Own Family Pumpkin).** We will provide small pumpkins so you can have a pumpkin family. We will have: supplies for painting, lunch, games and pumpkin fun. Come join the fun. Please let Miss Pam know if you can come.

**NIVlive**

NIVlive Audio Bible Complete Bible on Audio CDs has been donated to our church library. “A dramatic performance featuring award-winning artists and today’s most renowned pastors.” This is such a blessing to have in our library for anyone to use.

**Name Tags**

If you ordered a new name tag, please pick up yours this coming Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. If you did not order a name tag, and would like one, please fill out the little sign up sheet that will be provided on the table near the name tags and place it in the offering plate. **A Big Thank You to Juanita Matos for printing the Name Tags!!**

**Our Little Garden Child Care**

Our Little Garden Child Care at the early service will be open upon request. Please notify one of the ushers.

We are excited to nurture your little one's faith with God's love. If you would like to volunteer helping in the Nursery, please let Pam Carson know.

**A Message From James Gang**

Dear Congregation,

Before we spend money to purchase a 10-12 foot trailer to house and haul all the tools needed for our charity projects, the James Gang would like to ask if anyone knows of a trailer in good shape that is either for sale or could be donated to us for our worthy work. If you know of such a trailer please let Alice in the office know.

Thank you,

James Gang for Jesus

### **Financial Aid for Hurricane Helene Devastated Parts of the Southeast**

If you want to give financial assistance to help in NC, we recommend giving through Samaritans Purse's website. If you give to SC, there is a link on the Global Methodist Church website.

### **Wanted: Your Warm Coats and Jackets**

We are moving our annual Warm-Coat Drive from January to October. The devastation of Hurricane Helene in western NC has left many without the basic necessities including warm clothing. With temperatures dipping into the low 40s at night, the need is greater than ever.

For the next 2 weeks, we will collect warm coats and jackets. You can help by going through your closets and pulling out coats you are no longer wearing. All gently worn coat/jacket donations should be clean and ready to be worn, without stains, holes or broken zippers. Bless those in need by bringing your donations to St. Paul's. They can be put on the stage in the Youth Building and we will see that your donations are sent to NC. **NOTE: We have someone that can deliver these coats if you bring them by this coming Sunday) Also, please bag and label your items.**

1 John 3:17-18: *"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions..."*

### **Church Website Update**

We are in the process of updating our church website and repairing links which are not working. Also, if you have any suggestions for our web site or you notice pages which need to be updated, please contact Fred Harris at 856-381-5951 or [fharris39@gmail.com](mailto:fharris39@gmail.com)

Thank you so much,  
Fred Harris

### **LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE**

**Reminder that live streaming of our services are available on YouTube especially during inclement weather.**

### **Missions Fundraiser Drive**

We will continue to sell the Car Window Decals. If you want to pick up your Decal for \$5.00 Please stop by the Church Office and see Alice. "Your support can help us provide comfort and hope to those in need".

**Counseling:** on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm, there will be a counselor available by appointment. If you are in need of someone to talk with, this is a great opportunity to speak with an accredited professional, free of charge. Please contact Fran Keller at 843-833-3980 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

### **Church Flower Calendar for 2024**

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2024. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The SPW Methodist Women would appreciate the support from the congregation again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Please take a box or boxes to fill for a child in need. They are available in the Narthex and Berly Hall from October 6<sup>th</sup> thru November 10<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to return filled boxes is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**. If you prefer not to shop to fill a box, but would like to support this mission, donations are welcomed. We will shop and fill a box for you. To donate or if you have questions, contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 or Donna Schmidt at 843-222-6827.

### **Building a Walkway Brick by Brick Project**

The walkway will be called “**We Walk by Faith**”

The Church is now undertaking the building of a memorial brick walkway to the site of the Jesus, The Teacher Statue and Flower Garden.

### **We need your help!**

We are asking you to support us and purchase a beautifully engraved grey brick to pave the way to the statue and garden.

Dedicate your personalized brick to honor or memorialize loved ones. The bricks will be placed in the walkway as a lifetime reminder that will be seen by current and future members of the Church.

**Dave & Juanita Matos will be in Berly Hall during the Sunday School hour to help anyone in need of assistance filling out the Order Form or in need of additional information about the project. *Please make sure your email address is on the order form so that you can receive the virtual brick illustration.***

### **VOTING INFORMATION**

**There are 3 ways to cast your Vote:**

- 1) Absentee Ballot
- 2) Early Voting
- 3) Vote on Election Day Nov. 5 at your Precinct

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT**

There are 2 ways to request an Absentee Ballot Application:

- 1) Call the Voter Registration and Elections Office or
- 2) In-person

Voter Registration and Elections Office  
303 N. Hazard Street  
Georgetown, SC 29440

(843) 545-3339

### **EARLY VOTING**

**Early Voting is October 21 through November 2 (excluding Sundays)**

**8:30 am – 6:00 pm**

Locations:

Andrews Recreational Center  
220 S. Cedar Ave., Andrews, SC  
Choppee Recreational Center  
8259 Choppee Rd., Georgetown, SC  
Waccamaw Regional Recreational Center  
83 Duncan Ave., Pawleys Island, SC  
Voter Registration and Election Office  
303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown, SC

### **NOVEMBER 5 – ELECTION DAY**

General Election Day November 5

7:00 am – 7:00pm

At your regular voting precinct  
To verify your voter information,  
visit [SCVOTES.gov/voters/](http://SCVOTES.gov/voters/)

### **Bible Studies:**

**Monday Bible Study on Roundtable: A Journey Through Romans**, Discovery Classroom, 6:00 p.m. Led by Thomas Gulledge. Please email the church office at [office@spwmethodist.org](mailto:office@spwmethodist.org) if you would like to sign up or email Thomas Gulledge at [Thomas.gulledge@spectralSC.com](mailto:Thomas.gulledge@spectralSC.com). *They meet every other week: October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 16.*

**The Men's Bible Study** meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Youth Building. Led by Bruce Stelow.

**Thursday Bible Study on Philippians**, Youth Building at 10:00 a.m. Led by Gay Kelly.

**Thursday Bible Study on The Daniel Plan-40 Days to a Healthier Life**, Youth Building, 6:00 p.m., Led by Dr. Victoria Smith.

**Tuesday Bible Study on Created to Dream begins** October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Building. **(class limit 12-sign up in the office)** Led by John Finnical.

### **Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:**

**Family Pumpkin Painting**, Sunday, October 27, 2024, 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm. (*Bring Your Own Family Pumpkin*).

**HS Football Game Dinner**, Friday, October 25, 2024, 4:30 pm, Youth Building. **Need help again with men attending and ladies serving. Please contact Carol Streeter – 703-786-0678 if you can help.**

**Church Council Meeting**, Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Youth Building.

**NEW - Women's Fellowship Group Meeting**, Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Berly Hall.

### **Home Communion Outreach Ministry**

Every Communion Sunday, usually the first Sunday of every month, you may have noticed little red boxes on the altar table. These boxes are faithfully prepared by Shirley Hutcheson to be used by the volunteers who take communion to our shut-ins. Pastor JR blesses them when he blesses all the communion elements. Please let Alice or Bleeker Cannon know if you know of anyone who would like to be a part of the Home Communion Ministry. This has been a welcomed outreach ministry of St. Paul's Waccamaw for many through the years.

### **Chancel Choir Practice**

Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Handbells meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

### **Students in the Word**

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (old Friendship & wings classrooms) and Friday in the Youth Building.

### **AA**

AA meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.  
District 82 AA, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

*Please let me know if I need to remove, change, or add to the following Prayer, Birthday or Anniversary list. Also, if you have a meeting coming up or an event or event article that needs to go in the newsletter, please email me at the*

*Church Office: [office@spwmethodist.org](mailto:office@spwmethodist.org)*

*Thank you, Alice*

### **Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends**

Susan Walters  
Josie Shehane  
Marion Parsons  
Eva Baxter  
Mark Lange  
Linda Chevine



Yvonne Moran  
Dan Wetsel  
Bob Maffa  
Jann Bullock  
Herb Herrman

Diane and Jim Casto (friends of Leslie Hare)  
Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)  
Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)  
Ann Sarver  
Dottie Wright  
Lee Horton  
Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)  
Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)  
Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)  
Corky & Mary Raab (friends of Betty Jobe)  
George Schmidt (Colleen Welch's dad)  
Sandy Lowder (a friend of Alice Cochran)  
Anne Miller (a friend of Phillip and Peggy Cusick)  
Linda Boswell (Sandy Thompson's sister)  
Billy McGill (son of Carolyn McGill)  
Michael Williams (Nancy Hall's son)  
Corby & Brian Kennison (friends of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)  
Rick Bruce (a friend of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)  
A friend of – did not want to name (Peggy & Phillip Cusick)  
Jerry Payne (Susan) Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)  
Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)  
Tina Licari (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)  
Vicki Medlin (a cousin of JD & Sandi Whitmire)  
Stephen Johnston (son of Ron & Ruth Johnston)  
Sue Hawkins (a friend of JD & Sandi Whitmire)  
Roxanna Earp (daughter of Nancy Wetsel)  
Tracy (a friend of Leslie Hare)  
Marnie Heck (a friend of Henry & Betty Jobe)  
Robert "Bobby" Nave (James & Leslie Hare's cousin)  
Garvin Gilley  
Johanna Morrison  
Tina Kolb (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)  
Diana (a friend of John & Nancy Hall)  
Eva (a friend of Janis & Mark Lange; missing)  
Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)  
Carolee Bryant  
George Leyendecker's sister  
Sarah Wilson (Jan Estabrook's friend)  
Sue Panos  
Ofelia and Jorge Beltran (friends with JD and Sandi Whitmire)  
Kerry Lennard (friend of Keith Black)

Milia Black (Keith Black's mother)  
Judy Ellis

**October Birthdays**

Forrest Meiere	10/12
Selma Piver	10/13
James Bodemann	10/16
Jewell Clark	10/16
Ramah Carle	10/17
Elijah Virgin	10/17
Nancy Truluck	10/18
Ashlyn Cooper	10/20
Mary Wynne Kellett	10/20
Herbert Herrman	10/21
JR Roscher	10/21
Nancy Hall	10/22
Yvonne Moran	10/22
Tom Gullede	10/24
Jim Kemp	10/24
Nancy Wetsel	10/26
Joshua Carlyle	10/27
Delores Cox	10/27
Peggy Muravnick	10/28
Delisa Staton	10/29
Fred Harris	10/30
Carolyn McGill	10/31
Marion Parsons	10/31

**October Anniversaries**

Robert & Teresa Welsh	10/10
Luke & Lee Bryant	10/17
Rev. J. R. & Allison Virgin	10/20
Jackson & Wanda Freeland	10/23

