

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

October 24, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

Sunday morning

10/27/2024

Week 1 of 5 week series "Things Jesus Never Said"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

"Live It Up!"

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

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

"Living 'Right Side' Up"

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

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 9:18-27 (NIV)

18 Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

19 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. 22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

27 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

Message From Pastor JR

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." - Luke 9:62. In the final week of the "Who We Are!" sermon series, we stated that our 6th core value is to be Forward Focused. Jesus uses the illustration of the plow to share with His disciples the importance of looking forward, rather than backward. We are tempted in our humanity to look to the past and occasionally dwell in it. The reality is that there is nothing we can do to change the mistakes, hurts, or misfortunes of the past. It is also true that we can very rarely recreate the good things which have occurred. Yet the temptation is still there to glorify or obsess about the past. As Christians, we must be a people of the present and the future. Just as the one who puts their hand to the plow, we must be focused on the task at hand, in order that we will steer our plows directly into the plan of God. We must be connected to God through His Word, prayer, and faithful response, without looking behind us. God is doing amazing things in our midst and there are many more in the future. Let us be a focused people, seeking God's Will above our own and following faithfully wherever He may lead.

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 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. 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 27-Psalm 121; Jeremiah 51; John 18:1-27

October 28-Psalm 122; Jeremiah 52; John 18:28—19:16

October 29-Psalm 123; Lamentations 1-2; John 19:17-42

October 30-Psalm 124; Lamentations 3; John 20

October 31-Psalm 125; Lamentations 4-5; John 21

November 1-Proverbs 25:1-7; Ezekiel 1-2; 1 Peter 1:1-12

November 2—Proverbs 25:8-14; Ezekiel 3-4; 1 Peter 1:13—2:3

Our Faithfulness Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:45 Service 144; on line viewers 101 (as of 10/23/24); 11:00 Service 81; on line viewers 102 (as of 10/23/24); 11:15 Service 62; Sunday School 94

The Sunday School Classes will meet October 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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

A Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone that donated coats and warm clothing last week and also coming and helping load the truck that took all these items to the mountains!!! GOD IS GOOD!!!

HOUSE FIRE

One of the security guards that Steve Staton works with at Litchfield By The Sea lost everything she owns when her house in Georgetown burnt down last week. She is currently staying in a motel until she can figure out what to do. Anything that members of our church can provide will be greatly appreciated. She needs:

clothing (XL large size), food, bathroom and kitchen supplies, blankets, etc, and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

These items can be dropped off at the guard shack in the entrance to Litchfield By The Sea across from our church.

Calling all bakers!

I am seeking people who could volunteer on a rotating basis to bake goodies for the fellowship hour after the 8:45 service. These would also be served at/before the 11:00 service. Things like cookies, muffins, fruit breads, cakes, cupcakes etc. We have more people coming now so we need more food. If interested, please contact Carol Streeter at 703-786-0678 or email to cestreeter@icloud.com.



Thanksgiving Cover Dish,

Berly Hall

November 28, 2024

1:00 p.m

(Turkey, dressing, gravy & mashed potatoes provided.) Please sign-up Sunday if you are coming and what you will be bringing so we can make sure we have enough food or email the church office by November 10th at: office@spwmethodist.org.

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. 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.

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.

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

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 6th thru November 10th. Deadline to return filled boxes is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**. If you prefer not to shop to fill a box, but would like to support this mission, donations are welcomed. Please make your check payable to the St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Women. 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 filing 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/](https://scvotes.gov/voters/)

Proposal

New Class, Wesleyan Way towards Wholeness, will begin on Tuesdays at 6 pm beginning January 7, 2025. For 8 weeks.

If you are interested in a New Year of improved physical, mental, and spiritual health, join us as we journey on the way to improved health and relationship with God. This is Rick Warren's Daniel Plan with adaptations for Methodists. Keep those New Year's Resolutions with a spiritual focus. Class leader Victory Smith. If you would like to sign up, please contact the church office by email: office@spwmethodist.org or 843-237-2294.

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 if you would like to sign up or email Thomas Gulledge at 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.

Tuesday Bible Study on Created to Dream begins October 1st 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.

Mary & Martha Group Meeting, Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Berly Hall.

Blankets for Babies, Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Administrative Building.

Mission Committee Meeting, Monday, November 11, 2024, 2:30 p.m., Joy Classroom.

Methodist Women Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 11:45 a.m., Berly Hall. We welcome the Students in the Word, bring a bagged lunch.

Trustee Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Youth Building.

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 3rd 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

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

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

November Birthdays

Barbara McCracken	11/01
Stacey Black Thompson	11/03
Gerald Rolfsmeyer	11/04
Phillip Cusick	11/05
Jo Anne Flyte	11/06
Carolee (Lee) Bryant	11/10
Anne Marie Hoyle	11/15

Jon Stuckey	11/17
Susie Swatzel	11/17
Bruce Felix	11/19
Jim Schmidt	11/19
Ann Mickle	11/20
Karen Sinkway	11/22
James Richardson	11/23
Dave Gustafson	11/24
Titi Greene	11/25
Mickey McDowell	11/26
Colleen Welch	11/26
Janell Lerche	11/27
Bill Alexander	11/28
R. Tucker Dieter	11/28
Ronald Johnston	11/28
Sarah Cook	11/29
Fred Hutcheson	11/29
Judy Mort	11/29

November Anniversaries

John & Rachel Shumaker	11/05
Fred & Cheryl Harris	11/06
Bill & Wendy Eisenhauer	11/19
Scott & Peggy Homan	11/28
Marshall & Nancy Truluck	11/30