

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

January 9, 2025

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

Sunday morning

01/12/2025

Week 2 of 6 week series "All In"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

**All In: The Word**

8:45 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Modern (Berly Hall)

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

**All In: The Word**

11:15 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

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: Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)**

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

### **Message From Pastor JR**

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7) Recently I received a phone call from a long-time member of St. Paul's Waccamaw. In this call he shared with me an interaction he had with a new member of our church. He shared with me that this new member took time to personally thank him for the hospitality and warm welcome the people of St. Paul's have shown him. I must admit that I receive these same reports directly and through others every week. St. Paul's is beginning to establish a reputation and a good reputation at that. We are becoming known as the "welcoming church". I know for myself and my family we felt welcomed and immediately comfortable at St. Paul's since we've arrived 2 ½ years ago. But welcoming a new pastoral family is much different than being a welcoming church to visitors. God continues to bless St. Paul's with visitors to our church at each service every weekend. Let us continue to be the "welcoming church" keeping top of mind that EVERYONE is welcome to worship with us. As Paul reminds us in Romans, we are to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us, and this is not for our glory but all for God's! When we are a welcoming church, we are not just inviting people to be in community with us, but we are inviting people into deeper relationship with God. This is the work of Kingdom Building!

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

Pastor J.R.

### **Message from Charles Estabrook, Trustee Chairperson**

The New Year is here, and the Trustees would like to take the opportunity to reiterate the trustee support process. For approval of any changes or approvals to the buildings or property or to report any item you'd

like repaired and taken care of, please send a detailed description of the item(s), your name, and reason for the request to [trusteechair@spwmethodist.org](mailto:trusteechair@spwmethodist.org). We will follow up for a deeper understanding if needed. We manage a detailed list of projects and potential project that are prioritized and processed as appropriate.

Thanks in advanced for your assistance.

### **New Members Class**

I will be holding a new members class on **Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 12:30 pm**, in the Youth Building. 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

### **Weekly Bible Reading:**

Jan 12: Job 32-34  
Jan 13: Job 35-37  
Jan 14: Job 38-39  
Jan 15: Job 40-42  
Jan 16: Gen 12-15  
Jan 17: Gen 16-18  
Jan 18: Gen 19-21

### **Our Faithfulness Sunday, January 5, 2025**

8:45 Service 156; on line viewers 118 (as of 1/7/2025); 11:00 Service 127; on line viewers 154 (as of 1/7/2025); 11:15 Service 41; Sunday School 99

**The Sunday School Classes will meet January 12, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Room 305 in the CLC Building.**

**"The Truth Seekers Sunday school class is beginning a new study beginning Sunday January 19, 2025. We are "ALL IN" as we study Exodus. Please come join us at 10 A.M. in room 305 of the CLC building.**

### **ALL IN**

**Men "N" Ministry** - To help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ. When A man lives daily in surrendered Faith, GOD is honored and many lives are blessed.

If you are looking to grow in your Faith and serve St Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church, join us

for the first meeting at 6:30pm, Feb 11, 2025, Discovery Classroom.

ALL IN  
Ken Sizemore  
843-446-5057

### **e-Giving – How to Start e-Giving and How to Update Transactions**

Thank you for using e-Giving to electronically deliver your donations to the church.

If you are new to the church, or want to start using e-Giving, you can sign up today for e-giving. Start by going to [www.spwmethodist.org](http://www.spwmethodist.org) web page and clicking “Online Giving” at the top right of the home page. On the next page you will see a link that provides recently updated instructions on how to sign up and make your donations ([e-Giving Donation Information an Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you may need to update your e-Giving account if you changed your pledge amount for 2025. If this applies to you, the short guidance is to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. Be sure to save your changes.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to get assistance. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell). Church email address: [treasurer@saintpaulsumc.com](mailto:treasurer@saintpaulsumc.com).

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter  
St. Paul’s Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

### **CALLING ALL PAINTERS!!** **SATURDAY JAN. 11<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM - ?**

The painting team will be painting the classrooms in Berly Hall. If you like to paint and can help out, please let us know. A pizza lunch will be provided. **Call or text Peggy Homan 843.325.6323.**

Thank you!

### **Chili—Super Bowl Sunday**

Please see the insert in the bulletin this coming Sunday to sign up for the Chili—Super Bowl Sunday. **Orders can be placed January 5—February 2** and will be available for pick up on **Saturday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** in Berly Hall. Proceeds will be used toward the principle of the disaffiliation loan.

**Pint of Chili \$5**

**2pcs. Cornbread \$1**

**Come join us for a great evening at St. Paul’s Waccamaw night at the**

**Myrtle Beach Pelicans game on May 6th at 6:35 p.m. We have an entire section reserved for the game. Tickets are \$20 per person. There is nothing better than a fun evening at a baseball game. For details, please see Bob Maffa or Gene Posey.**

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

### **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 or your child can sit with you in the service. 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.

### **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.**

### **Decals**

If you need to replace your decal because it is fading, please stop by the Church Office and we will give you a replacement.

**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 2025**

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2025. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

### **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.

***Please make sure your email address is on the order form so that you can receive the virtual brick illustration.***

### **Bible Studies:**

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

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

**New class, Wesleyan Way towards Wholeness**, Tuesdays at 6 pm. **If you are interested in coming to this Class, please email Victory so she know how many are attending!**

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. Please email Victory at [drrommel@gmail.com](mailto:drrommel@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

Course mission statement  
Mark 12:29

Week one small group  
Matt 18:20

***Bring your favorite Bible verse***  
***Your prayer concerns***  
***And a 3 ring binder***

Intro to Wesley's concept of classes  
Meet class members  
Complete a personal inventory (will not be shared with class)  
Discuss mission project  
Instruction on SMART goal  
Pick up journal  
Daniel plan friends

Week 2 Faith Week 3 Focus Week 4 Food Water Week 5 Fasting Week 6 Shalom. The peace of rest Week 7 Fitness Week 8 Living the lifestyle

## **THE REAL HEAVEN! Next Bible Study, Begins January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Youth Building**

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today. **If you would like to sign up** or for more information **contact John Finnical – [jrfinnical@gmail.com](mailto:jrfinnical@gmail.com)**

### **New Bible Study:**

The unique Bible study Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado will help build a deep relationship with our Savior. For 52-weeks, we will step into Christ's presence and experience grace, forgiveness, love and prayer. Thursdays at 10:00 in the Youth Building. For more information contact Gay Kelly.

**New Members Class**, Sunday, January 12, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Youth Building.

**Golf Committee meeting**, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Berly Hall. Anyone interested in being on the Committee, please call Bill Alexander with questions, 803-448-7461.

**Methodist Women meeting**, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 12:00 noon, Berly Hall. Please bring a bagged lunch. Capt. Chuck Weaver with the Georgetown Sheriff's Dept. will present information regarding safety.

**Finance meeting**, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

**Church Council**, Monday, January 27, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Youth Building.

**Mary & Martha Fellowship**, Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Youth Building.

**The Golf Committee has announced a tentative date for the Church Golf tournament** Wednesday June 11, at Wachesaw East Golf Course, with a rain date of Wednesday June 18.....We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander 803-448-7461 or Gene Posey 803-315-0191 for more information.

### **Chancel Choir Practice**

Handbells meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir meet Wednesdays at 6:30 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  
Eva Baxter  
Mark Lange  
Linda Chevine  
Yvonne Moran  
Dan Wetsel  
Bob Maffa  
Jann Bullock  
Jan Estabrook  
Amylou Antes  
The family of Josie Shehane  
The family of Herb Herrman  
The family of Anna Marie Barrie  
Terry Stephens

Alexandra Pappas (Angela and Travis Bass daughter)  
Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)  
Somchai (Nan Black's father)  
Alan Smith (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)  
Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)  
Carmen Barnard (a friend of Steve Staton)  
Joseph & Mary (friends of Rachel Shumaker) (Joseph has cancer)  
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)  
Cindy Munn (Pat Terrill's daughter Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)  
April (Rachel Shumaker's great great niece)



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  
 Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)  
 Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)  
 Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)  
 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)  
 (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

**January Birthdays**

Daniel Wetsel	1/09
Karol Anderson	01/10
Terry Stephens	01/12
Austin Rowell	01/14

Ann Hammond	01/16
Karen Calhoun	01/19
Rachel Shumaker	01/19
Michele Sizemore	01/19
Bob Welch	01/20
Scott Homan	01/21
Valerie Alexander	01/22
Donald Marsh, Jr.	01/23
Helen Black	01/26
Ro Johnson	01/27
Liz Knorr	01/27
Jeff Rowell	01/27
Jason Walters	01/27
Heather Jordan	01/28
Linda Chevine	01/31
Pink Kellett	01/31
Al Sirmon	01/31

**January Anniversaries**

James & Selma Piver	01/11
Robert & Rebecca Archambeau	01/14
Bill & Anne Marie Hoyle	01/17
Don & Janell Lerche	01/21
Robert & Darlene Duchene	01/28