



St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

May 1, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday morning

05/04/2025

Week 2 of 5 week series "The Main Thing"

Pastor JR

Will present the sermon

"With All Your Soul"

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

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

"With All Your Soul"

11:15 a.m. Traditional (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

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: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

A Message From Pastor JR

In a world full of distractions, it can be very difficult to maintain focus. This is particularly true for Christians as the enemy is constantly trying to get us to lose our focus on God. This past Sunday we began a new sermon series titled, "The Main Thing". This series is designed to help us refocus and maintain our focus on what Jesus claimed was the most important thing for His followers to do. He stated that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord Our God with all our heart, soul, minds, and strength. He also

added that the second is equally important, to love our neighbors as ourselves. I like to call this keeping the main thing the main thing. In the coming weeks, we will delve into what it really means to love God and neighbor, as Jesus instructed. We will remind ourselves where our focus should be, not just on Sunday mornings, but every day of our lives, as we attempt to live out the gospel and make disciples in our world. Let us be a people who are not distracted or pulled into the trappings of the world. Rather, let us be the Christians who keep the main thing the main thing by loving God and neighbor in all we do.

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

Pastor J.R.

Weekly Bible Reading

May 4: 2Sam 5:11-6:23; 1Chron 13-16

May 5: Ps 1-2/15/22-24/47/68

May 6: Ps 89/96/100-101/105/132

May 7: 2Sam 7; 1Chron 17

May 8: Ps 25/29/33/36/39

May 9: 2Sam 8-9; 1Chron 18

May 10: Ps 50/53/60/75

Our Faithfulness Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:45 Service 165; on line viewers 150; 11:00 Service 145; on line viewers 217; 11:15 Service 22; Sunday School Children and teachers 64

The Joy (Joy Classroom) and Friendship Sunday School (Sanctuary) Classes will meet May 4, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Truth Seekers will meet, Room 305 in the CLC Building.

Our Little Garden Child Care is now open for all 3 worship services and the Sunday School hour! Children of every age are also welcomed to sit with you during the service-we love the beautiful sound of children in church! **Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the birth-3 yr. nursery as well as the 4/5 yr. class. Only 2-3 hours per quarter can make such a difference in these little one's lives! Call or text:Valerie Alexander 803-448-7462**

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 <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 and Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account. Please ensure you note your User Id

(email address) and password for your account. You will use this information to login to your account to make any changes or review your electronic giving. Please do not create another e-Giving account if you have already signed up in the past. Call me or email if you need help.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you can update your e-Giving account if you need to update your giving amount or add new donations. The brief instructions are to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. You can also see your history of giving. 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@spwmethodist.org

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter
St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

44 additional spaces have been added for church parking.

The spaces are located to the left of the Youth Building, where the dumpsters are located. Our church is blessed to have so many people wanting to attend.

Discernment Fund

There are different ways you can give toward the Discernment Fund. You can write a check out to St. Paul's Waccamaw Church and on the memo of the check, put Discernment Fund and drop in the offering plate. **(You do not have to have an envelope)**. There are some envelopes in the Narthex and Berly if you want an envelope. You can also give with e-giving on our website and **designate Discernment**. Follow the instructions above on e-giving.

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!!**

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

LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

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

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.

Baby Shower for Birthright

Birthright in Georgetown is a crisis pregnancy resource center serving about 20 new mothers per month. From birth until the baby is 12 months old, diapers, wipes and clothing are provided monthly. Special needs babies, teen mothers and those who pursue education, remain with Birthright for >24 months. The organization is supported solely by financial and material donations, and volunteers.

We will hold a “Baby Shower” during May. Donated items can be left in the church vestibule where there will be a large container, or in Berly Hall. **Please don’t bring items to the office.** Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Needed items:

- Most needed: diapers, sizes 4, 5 and 6.
- Jumbo packs of baby wipes
- New or gently used clothing, sleepers and onesies—size newborn to 24 months/2T
- Other items: diaper rash cream, diaper bags, baby shampoo/wash, baby lotion, jackets/sweaters, hats, socks, bibs/burp clothes, lap blankets, towels/wash cloths.

Please do not wrap items.

Bible Studies:

The Men’s Bible Study meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Discovery Classroom. Led by Jim Kay.

Bible Study:

Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado, every Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary.

Revelation Bible Study, every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary. Please email John Finnical if interested in taking the new study – jrfinnical@gmail.com

Bible Study – Who Is Jesus? Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Discovery classroom starting May 6 – June 10. “...Before Abraham was born, “I Am” John 8:58. Please contact Roslyn Keck if interested at 843-651-1608 or email: roslynkeck1@gmail.com.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

Gardening Volunteering, will meet Tuesday, May 6th and May 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Mary & Martha is a fellowship group that began last fall and meets in the Discovery classroom every Wednesday at 10 a.m. We are Scriptural – we begin each meeting with a devotion based on scripture. Also, Pastor JR provides us, for discussion, questions from the prior Sunday's message; we are Prayerful – we bring our prayer concerns to the group and pray for each other as well as our church community and friends; we are Faithful – we faithfully pray, study, and serve; we are Invitational –we invite ladies of our church and friends to join M&M and also to come to church and experience the Holy Spirit; we are Discipling – we bring lunch to the James Gang on one or more Wednesdays when they are at a project and minister to anyone in need of prayer and assistance; we are Forward Focused – we are always looking for service projects to do around the church and see where the Lord is leading us. One project accomplished was the dusting and cleaning of areas in the Sanctuary and Berly Hall that do not get weekly cleaning. In the near future we will be introducing a new ministry called Mary & Martha's Closet! So, if your desire is to be ALL IN with the Lord, we invite all ladies to join us on **Wednesdays at 10.**

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group - 1st Wednesday of the Month 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Joy Classroom starting May 7th. Contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 for more information.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you so much to everyone that has donated to the Operation Christmas Child year-round giving program! **The next collection date will be Sunday, May 4.** Collection containers are in the Narthex and Berly Hall. Listed below are the **suggested items** for May. Please remember items need to be the size to fit in a shoebox. Please join us with your donations so St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church can reach our goal of 400 boxes in November!!

MAY – Toys such as Jump Ropes; Marbles; Handheld Games; Harmonica/other Musical Instrument; Slinky; Kaleidoscope; Etch-A-Sketch; Small Chalkboard and Chalk; Backpacks; Sunglasses; Pants; Dresses; Skirts; Shoes (**AGES 10-14**)

NO CAMO OR ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE WAR. NO SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, LIQUIDS, LOTIONS, AEROSOL CANS, CANDY OR GUM.

If you have questions, contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 or Donna Schmidt 843-222-6827

Golf Meeting, Monday, May 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m., Berly Hall.

Blankets for Babies, Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Administrative Building.

Trustee Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Truth Seekers Classroom.

Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for May 17th. There will be a Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show in Berly Hall from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Our Fashion Sponsor will be Pawleys Island Wear from the Hammock Shops. Tickets will be on sale after church at the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services on 5/4, and 5/11. The ticket is \$30. When you purchase your ticket, save it to get in and to enter your name for the door prizes. Please bring as many friends as you can. This is your opportunity to be invitational. Groups of eight may sit together. Lunch and home-made desserts will be served. Our Praise Band

will lead us in praise and worship. Mark your calendars ladies. Come and enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship on May 17th. **(After the 11:00 am service, Sunday May 11th , we will need volunteers to help set up for this event)**

Mission Committee Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Joy Classroom.

Blood Drive, Tuesday, May 20th, 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, email Bill Alexander at petvet2428@gmail.com.

DON'T PLAY GOLF? THAT'S OKAY. YOU CAN STILL BE PART OF THE FUN!!!

Volunteers are needed the day of our church golf tournament on June 11, 2025. You can help with registration, prize setup on the deck, "hole in one" verification on the par 3, handing out snacks around the course, food setup on the deck, cleanup after the event, or just come and have fun. Contact Bill Alexander, petvet2428@gmail.com or Gene Posey, atlast1@sc.rr.com

Chancel Choir Practice

Handbells meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Modern band rehearsal Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Students in the Word

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (Truth Seekers & wings classrooms) and Friday in Berly Hall.

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

Eva Baxter

Yvonne Moran

Nancy Hall

Fred Hutcheson

Rachel Shumaker

Marie Beaver

Frank Antes

Rachel Sirmon

Janet Parsons

Janis Lange
The Family of Lee Horton
Melton Gardner (Pam Gardner's husband)
John Hall

Mike Rhodes
Ron Mckenzie (friend of Linda MacCulloch)
Maddy Newman (Sinkway Family)
Heather (Bob & Pam Carson's daughter)
Don Hayes (loss of wife) (friend of Polly Simack)
Kristen Canine (daughter-in law of Dave and Paula Canine)
The family of Nan and Keith Black (Nan's father passed away)
Kay Long, (friend of James and Leslie Hare)
Geri Cole and son Michael Adkins (lost everything in the flood in Kentucky)
Ann (Rachel Shumaker's sister)
Doretha (Rachel Shumaker's cousin)
Matthew Leyendecker (George & Clem Leyendecker's son)
Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)
Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)
Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)
Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)
Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)
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)
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)
Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)
Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)
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)

Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)
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

May Birthdays

Alice Cochran	5/1
Pam Gardner	5/2
Randy Hoyns	5/3
Carol Davison	5/4
Ellen Robbins	5/4
Christopher Ryder	5/4
French Campbell, Jr.	5/5
Eric Weber	5/10
Frank Antes	5/11
Maddie Freeman	5/12
Fran Keller	5/13
Elizabeth Satterfield	5/13
Wanda Freeland	5/14
Sarah Cooke	5/15
Nan Black	5/17
Bob Hagan	5/18
Susan Payne	5/19
Charles Overby	5/20
Jean Young	5/21
Richard Black	5/26
David Medlin	5/27
John Hall	5/30

May Anniversaries

R. Tucker & Kimmie Dieter	5/10
Jeff & Ruth Carlyle	5/11
Alan & Susan Walters	5/13
James & Emeline Jordan	5/21
Robert & Vicki Blair	5/26
Al & Ellen Robbins	5/26
Duncan & Susan Rogers	5/31

