



St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

May 15, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday morning

05/18/2025

Week 4 of 5 week series "The Main Thing"

Pastor JR

Will present the sermon

"With All Your Strength"

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

Associate Pastor Shawn Lehman

"With All Your Strength"

11:00 a.m. Modern (Berly Hall)

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: Mark 3:20-30 (NIV)

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. 21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

23 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. 28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

A Message From Pastor JR

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (Philippians 4:8) When it comes to loving God with all our mind, we must first realize that there are two entities battling for control over our thoughts. The enemy would like to turn our eyes to things of the world. This will cause us to give in to temptation, and result in sinful acts in our lives. Paul instructs us that the wages of sin is death, but he also tells us that the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. The angel on one shoulder and devil on the other is a very real thing. As Christians, we must train ourselves to intentionally focus on the things of God, rather than the things of the world. Ultimately, we have the final say in who gets to control our thoughts. The question is will we allow the enemy to have control, or will we allow the God, who loves us to have control? The choice is yours, and it's a choice you make throughout your day. Choose wisely!

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

Pastor J.R.

2025 Graduate

If you know of someone graduating this year, please inform Pastor J.R., by email at pastorjr@spwmethodist.org Please include the following information:

Full Name:

School Graduate from:

Future Plans:

Picture of the Graduate:

We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Weekly Bible Reading

May 18: Ps 26/40/58/61-62/64

May 19: 2Sam 19-21

May 20: Ps 5/38/41-42

May 21: 2Sam 22-23; Ps 57

May 22: Ps 95/97-99

May 23: 2Sam 24; 1Chron 21-22; Ps 30

May 24: Ps 108-110

Our Faithfulness Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:45 Service 157; on line viewers 124; 11:00 Service 128; on line viewers 190; 11:15 Service 39; Sunday School Children and teachers 83

The Joy (Joy Classroom) and Friendship Sunday School (Sanctuary) Classes will meet May 18, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Truth Seekers will meet, Room 305 in the CLC Building.

The Friendship Sunday School Class thanks Bruce Stelow for his class Leadership over the past years. We are going to miss him as he relocates to be close to his children. We pray for an easy transition as he enters a new Chapter in his life 🙏

Message from the Trustee Chairperson

Parking Protocol

Those that have been on the property the last couple of weeks during the day will have noticed a great deal of activity with our Sprinkler System. It has been totally repaired.

1. In order to again not experience broken sprinkler heads, we are asking that you reframe from parking in non- marked parking spaces. Please avoid parking in Pinestraw and grass island areas.
2. Additional parking spaces have been created and signs pointing you to the gravel and grass area next to the paved parking spaces beside the admin building and youth building. If you have any confusion, please ask any of the trustees or church staff to assist with pointing to the extended parking as needed.
3. We are also asking that people notice the direction arrows on the pavement throughout the parking lot. The arrows point to the best way to maneuver through the increasing congestion especially during services, events and meetings.

Thanks,

Charles Estabrook
Trustees Chairman

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**

Opportunity to Serve!!! Greeters needed for all services! Please contact Alisa Chapella 803-960-2791 or jamchapella@aol.com.

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 an 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

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.

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 is 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.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your generosity for The Operation Christmas Child year-round collection is amazing! Thank you so much! **The next collection date will be Sunday, June 1.** Collection containers are in the Narthex and Berly Hall. Listed below are the **suggested items** for June. 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!!

JUNE – Toy Jewelry, Hair Ribbons, Plastic Crowns, Fairy Wands, Sunglasses, Watch, Small Backpacks/ Drawstring Bag, Hand Puppets, Stuffed Animals, Dress, Pants, Shoes **(AGES 5-9)**

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

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 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.

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. Also, be sure to tell another person about it!!!!

St. Paul's Methodist Men, meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 6:30 pm, Berly Hall.

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

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 (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
Fred Hutcheson
Marie Beaver
Frank Antes
Rachel Sirmon
Janet Parsons
Janis Lange
The Family of Lee Horton
Melton Gardner (Pam Gardner's husband)
John Hall
Nancy Hall
Jan Estabrook

Rusty Heaton (Fran Heaton's son)
Helen Wilson
Arthur Jackson (Susan Lewis's father)
Mike Rhodes
Ron McKenzie (friend of Linda MacCulloch)
Maddy Newman (Sinkway Family)
Heather (Bob & Pam Carson's daughter)
Don Hayes (loss of wife) (family of Polly Simock)
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)
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

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

James & Emeline Jordan	5/21
Robert & Vicki Blair	5/26
Al & Ellen Robbins	5/26
Chris & Angela Woolen	5/29
Duncan & Susan Rogers	5/31

June Birthdays

Ronald Willmann	06/02
Doug Bray	06/05
Matt Drohan	06/05
Roger Phillips	06/05
Betsy Richardson	06/05
Janis Lange	06/06
Nancy Jo Weber	06/06

Mary Jordan	06/08
Richard Senatore	06/11
Betty Varn	06/11
Alfred (Wayne) Morgan	06/14
Timothy White	06/15
KayKay Wells	06/17
Margaret (Margie Smith)	6/18
Cheryl Harris	06/19
Susan Rogers	06/20
Marlene Bodemann	06/21
Jim Kay	06/20
Victory Smith	06/22
Robert Maffa	06/24
Cynthia Senatore	06/24
Cliff Williams	06/24
Kyle Player	06/25
Nancy Hagan	06/27
Susan Lewis	06/27
Peggy Watson	06/27
Donna Schmidt	06/28
Marshall Truluck	06/28
Charles Estabrook	06/30
Jan Finnical	06/30

June Anniversaries

Gary & Sandra Himstedt	06/06
Bob & Barbara Welch	06/06
Robert & Linda Bobo	06/06
Ronald & Sharon Willmann	06/07
Helen & Richard Black	06/08
Clem & George Leyendecker	06/12
Jon & Susan Stuckey	06/14
Robert & Darlene Novak	06/17
Mike & Lisa Collins	06/18
David & Janice Medlin	06/18
James & Marlene Bodemann	06/19
Gene & Geri Seiveno	06/24
Timothy & Anda White	06/25
James & Betsy Richardson	06/26
Frank & Amylou Antes	06/27
Jeff & Elaine Edwards	06/27
Jack & Penni Hawley	06/28

