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Warrenton Baptist Church

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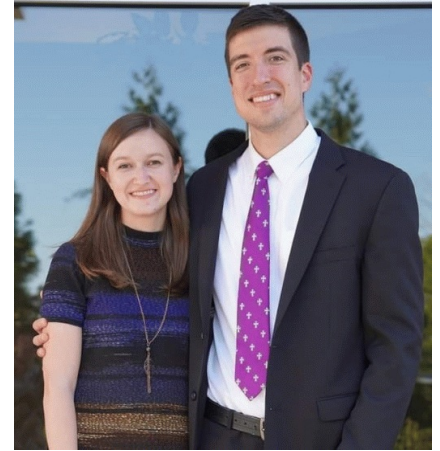
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A Word From Our New Pastor

It is with great joy that I want to let you know that I have completed my work at Rolesville Baptist Church as of the end of August, and I am excited to be your pastor beginning on September 24th. Sarah and I are thrilled to begin our ministry with you in just a few short weeks.

During the month of September, prior to my first Sunday in Warrenton, we will spend time seeing some important people in our lives. We will travel to the Asheville area over Labor Day weekend to rest and spend time with one of our former pastors. During the second weekend of September, we will fly to Texas to spend time with my brother and his family. I will also begin to plan and prepare sermons as I look forward to being at Warrenton Baptist Church.



I want you to know that we have begun the process of working with our realtor to relocate near Warrenton. We will keep you updated on this process, but we hope you will keep us in your prayers as moving can present stress and challenges. We are fortunate to have a realtor friend whom we trust, and we feel certain that everything will ultimately go well.

As the time approaches for me to become pastor of Warrenton Baptist Church, I want to share my contact information with you. You can reach me on my cell phone by calling or texting 919-612-6122. Some of you have already been communicating with me by email at my Rolesville Baptist Church email address, but that email address will be going away and you will now need to communicate with me by my personal email which is cawilson0801@email.campbell.edu. Finally, if you are someone who interacts on Social Media, you can find me on Facebook with my name (Christopher Wilson) and on Instagram at [chris.wilson0801](https://www.instagram.com/chris.wilson0801). You can find Sarah on Facebook at Sarah Adcock Wilson and on Instagram at [saraha_wilson](https://www.instagram.com/saraha_wilson).

I want to leave you with a devotional thought, adapted from the D365 devotion series. In the story of Jesus using the five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000, the first inclination from the disciples is to feel overwhelmed that they are tasked with feeding all those people with only a small amount of food. "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish." (Matthew 14:17) Have you ever looked at a task and felt overwhelmed? Sarah enjoys putting together puzzles, and I usually feel overwhelmed when she opens a box with hundreds of pieces. But her strategy is always the same – start by finding the edge pieces. That's because we can easily see that those pieces go together, so starting with what we already know will help to make the puzzle take shape and make the task easier. In the same way, Jesus didn't become overwhelmed at the lack of resources. He asked for the five loaves of bread and two fish, he gave thanks to God for them, and he used them to perform one of his most famous miracles.

With that thought in mind, where are we focused as a church? Are we focused on what we are lacking, or are we focused on the resources that we have been given? When we focus on using the gifts that we do have, no matter how few or small they may be, it is incredible how God can use those gifts to do greater things through us than we ever could have imagined. May we use the gifts we have been given, and allow God to work miracles beyond our expectations.

Blessings,
Chris Wilson

GROWING YOUNG WORKSHOP

Our new pastor, Rev. Chris Wilson, has shared information regarding a two-day workshop entitled, "Growing Young," scheduled for October 16-17, 2023, at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh. "All churches grow old . . . but strategic churches are growing young," the promotional material states. Chris and his wife Sarah plan to attend the workshop, and interest has been expressed among members of the congregation. To access information about the workshop and register, visit cbfnc.org website; click on "Upcoming Events" and then the "Growing Young" link. Registration with the stated discount code of CBFNC60 is \$115.60. Deacons have agreed that those attending would be reimbursed for cost of registration.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

Since the committee's last report to the church in the June newsletter, the committee has made the following distributions of money:

\$263.25 for a light bill for a senior citizen

\$300.00 to Harrison West for college and medical expenses

\$300.00 to William Brannock for travel and medical expenses

\$500.00 to Baptists on Mission for relief efforts in Rocky Mount after the tornado

\$ 52.84 to George's for a pizza and salad dinner for Mary Catherine Harris and her family on her moving day

Cash receipts in the mission box since the June report were \$211.00. These funds pay for small projects and needs that arise unexpectedly in the community. Thank you for your contributions in the mission box and for your checks!

The missions and ministry committee will meet after church in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 10, to make plans for the remainder of the year.

The Blessings in a Bag project for Mariam Boyd Elementary School, which operates from Warrenton Presbyterian Church, is active once again as the new school year gets under way. Please place your donations on the pew in the Allen Bible Classroom. Suggestions include: individual servings of fruit cups, grits, oatmeal, cereal, Ramen Noodles, ravioli or other pasta meal in a can, granola bars, Pop Tarts, mac-n-cheese boxes, juice boxes and snacks (no peanut products).

WHERE WE'RE FROM

As we approach the celebration of our 175th anniversary as Warrenton Baptist Church in April 2024, we are highlighting each month some tidbits of our identity and history – where we're from as church. We invite you to offer your memories for inclusion here.

Where We're From:

During the pastorate of Rev. Josiah B. Solomon, which began in the fall of 1852 and lasted until September 1860, the church took "phenomenal steps forward." Membership increased from 28 to 100. Sixty-four persons were baptized in 1855, many during a great revival in which a Mr. Reynoldson was guest preacher. Soon after the revival, Mr. Reynoldson lost his life at sea while sailing for Europe on business. (taken from Mr. J. Edward Allen's history of Warrenton Baptist Church)

HONORING DR. RICHARD CHILDRESS - COVERED DISH LUNCHEON - SEPTEMBER 17

Since September 2022, Dr. Richard Childress has been a mainstay for our congregation. Providing leadership in worship, engaging others to preach in his absence, and being available in other pastoral roles, he and his wife Pam have become valued parts of our church family. Following worship on September 17, we will gather for a covered dish luncheon in thanksgiving for their time with us. Please plan to bring a dish and join the fellowship.

2023 September Lectionary

- 9-3 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45-6
Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28
- 9-10 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149
Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
- 9-17 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
- 9-24 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

2023 September Calendar of Events

- 9-3 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Communion**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship/Communion
- 9-10 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
7:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
Deacons' Meeting Following Worship
- 9-17 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
12 Noon Covered Dish Luncheon
- 9-24 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
- Every Wednesday**
9:00 AM Lectionary Discussion

2023 Calendar For Sanctuary Flowers

Shown below is the calendar for placing flowers in the sanctuary for worship, with open spaces indicated for reserving a time. You may use the flowers for two Sundays in succession. The flower calendar for 2023 is posted on the bulletin board in the back hallway. If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship, please sign up or contact Michelle Bugg, 252-213-2075.

Date	Communion	Name	Name	Name	Name
Sept	3-Communion	10-	17- Bettie Jean Davis	24- Bettie Jean Davis	
Oct	1-Communion	8- Lea Hamilton	15- Lea Hamilton	22- David Gardner	29- David Gardner
Nov	5 - All Saints Day	12- Walter Gardner	19- Walter Gardner	26- Walter Gardner	

Remember In Prayer & Ministry

Last Update 8-31-2023

In Town and Near By:

Carolyn Adcock, 247 Adcock Dead End Road, Macon, NC 27551
Jimmy Allen, 637 Robinson Ferry Road, Macon, NC 27551
Mike Aycok, 1971 US Hwy. 401 S
Lawrence Boyd, 221 Graham St.
William Brannock, 672 Limertown Rd.
Bryan Burnside, Robert's brother, 326 Hazelwood Rd.
Joy Burnside, Robert Burnside's mother, 128 Battle Ave.
Harry Jackson Carter, 1976 US Hwy. 401 S
Margie Clayton, Coventry House Inn Room 4, 20 Medical Court, Henderson, NC 27536
Tom Hardy, 222 Fairview St.
Phyllis and Earl King, 118 Dogwood Acres Rd.
Luke McCullough, 316 N Main St.
Randy Renn, 215 Fairview St.
Frances Sondgeroth, 21 East Holly Lane, Henderson, NC 27537
Lee A Thompson, 926 Black's Rd., Macon, NC 27551
Harrison West, 351 Hwy 4, Littleton, NC 27850
Donald Wimbrow, PO Box 533, Norlina, NC 27563



Out Of Area:

Mary Adams, Kim Burrows' mother, 405 Blythe Ferry Lane, Georgetown, TN 37336
Bryan B. Burnside, Robert Burnside's father, Rice, VA
Wayne Jenkins, 3064 NC Hwy. 35, Woodland, NC 27897
Seth McCullen, Selma's Grandson-in-law, 17 Chanticleer Dr., Greenville, SC 29605
Keith Tharrington, Selma's son, 455 Buggs Island Rd., Boydton, VA 23917
Mary Lillian White, 25351 Settlers Mill, Magnolia, TX 77355

OUR SYMPATHIES

Our condolences to the family and friends of Emily Windom Johnson, who passed away on August 26, in Orange, Virginia. A graveside service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, at 11 am, at Fairview Cemetery.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Marion Lark, of Henderson, long-time Baptist pastor and leader and cherished friend of Warrenton Baptist Church.

Happy Birthday

Val Schumacher	10
Michelle Bugg	14
Robert Byrd	15
Marvin Daniel	16



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Tina & Finley Neal, Custodians