

November 2023



Warrenton Baptist Church

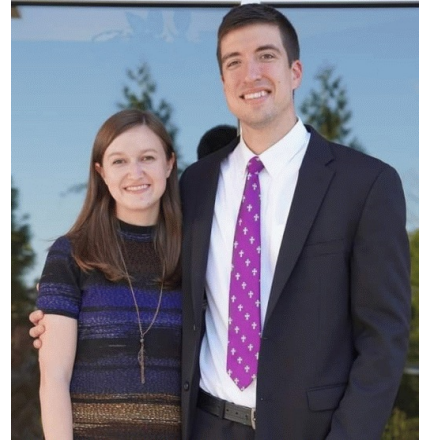
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I want to begin my article this month by sharing good news for Warrenton Baptist Church. As of October 24th, our church is officially a full member of the Raleigh Baptist Association. Sarah and I were able to attend the semi-annual meeting at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Raleigh where we received unanimous affirmation to join the association. This is wonderful news because it enhances our partnership with Baptists in the Raleigh area, and it opens the door to a wealth of resources that the RBA offers. Warrenton Baptist Church will be blessed by this move in the days and years to come.



I also want to share the good news that Sarah and I are officially residents of Henderson! We were able to make the physical move on October 26th, and we are excited about our new home. We still have unpacking to do, but it feels good to have this step behind us. Moving is always stressful, but we appreciate your patience through this process. We are thankful to have a church family to walk alongside us as we have been making this transition.

As we turn to the month of November, many of us think first of the Thanksgiving holiday. I think an appropriate passage of Scripture for this time comes from Philippians 4:4-7 which reads, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

The first thing that I think when I read this passage is that there are days when the last thing I want to do is rejoice. The apostle Paul, who wrote Philippians, was no stranger to bad days. He had been shipwrecked, bitten by a snake, arrested and imprisoned, had stones thrown at him, and had to flee for his life. In spite of his many bad days, he believed that we should rejoice in the Lord always.

Why did he believe this? Because Paul knew the peace of God, which transcends all understanding. The peace of God does not necessarily make all things good all the time, but it helps us to remember that the Lord has always, is always, and will always be good to us. The peace of God allows us to always turn to God with everything that we are going through, both on the good days and the bad ones too.

The peace that Paul talks about in Philippians 4 is for all of us because we all belong to God, even on the bad days. That peace is what allows us to rejoice in the Lord always. As we come into this season of gratitude and thanksgiving, let's give thanks to God for the peace that transcends understanding. Life is certain to bring us bad days, but even on those days we can rejoice because of the peace of God. Thank God for that peace!

Peace to all,
Chris Wilson

ALL SAINTS SERVICE SCHEDULED

As in the past, we will observe All Saints Sunday during worship on November 5. With gratitude for their presence and legacy, we will light candles in memory of four members who have passed away during the past year: Niles E. Serls, Jr., Victoria Wright Limer, Harriett Owens Allen, and Emily Windom Johnson. There will also be opportunity for those in attendance to light candles in memory of deceased loved ones.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES IN PLACE FOR 2024

Our thanks to members of the congregation for willingness to serve in various roles in the new church year which begins in January. These were approved at the annual church conference on October 15. A Youth Committee was not appointed at this time, and every member is encouraged to take on the role of engaging and encouraging our young people. A committee will be nominated as circumstances suggest the need.

WBC REPRESENTED AT GROWING YOUNG WORKSHOP

Four members of the congregation attended the Growing Young Workshop at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh earlier this month. Our pastor and his wife, Sarah, along with Ruth Clayton and Mary Catherine Harris, participated in the two-day program given by representatives of the Fuller Youth Institute

Emphasizing the importance of a Jesus-centered community, the key components of the workshop were to: include youth in places of leadership; empathize with young people; take the Jesus message seriously; fuel a warm community; prioritize young people and families everywhere; and be the best neighbors. Although the information seemed focused on existing youth ministries, our local participants were able to adapt and envision possibilities for our church as we care for young people in our church and community. Hopefully, there will be opportunities to share more details with the congregation.

RALEIGH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION APPROVES MEMBERSHIP

On Tuesday, October 24, the Warrenton Baptist Church was approved for full membership in the Raleigh Baptist Association following one year of watch care. The vote took place during the annual meeting at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Raleigh. In attendance for the meeting were our pastor and his wife.

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.

Ministry to youth has been a significant part of our church history, serving members of our congregation and including young people from other churches in the wider community. Summer experiences at the N. C. Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell, winter ski retreats, regular youth meetings and recreation activities, and service projects in the community have been significant in faith formation for numerous young people.

MILE OF PENNIES MINISTRY

Our annual Miles of Pennies project to benefit the NC Baptist Homes for Children is Sunday, November 5. Please bring your donations and plan to remain for the pizza luncheon following worship to count coins and enjoy fellowship. Quarters, dimes, nickels, cash and checks are also welcome!

2023 November Lectionary

- 11-5 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost**
 Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
 Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 Matthew 23:1-12
- 11-12 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**
 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7
 Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24
 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13
- 11-19 Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost**
 Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123
 Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8,
 (9-11), 12
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30
- 11-23 Thanksgiving Day**
 Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Psalm 65
 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
 Luke 17:11-19
- 11-26 Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost**
 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100
 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Matthew 25:31-46

2023 November Calendar of Events

- 11-5 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost**
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship/All Saints Day
Mile of Pennies/Lunch
Following Worship
- 11-12 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**
 7:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
Deacons' Meeting Following Worship
- 11-19 Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost**
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
- 11-26 Twenty-sixth 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
Nov	5 - All Saints Day	12- Walter Gardner	19- Walter Gardner	26- Walter Gardner	
Dec	3 - Communion Hanging of Greens	10- Advent Poinsettias	17- Advent Poinsettias	24 - Advent Poinsettias	31- Poinsettias

Remember In Prayer & Ministry

Last Update 10-31--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 Aycock, 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 Flynn, 40 Siltstone Dr., Franklinton, NC 27525
Tom Hardy, 222 Fairview St.
Phyllis and Earl King, 118 Dogwood Acres Rd.
Luke McCullough, 316 N Main St.
Cecile and 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
Kristie Fleming, friend of Candy White, 1443 Teaberry Path, Charleston, SC 29414
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
Terry Vaughan, Marie's son, 4205 Weaver Road, Wilson, NC 27893
Mary Lillian White, 25351 Settlers Mill, Magnolia, TX 77355

2024 Yearbook Update

Our church yearbook is in the process of being updated for 2024. If there are any changes to your contact information, please call or email the church office.

NOVEMBER

Clint Lorek	7
Linda Shearin	7
Heather Sargent	9
Al Bugg	25



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Tina & Finley Neal, Custodians