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The Wood-Burner



Woodburn Presbyterian Church Newsletter May –June 2022



*We Welcome all to come
worship with us!*

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Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ

From the Desk of Pastor Scott

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 to Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

This letter has been described as Paul's "Last Will and Testament." His will was a heritage of spiritual service, not money or goods. He bequeaths that service to his young protegee, Timothy. As we read through this inheritance, several things will be observed.

1. This Epistle is Personal. This was written at the end of Paul's ministry to his friend and fellow pastor in the battle of religious life. Paul writes this personal letter to direct Timothy to take over Paul's ministry. It is meant as a transfer of ownership of serving Christ from Paul to Timothy.

2. This Epistle is Pastoral. The two epistles to Timothy along with the epistle to Titus are known as the Pastoral Epistles. They are written to young pastors in the ministry to give them advice in how to ministry not theology. If you need that go to Romans or Hebrews.

3. This Epistle while it is pastoral it is for all of us. We are all part of the Priesthood of believers and as such need a daily walk to live out our theology with others. This is a letter to see you through the week.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 to Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (2 Timothy 1:1-2).

Paul begins most of his epistles with a reference to his apostleship, "that was my calling and I taught you all you

need to know to carry it on, is what Paul is telling him.

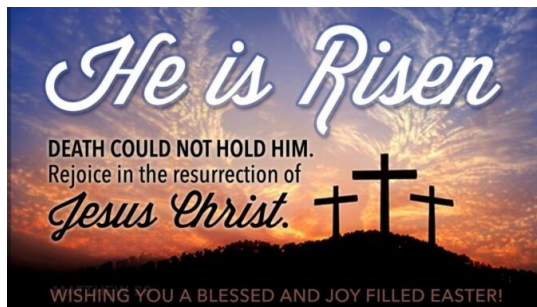
You might be thinking, "That's all very nice and good, but what on earth has that to do with me? I'm more concerned with passing exams or getting a job or in getting through next week without messing up too bad." Let me assure you that Paul's apostleship has everything to do with you. It relates to you because Paul's ministry was directed toward YOU. This isn't a seminary training but a life training on how to equip yourself for heaven and help other do the same.

Paul's apostleship was a bit different from that of the other apostles, his mission was to take the promise of life in Jesus to the Gentiles. Your work is to bring Jesus with you everywhere you go through the week, others wise you hand Jesus on the cross again. You can only do that if you

know the gospel, not all of scripture but the Gospel and how to apply it to your everyday life. We are to know the gospel and prepare you heart and mind for heaven and to help each other keep "the Faith."

What is the promise of life in Christ Jesus? That is the gospel. It is the good news that Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of men. He died the death that we deserved and God judged Him as though He were a guilty sinner. And then He was buried and then He arose from the dead to show that death has been defeated. He now promises eternal life to all who will trust in Him as Lord and Savior. Trust in Him in all things.

Timothy's letters are going to be the subject of my next series of sermons over the up coming year. I hope it bring joy and hope to your person ministry.



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Honoring Our Past as We look to the Future!

Persistence Pays

Elder and Woodburn's Presbyterian church's historian Pat Cross kept knocking on the doors, calling, writing letters and even visits to town hall but she did it! We finally have a placard monument honoring the historical significance of Woodburn Presbyterian Church. We are the first church to establish within the town limits or Leland.

On Monday May 16th at 11 am Leland town officials and are honoring the church by dedicating the placard the town donated to Woodburn.

What this Monument represents.

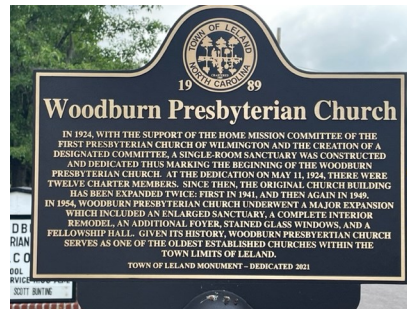
We will be celebrating our 100th anniversary as being the first established church (building) in Leland. The church really began and organized by the families of the area around 1920. Seeing the need in 1920 Dr J.M. Wells organized the first Sunday school held in a neighborhood family's home. See the popularity and the need First Presbyterian Church donated \$2,000 to the Woodburn group and started the construction of the first building in the Spring of 1923. The first church was in a rented building on the current property on Village Road. The building was erected and finished in 1924 when

it was dedicated. When erected the church did not have electricity until the men of the church worked weekends and nights to wire the church building.

The Cemetery which is located at the rear are of the property was started in 1919 with the need for burial of those who succumbed to the Flu epidemic of 1919. As you may know this pandemic was as much as tragedy as our current Covid pandemic is now.

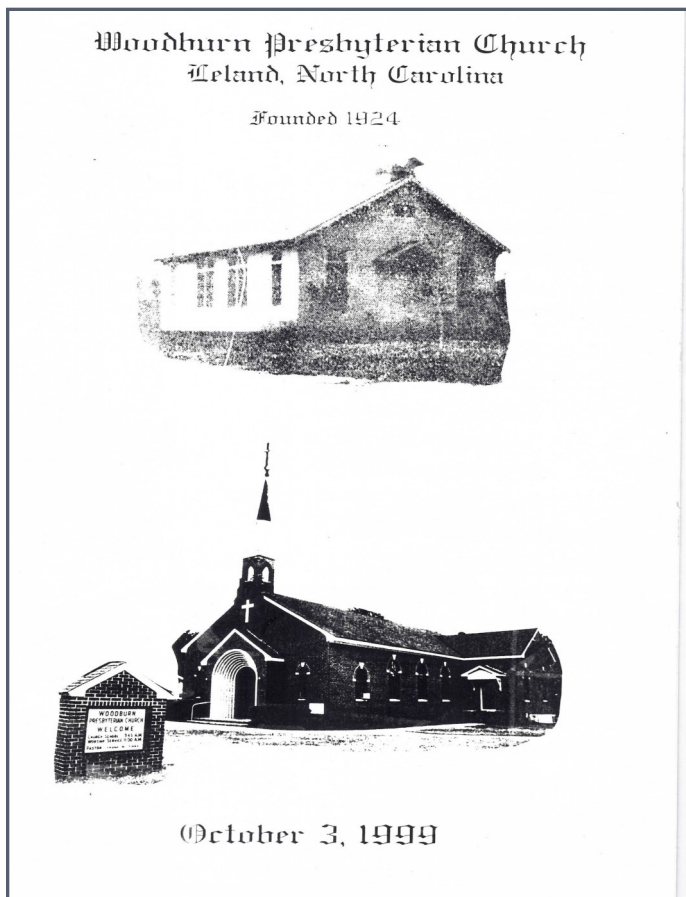
To celebrate our heritage the town if Leland is dedicating this placard and all are invited to attend.

The church recognizes the arduous work of Pat Cross. It was her faithful and continued persistence that made this happen. Thank you, Pat.



With this we look to the future and growth of our church family. Not just in numbers but in our spiritual growth. As all of us know the church is not just a building but the people that gather together and worship God. As we look to the future we must ask ourselves "Will we carry forward the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbors?" In

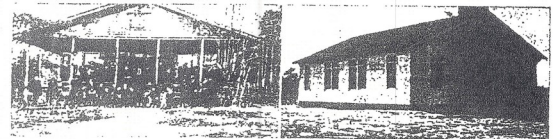
order to survive in this modern world and trying time we must realize we will need to witness to our community and this means all of our (us) family proclaiming the good news to your family, friends and community.



75th anniversary bulletin

THE MISSION BULLETIN WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

WILMINGTON, N. C., MAY 1, 1924.



"THE OLD"
WOODBURN CHAPEL

"THE NEW"

In 1920 Dr. J. M. Wells discovered that a number of families were living between Wilmington and Leland, in Brunswick County, far removed from any church and absolutely without Sunday School privileges. At his request Dr. L. E. Farthing, Mr. D. C. Whitted and Miss Nelly Cook visited this community, and with the hearty response and co-operation of the people began a Sunday School in one of the homes. This school was discontinued later on account of the impassable condition of the Eagle Island Causeway. In November, 1922, the school was reorganized with the same leaders with the addition of Mr. J. A. Bodine. The attendance and achievements were so gratifying that the Session, of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington gave two thousand dollars for the erection of a building in the spring of 1923. The people of the Community also gave generously so that in the summer of 1923 an attractive and efficient building was erected. Before this building was used the school met in a rented residence. In May, 1923, an evangelistic meeting was conducted by Ev. James J. Murray and eleven people united with the church, six by profession and five by letter. Another meeting is planned for May of this year and Wilmington Presbytery has appointed a Commission to organize a church if the 'way' be clear, twenty-five people having

signed a petition asking that a church be organized. The school has prospered in a remarkable way. There are now over one hundred members enrolled besides a Cradle Roll and Home Department. A number of the local residents are officers and teachers in the school. The picture shows the old school as held in the rented house and the new building. These photographs were taken by Watts Farthing, Mr. J. M. Harvey has given much time here and Rev. William W. Morton holds regular preaching services which are well attended.

Woodburn was named after Plantation owner, Dr. Thomas Wood. This plantation was part of the Belvedere Plantation.

This church grew out of a Sunday School that met at the Boney & Viola Mintz house. Later they met at the George Ganey House (present location of Mr. Frosty's)

Missions' Bulletin showing the original rented building and the first wooden structure built and finished in 1924

Lincoln Elementary “School Supply Drive”

By Barbara Birkenheuer Out-Reach Committee

As you are aware, our congregation has always supported Lincoln Elementary School during the Christmas season through our “Angel Tree” donations. It has



been brought to the attention of the Mission Committee that the teachers at the beginning of each school year struggle with not having enough supplies not only for their classrooms but also for many of their students who cannot afford to purchase all the supplies needed to begin their year at school.

We would like to reach out to our congregation to assist these teachers by having a “School Supply Drive” during the month of July. The teachers are developing a list of their “most needed” supplies. When the supplies are collected, they will be delivered to the school so that teachers will have them for opening day on August 15th. Look for more announcements about this in our Sunday Bulletin inserts during the month of June/July. We will share their list at that time.

We are pleased to be able to do an event such as this for one of our local schools. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

More to come in the next few weeks!

Barbara Silva —VBS Needs your Help!!!

We are still on schedule for the 2022 VBS to occur June 20th thru June 24th.

I am still looking for volunteers for classroom help; crafts, games and science projects.

On May 12th there will be a volunteer work day from 9am until 3pm to come help make props and room decor. No crafting experience needed. During that time we will discuss various jobs/assignments and anything else that needs to be addressed.

On May 21st there will be a pre-registration day at the church from 12noon until 3pm, and again on June 4th.

There are flyers and registration forms on the desk across from the mailboxes leading to sanctuary. Please take one if you have friends or neighbors that have children who may like to attend.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 2022

Woodburn Presbyterian Church
509 Village Road, Leland, NC 28451
Contact: Pastor Scott at: 910-269-1442
Barbara Silva 443-223-3008

Date: JUNE 20-24, 2022
Time: 9AM - 12PM
For: Ages 4 to TEENS

SNACKS WILL BE INCLUDED

The children will explore an intriguing and mysterious tropical island while tracking down the one true god at “Mystery Island Vacation Bible School “

- * Memorable Amazing Stories
- * Amazing Science
- * Fun Recreation

- * Creative Crafts
- * Exciting Videos
- * Super Snacks

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, WE WILL HAVE A VBS WORSHIP SERVICE TO INCLUDE THE CHILDREN: SONGS, RECEIVING OF THEIR CERTIFICATES AND FRAMED PHOTOS, FAMILY DAY COOKOUT AFTER SERVICE

For pre-registration, please fill out the registration form
And mail to: Woodburn Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1140 Leland, Nc 28451

Forms must be returned by June 15, 2022

We will also have pre-registration at the church on May 21st, 12pm-3pm and June 4th 12pm-3pm.

We are accepting donations for
Manna Ministries(Local Food Bank),
including canned and dry goods

Congratulations Harry Blakeslee and Family

On April 25th Harry and Betsy have a brand new Baby Grand daughter

Gramercy Grace Elizabeth Hartwell

born 4-25 evening @ 7 lbs 3.3 oz 20.5 inches

**A blessing and child of the covenant.
Please welcome our new family member**



Choir Director/ Organist/ piano

Woodburn church is seeking a Organist and Choir Director —Part time —Please spread the word!

The Job description is as follows:

Woodburn Presbyterian Church

Choir Director/Organist

This position helps develop worship music of Woodburn Presbyterian Church. All work is in consultation with the pastor and worship committee of the session. This is done consistent with the mission, values, and theology of our church. This position will also be the church organist and provides organ / piano music and accompaniment of scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of Woodburn Presbyterian Church.

This position is a pivotal role in the life of this church. This position is a strong team player who is considered a full partner with the ministerial and worship committee staff.

Job Responsibilities

This is a part time position with a minimum of 2-4 hours per week consisting of the following:

Developing a choir with rehearsal at least one hour to two hours per week in preparation for the Sunday service or other special music programs. (Either Sunday morning or a weekday)

Sunday worship will consist of at least one / two hours for the service. (Typically, only the main worship service one hour from 11am to 12 noon.) The music will be chosen by the pastor with the recommendation from this position. This music consists of traditional and some contemporary programming along with some traditional gospel Christian music.

This position will communicate faithfully with the pastor on a regular basis. This position will also be expected to communicate well and in a friendly manner with the church leadership including the Session, choir members and members of the congregation.

Music Competencies

Ability in a wide range of styles of music but more focused on Christian classics (hymns) but can develop a future for contemporary music to be included in the future needs of the worship service.

A high degree of competence on a church organ and piano is necessary.

Some degree of composing, arranging, and writing is a plus.

Qualifications

*Authentic relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord

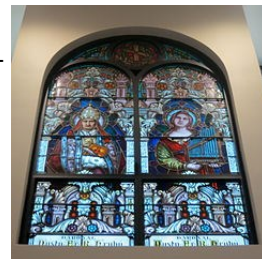
*Love and respect for people

* Equivalent experience and qualifications with attested musical skills and qualifications

Salary

Open and negotiable consistent with candidate's qualifications and experience

Position opened until filled



Woodburn Has a Temporary Treasurer But we are looking for a permanent replacement.

Upon the departure of John Cole, John Crowder has been named Woodburn's "Acting" Treasurer. Woodburn is asking if any member would be willing to volunteer to fill this position. If you would like to consider this please contact Harry Blakeslee (Finance Chairman). This is a non-paid—volunteer position which requires keeping up with the financial records of the church including paying bills, Budget summaries for the Session and maintaining the "Books" of the church. Please if you have any experience in this take this opportunity in giving your talents to the glory of God and Woodburn —We need YOU! Thanks

Internet and web News.

On-line Giving is up and running. If you like giving or paying bills on-line this is for you! Simple and easy.. You can designate any amounts to any program in our church including but not necessarily the following: General, Building fund, 2 Cents per meal. Manna Ministries, cemetery, other —Questions please ask Rodney for help 910 371-3055

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Also We have a ***new FACEBOOK page***—Check it out! We are seeking feedback on if there is interest in putting the Worship Service on **FACEBOOK Live** -let us know if you may be interested in supporting this.