

SHORELINES FROM LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings from Pastor Chris!

Greetings,

If you have not heard me say it yet; thank you from the Eason family! My family and I have immediately felt the love and welcome spirit at LWMC and look forward to the future. In December, I was able to spend some time during the week looking around the community and spent Sunday mornings in worship. Those worship services were so special with Hanging of the Greens, Children and Youth led service, and more. The Advent season culminated with a great Christmas Eve morning service and of course the candlelight that night. The weather was perfect as we were able to light candles and walk outside together.

Sunday Feb 4, 12:00

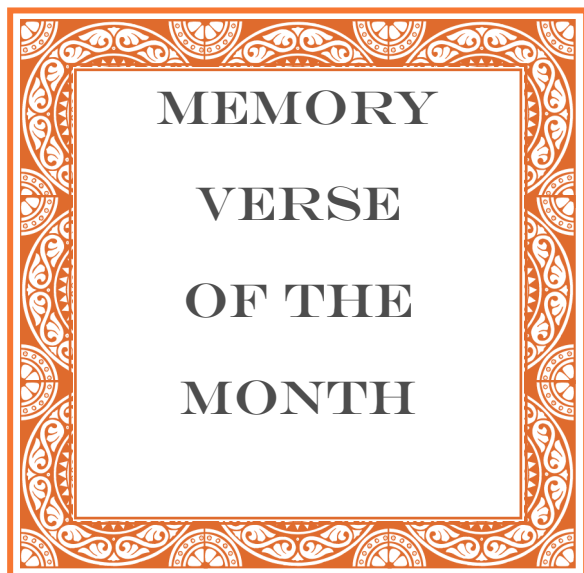
Prayer Ministry Information Meeting

Come sit with Pastor Chris over lunch and talk about prayer ministry moving forward. This ministry will have opportunities to meet on a regular schedule for prayer, outreach, and connection. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the mission of the church. Come to the meeting to hear more details.

Now into January, I am your Pastor full-time. I look forward to sharing messages and conversations with each of you. Over the next few weeks, you will hear me preaching from scripture and applying it to our everyday lives. You will also begin to hear the vision I bring as it relates to the great commandment. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" We are called by God to be Disciples who make Disciples.

In the next month I will develop regular office hours and you are welcome to come by and visit. Those days and times will be announced soon. My church email and cell number are available as well to schedule a time to visit and talk. I look forward to learning more about the history within the church as well as growing together. Over the next month, I look forward to getting to know you all better. God bless you and see you soon,

In Christ,
Pastor Chris Eason
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Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Go therefore and make
disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit

NEWSLETTER:

Submit info/pictures for the newsletter by the 25th of
each month to
lakewaccamawmethodist@gmail.com

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What's Happening at LWMC

*Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** Choir Practice— All are invited to join us. We are asking for all church members to consider joining the choir, as this is an important ministry.

Ladies' Lunch Out will be on January 10th at Dales at 1130 am. Please join us for fellowship and friendship!

Youth Update

The Youth will begin the New Year with a party on January 7th at 5 pm in the Hut! Bring a white elephant gift and snack or appetizer to share.

The Youth will be looking for a service project for the Spring. Contact the Youth Leaders if you know of anyone with a need.



50+Annual Christmas Party

50's + celebrated with their annual Christmas party with the theme JOY. Russian tea and delightful Hord 'oeuvres were enjoyed. We had a fun time with "white elephant" exchange. Merry, the Pink Flamingo, made her final appearance. Join us next year for fun and fellowship. See Mary K. Burney to get your name on the list. Merry Christmas and blessed Happy New Year!

Youth/Teens, Little Lambs (Ages 2-4), Kids Following Christ (K-Grade 2) & Book It! (Grades 3- 5) is every **Sunday at 5pm**. Let's feed all these sheep on **Sunday evening** for the week ahead!

We have nursery for Church and Sunday School! Please let Mrs. Patty know when you can volunteer to help so our young parents can attend services. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



REVIVAL at Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church!

SAVE THE DATE: March 10, 11, & 12 at 6:00 pm each night

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CHRISTMAS 2023—SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!

We want to thank everyone who had a part in making our Advent Season so special. Our church was decorated beautifully, but more importantly, it was filled with people celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



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Spirit-led New Year's Resolutions: Seeking God's Guidance in 2024 and Beyond

God's Word reminds us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, submit to Him and He will direct your path" Proverbs 3:5-6.

As we enter a new year, many people may think about New Year's resolutions. We all have different opinions about the making of New Year's resolutions. Some do, some don't. Why would we even want to make New Year's resolutions since only about 10% of resolutions are kept? Most resolutions revolve around living healthier lives through weight loss, smoking cessation, increased exercise, financial changes, career or school goals, and similar personal improvement actions.

The tradition of making New Year resolutions dates back to around 4000 BC as the Babylonians celebrated the planting of the harvest in the Akitu festival. During the celebration, people would recommit their loyalty to the king and vow to their pagan gods to return anything that was borrowed and repay any debt. The Romans continued the tradition of making New Year's resolutions, as they promised Janus, their two-faced god, they would act better.

In time, the tradition of New Year's resolutions entered Christianity focusing on recommitment to God and establishing annual priorities that align with God's will. In 1700s, John Wesley created the Covenant Renewal Service as a time of confession, repentance, and re-dedication to fully yielding to God's will in humble service.

Wesley journaled about these services, stressing how important it was for Christians to focus on God's gracious gift of salvation. Wesley wrote:

Tuesday, January 1, 1771 – "A large congregation met at Spitalfields in the evening, in order to renew, with one heart, and one voice, their covenant with God. This was not in vain, the Spirit of glory, and of God, as usual, rested upon them."

We can carry on our Methodism tradition this New Year by recommitting ourselves to God and asking God to guide us in His will. Romans 12:2 (NIV) reminds us: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

- Read God's word daily and let the Holy Spirit guide you in application of scripture through prayer
- Attend worship to connect with God in union with His community of believers
- Be involved in small group discipleship meetings, Bible study, or other Christian growth opportunities. Remember—disciples make disciples!
- Commit to at least one area of service to others. Prayerfully seek God's guidance in finding service areas to help build God's kingdom.
- Pray for opportunities to share your Christian faith with others, reaching out to the un-churched.
- Develop your God-given spiritual gifts and talents. Use tools to help like the Spiritual Gift Assessment Tool at <https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>

As we start a new year, seek God's guidance, commit your plans to Him, approach your endeavors with diligence, and trust in His providence. The Christian sanctification journey involves a process of growth and learning. Go to God with a humble and prayerful heart, relying on His strength, and aligning one's goals with biblical principles.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) tells us: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

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