

The Beacon



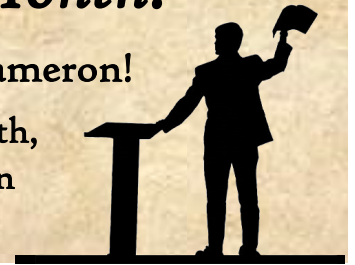
The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12

October 2021

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

A big **THANK YOU** to Pastor Dave and Pastor Cameron!

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹ Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)



Youth Stew Fundraiser

We'll be cooking the stew on Saturday, October 9th starting at 7am. We need your help by donating ingredients. Cost of the stew is \$8/quart. Please sign up in the Welcome Center to donate ingredients and/or purchase stew. All proceeds go towards upcoming mission trips.



Night falls. Biscuits rise. Money gets raised!

This year the **Baptist Women** are partnering with Biscuitville for their annual **Breakfast After Dark** event, on **Tuesday, October 12th**, from 5pm to 8pm. Swing by the Biscuitville at 402 N. Madison Blvd, Roxboro, to enjoy all your breakfast favorites for dinner. This year's event will be **drive-thru only**, and we'll receive 20% of all proceeds generated in our name that evening. So, when you order, be sure to tell the cashier to add your order to **Red Mountain Baptist Women**. It's only one night, so don't miss out!



All Children (K - 5th Grade) are invited to lunch at church, and then head out to B² Farm in Rougemont on Sunday, October 24th at 12:15p. Returning to church at 5:00pm. A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

If you have any questions, please see; Ashley Crabtree, Heather Glenn, Karen Hall, or Chelsey Mullins.





**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

Growing up, many of us heard or even said the saying "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." We would say that because someone said something mean to us and we wanted them to know that it did not bother us. But as we grew older, we found out that saying is a lie. Words do hurt us.

As I look around the world today, I see how many people use their words to hurt others. If you don't agree with them, they call you names and say untrue things about you. If you do something they don't like, they say mean things to you or about you. If you don't fall in line with the way they think, they try and convince others to have nothing to do with you.

What we say is powerful. Our words can be used for good or for bad. Too often we quickly say something as a reaction before we truly think about what we are saying. Many of our mothers told us to "think before we speak." Maybe we need to start living that way. Or maybe we need to realize the power of our words. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." As Christians we can use our words to bring people to Jesus by sharing the Gospel. But if we are not careful, we can also use our words to turn people away from Jesus by saying mean and hurtful things. It is time that we as Christians live differently than the world and remember the power of our words and use our words to bring people to Jesus.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

**Building
Loan Balance**
(as of 09/24/2021)
\$ 371,779



Tuesday, Oct. 5th ~ 6:45p

**'Job' by Lisa Harper
(Lesson 7)**

We'll meet in the Family Life Center

Baptist Women News

You can purchase RADA Cutlery and other kitchen products by clicking this link: radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946 or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer **All RADA products are proudly made in the USA!** Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

Women of Joy Conference - "Embrace Joy" April 22 - 24, 2022 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Speakers include; Liz Curtis Higgs, Lisa Bevere, Crystal Evans Hurst, and Sheila Walsh, with Matthew West in concert. Rates are (per person): \$209 - 4/Room; \$249 - 3/Room; \$299 - 2/Room; \$399 - 1/Room. A \$25 deposit is due by 11/21/21 and the remaining balance is due 2/13/22. Please make checks payable to RMBC and give to Jenn Shull. For more information, see Jenn or go to womenofjoy.org



It's time to start buying items to pack in those shoeboxes! A few examples; Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Socks, Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons, Jump Rope, Yo-Yo's, Comb, Sunglasses, etc. Go to samaritanspurserg.org/occ for more gift ideas and what *not* to pack. We'll have cardboard OCC shoeboxes ready to pick up later in the month in the Welcome Center. Help us reach our goal of 100 boxes.

Parent/Child Dedication

October 10, 2021



If you would like to participate in the parent/child dedication, please see Pastor Dave.



Monday, Oct. 18th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

"The Bondage Breaker"

Overcoming: Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins

"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

Barbara Walker and Reid Walker in the death of Barbara's sister and Reid's aunt, Linda Cohn



New Members

Scott and Marie Bradley

(by statement)



Church Choir Practice begins Wednesday, Oct. 6th at 6:15pm. Sixth Grade and older are welcome to join. See Pastor Cameron if you have any questions.

Congratulations to:

Don and Connie Garrett on the birth of their granddaughter, Emersyn Rose Garrett

Mason and Amanda Shuler on the birth of their daughter, and Barry and Nancy Shuler on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Jane Shuler



Our Current Trustees

- Terry Carden
- Wesley Davis
- Rodney Laughinghouse
- Ray Moore

OCTOBER 2021

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes: <i>Pastor appreciation month</i>					1 Secret Sister Reveal Dinner 7p	2 <i>Devin Brack Jewel Clayton Cassie Gillie Kerry McKenzie</i>
3 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon's Mtg 4p <i>Terry Carden Brittany MacDonald</i>	4 Church Council Mtg 7p	5 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	6 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	7 Youth Bible Study /Lewis' Home 6:30p <i>Tori Turner</i>	8 <i>Colby Proctor</i>	9 Youth Stew Fundraiser 7am / Pickup 11am
10 Worship Service/ Parent/Child Dedication 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Dustin Craven Kate Proctor</i>	11 <i>Paul Hall</i>	12 B.A.D @Biscuitville 5-8pm <i>Elyssa Koutsis</i>	13 Missions Night 7p	14 <i>Mason Shuler</i>	15 <i>David Glenn JoLea MacDonald</i>	16
17 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Kyndall Chambers</i>	18 Men of Iron 7p <i>Wesley Davis</i>	19	20 Wed. Night Svc.& Monthly Business Service 7p	21 <i>Tina Blomberg</i>	22 <i>Sheila Capel Joy Colvard</i>	23 <i>Christopher Brack</i>
24 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Kids Ministry Event 12:15p <i>Kim Jackson</i>	25	26	27 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p <i>Don Sharp</i>	28	29	30 <i>Dwayne Taylor</i>
31 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Collins DiMeo</i>	<h2>Memory Verse</h2> <p>“Death and life <i>are</i> in the power of the tongue.”</p> <p>Proverbs 18:21</p>					



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Dear churchgoer,

You may not know it, but this is a significant month for your pastor. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, bringing with it a complex mix of conflicting thoughts and emotions for most pastors.

A few weeks ago, I spoke with a pastor friend about his recent day off. He was shopping at Home Depot, quickly grabbing a few items for a home project. After checking out, he bumped into a congregant in the parking lot. You can probably guess what happened—a short greeting turned into a much longer conversation. The congregant shared a number of difficult things happening in the church and in his own spiritual life. Each question from the pastor uncovered five new frustrations. Forty-five minutes later, they finally parted ways.

I asked the pastor how he felt in that moment. “It was my day off,” he said, “but I don’t really have a day off. I mean, when am I *not* a pastor?” This always-on, week-in, week-out grind takes a toll on pastors and their families. It’s why leadership guru Peter Drucker said this:

Over the years I have made a career out of studying the most challenging management roles out there. After all of that I am now convinced the two most difficult jobs in the world are these—one, to be President of the United States, and two, to be the leader of a church.

Ministry is an amazing call, full of great joys and significant moments in people’s lives: officiating weddings, presiding over funerals, seeing first-hand how lives are changed for Christ. But it’s also full of tension: intense conflict, unrealistic expectations, relational strain, and, at times, soul-aching loneliness.

I know this firsthand. I served as a local church pastor for 15 years. Now that I’m no longer serving in that role, I want to share an insider’s perspective about your pastor’s sacred yet difficult calling. Here are a few things your pastor is probably thinking, but won’t tell you during Pastor Appreciation Month.

Whether or not your church recognizes Pastor Appreciation Month, it’s on your pastor’s mind. - Pastor Appreciation Month (originally called Clergy Appreciation Month) was established in 1992 by a group of pastors and church leaders to honor those who serve in ministry. They grounded the celebration in Paul’s words to Timothy: “The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double

honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Tim. 5:17). No, it’s not an official holiday, but it is nationally recognized, like Boss Appreciation Day and Administrative Assistant Day. And chances are, your pastor is thinking about it this month.

Last year a pastor called me on November 1. When I asked my friend how he was doing he said, “Another year, another Pastor Appreciation Month ...” his voice trailing off into silence. I knew exactly what he was saying. He wasn’t fishing for compliments or looking to be congratulated, but he couldn’t hide his disappointment. He felt invisible, like his congregation was taking him for granted. “As long as people are pleased,” he told me, “they say nothing.”

This pastor is not self-serving. He’s humble, faithful, and gracious. But during that phone call, I realized that one of the greatest gifts someone in his church could have given him at that moment would have been a simple, hand-written card or a quick text of gratitude for his faithfulness to the congregation. I was also struck by another thought: *How was the congregation supposed to know he was in such need of encouragement?*

You don’t have to go all-out for Pastor Appreciation

Month. - Pastors have told me they wept tears of joy when they read an out-of-the-blue note of encouragement.

Whatever you do—a sincere Facebook shout out, a two-minute word of affirmation during the Sunday announcements, a heart-felt email, a handwritten note, or an arm around your pastor in the hallway between services—know it carries more weight than you may realize.

Pastors don’t always get this ministry thing right. They may not preach as well as you prefer, pray as much as you deserve, counsel as well as you need, or lead as well as you desire. They know this because they feel it deep in their bones and because congregants are often quick to tell them so. Ministry can be difficult.

Still, most pastors are trying their best to serve and lead and pray and listen and preach and love as faithfully as they can. They won’t say publicly that they think about Pastor Appreciation Month every October, but many of the pastors I talk with do. Everyone needs a little encouragement now and then. That includes your pastor.

Sincerely,

J. R. Briggs

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