

The Beacon The Beacon



Jesus said; "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

April 2022



CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 2nd ~ 8:00am

**Gutter Cleaning • Window Washing
Pressure Wash • Small Projects**

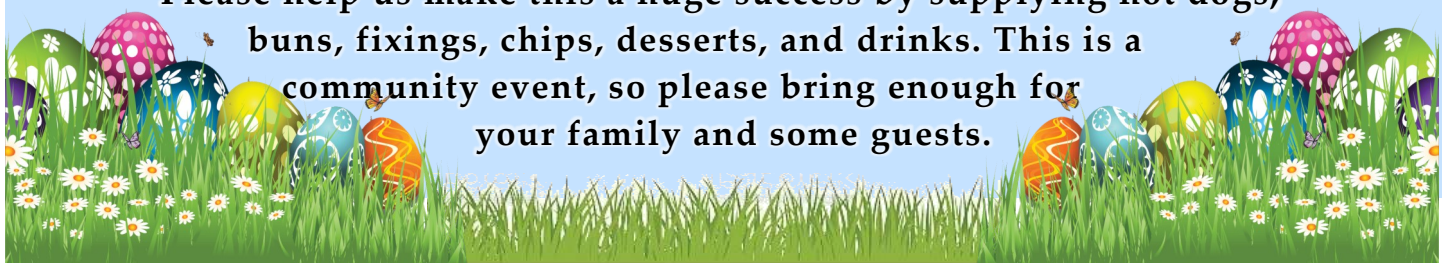
Please come and help out as we take care of the facilities that God has so graciously blessed us with.

Community Easter Egg Hunt & Hot Dog Dinner

Saturday, April 9, 2022 ~ 4:00pm

Children of all ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Dinner.

Please help us make this a huge success by supplying hot dogs, buns, fixings, chips, desserts, and drinks. This is a community event, so please bring enough for your family and some guests.



Easter is approaching quickly, and we want to invite our community to celebrate with us! Please pick up the invite cards, located in the foyer and in the Welcome Center, and give them out to invite people to our Easter activities and services.

Join us on *Palm Sunday*, for our *Church Choir Easter Celebration*
Sunday, April 10th, at 8:45am & 11:00am worship service.

Easter Sunday ~ April 17th
7:00am - Sunrise Service
7:30am - Breakfast (covered dish)
8:45am & 11am - Easter Services

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15



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

We all know life can be tough and sometimes overwhelming. We face different circumstances daily that can try us and even discourage us. Sometimes those circumstances could wear on us in such a way that we might feel like giving up. Let me remind you what the apostle Paul said in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." As we live for the Lord and serve Him daily, we are encouraged and challenged to not give up. I know you may be saying, "But how? It is so hard to live for Him sometimes and do what is good." Remember, you are not doing this alone. Jesus has told us to lean on Him for the strength and the rest we need. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said, "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light." A yoke was a piece of wood that rested upon the shoulders of two animals that were pulling the load. Jesus says, "take My yoke upon you." He wants us to come to Him for the rest and strength we need. He does not expect you to carry the load by yourself. So, lean on Jesus. Let Him sustain you every day and give you what you need. Then you will be able to bear those trying circumstances you face. And as Paul said, "for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." You will see the result of all the good you are doing for the Lord. So, let me encourage you to not give up. Lean on the Lord and us as well because we are here to support you also.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



Tuesday, April 5th ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)

Ladies, join us for a time of study and fellowship as we continue with "**Better: A Study of Hebrews**" by Jen Wilkin.

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 Welcome Center. Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, April 21st, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$12 for your meal. Please RSVP to Foy, at 336-364-2283 by April 17th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.



**We Received a
Thank You Note From:**

- ✍ Family of Justin Crabtree
- ✍ Life Choices of Roxboro

We are continuing to collect for the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. Please pray about what the Lord would have you give and then use the specially marked envelopes for your offering. Our church goal is \$2,700. 100% of your gift supports North American Missions.

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**Building
Loan Balance**
(as of 03/11/2022)
\$ 326,309



Monday, April 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

Get ready for our **15th Annual RMBC Baptist Men's Golf Tournament** on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Lake Winds Golf Course. The tournament is open to everyone, ages 12 and up. Cost is \$55/person; \$220/Team of 4. Prizes will be awarded at a luncheon following the tournament. A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center or see Don Garrett or Wally Watson if you have any questions.



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✍ Garnet Ellis and her family in the death of her aunt, Amy Davis
- ✍ Don Sharp and his family in the death of his mother, Mary Sharp

Play The Speed of Sound

Howard E. Butt, Jr.

Gil's quick wit was the stuff of legend. The right crack at the right time? Gil had it. He was funny. No, he was hilarious. People shook their heads, amused and amazed.

One day Gil tossed off a put-down about a coworker's looks. Predictably, it got great laughs from people nearby. But Gil's words continued to fly through the office at the speed of sound.

Soon the object of the laughter came to Gil. "You talk a lot about your faith," she said, "but I *hear* who you are."

Coworkers may never know what we believe, but there's no doubt about what we *say* and *do* . . . in the high calling of our daily work. *"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be."* (James 3:9-10)

APRIL 2022

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9					1	2 Church Workday 8am <i>Cindy Ellis Jeff Smith</i>
3 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon’s Mtg 4p	4 <i>Nick Young</i>	5 Women’s Bible Study 6:45p <i>Cade Dunn Weldon Gresham</i>	6 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p <i>Caroline Martin</i>	7	8 <i>Amy Blalock</i>	9 Community Easter Egg Hunt & Hot Dog Dinner 4p
10 Palm Sunday Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Savannah Davis Tabitha Stone</i>	11	12 <i>Darrell Ellis</i>	13 Missions Night	14	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday Sunrise Serv. 7am Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Camryn Dunn</i>	18 Men of Iron 7p 	19	20 Monthly Business Mtg & Wed. Night Service 7p	21 <i>Heather Glenn Joey Glenn</i>	22 Women of Joy Conference	23 <i>Tracy Clayton</i>
24 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am WOJ Conf.	25 <i>Stephanie Turner</i>	26 <i>Jesse Capel</i>	27 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	28	29 <i>Raley Gentry</i>	30 <i>Grant Jordan</i>



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In the Shadow of the Cross

Kathy Thomas

How can a good and loving God allow all of this pain and suffering?

I stood silently, alone in the hospital room, watching my baby breathe with my hand carefully placed on his back, hoping to feel his heart still beating. His breathing was frighteningly shallow and his skin was an eerie bluish grey. He had been unconscious for what seemed like an eternity. My clothes were soaked with his blood and waste, and the smell was almost as overwhelming as the pain in my heart.

As the doctors prepared for emergency surgery, they placed him in my arms, and I cradled him close to my chest. He was filthy, but I didn't care. He was my son. Nothing was going to keep me from holding him tight, as I sang over him in the suffering and waiting.

When the doctors took him from my arms, the reality struck me that I was spattered in his innocent blood. The full weight of Calvary hit me in that moment. It was both crushing and freeing at the same time. I had understood the facts of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, accepted His free gift of salvation, and surrendered my life to His Lordship years before.

But, today I was speechless as I endured the "privilege" that most people will never experience of literally being covered in the innocent blood of my beloved son. There is a depth of the gospel that is incomprehensible until you have experienced such a thing. It seared into my soul how great the Father's love must be for us, that He would allow His beloved only Son to endure such undeserved suffering, spill His innocent blood to cover our filth and shame, and draw us near to Himself.

There was no person in this world for whom I would have even considered trading my son's life. He is my Beloved. How great the Father's love must be for us. My son survived his brush with death. But, the experience awakened me to the reality that whenever tragedy strikes, we often forget the suffering Jesus

endured for our sakes. We get angry when life is painful and forget that nothing we will ever endure could even begin to compare to His suffering on the cross of Calvary. We forget that God lovingly and willingly offered His Son to suffer the punishment for our sins, spill His precious innocent blood, and die in our place... and Jesus lovingly and willingly accepted the task.

We often forget that much of our pain comes from the consequences of our own sinful and rebellious choices, and all of our pain is the result of mankind's rejection of God. It goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden, when God offered mankind a life free of pain and suffering, but mankind wanted a life free of God, instead. Mankind chose to rebel against God, and pain and suffering was the consequence.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23 NKJV.

But God, in His infinite mercy, had compassion on us and rescued us from our self condemnation:

"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much

more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" Romans 5:6-9 NKJV.

In the shadow of the cross, it is hard to condemn God for allowing us to suffer. We come to Him covered in our own filth, and He cradles us to His chest, holds us tight, and sings over us in our suffering and waiting. In the light of our salvation, it is even harder for us to comprehend how great the Father's love for us must truly be.

Can God change your life? God has made it possible for you to know Him and experience an amazing change in your own life.

