



# 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

**June 2022**

## Congratulations 2022 Graduates !



### High School Graduates:

Katie Brooks - Home Schooled • Cade Dunn - Voyager Academy  
Courtland Salter - Roxboro Community School

### College Graduates:

Katie Brooks - Piedmont Community College - Associates in Arts  
Camryn Dunn - East Carolina University - Bachelor in Business Administration / Marketing  
Nicholas Fuller - North Carolina State University - Bachelor of Science in Biological and Agricultural Engineering Technology  
Luke Gillie - University of North Carolina / Charlotte - Bachelor of Arts in Architecture  
Wally Watson - Piedmont Community College - Level 1 & 2 Firefighter Certification

## Happy Father's Day! ~ June 19th



**"Dad" is  
a son's  
first hero,  
and a  
daughter's  
first love**

A young successful attorney said: "The greatest gift I ever received was a gift I got one Christmas when my dad gave me a small box. Inside was a note saying, 'Son, this year I will give you 365 hours, an hour every day after dinner. It's yours. We'll talk about what you want to talk about, we'll go where you want to go, play what you want to play. It will be your hour!'"

"My dad not only kept his promise," he said, "but every year he renewed it—and it's the greatest gift I ever had in my life. I am the result of his time."

"Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3 (NLT)

## VBS Volunteers Needed

July 24th-27th

**SPARK Studios - 'Created in Christ • Designed for God's Purpose'**

"For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

As a volunteer, you will help *spark* imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. This year, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.

We need your help!

Please see or [email](#) Kim Pearson to help out in any capacity!





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

People stand up for many things today in our society. People stand up for their political candidate, their family, their view on free speech, their health, their view on second amendment rights, their religion, their view on abortion, and so on. People get passionate about what they stand up for because they care about these people and/or issues. They are not ashamed to take a stand.

What do we as Christians stand for? We need to stand up for the truth of God's Word. There are too many people who are compromising their view or belief in God's Word today. There are too many preachers who are watering down what God's Word says. Many Christians are giving into the pressure to not stand up for what God's Word says and go along with what society says.

Are we, as Christians, ashamed to take a stand for God's Word and for the Gospel? Are we giving into the pressure to conform to society? Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." Never forget what the Gospel has done in your life. It has brought salvation to your life. It has the power to change your life for the better. It is time that we get passionate about the Gospel, not be ashamed of it, and share it with our society. After all, it has the power to change everyone's life.

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*

**Building  
Loan Balance**  
(as of 05/12/2022)  
**\$ 323,311**



**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](http://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, June 23rd, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$12 for your meal. Please RSVP to Foy at 336-364-2283 or Susan at 336-364-7777 by June 19th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.



*We extend our sympathy  
and prayers to:*

✂ Laura Pryor and her family in the death of her cousin, Sean Burbage



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

**Dad Jokes...** What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire!

What rock group has four men that don't sing? Mount Rushmore



Join Us For...

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

10:00a -10:45a

We have children's classes from Nursery to 5th Grade. Classes for Youth, College & Career, and 4 Adult Classes from which to choose. Something for everyone!



Men of Iron Bible Study is on break for the summer and will resume in September with a new study.

**How To Serve God**

Dr. Charles Stanley

When we encounter opportunities to serve God, we don't always respond in the way He desires. Perhaps we think we can't because our schedule is too busy or we don't feel qualified.

Those knee-jerk reactions slam a door closed before we've discovered whether or not the Lord wants us to go through it. You've probably never thought of a refusal to serve God as a type of idolatry, but that's what it is—bowing down to self instead of submitting to Him.

The Lord desires that His servants be willing to do anything—and that they will seek His specific plan for them. He uniquely gifts followers to serve according to His will. But when we've already decided what we can't do, won't do, or are ill-equipped to do, then we're acting by our own will. That doesn't work.

You may serve the Lord as a godly parent, as a factory worker who shares the gospel with coworkers, or as a friend who takes time to listen to the hurting. No restriction exists on what God can do through the life of a willing helper. The strength of His Spirit overcomes human limitations. Don't have enough courage? God can fix that. Don't have the right skills? God can fix that.

Laying down our excuses is the wisest thing to do when serving the Lord. Trust that He will empower you to do whatever He calls you to do—and will see to it that you're properly equipped and trained to do it ([Eph. 2:10](#); [2 Tim. 3:16-17](#)).

All He asks is that you say yes.

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## Armed and Ready

[Daphne Delay](#)

When I was growing up, my stepdad was a plumber. It wasn't unusual for him to have to crawl under houses or up into attics to work on someone's faulty pipes. One time, he was squeezing into a crawl space under a pier and beam foundation when he saw a giant snake. He said it wasn't a grass snake. It looked more like someone's pet snake that had gotten loose and was living comfortably under this old house.

Needless to say, he had to fix the plumbing but didn't trust the snake, so very carefully he held a blow torch in one hand (that he could aim towards the snake occasionally to keep him at a distance) while he worked with his other hand to fix the pipes.

I don't know if I could've done it, but there's a story in Nehemiah that reminds me of my dad's bravery.

The walls of Jerusalem were being rebuilt and Israel's enemies weren't happy about it. There was threat of attack all the time. The Bible says,

"... with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built ..." (Nehemiah 4:17-18 NKJV).

And just like my dad, they got the job done.

Today, we can use this imagery as a pattern of how to navigate our own lives. All of us are living constantly in a world influenced by the original snake—the devil. John said,

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19 NKJV).

In other words, the enemy is always nearby and we would be foolish to put our weapons down while building for the kingdom of God.

It's not either/or.

It's imperative that we understand the importance of putting our hand to the plow so to speak, while also

ready with the weapons of our warfare.

And the best weapon any of us can carry is the Word of God.

When the enemy lunges at us unexpectedly, we need to be ready to use our authority and keep him at bay. Too often, Christians either spend all their time warding off the enemy and forget to take ground for God, or they get so focused on the task at hand they forget there's an enemy who has only one agenda—to kill, steal, and destroy.

At all times we must stay aware.

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16 NKJV).

The New Living Translation says,

"Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days."

The best way to make the most of our opportunities is to keep our eyes on God while keeping a sword by our side—the sword of the Spirit.

This simply means we stay ready and armed at all times. Nehemiah told his nobles to be ready but he also encouraged the people that God would fight for them. The same is true for us. Although we need

to stay armed and ready, God doesn't expect us to fight (or build) alone.

The Holy Spirit is within us. And I promise He has a fire that is greater than any blow torch. When we wield our sword (God's Word) under the influence of the Spirit, there's nothing we can't accomplish. And no enemy that can stop the work of God.

So stay armed. Stay ready. Keep your hand to the plow. God is watching over you.

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