



# 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

July 2022

Children's Ministry

## SUMMER POOL PARTY

KIDS K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES ARE INVITED!

SUNDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 12:00P



We'll meet in the Family Life Center immediately after the 11am worship service. Lunch will be provided. Have your child bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, change of clothes, etc. We will have the kids change at the church and load them on the church van to head to the pool! Please plan on picking your child up at 5:00pm at Joe & Joyce Glenn's pool.

See Ashley Crabtree or Heather Glenn if you need the address or more information.

**Please sign up in the Family Life Center**



## Vacation Bible School

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

There are classes for **All** ages, babies to adults. This program will help *spark* imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. This year, kids (of ALL ages) 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. We'll see the beautiful truth that we are God's workmanship as we learn to use our talents to bring glory to Him.

VBS classes will begin Sunday, July 24th at 6p through Tuesday, the 26th. *Family Night* will be Wednesday at 6p followed by a spaghetti and salad dinner.



**Avoid the line on Sunday evening and register online: <https://forms.gle/MWXdJgm7M8xeL2xd9>**

We still need a few volunteers! Please see or [email](mailto:) Kim Pearson to help out in any capacity!



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

So many people wander aimlessly through life because they feel like they have no purpose. They are not even sure why they are here. However, we know that God has a purpose and a plan for our lives. He has placed you where you are for a reason.

In the book of Esther, we read how Esther became queen. She did not become queen just because she was beautiful and was pleasing to the king. God placed Esther as queen for a reason. Her uncle, Mordecai, reminded Esther of this in Esther 4:14 where he says, "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" God had placed Esther as queen at just the right time to save the Jewish people from being killed.

No matter where you are in life, God has placed you there for a reason. You may feel like you have no purpose, but remember God has a purpose for you. Stop and ask God why He has placed you there. What purpose does He have for you? God wants to use you greatly to impact those around you with the Gospel. Sometimes we just need to be reminded that we are placed there "for such a time as this." Don't miss the purpose God has for you.

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*



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

Life Choices of Roxboro

**Building  
Loan Balance**  
(as of 06/11/2022)  
**\$ 315,278**

*Women's*  
**Bible Study**



There will be no Women's Bible Study for July.

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, July 21st, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan Cross at 336-364-7777 by July 17th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.

**RMBC  
Youth News**

**Pray for, encourage, and support our youth in these upcoming events in July.**

**18-22 Youth FUGE Missions**

**24-27 Vacation Bible School**

(Yes, there's a class for teens)

**30 Youth Lake Day**

**31 Youth Sunday - 8:45a and**

**11a Worship Service**

**See Cameron or Dawne Lewis for more info and get plugged in!!**



*We extend our sympathy and prayers to:*

- ✂ Matthew Dew in the death of his grandmother, Sheila York
- ✂ Garnet Ellis in the death of her aunt, Jeanette Davis
- ✂ Elyssa and John Michael Koutsis and their family in the death of their grandfather, Jimmy Koutsis
- ✂ Brenda Sharp and her family in the death of her sister-in-law, Doris Sutphin
- ✂ David Strum and his family in the death of his mother, Joyce Lunsford

**MEN  
OF  
IRON  
BIBLE STUDY**

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

**Worrying About the What Ifs**

When I was a boy, we had pre-air-conditioning features on our car called "wings." Little vertical windows that directed outside air into the car. Open the wing and air would hit the glass and fly into the car.

The downside was that the wing also directed anything that was flying in the air into the car.

One Sunday (on the way to church) a bee hit the wing, was jettisoned into the car and got caught in my sweater. I began screaming, "A bee! Agh! Mom! It's a bee! I'm gonna die!" "Pipe down!" my sympathetic mom shouted." If you don't bother the bee, it won't bother you."

I didn't know what bothered a bee. What if the bee didn't want to go to church? Certainly any bee that just hit a piece of glass at 60 mph would be bothered already.

The "what ifs" of life often paralyze us. What if the stock market crashes? What if I lose my job?

Here's what the Bible says about that kind of worry.

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"*

*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6:25-27)*


In verse 33 God gives the best antidote to worry:

*"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

**If you're wondering what happened to the bee? I killed it with my Bible.** <https://www.kendavis.com/>

# JULY 2022

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Memory Verse</b>					1	2
“Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for <i>such</i> a time as this?” Esther 4:14					<i>Brenda Owens</i>	
<b>3</b> Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	<b>4</b>  <i>Beth Chambers</i> <i>Sue DeBlanc</i> <i>Phillip Ellis</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>Leigh Watson</i>	<b>6</b> Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	<b>7</b>  <i>Dawne Lewis</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Kid's Pool Party 12p	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Missions Night 7p	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <i>James Ellis</i> <i>Lane Ellis</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Wed. Night Service 7p	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Youth FUG E Mission Trip</b>						
<i>Sheila Compton</i>	<i>Linda Weaver</i>	<i>Tracie Humphries</i>		<i>Jacob Jackson</i> <i>Mutt Jeffries</i>	<i>Ellen Clayton</i> <i>Joe Glenn</i>	<i>Chris Turner</i>
<b>24</b> Worship Service 8:45a & 11a	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Youth Lake Day
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>						
<i>Hank Taylor</i>		<i>Greta Parker</i>	<i>Colton Watson</i>	<i>Lorri Dunn</i>		<i>Adelynn Glenn</i>
<b>31</b> Youth Sunday/ Worship Service 8:45a & 11a						





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## Independence Day Every Day ~Missey Butler

I can honestly say I never knew the real meaning of freedom. I thought I knew what it meant because I am "American made." I was born and raised in the United States of America just like those *amber waves of grain*. I would stand tall and proud while abiding under the mighty banner of the red, white, and blue! I love apple pie and hot dogs. As a high school majorette, I faithfully twirled my baton in many Fourth of July parades. My family would beam with pride as they waved their sparklers under the evening sky. The illuminated showers of cascading fireworks awed us.

I would stand proud, shoulder to shoulder, with my fellow patriots at the baseball park, straining through the heartfelt stanzas of the "Star-Spangled Banner". I was always quick to place my hand over my heart while nudging my brother to remove his cap as the national anthem was beginning to play.

My heart still swells with pride and my eyes get a little glassy at the sight of our flag waving in the breeze. I am, for the most part, one of the ones who sings the loudest when reaching the part about the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The bottom line was that I could no longer shake the feelings of contradiction nor the whispers of hypocrisy that seemed to mock me and my supposed claim to liberty. So I decided to embark on my own private search to find the missing key that would unlock the chains that held me captive.

One of the advantages of sitting under good biblical teaching was that early on, I learned about three major forces that make it their business to ensure that you and I never find out about our God-given spiritual heritage. These diabolical enemies are the world, the flesh, and the devil.

I had my own recent battle in winning this fight for my spiritual freedom. You see, I struggled with a desire to own many of the pretty things I saw. I believe the biblically correct term for this would be that I am influenced by the lust of the eyes. I had a desire to covet things that did not belong to me.

I would often think, *Maybe it's just a woman thing --you know, part of that whole nesting instinct ladies seem to have*. The only problem was I wanted my nest to look the best! Therein lies the problem.

I spent much of my time and energy (not to mention my pocketbook) at modern-day temples known as malls.

Many people worship there religiously, as shown by endless, frivolous spending (myself included).

I was returning home from one of those shopping sprees when I saw a one-line message displayed on a local church sign. The words were simple, but they really packed a punch. What it said was life-changing: "IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO BE OUT OF THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL."

Wham! God allowed the words to pierce right through my idol-ridden heart. I found myself pulling into the church parking lot, turning off the car, and lowering my head. I quietly pleaded with God to take from me this desire for material things, as it had consumed me to the point that I was losing my precious freedom. Immediately, I sensed my spirit lift. It happened the moment I agreed with God that the price was too high. I knew that anything replacing Him as the center of my life was an idol. It had to go!



Together, we did an inventory of my heart, and later that same evening, He took me to Galatians 5:1: "It was for freedom that Christ has made us free; stand firm, lest you fall again under a yoke of slavery".

I soon began to discover that in Christ, we have already been made free (John 8:36). There is a fight of faith that must be won in order to maintain that freedom. After all, it cost the very life of Jesus Himself. Why wouldn't it cost me something?

I've learned a very valuable lesson. Freedom does NOT come free. For me, it's a matter of prayerfully placing a guard on my heart and standing firm with my shield of faith.

One of the keys to walking out this freedom is in knowing that the battle has been won. We simply believe that the jail door has already been swung wide open and that at any point we can walk out and stay out! Many times we are the ones who lock ourselves up because we lose sight of who we are and what we have in Christ.

My heartfelt prayer is that all of us who are called by His name would know and understand that it is His desire that we recognize our freedom, not just one day out of the year, but instead rejoice in claiming our own individual emancipation proclamation every day. Our day of reckoning will arrive when we truly let freedom ring by celebrating our spiritual, as well as physical, Independence Day — today and every day!

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