

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

August 2022

Happy Church Anniversary Pastor Dave & Laura!

Celebrating 18 years of serving at Red Mountain.

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

Children's Ministry 'Rescheduled'

SUMMER POOL PARTY

KIDS K - 5TH GRADES ARE INVITED!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 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

Yates Baptist Association Food Pantry

RMBC will be collecting can goods through September. Much needed items are:

- Peanut Butter • Jelly • Canned Vegetables • Cereals • Soups •
- Pasta • Canned Meats/Tuna • Ketchup • Mayonnaise • Canned/Boxed
- Milk • Canned Fruit • Crackers • Pop Tarts • Juice • Oatmeal • Rice
- Mac-n-Cheese • Instant Potatoes • No Glass please.

Please place your donations in the food barrel located in the Welcome Center.





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

It does not take much effort to look around our society and see that it is becoming increasingly unpopular to be a Christian who lives by the Word of God. Our governmental leaders are attempting to pass laws that are contrary to God's Word. Different groups of people are becoming more vocal about their stance on an issue which goes against God's Word. As we have seen, if someone's beliefs line up with God's Word, then certain people and groups in our society want to silence us or even do away with us.

So, how do we as Christian who want to live by the Word of God respond? Listen to the words of Peter in 1 Peter 3:13-15, "And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are blessed.* 'And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.' But sanctify the Lord God in your

hearts, and always *be* ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." The Christians of Peter's day suffered for their faith, but Peter told them "do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." We are not to live in fear, but instead we are live in such a way that people will notice the difference in our lives. In verse 15, Peter basically says that we are to live in such a way that it is obvious that Jesus is Lord of our life. Then when we do, people will ask us the reason we are living differently. It is then that we will have the opportunity to share Jesus with them. But notice that he says we are to share with "meekness and fear." We are not to get hot headed, but we are to share about our faith calmly and reverently so that it points others to Jesus.

So, as we continue to live in a society that is becoming more hostile toward Christianity, let's strive to live in such a way that our lives and our words point others to Jesus.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✎ Christy Murray and her family in the death of her brother, Richard Hamm
- ✎ Eric Propst and his family in the death of his father, Harry Propst

**When On Vacation, Don't
Take a Break from Worship**

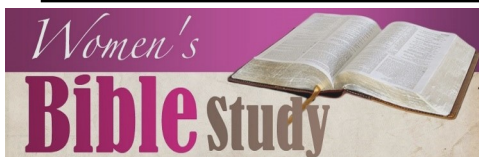
Psalm 115 warns that we become like what we worship. The truth of this is seen in the teen who starts dressing and talking more like his or her favorite celebrity. As we get older, we are still shaped by what we worship, but it often takes different forms.

One of the landmarks at our church is worship. Landmarks help keep you pointed in the right direction when you are traveling. In the same way, right worship of God keeps us going in the right direction on our journey to know Christ. Essentially, worship is showing you value something. It's saying no to things you value less in order to give time or attention or money to the things you really value. Everyone, no matter his or her beliefs, worships; we just have different objects of our worship.

This is all to say, as you travel, camp and enjoy your vacations this summer I'd encourage you not to take a break from worshipping our God. If we truly love him, why would we want to take a break from worshipping Him? Let's talk about a few benefits of worshipping while on vacation. Why should we do it?

To help pass our faith on to the next generation. I believe one of the keys to raising children who love God is to be parents who

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**Tuesday, August 2nd ~ 6:45p
'Better' 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, August 18th, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan Cross at 336-364-7777 by August 14th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.



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

Missions Night is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Come see how we impact our community and surrounding areas through various projects.



**Building
Loan Balance**
(as of 07/12/2022)
\$ 309,660

AUGUST 2022

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Penny Pendleton</i>	2 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	3 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	4 <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> W.V. Mission Trip 4th -7th </div>	5 <i>Christi Davis</i>	6 <i>Craig Watson</i>
7 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	8	9	10 Missions Night 7p	11	12	13
14 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon's Mtg 4p	15 <i>Nathan Young</i>	16	17 Business Mtg & Wed. Night Service 7p	18 <i>Carol Carden</i>	19	20
21 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Dorinda Laughinghouse</i>	22 <i>Steve Copley</i>	23	24 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	25	26	27
28 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Children's Pool Party 12p <i>Wade Ellis Cameron Lewis Adam Riggs</i>	29 Pastor Dave's 18 th Church Anniversary	30 <i>Vic Roberts</i>	31 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	Memory Verse "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always <i>be</i> ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15		



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genuinely love God. When we worship God while on vacation, it helps to show our children we really value him. One constant when my family traveled was Sunday worship. So whether we went to the outdoor amphitheater at a National Park, or listened to a cassette recording of a sermon and sang from old hymnals, or looked up a church to visit in the local phonebook, we worshiped God. From a young age, my parents showed me that worshiping God is a privilege that we enjoy even when no one (or at least our pastor) is watching.

To be encouraged by how God is at work elsewhere.

Often I only think of how God is at work in my own area of life. So when I go to a different church and hear stories of how God is at work there it's a refreshing reminder of how much bigger God is than me! He's at work in so many ways beyond what I can see. To see it in some small church out in the country reminds me there is no place too small for God to give us careful attention.

To be reminded that we are all part of the body of Christ.

A few weeks ago I got a letter on thick stationary with the U.S. Capitol building embossed on it. It was a letter from a young man I met when I visited Capitol Hill Baptist Church back in March. He works as an aid to a congressman, and yet he took time out of his busy schedule to write me a note to express how he had been praying for us and our

church. One of the beautiful things about visiting other believers is that we quickly discover how much we have in common. I often will pray for the people and churches that I visit, and I know many of them have in turned prayed for us.

To be reminded how hard it can be to visit a new church.

It's easy to forget all the questions and fears you have when visiting a new church. How will people dress? Will they do anything weird? Will people say "hi" to me? What do we do with our kids? Visiting a church on vacation gives you a taste of what the visitors here experience each week. It's helpful to be reminded of that so that we as a church can take extra care to welcome visitors and help make our church a friendly place for them.

Find a church to visit while on vacation. If you are camping or in a remote place, it can be a good opportunity to have family worship. Print out a few songs you are familiar with, download a sermon or have your own family Bible study and then pray together. Sometimes some of the best discussions can come out of these times.

In the end, worship is about showing what we value. Vacations are times to be with the people we value most, and certainly God and his people should be part of that.

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