

The Beacon



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

February 2023

FORGED Men's Conference



February 3rd - 5:30pm
February 4th - 8:00am
Antioch Baptist Church, Timberlake, NC

Men, Join us Friday and Saturday, February 3rd & 4th, for our Men's Conference at Antioch Baptist Church.

The cost is \$15 (includes Dinner on Friday night and Breakfast on Saturday morning). Speakers will be David Chambers, Dave Pryor, Jeremy Quist and Brad Wesley. This will be an uplifting time of Fellowship, Bible Study, & Worship.

**Be sure to sign up by Sunday, January 29th.
A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.**

Children's Ministry Event - Sunday, February 12th - 12:00p



Immediately following the 11:00am worship service, children, K-5th Grade, will meet in the Family Life Center to head over to Palace Pointe for Pizza, Bowling, and Arcade. Please have your child to wear socks and tennis shoes. Sign up by Sunday, Feb. 5th, in the Welcome Center. Parents may pick up their child at 4:00pm in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please see Heather Glenn, Karen Hall, Chelsey Mullins, Abbey Perkins, or Donna Reitz.



Baked Potato & Salad Dinner

Saturday, February 25th ~ 5:00pm

Bring your favorite toppings, along with a dessert or beverage.

Lettuce and Potatoes will be provided, but we need you to sign up in the Welcome Center so we can get a count of how many to prepare for.

Baptist Women's Day

Sunday, February 26th

8:45am and 11:00am

Guest Speaker: Sherry Clayton of 'Cry Freedom Missions of Roxboro'

The Baptist Women will be assembling 'Blessing Bags' for the homeless. If you would like to help with donations, there is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for specific items and quantity needed. This Out Reach Ministry is a great way to meet some basic needs for the homeless and share the Gospel with them. If you have any questions, please see Kim Pearson or one of our Baptist Women.





Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month

When you turn on the news, often times you will hear about something bad that someone has done. Many times, they have done something bad to someone else. The sad reality is that we live in a world which is filled with evil and sinfulness therefore people are not always good to each other. Now don't get me wrong, there are a lot of people who do a lot of good and are good to others. What I want us to consider is how good are we to others?

As Christians, God calls us to be good to everyone. Galatians 6:10 says, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." As we go through life, we should look for opportunities to do good to those who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. By doing good to them we might have the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. We are also called to do good to our brothers and sisters in Christ. When we do good to them it encourages them and lifts them up. Above all when we do good to others, God is glorified.

So, as we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, and many people are focused on doing something special for their loved one, let's seek to do good to everyone. After all, Jesus has done the most good for everyone, and we are called to follow His example.

For His glory,

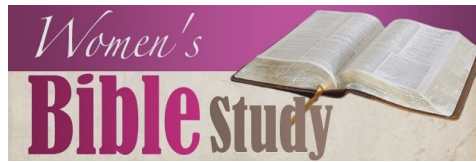
Pastor Dave

Building Loan Balance
(as of 01/13/2022)
\$ 274,731



We Received a Thank You Note From:

Pastor Dave and Laura Pryor



Tuesday, Feb. 7th ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)

'Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion'

by Anne Graham Lotz

You may know something about God and something about Jesus, but what do you know about the Holy Spirit? In this simple yet profound teaching, Anne explores seven key aspects of the Holy Spirit that will revolutionize how you understand and relate to this vital member of the Trinity.

Join us as we begin a new bible study this month. Sign up in the Welcome Center if you would like to order a study guide.

You can purchase **RADA Cutlery** and other kitchen products by clicking this link:

radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946

All RADA products are proudly made in the USA! Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, Feb. 16th, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Feb. 12th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.

Congratulations to:

Liam Barry • Shannon Barry

Tim Barry • Patrick Bowles

James Gabel • Melissa Kidd

Don Sands

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Welcome

New Member

Patrick Bowles

(by profession of faith)



Monday, Feb. 20th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

'33 The Series - A Man and His Design'

33 The Series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth. Each lesson is a stand alone study. So, if you missed the month before or will miss the month after, you're not behind.

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



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

- ✂ Beth Chambers and her family in the death of her step-brother, Scotti Arrowood
- ✂ Annette Glenn and her family in the death of her mother, Judy Davidson
- ✂ Christy Murray and her family in the death of her brother, Gene Hamm
- ✂ Vic Roberts and his family in the death of his brother, Eldridge Roberts

Congratulations to:

Austin and Myeisha Hall, and their families, on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Capri Hall.



Fun Bunch

Breakfast/Bingo/Lunch

Join the Fun Bunch for a great time of fun & fellowship on Tuesday, Feb. 7th. Meet at the church at 7:30am. Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.



FEBRUARY 2023

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Memory Verse</p> <p align="center">“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”</p> <p align="center">Galatians 6:10</p>			<p>1 Wed. Night Service 7p</p> <p><i>Christy Murray David Young</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 ‘Forged’ Men’s Conference</p>	<p>4 <i>Norma Bowen</i></p>
			<p>5 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon’s Mtg 4p</p> <p><i>Jade Pendleton</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Fun Bunch Bingo 7:30am Women’s Bible Study 6:45p</p>	<p>8 Missions Night 7p</p>
<p>12 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Children’s Ministry 12p</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <i>Valentine’s Day</i></p>	<p>15 Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p</p> <p><i>Mackenzie Turner</i></p>	<p>16 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Jameson Riggs</i></p>
<p>19 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am</p> <p><i>Randy Jackson</i></p>	<p>20 Men of Iron 7p</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Baked Potato & Salad 5pm</p>
<p>26 Baptist Women’s Day/ Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Youth S.A.M.M. 12p</p>	<p>27 <i>Janice Watson</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Megan McBroom Gianni DiMeo</i></p>	<p>March 1 Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>Ruby Parrish Grace Pryor</i></p>



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Rev. Dave Pryor - Pastor
Rev. Cameron Lewis - Youth Pastor



<https://redmountainbaptist.com/>

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AMBIGUITY ABOUNDS

By Tim Bishop

Love. We toss around that term as if we're stuck in Communication 101. Does our language lack suitable alternatives to convey our warm sentiments or do we have an emotional addiction to the word *love*? If love were a person, she ought to go on strike until we understand better when to call her into service. She must be exhausted!

We all do it. I love my cat. I love to play the drums. I love sunny days. I love my new phone. I love your outfit. I love the Beatles. I love that I get five days off for Christmas. I love Tom Brady. I love my neighborhood. I love my job (well, maybe only some of us!). I love Bobby Sue.

Can you blame Bobby Sue if she's confused, especially if those words came from a man's lips? And Tom Brady? He gets more love than he knows what to do with.

WEBSTER'S TAKE

The Merriam-Webster dictionary lists five primary definitions for the verb *love*:

1. To hold dear
2. To feel a lover's passion, devotion or tenderness
3. To like or desire actively
4. To thrive in
5. To feel affection or experience desire

As you can see, love is a versatile word. We may understand its meaning when we know its context. However, as emotional beings, we can't always be objective. Sometimes, we'll misunderstand.

REPLACEMENTS

When National Football League players went on strike in 1987, the league hired replacement players. It's time we do the same for love. Here's my list:

1. Cherish
2. Caress, hug, kiss
3. Take pleasure in, really like, drawn to
4. Thrive in, bask in
5. Adore

Let's not eliminate the use of the word *love* altogether, but could we change things up to provide clarity and improve our relationships.

Sometimes, we use the word *love* as an overstatement. Verbs such as respect, like, admire, think the world of, delight in, relish, care about, savor and enjoy may act as more precise replacements. If we use up our love on objects, activities or other people, what's left for the people who are closest to us? With a newly expanded vocabulary

and greater sensitivity to our tone of voice, perhaps people will better understand our true feelings. I know we're supposed to love our spouse, but do we really love our favorite latte?

THE ULTIMATE DEFINITION

Human attempts at love, in all permutations, seem superficial compared to God's love. The Bible says, "God is love" (1 John 4:8b ESV). Jesus Himself put love into perspective: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13 ESV).

God brought love alive for us. He put it into action – in the form of sacrifice. The Bible puts it this way: "For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8 ESV).

With the various meanings we have for the nebulous word *love*, it's no wonder people have a hard time grasping the Bible's version. Our use of the term usually expresses an emotion and may come with tethers. God's love, however, is unconditional. It doesn't fluctuate as human love does. We can do nothing to make God love us any more or less than He already does. His love defies comprehension.

Nevertheless, we embrace love with our hearts, not our minds. God has shown us ultimate love, which prompts the ultimate question. Jesus' shed blood makes peace with God possible – if we accept Him. While improving our communication can help our relationships on earth, our eternal destiny hangs on that ultimate question: *How will I respond to God's love?*

<https://www1.cbn.com/devotions/shades-of-love>

Coming up . . .

March 12th - Time Change / DST Begins

March 18th - Wild Game Dinner

March 19th - 22nd - Community Revival

19th - Antioch Baptist w/ Jeremy Quist

20th - Timberlake Baptist w/ Dave Pryor

21st - Red Mountain w/ David Chambers

22nd - Bethany Baptist w/ TBD

March 20th - Spring!

March 25th - Tables of Love

April 9th - Easter

