



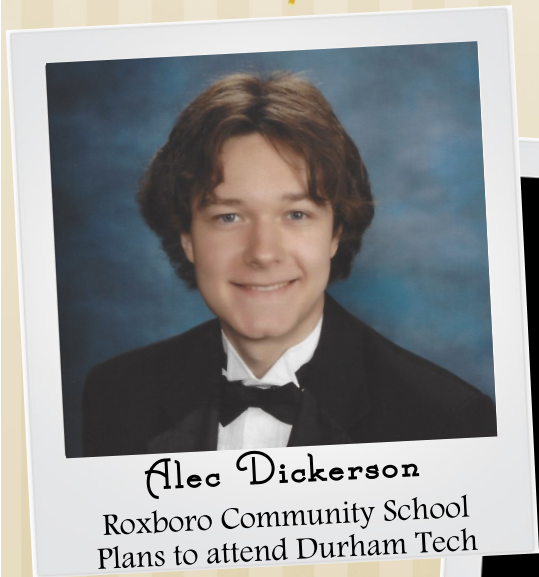
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Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

May 2023

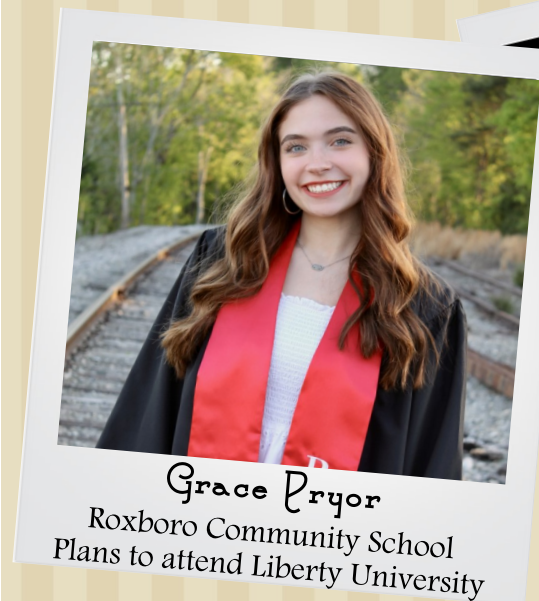
happy mother's day May 14th



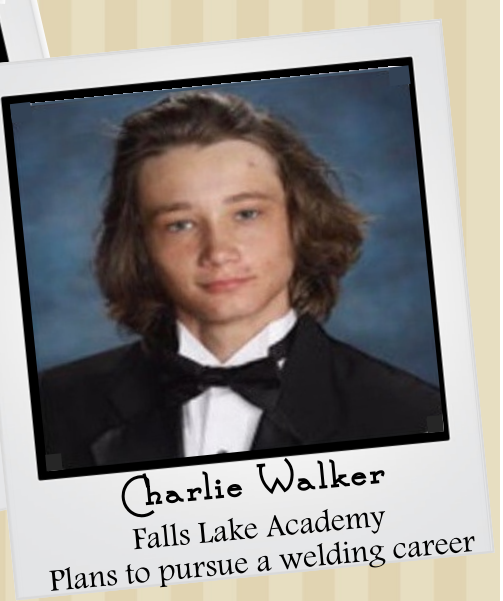
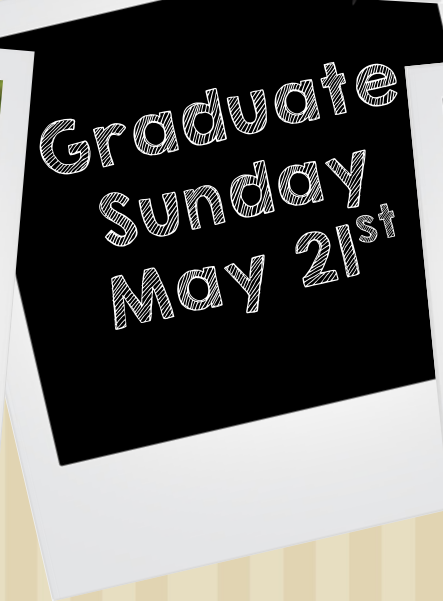
Alec Dickerson
Roxboro Community School
Plans to attend Durham Tech



Hunter Gentry
Granville Central High School
Plans to attend Wake Tech



Grace Pryor
Roxboro Community School
Plans to attend Liberty University



Charlie Walker
Falls Lake Academy
Plans to pursue a welding career



Pastor Dave's
Message
 for the
Month

As I look around our society, I see many negative issues. Crime is increasing. The economy is not doing well. Politicians cannot agree on what is best for the country. Families are not getting along. The murder of the preborn is being pushed more and more by our government. I could go on and on, but I don't want to depress you. My point is this, there are many negative issues all around us that could get us down and discouraged. But that depends on our perspective. If we focus on the negative, then we will be discouraged and depressed.

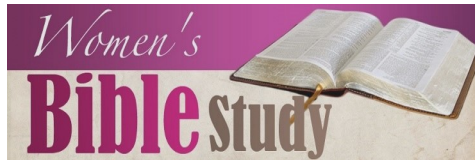
Instead of focusing on the negative, stop and look at all the good God is doing around us. We are seeing people repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are seeing God bring us more and more guests who are looking for a church home. We are seeing believers being discipled and growing deeper in their faith. We are seeing God work in amazing ways in Moldova as He opens more doors to share the Gospel. Every day we see how God meets our needs and answers our prayers. When you focus on the positive that God is doing, it encourages you and fills your heart with praise. Psalms 145:2 says, "Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever." We have much to praise God for, so let's praise Him every day. The next time you find yourself discouraged by all the negativity in the world, just refocus your perspective on the goodness of God.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



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Tuesday, May 2nd ~ 6:45p
 (1st Tuesday of each month)

'Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion'
 by Anne Graham Lotz

You can purchase RADA Cutlery and other kitchen products by clicking this link: radafundraising.com/ **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, May 18th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by May 14th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.



New Members

Gary & Allison Bowers

(by letter of transfer)

Jiselle Wilkins

(by profession of faith)



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

Linda Weaver and her family in the death of her sister-in-law, Faye (Weaver) Cash

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **All Together** worship services on: May 28th, June 18th and July 2nd. On these dates, we'll have just one worship service at 11:00am. Sunday School still at 10:00am.

VBS volunteers are needed! If you can help in any capacity, please see Kim Pearson. This year's theme is *Twists & Turns*.

<https://vbs.lifeway.com/vbs-programs/>



Monday, May 15th ~ 7:00p
 (3rd Monday of each month)

'33 The Series - A Man and His Story'

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

Baptist Men's 16th Annual Golf Tournament. Saturday, May 20th, at the Lake Winds Golf Course. Open to men and women. For more information or to sign up, see Don Garrett or Wally Watson.

Remember By Jon Bloom

Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War. But until World War II, most people knew it as "Decoration Day." It was a day to decorate with flowers and flags the graves of fallen soldiers and remember those who had given, as Lincoln beautifully said, "the last full measure of devotion" to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend.

Memorial Day is an important national moment. It is a day to do more than barbeque. It is right and wise to remember the great price some have paid to preserve the historically unprecedented civil and religious freedoms we Americans have the luxury to take largely for granted.


Christians, of all people, understand the crucial importance of remembering. Christians are "memorial people" because the whole of our faith depends upon remembering. Those who persevere into the glorious future are those who remember the gracious past. Remembering God's past grace is necessary to fuel our faith in God's future grace for us.

As Christians, let us make every day, a memorial day (Hebrews 3:13). Let us "take care lest [we] forget the Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:12).

Read the entire article here: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/remember>

MAY 2023

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	3 Wed. Night Service 7p	4	5 Women of Joy	6 Allyssa O'Briant Seth Pryor
	<i>Scott Bradley</i>	<i>Luke Gillie</i>			<i>Kaysi McDaniel</i>	
7 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon's Mtg 4p WOJ Return	8	9	10 Missions Night 7p	11	12	13
	<i>Don Sands</i>	<i>Jean Tilley</i>			<i>Kaye Dills Jamie Gillie</i>	<i>Whitney O'Briant</i>
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10am	15 Men of Iron 7p	16	17 Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p	18 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p <i>Jason Humphries</i>	19	20 Baptist Men's Golf Tourn. 8am
	<i>Laura Pryor</i>	<i>Matthew Dew</i>				
21 Graduate Sunday Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Gail Bowen Robbie Coates</i>	22	23	24 Wed. Night Service 7p	25	26	27
		<i>Kathy Grinstead</i>	<i>Lumpy Compton</i>		<i>Matthew Fuller Doris Gresham Ray Moore Karsyn Yow</i>	
28 All Together Sunday Sunday Sch. 10am Worship Service 11:00am	29 	30	31 Wed. Night Service 7p	Memory Verse "Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever." Psalms 145:2		



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The Mom I Want to Be Vs. the Mom I Am

by Jamie C. Martin

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” Galatians 5:22-23

There’s a big difference between the mom I *want* to be and the mom I am. Over my 15 years as a mother, I’ve realized if I tie my value to specific expectations — either for my own behavior or my children’s — I’m setting us all up for failure.

The “Mom I Want to Be” always wakes refreshed, spends time with God, takes an early walk outside, and greets my husband and three kids with a big hug and the Bible verse of the week.

But ... “The Mom I Am” often wakes late, grumbles while I grab my phone to “count my steps” as I rush to the bathroom, runs downstairs to eat a bowl of cereal, and throws on a video for the kids while I grab something to wear.

It’s easy to grow frustrated because I haven’t yet become the mom I truly want to be.

Determined to find grace for this parenting journey, I searched the Bible to find an image that brought me freedom: the fruits of the Spirit. This is found in today’s key verse, Galatians 5:22-23, which says: *“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”*

I’ve seen that each day, I can make choices that move me toward or away from these fruits of character in my life:

- Love or Hate.
- Joy or Sadness.
- Peace or Worry.
- Patience or Frustration.
- Kindness or Rudeness.
- Goodness or Meanness.
- Faithfulness or Indifference.
- Gentleness or Harshness.
- Self-control or Self-indulgence.

Keep in mind this isn’t a divine scorecard or a new way

to measure ourselves. Striving backfires when it comes to accomplishing God’s work in our lives. But when we find ourselves operating out of the fruits’ opposites, demonstrating things like hate, sadness and worry, our emotions serve as a signal. They show us whether or not we’re headed in the right direction. It no longer matters how full our to-do list is or how much we’ve accomplished; what matters is our heart.

We see a similar pattern in nature. In a four-season climate, different months serve different purposes when it comes to producing fruit. If we judged a tree during winter, its seemingly unproductive time of year, we might decide it’s dead. We might deem it a failure because it stopped bearing fruit, and make the mistake of cutting it down. *If only we’d waited!* Winter would end, spring would arrive, and buds would appear — just a preview of the tree’s coming attractions.

It’s the same with our spiritual lives. Sometimes, we need to remember to wait for the fruit to sprout. It’s important that we make time to honor our personal life seasons, trusting God to bring up the fruit, to eventually bring the harvest He has planned, according to His perfect timeline. Let’s rest in Him, confident that — thanks to His grace, and in spite of our struggles — *we are exactly the mothers our kids need*, even if we still have some growing to do.

Dear God, help me notice today when I begin to operate from my own strength instead of Your Spirit. May I use those moments as a reminder to slow down, trusting in the fruit You’re growing both in my life and in the lives of my children. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



<https://proverbs31.org/mom-i-want-to-be-vs-the-mom-i-am>