



# The Beacon



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

June 2023

happy father's day June 18th

Our church logo says: *Reaching Our Neighbors and the Nations*. We do this by going to Moldova (at the end of June). Our youth get involved by going to Fuge Camp. Our church reaches out to the community with Vacation Bible School. We have a team going to West Virginia in August to help a sister church. If you would like to volunteer for VBS, see Kim Pearson. Want to go to WV? A sign up sheet will be in the Welcome Center in July. Want to have your youth go to Fuge Camp? See Cameron or Dawne Lewis. Above all, pray for each of these opportunities to 'reach our neighbors and the nations', as the gospel is shared.



## American Heart Association AED & CPR Training Course

Saturday, July 1st ~ 9:00am

Did you know about 70 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes? If you are called on to give CPR in an emergency, you will most likely be trying to save the life of someone you love. Be the difference for your parent, spouse, child, family-member, friend or co-worker. What if it were you?

This is a certified AHA course, led by Jim & Deb Terry. The course is free (normally \$65), however; donations will be accepted to help the Baptist Women with their mission projects. Seats are limited. A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.



## Vacation Bible School

July 23 - 26 ~ 6:00 - 8:30p

Classes for ALL ages: 0-95



IT'S TIME TO LEVEL UP VBS! Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

A lite dinner will be served Sunday Night through Tuesday Night, with a Hot Dog 'Family Night Dinner' on Wednesday Night at 6:00pm.

WE STILL NEED A FEW VOLUNTEERS,  
PLEASE SEE KIM PEARSON IF YOU CAN HELP.





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

Life can be tough at times. I know that statement does not shock you. We all go through hardships and trials. It could be the death of a loved one, a wayward child, the loss of a job, someone turning their back on Jesus and living in sin, the betrayal of someone close to you, a church in turmoil, hurtful words from someone you love dearly, or something else. These and many more situations break our hearts. The so-called wisdom of the world would say get even or forget about the person who hurt you, "time will heal your wound," move on and live your life without them, "everything will work out," or some other piece of advice. But the reality is you are still heart broken.

Well, I have good news for you. There is Someone who can heal your broken heart. There is Someone who can bring restoration and healing in your life. His name is Jesus. Psalms 34:18 says, "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart." When you face a situation where your heart is broken never forget that Jesus is right there with you. You do not have to face this situation alone. Jesus will see you through. Jesus will bring true and lasting healing to your heart and life. Jesus can bring restoration to the broken relationship. Jesus can work in your child's life, so they return to Him. Jesus is able to do what we cannot. He just wants us to cry out to Him for help, hope, strengthen, peace, healing, and so much more. I may not know all that you are going through, but Jesus does. He is near and He is waiting for you to cry out to Him.

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*



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The Women and Men's Bible Study Groups are postponed for the summer. Study will resume in September.

You can purchase **RADA** Cutlery and other kitchen products by clicking this link: [radafundraising.com/](http://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, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by June 18th. Follow us on **Facebook** for upcoming events.



*We extend our sympathy  
and prayers to:*

- ✎ Tracie Humphries and her family in the death of her sister-in-law, Amanda Roberts
- ✎ Melody Myers and Lyndsey Wilson and their family in the death of Melody's brother and Lyndsey's uncle, Mark Frazier

*Welcome*

**New Members**

**Erika Bowers**  
(by profession of faith)

**Jacob Bowers**  
(by letter of transfer)

**Jordan Goss**  
(by profession of faith)



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

- ✎ Dan and Phyllis Carpenter
- ✎ Joe and Joyce Glenn
- ✎ Luke Pearson
- ✎ Cry Freedom Missions
- ✎ The Durham Rescue Mission
- ✎ Life Choices of Roxboro

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



**Congratulations  
to our 2023  
Graduates!**

*Alec Dickerson • Amber Gammon*

*Hunter Gentry • Grace Pryor*

*Levi Strader • Charlie Walker*

To the 2023 high school graduates, the year you were born was not long after the 9/11 attacks and you are now graduating having gone through the COVID-19 pandemic. You might think this is a coincidence, but we have to believe that God has something special planned just for you. He is preparing something great for your life. **We see you. We pray for you. We celebrate you. We honor your achievements and we cannot wait to see what God does in your life.**

Each one of you is special in God's eyes.

As you look to the future during these troubled times, it is noteworthy to wonder what the Bible has to say about how we should react when we are faced with the challenges of life and changing times. Particularly when you are leaving high school or college and trying to make decisions about where your life is headed.

When you turn to the Bible you will find the answers to whatever you need. The passage I always refer to is Psalm 37:3-7. Verse 3 says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." — Psalm 37:3

When we trust in the Lord, we commit our lives into His hands and consciously "feed on" or live on His faithfulness. Verse 4 reads, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." — Psalm 37:4





The Lord is in essence saying, spend time with Me and I will place godly desires within your heart because I love you and want the best for you. Verse 5 says, "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." — Psalm 37:5

When you are willing to commit your life to living in the center of God's will, your relationship with the Lord will flourish.

<https://faithgateway.com/...dear-graduate/>

# JUNE 2023

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MONDAY                                                    | TUESDAY                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | THURSDAY                                     | FRIDAY                                                                                                         | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Memory Verse</b><br>“The LORD <i>is</i> near to those<br>who have a broken heart.”<br>Psalms 34:18                                                                                                                                         |                                                           |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1                                            | 2                                                                                                              | 3                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4</b><br>Worship Service/<br>Lord’s Supper<br>8:45a & 11a<br>Sunday Sch. 10am<br>VBS Lunch Mtg<br>12:15p<br>Deacon’s Mtg 4p<br><i>Luke Pearson</i>                                                                                         | <b>5</b><br><br><i>Tom Terry</i><br><i>Patricia Woody</i> | <b>6</b>                                                 | <b>7</b><br>Wed. Night<br>Service 7p                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>8</b>                                     | <b>9</b><br><br><i>Chelsey Mullins</i>                                                                         | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>11</b><br>Worship Service<br>8:45a & 11:00a<br>Sunday Sch. 10am<br><br><i>Jake McBroom</i>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>12</b><br>Men of Iron 7p                               | <b>13</b><br><br><i>Mike Smith</i><br><i>Reid Walker</i> | <b>14</b><br>Missions Night<br>7p<br><br>FLAG DAY<br><br><i>Allie Blomberg</i><br><i>Hunter Gentry</i>                                                                            | <b>15</b><br><br><i>Viola Wilkins</i>        | <b>16</b><br><br><i>Dillon Watson</i>                                                                          | <b>17</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>18</b><br><br>Happy<br>Father’s<br>Day<br><b>All Together<br/>                     Sunday</b><br>Sunday Sch. 10am<br>Worship 11am<br><i>Wanda Ellis</i> | <b>19</b>                                                 | <b>20</b>                                                | <b>21</b><br><br>Hello<br>Summer<br>Business Mtg 6:45p<br>Wed. Night Ser. 7p<br><br><i>Olivia Blomberg</i><br><i>Jenny Buffkin</i><br><i>Jack Ellis</i><br><i>Nicholas Fuller</i> | <b>22</b><br>RCWC Luncheon<br>@Homestead 12p | <b>23</b><br><br><i>Terri Day</i>                                                                              | <b>24</b><br><br><i>Colby Sanders</i>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>25</b><br>Worship Service<br>8:45a & 11a<br>Sunday Sch. 10am                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>26</b>                                                 | <b>27</b>                                                | <b>28</b><br>Wed. Night<br>Service 7p<br><br><i>Marcie Ellis</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>29</b>                                    | <b>30</b><br>Mission Team<br>leaves for Moldova<br><br><i>Karen Hall</i><br><i>Tammy</i><br><i>Pendergraph</i> | <b>July 1st</b><br>AED/CPR<br>Training 9am<br><br><br><i>Brenda Owens</i> |





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## What's a Good Father Really Like?

*"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11 (NIV)*

"I love watching her dance."

I heard the catch in his voice, standing there at his daughter's senior dance concert. We both knew these days of high school were coming to a close, and I knew how much our friend would miss them.

John's pleasure in his daughter was evident. He was enthusiastic about everything connected with her dancing, from the practices to fundraising events to ticket sales at the concerts. He even seemed to enjoy the parts that most parents dislike, but because it was for his daughter, John was all in.

My father-experience was quite different. Dance wasn't my thing, but singing was. From age 8 until just a few years ago, I was always involved with some kind of chorus, choir or band. And not once did my father hear me sing while he was alive.

To me it was normal to only have a mother in the audience. I guess I assumed men didn't enjoy those types of "girl" events. But watching John these past few years has given me a different perspective on a father's interest in his daughter.

Standing there at that concert, I could almost hear God's voice speaking about His pleasure in watching His daughters. And my heart overflowed in thanksgiving for a good Heavenly Father.

For so many years I defined my understanding of God's interest in me based on my father's interest in me. I knew my dad loved me, but it was limited by his background and personal experience. But God's love is unhindered by any human experience or limitation.

Every day I come to a greater understanding of God as the perfect Father. It makes me feel treasured and softens the pain of what I didn't have growing up. As I've sought to understand what a good Father is like, here are five things I've discovered in Scripture we can count on about our Heavenly Father:

**1. He cares for and provides for our daily needs.** In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus vividly described to His disciples how God cares for the birds and the flowers and explained

we are far more important to our heavenly Father than that. God cares about *all* our needs.

**2. He's merciful toward us.** Mercy is withholding punishment for what we deserve. Although God allows natural consequences when we make wrong choices, our Heavenly Father shows lovingkindness rather than anger when we fall short. (Luke 6:36)

**3. God hears our prayers and answers them.** In Matthew 18:20, Jesus makes an incredible statement that shows God's heart. He says when two or more agree upon something in prayer, God hears and answers.

**4. He protects us.** In Matthew 26:53, Jesus said His Father would send 12 legions of angels to save Him if Jesus asked. Psalm 91 says, *"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways"* (Psalm 91:11, NIV).

**5. God watches and waits for us when we turn from Him.** Jesus told a story that modeled the Father's heart for us. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the son decides to go his own way and squander his inheritance. When his life fell apart, the son realized his folly and returned home. Jesus described the father's response, and it wasn't "I told you so!" Rather God's Word tells us that *"while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him"* (Luke 15:20b, ESV). Then the father threw a party! Imagine!

No matter our situation with our earthly father, we can say with confidence we have a good heavenly Father who loves us with attentive devotion. He's all in, and we never outgrow His care and provision.

So this Father's Day, as we honor our earthly fathers, may we take some time to honor our heavenly Father. And I hope you hear Him whisper, "I love to watch you dance."

*Heavenly Father, my heart is full of love for You. Thank You for showing Your love for me in so many ways. I confess I haven't always trusted Your love based on my earthly experience. But I want to experience You in greater ways every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

<https://proverbs31.org/devotions/...whats-a-good-father-really-like>

