



The Beacon



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

September 2023



Join Us For...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00a - 10:45a

September starts the new ministry year and changes to the Sunday School classes, as the kids move up in grades and adults may want to move to a different class. This year we're starting a new adult class for couples and singles who have aged out of the College & Career class. The new class (Adult V) will meet in Room 106. There are also four other adult Sunday School classes to choose from, so if you're new to our church, feel free to try them all! There is a place for you, with classes for all ages!
Grow closer to God, grow closer to others.

Church Homecoming

Celebrating 142 years!

Join us September 17th, 10:30am as we celebrate the goodness of God at our Homecoming Service. Then stay and enjoy a covered dish meal following the morning service. There will be no Sunday School so we can spend the time in worship and fellowship.



Community Revival

September 24th - 27th

Sunday Night
24th

Bethany Baptist
6:00p - Catered Meal
7:00p - Worship Service
w/ Rev. David Chambers

Tuesday Night
26th

Red Mountain Baptist
6:00p - Covered Dish Meal
7:00p - Worship Service
w/ Rev. Dennis MacDonald

Monday Night
25th

Timberlake Baptist
6:00p - Covered Dish Meal
7:00p - Worship Service
w/ Rev. Jeremy Quist

Wed. Night
27th

Antioch Baptist
6:00p - Covered Dish Meal
7:00p - Worship Service
w/ Rev. Dave Pryor

ARISE
COMMUNITY REVIVAL



Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month

It is hard to believe that September 1st is almost here. You may ask, "what is the big deal about September 1st." Well, it is the start of our new ministry year. I am excited to see what God has in store for another year of ministry here at Red Mountain. I am also excited to see how God is going to use you to have an impact on people's lives. God has gifted each of you to serve in the church and impact the lives of others.

Romans 12:4-6 says, "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them.*" It takes many people to fill all the areas of service we have at Red Mountain. We could not do the ministry that we do without you. We need you! Thank you for serving. Thank you for letting God use you to impact the lives of others.

If by chance you need a place to serve in at Red Mountain, please come see me. I will be glad to help you find where you can use your spiritual gift.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

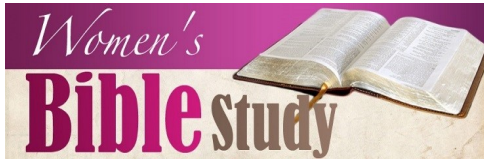
Congratulations to:



Tim and Shannon Barry on the birth of their son, Colt Jackson Barry, who was born on August 4th. Also, congratulations to big brother Liam.



Building Loan Balance
(as of 08/12/2023)
\$ 233,301



"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thess. 5:11

Tuesday, Sept. 5th ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)

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

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, Sept. 21st at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Sept. 17th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.



New Members

Will McGrath

(Transfer of membership)

Josh & Jennifer Taylor

(Transfer of membership)

What a homecoming!

"From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." (Acts 14:26-27 NIV84)

Paul and Barnabas arrived home after their first missionary journey. What a homecoming that must have been! They called together the very church that sent them out and shared with them all the Lord did in and through them to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They shared stories of miraculous healing, divine intervention, divine guidance, spiritual conversion, persecution, and the advancement of the kingdom of God. They came back to Antioch with the assurance that God's kingdom was on the move. Although the stories were almost unbelievable, they must have had the sense that this was just



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

Monday, Sept. 18th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

'33 The Series - A Man and His Story'

We will be working with other churches to replace the roof on the Life Choices of Roxboro building on September 29th & 30th. If you can help, please sign up in the Welcome Center.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:



Scott Chambers and his family in the death of his grandmother, Christine Chambers



Christy Murray and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Dick Moore

the beginning. Almost like, "We ain't seen nothing yet!"

Isn't that the truth! Who could have pictured the reality that the Gospel message would have made it around the entire planet? Who would have guessed that 2,000 years later God's Word would be accessible in hundreds of languages and even free on the Internet? Do you understand that you are a Christian today because the disciples were faithful to their calling to spread the Gospel to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the outermost parts of the world"? If we were to link ourselves backward to the person responsible for sharing Jesus with us, that link would go all the way back to disciples like Paul and Barnabas. What a homecoming it will be when we finally get to heaven and are able to see those links.

So, what about you and me? Who are we going to link to? Let's make sure that we will be part of someone's amazing homecoming because we shared the Gospel with them.

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SEPTEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Memory Verse:</p> <p>“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, <i>let us use them.</i>”</p> <p>Romans 12:6</p>					1	2
					<i>River Batten</i>	
<p>3</p> <p>Lord’s Supper/ Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a</p>	<p>4</p> <p> <i>Happy Labor Day</i></p> <p><i>Melody Myers</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Women’s Bible Study 6:45p</p> <p><i>Tim Barry</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Wed. Night Service 7p Deacon’s Mtg 8p</p> <p><i>Ingela Gillie</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Ann Johnson</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Heather Glenn</i></p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p> <p>Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10am</p> <p><i>Logan Dunn Emma Pryor</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p> <i>Remember 9-11-01</i></p> <p><i>Ricky Bowen Paul DiMeo</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Shannon Barry Dave Pryor</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Missions Night 7p</p> <p><i>Faye Taylor</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Chase Ellis Margaret Ann Marshall</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Kaleb Chambers</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Billy Ellis Mark Fuller</i></p>
<p>17</p> <p>Homecoming Service 10:30a Covered Dish Meal 12:15p</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Men of Iron 7p</p> <p><i>Brad Proctor</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p>21</p> <p>RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Len Turner</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>hello</i> </p>
<p>24</p> <p>Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Roof Project at Life Choices 8am</p> <p><i>Joyce Glenn Courtland Salter</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Chris Smith Sammi Watson</i></p>
<p>Community Revival 6p Meal / 7pm Worship Service Bethany Timberlake Red Mountain Antioch</p>						
	<p><i>Heather DiMeo Dustin Humphries</i></p>		<p><i>Vickie Proctor</i></p>			



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What Is the Significance of Revival for Believers?

What is revival? Revival is restitution or restoration to spiritual vigor. Revival is a reawakening of spiritual fervor. It is to revitalize the spiritual ardor of oneself, of a group of believers so as to reestablish the ability to win new members to Christ.

As Charles Spurgeon said, “Revival is to live again, to receive again a life which has almost expired, to rekindle into a flame the vital spark which was nearly extinguished.”

Why Do We Need Revival?

What a thought to know that someone who is spiritually alive needs reviving! The flame of life within their soul is dimming, like a candle, whose wax is slowly waning. There are some Christians who are like this, they are barely alive.

They have fallen away from their faith, like falling into quicksand, slowly descending further into its depths. They have grown cold and indifferent. They have become like the world.

Did you know that you can only revive something that once was alive? If it has never been alive, it cannot be revived, it can only be brought to life.

Psalms 85 speaks to those who have become lukewarm Christians. They are no longer on fire for the Lord. They have become casual Christians, only showing a spiritual side when it benefits their worldly desires.

Psalms 85:1-3 points toward the mercy of God: “You, Lord.”

Psalms 85:4-5 tells us to remember: “Restore us again.”

Psalms 85:6 is about restoration: “Revive us again.”

The psalmist was requesting that God resuscitate his people or bring them back to life. God is equipped and is very capable of restoring the two, the churches and the people. He can shower us with his affections, taking and bringing us back to where we should be, adoring and worshipping him.

In a church hymnal, “Revive Us Again,” we sing: We praise the Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus Who died, And is now gone above. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.

If we need restoration, if we need renewal, if we need revival in our congregation, in our family, or even in our individual spiritual life, we ought to seek out and request that God equip us with the renewing of his love, grace, and mercy.

How do we do this? This occurs through the continual use of CPR (Christ Providing Rejuvenation), and by obtaining a regularly scheduled spiritual exam, which is much like a physical.

In a church hymnal, “Search Me,” we sing: Search me, O God, and know my heart today. Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me. Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

According to the Bible, we are to examine ourselves:

“Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;” (Psalms 26:2).

“Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup” (1 Corinthians 11:28).

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you — unless, of course, you fail the test?” (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Allowing a Revival in Our Hearts

While a genuine restoration or revival has a place only with God's children, it carries with it a gift for the other sheep who are not yet in the fold. If you drop a stone into a lake the ring extends consistently, until the farthest corner of the lake feels the impact.

When we allow the Lord to restore a believer, very soon their family, companions, and neighbors get a portion of that benefit; for when a Christian is resuscitated and revived, they pray more intensely for sinners.

Yearning and a cherishing petition for all of us who are sinners is one of the signs of a recovery in the reestablished heart.

Since salvation is necessary for everyone, the gift comes from those who hear the supplications (prayers); hence the kingdom increases by a revival.

Before long, the revived Christian talks about Jesus and the gospel; a great seed is planted, and the good seed is never lost, for he has said, “so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

The good seed is that which is planted in the soil, and in the hearts. God readies the soil, with the goal that the seed rises for harvest. Subsequently, by the witness of the believers, another entryway of mercy opens up to humanity.

Whenever Christians are resuscitated, they live more reliably. They make their homes all the more blessed and more joyful, and this drives those that do not know Christ to enquire after their joyfulness.

Revival is the product of all Christians praying and seeking the Holy Spirit's presence. The product of a revival is the rejoicing for the one that was slipping away and now that has been brought back to life.

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