



The Beacon



“And the light shines in the darkness,” John 1:5

January 2024



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Sunday, January 21st ~ 8:45am & 11:00am

Join us for either service as our men will lead us in songs and worship.



All men, young and old, are encouraged to join us in our all men choir.

FORGED



MEN'S CONFERENCE

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

Friday, February 2nd - Saturday, February 3rd

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH • 677 ANTIOCH CHURCH RD. • TIMBERLAKE, NC

Cost is \$15 - Includes Dinner, Breakfast, & conference material.

Event begins Friday Evening at 5:30pm.

All men are invited for a great time of Worship, Fellowship, and Prayer.

A Sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Be sure to invite a friend.



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL: **\$3,300**

We are getting close to reaching our goal of \$3,300. Please pray what the Lord would have you give to support our international missionaries. 100% of our church goal is used for “Impacting Lostness Through Your Generosity”, by supporting missionary presence around the world.



Join Us For...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00a -10:45a

We have children's classes from Nursery to 5th Grade. Classes for Youth, College & Career, and 5 Adult Classes from which to choose. Something for everyone!

Missions Night is the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Come see how we impact our community and surrounding areas through various projects.



If you have any announcements, events, articles, birthdays or suggestions for the Beacon, please submit to:

beacon@redmountainbaptist.com
by the 20th of the month.



Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month

This time of year, many people make resolutions for the New Year. They want something to change in their lives, so they promise themselves to do something to change. It could be to quit smoking, lose weight, spend less time on social media, to be on time or many other issues. They may start the year out great by beginning to make those changes, but sadly most people stop along the way and the changes never happen.

As Christians, we are called to change the way the think, talk, and behave. We are to become more Christ like. This is the process of sanctification. We are to change and stop doing those things that are sinful and not Christ like. We are to begin living like Christ. We are to think the way He would, have His desires and do what He would do. Ephesians 2:22-24 says, "put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." This is not always easy to do. However, God has given us the help we need. We have the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and each other to help us become more Christ like. This is not some resolution. This is true lasting change that God brings to our lives.

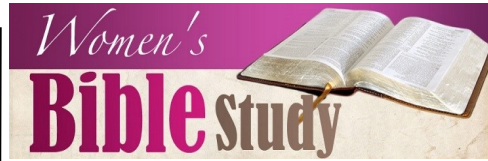
So, as we enter 2024 let's strive to become more Christ like, by letting God change us. Let's rely on the Holy Spirit, God's Word and each other for help.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Current Trustees

Scott Chambers • Josh Clayton
Rodney Laughinghouse
Terry Carden



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

Tuesday, February 6th ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)

New Bible Study Begins in February

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, January 18th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by January 14th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events and announcements.



Bernard and Ann Day
(by transfer of membership)

Hannah Fuller
(by transfer of membership)



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

Luke Pearson and his family in the death of his aunt, Lisa Dean

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



- ✍ Children's Ministry Team
- ✍ The Pryor Family

Christmas Card Mailbox

Please check to see if you have any Christmas cards in the mailbox in the Welcome Center. Any remaining cards will be discarded to make room for the contribution tax statements.



**Building
Loan Balance**
(as of 12/13/2023)
\$ 189,340



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

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

'33 The Series - A Man and His Traps'
Each session is a stand-alone study, so it doesn't matter if you missed the previous month, come join us when you can.

New Vision ~ by: Katara Patton

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise."
Isaiah 43:18-21 NKJV


Wearing my new eyeglasses as I stepped into the sanctuary, I sat down and spotted a friend sitting directly across the aisle on the other side of the church. As I waved at her, she looked so near and clear. It felt like I could reach out and touch her even though she was several yards away. Later, as we talked following the service, I realized she was in the same seat she always sat in. I simply could see her better because of an upgraded prescription in my new spectacles.

God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, knew that the Israelites stuck in Babylonian captivity would need a new prescription—a new view. He told them. "I am doing a new thing! . . . I am making a way in the wilderness" (Isaiah 43:19). And His message of hope included the reminders that He had "created" them, "redeemed" them, and would be with them. "You are mine," He encouraged them (v. 1).

In whatever you're facing today, the Holy Spirit can provide better vision for you to put the old behind you and look for the new. By God's love (v. 4), it's popping up all around you. Can you see what He's doing in the midst of your pain and bondage? Let's put on our new spiritual glasses to see the new that God is doing even in our wilderness moments. <https://odb.org/2023/01/04/new-vision>

JANUARY 2024

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  <i>Ann Day</i>	2 <i>Gary Bowers</i>	3 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Evan Shuler</i>	4 <i>Bernard Day</i>	5 <i>Zacc Brack Dakota Day</i>	6
7 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a Deacons Mtg 12:30p	8	9 <i>Abby Perkins Tonya Fuller</i>	10 Missions Night 7:00p	11	12 <i>Kathy McFarland</i>	13
14 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a	15 Men of Iron 7p	16	17 Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Austin Hall</i>	18 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p	19	20 <i>Gerry Moore</i>
21 Worship Service/ Bapt. Men's Day 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a <i>Wanda Howerton Cathy Taylor</i>	22	23	24 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Kadin Brooks Lance Ellis Jimmy Roberts Melissa Sands</i>	25 <i>Barbara Walker</i>	26 Youth Supper at Lewis' Home 6:30p <i>Ryan Hall</i>	27 <i>Barry Shuler</i>
28 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10a	29 <i>Ethan Ellis Megan Riggs</i>	30 Church Council Mtg 7p	31 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Jacob Bowers</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Memory Verse: "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 2:24</p>		



**RED MOUNTAIN
BAPTIST CHURCH**
P.O. Box 103
ROUGEMONT, NC 27572
919-477-3657



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



<https://redmountainbaptist.com>

Address Correction Requested



A Man's One-Word-Sermon "Eternity" Reaches Millions (New Year's Eve, 1999)

As TV networks around the world cycled between the various New Year's Eve fireworks shows and Millennial celebrations on 1999, one in particular stood out: Sydney, Australia. The famous Sydney Harbour Bridge was emblazoned with the word "Eternity" in illustrious copperplate script that looked hand-written — except it was the size of a giant bridge, of course. For many Christians, the word was a happy reminder of God's wonderful promises in Christ. For many others, it was a curious sight — especially if the viewer didn't happen to believe in eternity or Heaven or Hell. People began asking about it, and the story got out. An illiterate alcoholic heard a sermon in the 1940s and was powerfully saved. He was subsequently cured of his alcoholism as he grew in his personal relationship with Christ. One day, he heard a sermon in which the preacher shouted the word "Eternity!" and exclaimed that he wished all of Sydney could hear the word and contemplate where they would be spending eternity. The preacher described it as a one-word-sermon: "Eternity!"

At that moment, a lightning bolt of revelation struck Arthur Stace's heart. He found some chalk, walked outside, and in beautiful flowing script wrote "Eternity" — even though he had never learned to read or write. He could never explain how he managed to write it, but for the next 35 years he wandered through the streets of Sydney in the nights and early mornings and wrote the word wherever he could — sidewalks, subway walls, buildings, etc. One newspaper estimated that he would go on to write his one-word sermon 500,000 times. The city took notice and newspapers searched for the mysterious "Mr. Eternity," as they called him. For years, no one could discover his identity or photograph him, and he never stepped forward. Finally, in 1956, a reverend caught him writing the word and



obtained his name. Only four photographs were taken of him in 35 years. He was very elusive.

For him, it was his simple way of getting people's minds focused on spiritual matters so that, hopefully, they would think about their eternal destiny and eventually come to faith in Christ.

It became such a part of Sydney's lore in the 1900s that in 1999, the city honored Arthur Stace by replicating his handwriting in enormous letters across the city's most famous bridge. Cameras focused in on that word during the fireworks show, and millions of viewers around the world saw the simple Gospel message of a reformed, illiterate Christian man. One word was all he had to offer to

God, but — like Jesus multiplying the boy's few loaves of bread — God multiplied Arthur's efforts far beyond anything he could have imagined. His one-word-sermon was preached not just to Sydney, but to millions upon millions of people around the world as the New Millennium began. How's that for going viral? And all he had was a piece of chalk!

In the spirit of Philippians 4:8, may this story cause you to "think about such things" that are noble, lovely, and admirable. Allow these stories to remind you that God's mercies are "new every morning," as it says in Lamentations 3:23.

<http://rockingodshouse.com/three-inspiring-and-uplifting-new-years-stories/index.html>

Coming up in February...

- 2nd & 3rd - 'Forged' Men's Conference
- 6th - Women's Bible Study
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 16th - 18th - Youth Retreat
- 19th - Men of Iron
- 21st - Monthly Business Mtg
- 24th - Baked Potato & Salad Dinner
- 25th - Baptist Women's Day

