



The Beacon



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

February 2024

Baked Potato & Salad Dinner

Saturday, February 24th ~ 5pm

Join us for a time of Food & Fellowship as we enjoy a Baked Potato & Salad Dinner. Potatoes and lettuce will be provided, so bring your favorite toppings, salad dressing, dessert and/or beverage, enough to share.



Baptist Women's Day

Sunday, February 25th ~ 8:45a & 11:00a

Guest Speaker: *Tempe Brown*

Tempe travels all over the United States speaking for the Gideons International and Stonecroft Ministries*. She is a former magazine editor and is the Stonecroft Regional Speaker Trainer (RST) for North and South Carolina. Tempe will share her personal testimony and original music with us in both services.

*Stonecroft Ministries is the parent organization of the Roxboro Christian Women's Club.



Kid's Ministry Outing

Sunday, February 25th ~ 12:15pm - 4:00pm



All children, grades K - 5 are invited to lunch and a trip to 'Sky Zone'.

Kids are encouraged to bring a water bottle and dress in play clothes for the day.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 18th.

'Arise' Community Revival

March 24th - 27th

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Community Revival. It's not too early to begin praying to prepare our hearts and minds for a blessing and to pray for lost souls throughout our community.

“Restore the joy of Your salvation to me, and give me a willing spirit.” (Ps. 51:12 csb)



Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month

I am very thankful and blessed to serve as your pastor! It is a tremendous joy to see how God is working in and through your lives. I feel like the Apostle Paul when he wrote to the church in Thessalonica. In 2 Thessalonians 1:3 he wrote, "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other." I am thankful to see the growth that is taking place in your lives. You are growing stronger in your faith, deeper in your study and knowledge of God's Word, more passionate in your desire to see people know Jesus as their Savior and Lord, more devoted in your prayer life, more faithful in using your gifts and serving, and in many more areas. As you are growing, God is using you to impact the lives of others. I see you inviting more people to church. I see you striving to impact the people in your lives at work, school, in your neighborhoods, in your families, and in other areas. I praise God for what He is doing in and through your lives.

God has been so good to us in how He is blessing Red Mountain, and He will continue to be good to us. So, let me encourage you to keep up the wonderful growth in your life as you seek to glorify God and reach our world for Jesus.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Deacons for 2023/2024

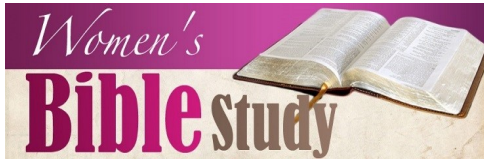
Lane Ellis Wade Ellis
Don Garrett Owen Gentry
Joe Glenn Hank Taylor

Junior Deacons:

Hunter Gentry Seth Pryor
Colby Sanders

Trustees for 2023/2024

Terry Carden Scott Chambers
Josh Clayton Ray Moore



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

Tuesday, February 19th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

'Forgiving What You Can't Forget'
by Lysa TerKeurst.

If you have not ordered your book from Cindy Jeffries, you can purchase the 'book' (we are **not** using the Study Guide) on Amazon <https://a.co/d/bDkJt8x>. We will view the sessions via DVD and use the discussion questions from the book. Note: A book is not required to join in the bible study.

Ladies, join us on Mondays and Thursdays for a time of **Fitness & Fellowship** in the Family Life Center at 7:00pm. Bring whatever you need; yoga mat, weights, stretch bands, etc. Note: 3rd Monday's class will move to Tuesday each month to accommodate the Women's Bible Study.

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, February 22nd at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by February 18th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events and announcements.

Welcome

New Members

Laura Chase
(by transfer of membership)



We Received a Thank You Note From:

- ✍ Connie & Don Garrett
- ✍ Luke & Kim Pearson



Building Loan Balance
(as of 01/13/2024)
\$ 177,034



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

Monday, February 19th ~ 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.

Congratulations to...

Christopher and Kerry Bowers and their family on the birth of their son, Layne Thomas.

Congratulations also to the grandparents, Gary and Allison Bowers, and the uncle and aunt, Jacob and Erika Bowers, and their families.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

- ✍ The family of Faye Taylor in her death
- ✍ Hank Taylor and his family in the death of his sister, and Dwayne Taylor in the death of his aunt, Dolly Clayton

READ ALL ABOUT THIS "Every Valentine's Day our campus newspaper has a section for student messages. Last year my roommate surprised his girlfriend with roses and dinner at a fancy restaurant. When they returned from their date, she leafed through the paper to see if he had written a note to her. Near the bottom of the page she found: 'Beth, what are you looking here for? Aren't dinner and flowers enough? Love, Scott.'" -Reader's Digest



FEBRUARY 2024

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Memory Verse:</p> <p align="center">“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.”</p> <p align="center">2 Thessalonians 1:3</p>				<p>1 Ladies Exercise 7p</p> <p><i>Christy Murray</i> <i>David Young</i></p>	<p>2 FORGED Men's Conference 5:30pm</p>	<p>3 8:00am</p> <p><i>Bill McGrath</i></p>
<p>4 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a Deacons Mtg 12:30p</p> <p><i>Norma Bowen</i></p>	<p>5 Ladies Exercise 7p</p> <p><i>Jade Pendleton</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Wed. Night Service 7p</p> <p><i>Megan Reaves</i></p>	<p>8 Ladies Exercise 7p</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Scott Chambers</i> <i>Mac MacDonald</i></p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a</p>	<p>12 Ladies Exercise 7p</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day  Missions Night 7:00p</p>	<p>15 Ladies Exercise 7p</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a</p> <p><i>Jameson Riggs</i></p>	<p>19 Men of Iron 7p ----- Women's Bible Study 7p</p> <p><i>Randy Jackson</i></p>	<p>20 Ladies Exercise 7p</p>	<p>21 Business Mtg 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p>22 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Ladies Exercise 7p</p>	<p>23 Youth FNF 6:30p</p>	<p>24 Baked Potato & Salad Dinner 5p</p>
<p>25 Worship Service/ Bap. Women's Day 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10a Kids Ministry 12:15p</p>	<p>26 Ladies Exercise 7p</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Janice Watson</i></p>	<p>28 Wed. Night Service 7p</p> <p><i>Gionni DiMeo</i> <i>Megan McBroom</i> <i>Josh Taylor</i></p>	<p>29 Ladies Exercise 7p</p>		



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God's Intentional Love

[Marissa Nordlum](#)

I'll never forget one of my first Valentine's days as a married woman. My husband and I had just transitioned our life across the country and were living in the state of Texas. We had little to no money, and we were on an adventure of a lifetime. I had explained to him that Valentine's Day "gifts" didn't mean very much to me, so we didn't need to do anything elaborate to celebrate, as long as we were together.

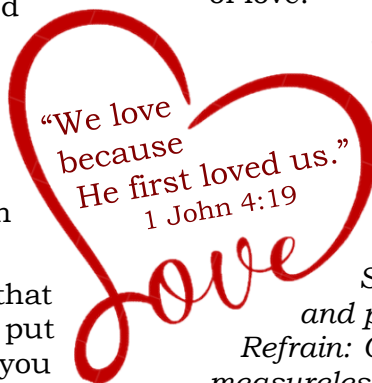
Valentine's day came, and we ended up in a home décor store, walking around with no plans and just window shopping at all the décor and furniture. We didn't do anything fancy to celebrate that year. We just enjoyed each other's company, got something very cheap for dinner, and went back to our humble apartment. That year we learned that we didn't need to do anything expensive or fancy, we just needed to be intentional with each other.

Intentionality in a relationship shows that you care and love deeply enough to put high importance on the person that you love. But even the most romantic earthly relationship, as intentional as it can be, has nothing on the romantic intentionality of our Savior.

John 3:16 shows us the romantic and intentional love of God the Father when it says, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (NLT). Praise God for the way He has shown us His love through Jesus! From the dawn of time, our God was intentionally planning His love for us. Even before you were created, God's heart was for you, seeking you and desiring a relationship with you. This is the gospel. Even Psalm 23:6 shows us that God's love is in constant pursuit of us when it says, "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life..."

The unconditional, relentlessly pursuing love of God doesn't just stop at salvation. It pursues us every single day of our lives!

Jeremiah 31:3 says, "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." How beautiful a love that is everlasting, and all pursuing of us! The greatest love story ever told is written by God - for us! This is the type of love that knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139). It is also the same type of love that loves us, even when we were still sinners and unlovable (Romans 5:7-8). The love of our God is not like our love; it's a romantic and endless pursuit of us. It is a never-ending, unfailing, unmeasurable, and unconditional type of love.



Just as the old hymn "The Love of God" by Fredrick Lehman states:

"The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; it goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell. The wand'ring child is reconciled by God's beloved Son. The aching soul again made whole, and priceless pardon won.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song."

As we approach a holiday that is all about chocolates, heart-shaped boxes, fancy dinners, and romantic words; remind yourself that the Savior of the world wrote the most romantic love story just for you. He is forever in pursuit of your heart and the love of Jesus shows us just how deep the Father's love is for us. A love that laid down everything, so that we could be reunited with God. This agape love will forever be chasing after and pursuing you.

<https://www2.cbn.com/devotions/gods-intentional-love>