



The Beacon



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

April 2024

Tables of Love - April 13th ~ 6:00pm

This is a fun time where our youth will serve dinner and provide entertainment. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Welcome Center. You can sign up to sponsor a table and invite family and friends to sit at your table, or you can sign up individually and we will place you at a table.

You will also have an opportunity to give towards our upcoming mission trips if the Lord lays on your heart to do so.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our Church Goal is \$3,400

The primary reason churches exist is to *make Jesus known*. Millions of people in the United States and Canada have no relationship with Jesus Christ. That's why we're partnering with thousands of churches through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to raise up, send out, and support missionaries to meet needs, plant new churches and share gospel hope with the nations in North America.

“Every gift, no matter how big or small, is important because they are what God is using to build His Kingdom.” - Kevin Ezell, President of @NAMB_SBC

Our church goal is \$3,400. As of March 24th, we have collected \$1,426.



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

Save the Date!

Sunday, July 21st - Wednesday, July 24th

Join us for Vacation Bible School on Breaker Rock Beach. Just like the huge rock on Breaker Rock Beach, students will discover that God's truth never changes, and that everyone needs Jesus. Adventure awaits each day to explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

We need your help with VBS. Please consider volunteering. We need teachers, teacher assistants, food prep/servers, registration, etc. If you can help, please see Ashley Crabtree or Kim Pearson.



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

Who are you trying to please? Many people today seek to please other people in different ways. We do it with the way we dress, what we say, where we go, what we do, what we do not do, who we hang around, what we buy, and many other ways. We can become consumed and stressed out by seeking to please someone else. When we try to please everyone, we are seeking to make peace with them. However, that leads to us having no peace.

As Christians, there is only One we need to seek to please with our lives. We should live in such a way that God is pleased with the way we talk, think, and behave. When our lives are pleasing to God, we will be less stressed. As a matter of fact, Proverbs 16:7 says, "When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." When our lives are pleasing to God, He will make it so that even our enemies are at peace with us. We do not need to try and please people so that they will be at peace with us. Let God handle that. Seek to please God and let Him bring peace to your life.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Graduate Sunday is May 19th. If you have a child that is graduating from high school or college, please submit a photo and bio to Pastor Dave by **April 22nd**.



Welcome

New Member

Doug Davis

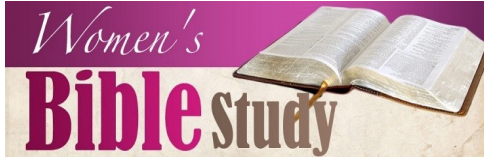
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**Building
Loan Balance**

(as of 03/13/2024)

\$ 146,347



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

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

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

The next **Roxboro Christian Women's Club** will meet Thursday, April 18th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by April 14th.

Congratulations to ...

Cody and Crystal Ellis on the birth of their daughter, Wren Evelyn Ellis, who was born on March 22nd. Congratulations also to uncle Lance Ellis, grandmother Cindy Ellis, great-grandmother Shirley Ellis and the rest of the family.



And It Came to Pass

There is an old story about a man with a very cheerful, happy countenance in spite of the fact that his life was filled with trouble and tragedy. Those in his community couldn't understand it and one day someone asked him how he could be stay so cheerful. The old man replied, "I get it out of the Bible."

"What do you mean, you get it out of the Bible?" the person asked.

"Over and over in the Bible I see the words, 'And it came to pass,' but never do I find 'And it came to stay.' This keeps me moving," the man said.

What does this say to us? We all face grief and losses in life that we have to accept. But on the other end of the spectrum of sorrow is the rainbow of promise. That rainbow is there because God is here and never leaves us. Trouble might not stay, but the Lord does. He is with us through it all.

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

MEN OF IRON

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

'33 The Series - A Man and His Traps'

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday Night ~ 7pm

For more information,
see Mike Hall or Seth Pryor

The Baptist Men's 17th Annual **Golf Tournament** is scheduled for May 18th*. Mark your calendars and make plans now to join us! Everyone is welcomed to play. A sign up sheet will be in the Welcome Center. See Don Garrett or Wally Watson for more detailed information.



*In case of golf course construction, a rescheduled date will be October 5th.

How the Hope of Spring Reflects the Beauty of the Gospel

The branches on the trees are dry and bare, while on the ground below, slowly decaying, are the shriveled reminders of what once was so vibrant and alive. Winter is the only season in which we attach names such as "wonderland" and "barrenness" at different points. Yet the winter is not eternal, and around the bend is a hope about to melt all that was, and spring emerges seemingly out of nowhere. Spring, in many ways, is like the beauty of the gospel emerging through our world, and no force, man, or Hell can stop it.

A PROMISE AWAITING

Hundreds of years came and went as the Hebrew people awaited the long-awaited Savior. The days of winter seem to linger, sometimes to the point that we question if spring will ever arrive. I recall taking a long walk in the woods last winter while in Minnesota

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BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Ladies Exercise 7p <i>Will McGrath</i>	2 <i>Cindy Ellis Jeff Smith</i>	3	4 Ladies Exercise 7p Young Men's Bible Study 7p <i>Drew Strader Nicholas Young</i>	5 <i>Cade Dunn Weldon Gresham</i>	6 <i>Caroline Martin</i>
7 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p	8 Ladies Exercise 7p <i>Amy Blalock Jordan Goss</i>	9	10 Missions Night 7:00p <i>Savannah Davis Tabitha Stone</i>	11 Ladies Exercise 7p Young Men's Bible Study 7p	12 <i>Darrell Ellis Deb Terry</i>	13 Tables of Love 6:00pm
14 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a	15  Men of Iron 7p ----- Women's Bible Study 7p	16 Ladies Exercise 7p	17 Business Mtg 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Camryn Dunn</i>	18 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Ladies Exercise 7p Young Men's Bible Study 7p	19 <i>Jim Terry</i>	20 <i>Ronnie Huff</i>
21 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Heather Glenn Joey Glenn</i>	22 Ladies Exercise 7p	23 <i>Tracy Clayton</i>	24 Wed. Night Service 7p	25 Ladies Exercise 7p Young Men's Bible Study 7p <i>Stephanie Turner</i>	26	27
28 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Raley Gentry</i>	29 Ladies Exercise 7p <i>Raley Gentry</i>	30 <i>Grant Jordan</i>	Memory Verse: "When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7			



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that opened my eyes to much in the way of metaphor. Minnesota, in particular, holds extremes in the way of severity in winter. In the four-degree weather, I looked upon a tree's dry and lonely branches while the frigid temperatures and snow changed the atmosphere to where every sound was deeper, louder, and more pronounced. By the current circumstance and view, it seemed completely and utterly impossible by the present logic that any goodness or life could come. The outlook was bleak and closer to branches breaking than life breaking through. Albeit the view, I knew within that there was the promise that there would be life breaking through in the form of delicate buds in a mere few weeks. An awaited promise like Christ coming gently into the world as a mere infant, a bud. Instead of succumbing to the tangible in front of my eyes, I held firm to the hope of what was to come, just as the Hebrew people did two thousand years ago. The story was far from over; it was just beginning.

Christ came into the world like a bud on a tree, a tender and small promise of hope that one day He would grow into all that had been prophesized about Him. In the same way, we see nature reflect this as the buds blossom and bloom and take on their full and true form in the seasons of life and time. Isaiah 9:6 spoke of the bud to come forward from the branch of Jesse, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." King Herod sought to cut off this bud by decreeing that all the young boys born during the age be killed, but just as sudden frosts will come seeking to suck the very life from the buds, at the end of the day, the plans of God will come forward. Job 42:2 reminds us, "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." No force of nature or attempt of man can stop the plan of God. This proved true, and God guided Mary and Joseph to ensure the safety of the budding Jesus so that no human man could cut off God's ordained Savior.

THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The life of Jesus, like the summer trees, entered the season of Autumn, of ministry, and the fulfillment of the destiny of color. Taking on His Father's work at age thirty, He spent three years traveling, performing miracles, speaking, and living out all He was destined to do. In the same way, we see



the summer leaves almost overnight beam their ordained colors in the full vibrancy of all they were made to be. Then comes winter frosts, and such leaves fall upon the ground leaving the branches above feeling hopeless. Consider the followers of Christ at the time of His death in this. He had promised them that He would rise again on the third day, but in the days between His death and resurrection, there must have been a fleeting feeling of hope. Just as the branches above know that there will be new life in a short time, they also have to endure the time between. The time without and all the icy moments that existed in the between. Would the Son truly rise again? Would there indeed be life again in the desperately hopeless existence of those moments in the after? Then came the spring of the world on that third day. We see the morning of the third day play out much like the first day of the gentle warmth of the sun coming upon the melting snow as those little promises of spring emerge in Luke 24:1-5, "On the first day of the week, a very early in the morning, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, suddenly, two men in radiant apparel stood beside them. As the women bowed their faces to the ground in terror, the two men asked them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" He IS Risen, indeed just as spring is sure to rise from the depths of winter.

THE HOPE OF SPRING

We, too, can hold firm to the hope and the promise of spring because He has risen. There are times in our lives when it looks desperately bleak with no hint of change to come, and then God enters the scene. Nature is God's creation, and, in many ways, it is a complete metaphor for how God works. Solomon remarked on the connections of nature and the ways of God several times in Ecclesiastes, including how there is nothing new under the sun. From season to season, we can see that we do not serve a capricious God. We instead serve a firm foundation, an ever-present hope, a promise keeper of a Father Who keeps every promise given to us. He kept His promise in the rising of Christ, and He keeps His promise to us as every winter must set so that spring will inevitably rise. Let us rejoice in the coming spring even before it arrives, for the One Who promises such a spring is worthy of our trust.

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