



The Beacon



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

March 2024

Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Dinner

Saturday, March 23rd ~ 4:00pm

The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 4pm followed by a Hotdog Dinner. Please bring hot dogs, buns, chips, desserts, and/or beverages, enough for your family and guest.



Palm Sunday & Church Choir Easter Celebration

March 24th ~ 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Join us for either Worship Service as our Church Choir will lead us in a joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Easter Sunday March 31st

7:00am - Sunrise Service followed by a Covered Dish Breakfast. No need to dress up (unless you want to).

8:45am Easter Service

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Easter Service



‘Arise’ Community Revival

March 24th - 27th

Covered Dish Meal - 6:00pm / Worship Service - 7:00pm

Sunday Night - Antioch Baptist Church • Monday Night - Timberlake Baptist

Tuesday Night - Red Mountain Baptist • Wednesday Night - Bethany Baptist

[Childcare provided each night.]



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



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

This is a fun time where our youth 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.



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

Most of us have the same routine when we get up. We brush our teeth, get a cup of coffee, eat breakfast, and get ready for our day. Then we go through out the day by going to work or school, going to sports practice, going to the grocery store, attending meetings, and many other activities. Sometimes it may feel like life is just like being stuck in a rut because we have the same routine each day. If we are not careful, we can develop an apathetic attitude because it is the same thing each day and we just go through the motions.

As Christians, we can be joyful each day instead of apathetic because of our relationship with Jesus. We have much to be joyful and thankful for. Psalm 145:2-3 says, "Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." God truly is great, and He blesses our lives each day through His greatness. Stop and think about how He blesses your life each day. Then change your routine and take time to praise Him and be a person of joy instead of apathy.

For His glory,

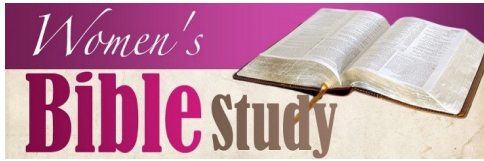
Pastor Dave

**Week of Prayer for North
American Missions**

March 3rd - 10th. You can pick up a Prayer Guide in the church foyer or welcome center, or you can download the guide [here](#). Use the guide to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families.



**Building
Loan Balance**
(as of 02/10/2024)
\$ 175,013



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

Monday, March 18th ~ 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, March 21st at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by March 19th.



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✂ LaJeanne Ashley and her family in the death of her uncle, James Fogleman
- ✂ Gail Bowen, Norma Jean Bowen, Delora Roberts and their families in the death of their cousin, Mike Allen and their cousin, Jackie Brooks
- ✂ Tammy Pendergraph and her family in the death of her aunt, Lucille Fowler
- ✂ Drew Strader and his family in the death of his grandfather, John Barham
- ✂ Hank Taylor and his family in the death of his nephew, Sean Walker
- ✂ Linda Weaver and her family in the death of her sister-in-law, Clara Weaver



New Members

The Strader Family: Drew, Anna, Levi, and Emmie by transfer of membership; and Ellie by profession of faith.

Spring Forward - Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th at 2 am. Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed Saturday night.



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



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

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(3rd Monday of each month)

'33 The Series - A Man and His Traps'

Congratulations to . . .

Casey and Courtney Martin on the birth of their son, Creed Wayne Martin.

Congratulations also to big sister, Caroline, and the grandparents, Craig and Janice Watson.



Do Butterflies Have a Spiritual Meaning in the Bible?

The subject title of today's article is, do butterflies have a spiritual meaning? Of course, we are going to look at this through the lens of Scripture. But first, let's see what the world thinks of butterflies.

WHAT DO BUTTERFLIES SYMBOLIZE? I think in almost all religions or philosophical conversations, even among the layman and the uneducated, we all agree that butterflies signify meaningful change simply because they are one of the very few animals that can transform from one thing into something completely different.

In Native American tribes, butterflies are thought to represent change, transformation, hope, and even positivity. Some in Western countries would even go as far as to believe that butterflies are brave forces watching over us or loved ones visiting us from beyond the grave.

Let's take a quick look at the process. It is an amazing transition. They begin life as an egg, which is then used as food for the hatching caterpillars. Next will come the stage of growth.

In this stage, the caterpillars' sole job in the day is just to eat. A little like that funny little story my husband loved as a child and I often read our four-year-old son, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (Eric Carle).

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BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:					1 Youth FNF 6:30p	2
3 Worship Service/ Lord's Supper 8:45a & 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p	4 Ladies Exercise 7p	5	6 Wed. Night Service 7p	7 Ladies Exercise 7p	8	9
Week of Prayer for North American Missions 3rd - 10th						
	<i>Ruby Parrish</i> <i>Grace Pryor</i>			<i>Grace Karangelan</i>	<i>Blake Gillie</i>	<i>Kim Pearson</i>
10 DST Begins Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Phyllis Carpenter</i> <i>Lia Roberts</i>	11 Ladies Exercise 7p <i>Diana Koutsis</i>	12	13 Missions Night 7:00p <i>Ashley Crabtree</i> <i>Jenn Shull</i>	14 Ladies Exercise 7p	15 Youth FNF 6:30p	16
17 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Mika Smith</i>	18 Men of Iron 7p ----- Women's Bible Study 7p <i>Harper Bowers</i>	19  Ladies Exercise 7p	20 Business Mtg 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p	21 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Ladies Exercise 7p <i>Phil Seifert</i>	22 <i>James Gabel</i>	23 Easter Egg Hunt/Hot Dog Dinner 4pm <i>Angel Jordan</i> <i>Jordan McBroom</i>
24 Palm Sunday Church Choir Easter Celebration 8:45a & 11:00a	25	26	27	28 Ladies Exercise 7p	29	30
Community Revival						
Antioch	Timberlake	Red Mountain	Bethany			
		<i>Liam Barry</i> <i>Larry Owens</i> <i>Joan Seifert</i> <i>Wally Watson</i>	<i>John Blomberg</i> <i>Crystal Ellis</i>	<i>Patsy Ellis</i>	<i>Eric Propst</i> <i>McKenzie Jackson</i> <i>Ellie Strader</i>	<i>Rodney L'House</i> <i>Jace Mullins</i>
31 Easter Sunrise Service 7a Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a	Memory Verse: "Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever." Psalm 145:2					



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When the caterpillar has eaten all that it can, a new stage follows, called the pupa. This phase is also known as the chrysalis. This is the stage where the pupa attaches itself to the underside of a leaf or branch and hangs there.

It is here that it seems as though nothing is happening, but inside that little cocoon, dramatic change is taking place. The cells are growing rapidly and forming the foundation for what will be the legs, wings, eyes, and other parts of the adult body.

The original larva cells provide all the energy that is required in this stage. While the caterpillars’ job is to eat, the adult butterflies’ job is to reproduce more butterflies, laying eggs as often as possible, given some butterflies only live one or two weeks.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT BUTTERFLIES? Reading these words, I am reminded of the verse in Ecclesiastes 3, which states: “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...”

Friend, while I love the idea that butterflies remind us of the transformation that can happen in life, I think it is worth stating here that just because it reminds us of a spiritual message or nudges us towards godly thoughts doesn’t mean that it is a spiritual thing.

Butterflies are created things just like us humans, but I do believe butterflies can direct us toward godly thinking.

Romans 1:20 tells us that “for his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made” (ESV).

Meaning that in creation, we are given glimmers of God’s invisible attributes and his power and nature. Therefore, in looking at the life of a butterfly made by God, we can see God’s nature.

One of the beautiful things butterflies can remind us of is the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ. Just as butterflies are, Jesus was born, then he died on a cross for us and was buried in the tomb.

This is similar to the cocoon phase for the caterpillar. Remember that when Jesus was in the tomb, the world and even his disciples thought nothing was happening in that grave, just like the cocoon, and that Jesus was gone forever.

Yet, hallelujah, in that grave dramatic changes were taking place, just as they do for the butterfly, but for Jesus, this was a spiritual change in the heavenly realm.

Then in a final act of completion, Jesus was resurrected for us,

arising again on the third day to pay the price for our sins and claim his victory over Satan. Praise the Lord!

He rose as a beautiful reminder that Jesus has the final say; Satan is no competition over our God. When the butterfly is cocooned, and it seems as though that is the end, they are birthed again into a new life, as we are when we believe in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5 tells us, in detail, how we will one day receive a new body with Christ in the heavenly place.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? Just as the caterpillar gets a new body in the form of a butterfly, so we, as believers, will one day shed these mortal shells and obtain an eternal body with the Lord in heaven. What a thought!

It is the life of the butterfly that can show us what this will really look like. No longer will we be our old selves living in this sinful body, but we will be a new creation in Christ.

As 2 Corinthians 5:17 states, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Friend, I truly hope that you know this hope for your future, that one day the old will pass away, and you will be whole and anew in Christ!

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:14 the following words: “For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

Because Christ died, you need not. John 3:16 tells us that God loves us so much He sent His son to die in our place; these verses in Corinthians directly tie into that.

But it goes further in verses 20 and 21 by saying: “we implore you on Christ’s behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Wouldn’t it be lovely to wake up tomorrow and know at the rise of the sun that you have been forgiven by God. That you now live in the righteousness of God?!

What a morning it would be to know the sins of the past have been paid for in full by the blood of Christ, and you get to live your life no longer as a caterpillar crawling in shame, sin, and guilt but as a butterfly redeemed and flying in grace!?

May I echo the words of Paul and implore you to consider a relationship with Christ. I do pray if you have read these words and you do not know Jesus that you would consider laying down the old self and choosing to follow Christ, declaring love for Him, and spending the rest of your life learning to love Jesus more.

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/do-butterflies->