



# The Beacon



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

May 2024

*happy mother's day* May 12<sup>th</sup>




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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



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

We know that part of being a Christian is that we still face the temptation to sin. Temptation does not go away the moment we become a Christian. We will face the temptation to sin the rest of our lives on earth. How do you prepare to face temptation? The sad reality is that many Christians don't prepare. They just deal with it when it comes. However, if we are not prepared, then we will most likely give into temptation and sin.

We can learn a great lesson from Jesus when Satan tempted Him to sin. In Matthew 4, as soon as Satan begins to tempt Jesus, Jesus responds and defeats the temptation with the Word of God. Matthew 4:4 says, "But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Satan then attempts to tempt Jesus two more times, but Jesus again defeats the temptation with the Word of God. Jesus directly addressed each temptation with a passage of Scripture for that specific temptation. This is a great lesson for us. When we face temptation, we can defeat it just like Jesus did with the Word of God.

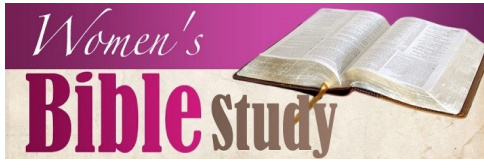
What temptations are you struggling with? Let me encourage you to find Scripture specific to that temptation and memorize it. Then the Holy Spirit will be able to bring it to your mind when you are tempted and help you not give and sin. This is on the ways of escape that Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 10:13. We don't have to live in defeat to temptation, we can live in victory. We just need to prepare to face temptation. Are you prepared?

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*



**Building  
Loan Balance  
(as of 04/12/2024)  
\$ 144,166**



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



**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 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, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Welcome*  
**New Members**

**Charles & Pat Holbrook**  
(by Transfer of Membership)

*We extend our sympathy  
and prayers to:*

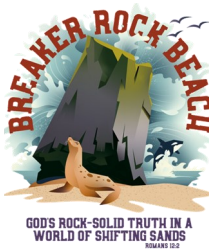
-  Debbie Copley and Nancy Garrett and their families in the death of their nephew, Ricky Blalock
-  Janet Stone and her family in the death of her brother in law, Roger Rodgers

 **We Received a  
Thank You Note From:**  
Josh, Jennifer & Wyatt Taylor

The Fun Bunch is going to the Billy Graham Library on Monday, May 6th, leaving the church at 7am.

A sign up sheet is in the  Welcome Center.

There will be a luncheon for all VBS Workers on Sunday, May 19th at 12:15p. If you would like to volunteer for a VBS position (July 21-24), please see Ashley Crabtree or Kim Pearson.



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

**MEN OF IRON**  
**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 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

**Focus on Memorial Day**

My focus on Memorial Day used to be planning family gatherings. But once my husband and I moved too far away to host the day for loved ones, I looked for ways for us to spend the day together.

As I flipped through sales flyers, I stumbled upon an article that made me rethink the way we typically spend the day. The essay argued that Memorial Day has morphed from a somber reflection on those who died to gain our freedom to a day for parades, parties, and cookouts. It called for an end to such "frivolous celebrations" and the return to a day of mourning and prayer.

While the piece reminded me of the holiday's real meaning, I also thought about the need for balance. In the Old Testament, God instituted observances to remind the Israelites of major events in their history. These included days of fasting and feasting, times for mourning and merrymaking. Even Jesus, at His last Passover meal, introduced a new observance—communion taken "in remembrance" of Him—to memorialize His upcoming death and what it would accomplish for the world.

Memorial Day now reminds me of Jesus at His last Passover meal because it is also celebrated "in remembrance" of those who died to gain our freedom. As I reflect on the meaning of this day and maybe even take in the parade, I bow my head in thanks, not only for the men and women who've given their lives for this country but also for Jesus, Who gave His life for us all.

<https://guideposts.org/daily->

# MAY 2024

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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| <p><b>Memory Verse:</b><br/>                     “But He answered and said, “It is written,<br/>                     ‘Man shall not live by bread alone,<br/>                     but by every word that proceeds<br/>                     from the mouth of God.’”<br/>                     Matthew 4:4</p> |  |   | <p><b>1</b><br/>                     Wed. Night<br/>                     Service 7p<br/><br/> <i>Scott Bradley</i></p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/>                     Young Men’s<br/>                     Bible Study 7p<br/><br/> <i>Luke Gillie</i></p>   | <p><b>3</b><br/>                     WOJ 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup></p>        | <p><b>4</b><br/>                     BBQ Chicken<br/>                     Plate P/U 11:30a</p>                      |
| <p><b>5</b><br/>                     Worship Service<br/>                     8:45a &amp; 11:00a<br/>                     Deacons Mtg 12:30p<br/><br/> <i>Kaysi McDaniel</i></p>   | <p><b>6</b><br/>                     Fun Bunch BGL<br/>                     7am<br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/><br/> <i>Alyssa O’Briant<br/>                     Seth Pryor</i></p> | <p><b>7</b></p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/>                     Prison Ministry<br/>                     6:50p<br/>                     --<br/>                     Missions Night<br/>                     7:00p<br/><br/> <i>Don Sands</i></p>   | <p><b>9</b><br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/>                     Young Men’s<br/>                     Bible Study 7p<br/><br/> <i>Jean Tilley</i></p>   | <p><b>10</b></p>   | <p><b>11</b></p>  |
| <p><b>12</b> <i>Happy Mother’s Day</i><br/>                     Worship Service<br/>                     8:45a &amp; 11:00a<br/><br/> <i>Kaye Dills<br/>                     Jamie Gillie</i></p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/><br/> <i>Whitney O’Briant</i></p>   | <p><b>14</b></p>  | <p><b>15</b><br/>                     Business Mtg<br/>                     6:45p<br/>                     -----<br/>                     Wed. Night<br/>                     Service 7p<br/><br/> <i>Laura Pryor<br/>                     Boone Reaves</i></p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/>                     Young Men’s<br/>                     Bible Study 7p<br/><br/> <i>Matthew Dew</i></p>  | <p><b>17</b></p>   | <p><b>18</b><br/><br/> <i>Jason<br/>                     Humphries<br/>                     Dustin Reaves</i></p>   |
| <p><b>19</b><br/>                     Worship Service<br/>                     8:45a &amp; 11:00a<br/>                     VBS Workers<br/>                     Lunch 12:15p</p>   | <p><b>20</b><br/>                     Men of Iron 7p<br/>                     -----<br/>                     Women’s Bible<br/>                     Study 7p</p>                                     | <p><b>21</b><br/><br/> <i>Gail Bowen<br/>                     Robbie Coates</i></p> | <p><b>22</b><br/>                     Wed. Night<br/>                     Service 7p</p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>                     RCWC Luncheon<br/>                     @Homestead 12p<br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/>                     Young Men’s<br/>                     Bible Study 7p<br/><br/> <i>Kathy Grinstead</i></p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>                     Youth FNF<br/><br/> <i>Lumpy Compton</i></p> | <p><b>25</b><br/>                     Youth<br/>                     Community<br/>                     Revival</p> |
| <p><b>26</b><br/>                     Worship Service<br/>                     8:45a &amp; 11:00a<br/><br/> <i>Karsyn Yow<br/>                     Matthew Fuller<br/>                     Doris Gresham<br/>                     Ray Moore</i></p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/> <br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p</p>  | <p><b>28</b></p>  | <p><b>29</b></p>  | <p><b>30</b><br/>                     Ladies Exercise 7p<br/>                     Young Men’s<br/>                     Bible Study 7p</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/><br/> <i>Allison Bowers</i></p>                                   |   |



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## God's Prescription for Mother's Day

My mother has been with Jesus for more than 12 years. Time definitely has eased the pain of separation, but time has also faded my memories. Circumstances in my life cause me to think about her a lot, to miss her, and to reflect on what a blessing she was to me.

In addition to celebrating our mothers who are with us this Mother's Day, I want to remind all of us to take the time to remember our mothers (and grandmothers) who dwell only in our hearts.

**Let Us Remember** - I often write about the importance of remembering God — remembering who He is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Christ. Mother's Day is a special day set apart for remembering our mothers and calling to mind all they have done for us, all they mean to us, and who we are because of them.

Our mothers were an instrument in God's hand to bring us into this world. God knit us together in our mother's womb ([Psalm 139:13](#)) and placed us into her arms at birth. What a joy and blessing it is for a mother to cradle her newborn child for the first time at birth and then to hold her child's hand throughout life.

That's how God intended it to be. Mothers (and fathers, too) are a gift from God *to* the child, just as much as a child is a gift from God given to the mother and father. There is a bond in the parent/child relationship that should never be broken. Just as God loves us and gave us spiritual birth, we should honor and love the one who gave us physical birth.

**A Mother's Love** - The undying love of one's mother is best understood when a daughter becomes a mother herself. Now please don't misunderstand me. Childless women can also understand a mother's love because of the love they have received from their own mother. However when a woman becomes a mother and experiences her love for her child, a deeper understanding of her mother's love blooms.

The love of a mother for her child is the closest thing to the love of God for mankind and especially His love for His children. From the time of conception (or adoption for some mothers), there is a oneness between mother and child that is sacred in God's eyes. It is a unity that God intends to last until they are separated by death. Sadly, not all mother-and-child relationships weather the storms of this life, and many are broken. Broken relationships grieve the heart of God, and every effort should be made to bring about reconciliation and restoration in family relationships.

**God's Prescription for Mother's Day** - Remembering our

mothers is important, and how we remember them is crucial to a loving relationship that honors God. We are told to take every thought captive for Jesus ([2 Corinthians 10:5](#)), which tells us that how we remember is an active and willful choice. And God expects us to exercise a thought life that glorifies Him. How we remember will influence our thoughts, words, and actions and will direct the relationships in our lives.

There's no perfect mother, and there's no perfect child. All relationships need good forgivers, ready to give grace to each other. As Christians, we are to love without conditions and with a heart of unselfish desire. We are to give all that we have because, in Christ, we already have all that we need.

There's a saying that our "glass" is either "half-empty" or "half-full." This is meant to illustrate how we choose to live. Do we remember what we should forget? And forget what we should remember? We know that in God's grace, our sins are cast into the sea of His forgotten memory....never to be remembered or charged against us. We are to do the same. We are not to keep a record of wrongs ([1 Cor 13:5](#)) but rather to love with the sacrificial love that reflects the love of Jesus.

## Captive Thoughts and Devoted Hearts

When we start by taking our thoughts captive for Jesus ([2 Cor 10:5](#)) and remembering the love of God and all He has given us, we can easily choose to remember the wonderful memories that positively influence, grow, and direct our lives. And we are likely to forget the events that were less than edifying ([1 Cor 13:5d](#)). When we do that, we live with a "glass" that is more than "half-full," and we find satisfaction in what God has done, and what He is doing, in our lives, rather than having a "half-empty glass" that will leave us wanting, striving, and disappointed.

If, like me, your mother has passed on from this life, make Mother's Day a special day to remember her. Keep the memories of her alive in your heart.

If you still have your mother, give thanks for her presence in your life. Make Mother's Day a grace-filled day of letting go of life's little issues and take captive every warm and wonderful memory of Mom. Hide those memories in your heart. One day memories will be all you have...and beautiful memories will be sufficient to fill your glass to overflowing on Mother's Day.

Honor God by honoring your mother in your mind and with your actions, and the love that God has given you will pour forth in love for others.

*Now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

<https://reasonsforhopejesus.com/>

