



The Beacon



You, the Lord God, keep my lamp burning and turn darkness to light. Ps. 18:28

October 2024

Childrens Ministry - Hillridge Farms

Saturday, Oct 12th ~ 9:30a-3:30p

All kids, Kindergarten - 5th Grade are invited to go to Hillridge Farms. Lunch will be provided. Parents, please sign your child up in the Welcome Center.

A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday, Oct. 6th. For more information or to turn in your deposit, please see Heather Glenn, Chelsey Mullins, Abby Perkins, or Jeff & Donna Rietz.



Blessing Bags - Missions Night - Oct. 9th

The Baptist Women are collecting items to make 100 Blessing Bags for the homeless this winter. Blessing Bags can be kept in your car and given to the homeless in your travels. We need your help with donations...Gloves, Handwarmers, Socks, Toothbrushes, Snacks, Personal Hygiene Items, etc. Place your donations in the box in the Welcome Center through Oct. 6th. All women are invited to help us assemble the Blessing Bags on Wednesday, Oct. 9th at 7p.



Youth Stew Fundraiser

Saturday, Oct. 19th


Our annual youth stew fundraiser for missions is underway. We need your help with ingredients. A list of items needed are in the Welcome Center. Anyone who would like to donate ingredients and/or purchase quarts of stew can do so by signing up at the 'stew table' in the Welcome Center. Pre-ordered stew will be ready for pickup at 11:00am.

October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month

"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."

Titus 1:9

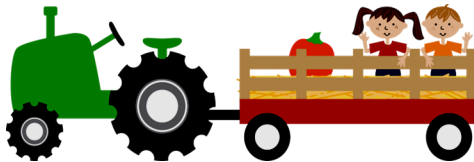
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Shoeboxes are in the Welcome Center and Foyer, along with the  brochure that explains how to pack a shoebox and the label to put on the box. Please take as many as you need, but use what you take. Please return unused boxes for others to use. Bring your packed shoebox(es) to the FLC by Nov. 10th.

Fall Festival

Saturday, Nov. 2nd 1:00 - 3:00pm

Join us for our Fall Festival coming up the first Saturday in Nov. We'll have Food, a Fire Truck, Games, Bounce House, Hay Rides, Cake Walk, and More! We need volunteers to help at the Welcome Tent, Bounce House, Kids Games, etc., and donations of cakes and cookies. If you can help, please sign up in the Welcome Center.



Christmas Play Casting Call

If your child would like to be in the Christmas play this year, please sign them up in the Welcome Center with their name, age, and if they'd want a speaking part. A schedule of practice times will be posted soon. The play will be presented on Sunday Night, December 15th at 6:00pm.





Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month

We have much to be thankful for! Stop and think about how God has blessed your life. We are blessed with our salvation, health, family, job, house, church family, car, and so much more. All of the blessings that God pours into our lives should cause us to give thanks to Him.

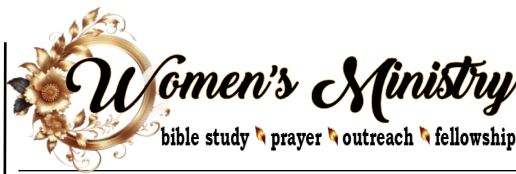
One of the major blessings in my life that I am thankful for is you. In 1 Thessalonians 1:2, Paul wrote, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." I feel the same way about you! I thank God that you are in my life. I am truly blessed and thankful to serve as your Pastor. I am thankful for the impact you have had, and continue to have, on my life. I am thankful that I get to see what God is doing in and through your lives. I am thankful that you are growing to be more Christ like. I don't have the space to write down all I am thankful for regarding you, but there is one more thing I want to mention. I am thankful for the way you have honored me in celebrating my 20th anniversary as your Pastor. Thank you for all you did. I greatly appreciate all the planning and hard work that went into the celebration. Words cannot express what this has meant to me. I thank the Lord that I have the privilege and joy to be a part of the wonderful family known as Red Mountain Baptist Church. I am a blessed man!

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

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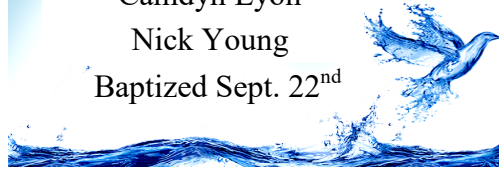
"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thess. 5:11

Women's Bible Study
Monday, October 21st ~ 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, October 10th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attenders, please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Oct. 6th.

Congratulations to:

Camdyn Lyon
Nick Young
Baptized Sept. 22nd



Building Loan Balance
(as of 09/12/2024)
\$ 66,998



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

MEN OF IRON
Monday, October 21st ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)
'33 The Series - A Man and His Work'

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursday Nights at 7:00p Rm 109



We Received a Thank You Note From:

- ✍ Ronnie Huff
- ✍ Pastor Dave



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

- ✍ LaJeanne Ashley and her family in the death of her aunt, Shirley Huff
- ✍ Erika Bowers and her family in the death of her father, Tim Oakley
- ✍ Sheila (Capel) Thornton in the death of her mother, Mae Quinn Scott

Does God Care About the Presidential Election?

Election season is in full swing, but many are still unsure who to vote for. Maybe that's you, or maybe you don't plan to vote at all. Let Billy Graham's answer about voting and politics encourage you.

Q: I know the elections are a month away, but I'm tired of all the name-calling and the overblown rhetoric. I've decided just to shut my mind to it all. I don't think God really cares about politics anyway, does He?

A: God cares about everything that affects our lives—including who our leaders will be and how our society will be governed. That's one reason why He commanded us to pray for our government and its leaders. Would He have told us to do this if He didn't care about good government? Of course not. The Bible says, "I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made ... for kings and all those in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Many readers probably can sympathize with your attitude toward too much rhetoric or too many ads. But don't let these blind you to the importance of our elections, or cause you to shut your mind to our nation's need for honest and able leaders. Our system may not be perfect—but it's far better than that in many other nations.

Pray for our nation, especially as we look forward to elections a [month] from now. Pray especially that God will raise up leaders who will stand for justice and morality, and will seek God's will in all they do.

Pray too that our nation will turn to God, and that we may experience true spiritual revival. Increasingly we seem to be pushing God out of our lives as a nation—and this will have tragic consequences. Don't let this happen to you, but make sure of your commitment to Christ, and seek to follow Him every day. The Bible's standard is still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

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OCTOBER 2024

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse: “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.” 1 Thessalonians 1:2		1	2 Wed. Night Service 7p	3 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Terry Carden Brittany MacDonald</i>	4	5
6 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p <i>Dan Carpenter</i>	7 <i>Tori Ashley</i>	8 <i>Colby Proctor</i>	9 Missions Night 7:00p <i>Jiselle Wilkins</i>	10 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Dustin Craven Kate Proctor</i>	11 <i>Paul Hall</i>	12 Children’s Ministry/ Hillridge Farm 9:30a <i>Elyssa Koutsis</i>
13 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a	14 <i>Marie Bradley Mason Shuler</i>	15 <i>David Glenn JoLea MacDonald</i>	16 Business Mtg 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p	17 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	18 <i>Wesley Davis</i>	19 Youth Stew Fundraiser
20 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a	21 Women’s Bible Study 7pm Men of Iron 7pm <i>Tina Blomburg</i>	22 <i>Joy Colvard Sheila Thornton</i>	23 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Patrick Bowles Pat Holbrook</i>	24 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Kim Jackson</i>	25 <i>Kyndall Chambers</i>	26
27 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Owen Gentry Don Sharp</i>	28	29	30 <i>Dwayne Taylor</i>	31 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Collins DiMeo</i>	Nov. 1	2 Fall Festival 1-3p 



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Letting Your Leaves Fall

by Rachel Wojo

Little yellow leaves from the front yard tree dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. I love summer affectionately and part of me longs to whisper to the tree “Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!” But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than my foolish whispers. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don’t stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn’t hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God’s Word reminds us to:

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31,32 (NIV)

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?



Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18,19 (NIV)

- » By reading God’s Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we’re not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other “decayed leaves” you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

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Your Pastor Is A Gift

“And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.” (Ephesians 4:11 CSB)

This passage from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians tells us pastors are a gift Jesus personally gave to the Church. We can’t despise Jesus’ gift. He knows what the Church needs and has supplied us with every spiritual blessing. (see Ephesians 1:3)

If Jesus gave us pastors as a gift, it is because we need them. They are vital for us to mature spiritually.

Why do we need them? Look at what Paul continues to say concerning Jesus’ gifts to the Church.

“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness. Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.” (Ephesians 4:12–14 CSB)

Jesus gave pastors as a gift to the Church to build up the body of Christ until we reach unity in faith and unity in the knowledge of Christ.

When we mature as measured by Christ’s fullness, then we are no longer tossed about by the winds of doctrine. Mature Christians can’t be conned by false gospels. They know the truth and aren’t fooled by lies stuffed into a skin of truth.

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