



# The Beacon



"I have made you a light...that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47

February 2025

## *Baked Potato & Salad Dinner*

*Saturday, February 22nd ~ 5:00pm*

**The potatoes, lettuce/greens and all the toppings will be provided.**

**We'll need you to bring the 3 D's. . . Dressing, Dessert and/or Drink (sweet tea will be provided)**

**Please sign up in the Welcome Center so we'll know how much food to prepare.**



## *Baptist Women's Day*

*Sunday, February 23rd ~ 8:45am & 11:00am*

Join us for either service as our Ladies will lead us in a time of songs, praise, and testimony of how God has brought them through.

All ladies are invited to join us in the choir on this special day.

If you're not already involved in the Baptist Women, it's a great time to join and be part of prayer, outreach, and fellowship.



## *Tables of Love*

**Saturday, March 15th ~ 6:00pm**

Join us for this special night of 'Dinner and a Show'. Tables of Love is an annual event presented by our Youth free of charge\*. They will serve you dinner and then entertain you. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. You can reserve a table and invite your friends, or sign up individually and we'll place you/your family at a table.

\*While this is a free event, containers will be on the tables for donations for missions.



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

When people look at our lives, what do they see? What are we known for? As Christians we are supposed to live differently than the world. We are called to live in such a way that people notice something different about us. In John 13:34-35 Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love others the way Jesus loves us. This is definitely a different way of living, but it makes an impact on those who are watching us. They notice something different about us. They notice that we are Jesus' disciples which gives us a chance to share Jesus with them. Is the way we live day in and day out showing that we belong to Jesus and impacting the world?

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*

**Coming next month. . .**

March 2nd - Sunday

The Lord's Supper

March 9th - Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

March 15th - Saturday

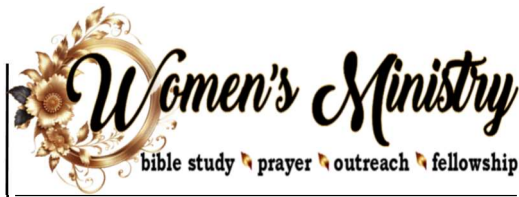
Tables of Love

March 20th - Thursday

Spring Begins

March 30th - April 2nd

Community Revival



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

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00p**  
(3rd Monday of each month)  
*'Forward'* by Dr. David Jeremiah

You can order **RADA Cutlery** and other kitchen products by clicking the link:

[radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946](http://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946)

**All RADA products are proudly made in the USA!** Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

The next **Roxboro Christian Women's Club** will meet Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attending? RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Welcome*  
**New Members**

**Joe & Tracy Trask**  
(by profession of faith)

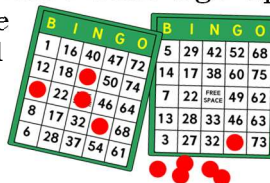


**We Received a Thank You Note From:**

- ✍ Joe and Joyce Glenn
- ✍ The O'Briant Family
- ✍ The Pendergraph Family
- ✍ The Pryor Family

**Fun Bunch Bingo & Lunch**

February 10th at 10:00 am, followed by lunch. Please sign up in the Welcome Center so we'll know how much food to prepare.



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

**MEN OF IRON**  
**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 extend our sympathy and prayers to:*

- ✍ Scott Bradley and his family in the death of his aunt; Carolyn Bradley
- ✍ Foy Harrell and her family in the death of her sister, Charlotte Overton

**Discipleship Class**

*Sundays ~ 3:00 - 5:00pm*

February 16th begins a 12 week class, '5 Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Faith'. This is a class designed to help you grow deeper and stronger in your faith as a disciple of Christ. All course material is provided, so bring your Bible, paper and a pen. If you are interested, please sign up in the Welcome Center. See Josh Taylor or Pastor Dave if you have any questions.

*"Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord ... For the Lord disciplines the one he loves ... [during] the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."*

- Hebrews 12:5-6, 11 (ESV)

# FEBRUARY 2025

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Memory Verse:</b> - “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p>						<p><b>1</b> Forged Men’s Conf. 8am</p> <p><i>Christy Murray David Young</i></p>
<p><b>2</b> Worship Service 8:45a &amp; 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <i>Bill McGrath</i></p>	<p><b>4</b>  <i>Norma Bowen</i></p>	<p><b>5</b> Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p><b>6</b> Young Men’s Bible Study 7p</p> <p><i>Anna Strader</i></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <i>Megan Reaves Emmie Strader</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> Worship Service 8:45a &amp; 11:00a</p> <p><i>Scott Chambers Mac MacDonald</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> Fun Bunch Bingo and Lunch 10am FLC</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Missions 7:00p</p>	<p><b>13</b> Young Men’s Bible Study 7p</p>	<p><b>14</b> </p>	<p><b>15</b>  <i>Mackenzie Turner</i></p>
<p><b>16</b> Worship Service 8:45a &amp; 11:00a</p>	<p><b>17</b> Women’s Bible Study 7pm Men of Iron 7pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Business Mtg 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p><b>20</b> RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p  Young Men’s Bible Study 7p</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Potato &amp; Salad Dinner 5pm</p>
<p><b>23</b> Worship Service Baptist Women’s Day 8:45a &amp; 11:00a  Children’s Ministry 12:15p</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p><b>27</b> Young Men’s Bible Study 7p</p> <p><i>Janice Watson</i></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <i>Gianni DiMeo Megan McBroom Josh Taylor</i></p>	<p><b>March 1</b></p>



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## God Is Love

By Whitney Hopler

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” – 1 John 4:16 (NIV)

It inspires me to hear near-death experience stories from people who have clinically died and been resuscitated. Millions of people from around the world have experienced that, and I’ve heard or read thousands of people’s reports over the years. Everyone who said they met God after dying described God using the same word: love. That one characteristic of God is so strong, many said, that the love they felt from God was overwhelming.

1 John 4:16 reminds us of a fundamental truth about God: He is love. This verse encapsulates the essence of God’s character and nature. It’s not just that God loves, but that he is love itself. God’s love is not contingent upon our actions or worthiness. It flows from the core of his being. When we say “God is love,” we’re not just asserting that love is one of God’s attributes, like power or wisdom. Instead, we’re declaring that love defines God’s nature. It’s the heart of who God is. Every aspect of God’s being flows from his boundless, unconditional love.

This truth is revolutionary! It reshapes our understanding of God and redefines our relationship with him. It means that every encounter we have with God – every prayer we say, every tear we shed, every joy we celebrate – is saturated with God’s love. We are not dealing with a distant deity who is indifferent to our lives; we are engaging with a God who loves us completely and unconditionally.

Since God is love, his love is unchanging. It’s not subject to our changing emotions and circumstances. God’s love remains constant, steadfast, and eternal. No matter what challenges we may face in life, we can always rely on the reality that God’s love will be there for us. We can notice God’s presence with us and discover the wonder of God’s work around us.

God’s love is also inclusive. It knows no boundaries, respects no barriers, and excludes no one. It’s a love that reaches out to the outcast, embraces the marginalized, and welcomes the broken. It’s a love that transcends race, gender, nationality, and social status. In God’s eyes, every person is a beloved soul, worthy of his love and deserving of his grace.

Ultimately, to know and rely on the love God has for us is to enter into the deepest, most intimate relationship imaginable. It’s to be held in the embrace of a love that will never let us go. It’s to experience the fullness of life, the richness of joy, and the assurance of salvation that can only be found in God’s unlimited love. This truth can sink deep into our souls and trans-

form us from the inside out. Living in love is more than just a feeling or emotion; it’s a way of life. It’s about serving others, just as Jesus did for us. It can give us confidence to live with purpose, compel us to love others as we have been loved through intentional kindness, and to show grace and mercy to others as God has shown to us. As believers, we have the blessing of knowing and relying on this love. It’s not just an abstract concept but a tangible reality that we can experience daily. When we live in God’s love, we find perfect peace. It becomes the foundation upon which we build our lives.

When we choose to dwell in God’s love, we invite the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. His presence fills our hearts, transforming us from the inside out. We become vessels of God’s love, radiating his light into a dark world in desperate need of it.

### Intersecting Faith and Life:

As you reflect on how God is love, consider these questions:

- How deeply do you believe in God’s love for you? Are there areas of your life where you struggle to accept or receive God’s love?
- In what ways do you currently rely on God’s love in your daily life? Are there areas where you tend to rely more on your own strength or understanding?
- Think of a recent situation where you found it challenging to love others. How can viewing that situation through the lens of God’s love change your perspective or response?

Try these ways to embrace God’s love in your life:

- Start each day by meditating on God’s love for you. Remind yourself that you are deeply cherished and valued by God.
- Practice gratitude for the ways God has shown his love in your life. Keep a journal or gratitude list to record these blessings.
- Look for opportunities to demonstrate love to others – especially those who may be difficult to love or who are in need.
- Cultivate a habit of forgiving others for their mistakes, since God has forgiven you for yours.
- Surround yourself with reminders of God’s love, such as by displaying Bible verses and listening to worship music regularly.