



The Beacon



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

May 2025

Happy Mother's Day



Graduate Recognition Sunday



May 18, 2025

Join us as we celebrate our
2025 Graduates!

If you have a child that is graduating from high school or college, please submit a photo and bio to Pastor Dave (pastordave@redmountainbaptist.com) by May 4th.

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP WITH
NEW RED MOUNTAIN
BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 18TH ~ 4:00PM**



Join us as we worship with our sister church from across the road, New Red Mountain. Following the worship service, we will have a finger food fellowship in the Family Life Center, so please bring food and drinks for your family and our guest from New Red Mountain.

**TIMBERLAKE
FIRE & RESCUE
APPRECIATION DINNER
TUESDAY, MAY 20TH ~ 7:00PM**



The Baptist Women's group will provide the meat, but we need your help with the sides, drinks, and desserts. Please see the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for a list of what to bring.

Vacation Bible School - Magnified!



Made to Magnify God! VBS will encourage kids (and adults) to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together." Ps 34:3

Mark your calendars for VBS - July 20th - 23rd!

Classes for ALL ages - Nursery to Adults!



We still need more volunteers to help with VBS. If you are interested, please see LaJeanne Ashley or Ashley Crabtree for more information.



Pastor Dave's Message for the Month

We all know that air is vitally important for life. In order for us to live we must breathe air in and out. Without air we die. Sometimes we take breathing for granted. We just do it without thinking. We do not truly realize how important breathing is every moment until we have trouble breathing. Just ask anyone who has ever had breathing issues how vital breathing is and they will quickly tell you. Breathing air in and out is essential for life.

I am thankful that God made our bodies in such a way that we really do not have to think about each breath we take. Our brain tells our lungs when to breathe. This is just one of the many blessings of God we see everyday in our lives. When you stop and think about it, God gives us many blessings through out the day in the way that He cares for us. This should cause us to want to praise the Lord all throughout the day. Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Is that how you are living? As long as there is air in our lungs we should be praising the Lord.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

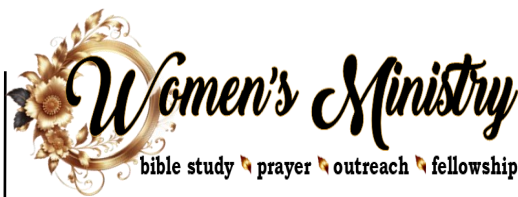
Encourage our Youth

We want to encourage our children and teenagers in what they are facing in life. You can do this by writing a note of encouragement during the month of May and placing it in the mailbox in the Welcome Center. A list of names and their concerns are also in the Welcome Center. See Heather Glenn for more information.



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

Justice Cannada and her family in the death of her great-grandfather, James Whitfield, Sr., and her great-aunt, Lori Neely.



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

Women's Bible Study Monday, May 19th ~ 7:00p

'Forward' by Dr. David Jeremiah

Spring Cleaning Clothing Donations

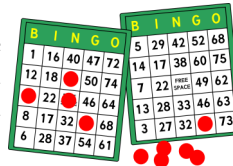
The Baptist Women are collecting clean, gently used Spring/Summer clothing and items (lotions, soaps, puzzles, etc.) for local rest homes. Items can be dropped off in Ellen Clayton's Sunday School class, rm 112. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Baptist Women's Group.



The next **Roxboro Christian Women's Club** will meet Thursday, May 15th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attendees, please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by May 11th.

Fun Bunch Bingo & Lunch

May 5th at 10am, followed by lunch. Please sign up in the Welcome Center so we'll know how much food to prepare.



Welcome New Members

Vance & Debra Agee
(transfer of membership)

Casey Martin
(profession of faith)

Cindy Paschall
(transfer of membership)

Mike Paschall
(profession of faith)



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

MEN OF IRON Monday, May 19th ~ 7:00p

(3rd Monday of each month)

'33 The Series - A Man and His Marriage'

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

Congratulations to . . .



Jake and Ashley Farrell on the birth of their son, Oliver Michael, on March 31st. Congratulations also to Pastor Cameron and Dawne Lewis on the birth of their grandson.



Chase Ellis and Taylor Perry, married on April 13, 2025.

Email Prayer Team

We are reorganizing our email & text prayer notices. Everyone needs to re-join, regardless if you're currently on the existing email list.

Text 'JOIN' to 336-594-4243
or Scan the QR Code



or email your name to:

redmountainprayers2@gmail.com
with 'JOIN Prayer Group' in the subject line.



MAY 2025

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6				1 Senior Adult Bible Study 10am Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Scott Bradley</i>	2 <i>Luke Gillie</i>	3
4 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p	5 Fun Bunch Bingo & Lunch 9am <i>Kaysi McDaniel</i>	6 <i>Seth Pryor</i>	7 Wed. Night Service 7p	8 Senior Adult Bible Study 10am Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Don Sands</i>	9	10
11  Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a	12 <i>Jamie Gillie</i>	13 <i>Whitney O'Briant</i>	14 Missions Night 7p	15 Senior Adult Bible Study 10am RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Laura Pryor Boone Reaves</i>	16 <i>Matthew Dew</i>	17
18 Worship Service/ Graduate Recognition 8:45a & 11:00a Community Worship w/ New Red Mountain 4p <i>Jason Humphries Dustin Reaves</i>	19 Women’s Bible Study 7pm Men of Iron 7pm	20 Timbelake FD Dinner 7pm	21 Business Mtg 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Gail Bowen Robbie Coates</i>	22 Senior Adult Bible Study 10am Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	23 <i>Kathy Grinstead</i>	24 <i>Lumpy Compton</i>
25 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a	26  <i>Matthew Fuller Doris Gresham Ray Moore Karsyn Yow</i>	27	28 Wed. Night Service 7p	29 Senior Adult Bible Study 10am Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	30	31 <i>Allison Bowers</i>



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Why Every Mom Needs a Bouquet of Dead Flowers This Mother's Day -by Alicia Bruxvoort

I'll never forget the Mother's Day my firstborn gave me a bouquet of dead daisies.

The evening before, I'd watched from the kitchen window as my son roamed the overgrown field in our backyard and proudly picked a handful of golden blooms. He'd sniffed the silky petals with an appreciative nod, then he'd marched inside and asked me for a shoebox, some tape and a roll of aluminum foil.

While I'd tucked his little sisters into bed, Lukas had tucked himself behind his bedroom door and warned me to stay out because he was working on a big surprise.

But when Mother's Day arrived with dawn's pink streaks and my boy's giddy shrieks, the surprise was all his.

He raced to my bedside with that foil-wrapped box tucked under one arm, and he jumped up and down on the edge of my bed until I flashed him a sleepy smile. As he sang an original rendition of "Happy Mommy's Day to You," I propped myself up on a pillow and let him plop his gift onto my lap.

My 6-year-old watched with wiggly excitement as I *oohed* and *ahhed* over the shiny globs of wrapping paper. Little by little, I peeled back those lumpy layers of foil and plucked at the wads of tape until, finally, I lifted a bouquet of brown blooms from that shoebox tomb.

My son's wide blue eyes landed on his gift, and a bewildered grimace replaced his proud grin. But before his disappointment could morph into tears, I pulled Lukas close and thanked him for his thoughtfulness.

Then I hopped out of bed and stuffed those dung-colored daisies into my fanciest crystal vase. And with a wink, I placed that Mother's Day surprise right in the middle of the kitchen table as if it were the perfect centerpiece for our day of celebration.

In hindsight, I realize it was.

I may not have understood it then, but five kids and a dozen years later, I've learned something about motherhood that greeting cards don't acknowledge and brightly colored daisies can't capture.

While motherhood is a beautiful and priceless gift, it is also a surprising summons to die.

And maybe that's why on some days this high and holy calling feels laborious and lusterless; monotonous and

prosaic. Because motherhood (even spiritual motherhood) is more than a mandate to raise the next generation. It is an unending invitation to lay down our lives.

Motherhood is saying no to the clanking cadence of selfishness and yes to the quiet rhythms of love. It's relinquishing pride and persisting in prayer, surrendering greed and growing in grace.

Motherhood is pacing the floor with a crying baby in the dark of night and holding a tearful teen in the depths of disappointment.

It's wiping bottoms and noses and floors countless times a day and listening to the same knock-knock joke over and over again.

Motherhood is chasing toddlers when we'd rather be chasing our own dreams. And folding superhero underwear when we'd rather be rescued from the monotony of the daily grind.

Quite simply, motherhood is a daily decision to paint the ordinary moments of our days with the extraordinary love of Christ. And this kind of love may not resemble a bouquet of golden giggles or blossoms of bright pink hugs. It may look more like a batch of brown blooms tucked in a shoebox. Or like our Savior hanging from a rugged cross.

First John 3:16 reminds us that the beauty of true love is always painted with tenacious tints of sacrifice and humble hues of surrender.

Let's be honest: Whether we're moms or wives, daughters or friends, this kind of love doesn't feel easy or natural. But I'm learning that something surprising happens when we fix our eyes on Jesus and follow His example. Little by little, our lives begin to bloom with a beauty that doesn't wilt or wane, falter or fade.

And somehow, as we pour our lives out in love, our faithful Savior uses the gift of daily death to grow us into women radiant with His glory and fully alive in His grace (Psalm 34:5).

Dear Jesus, help me to imitate Your love today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Ephesians 5:1, "So imitate God. *Follow Him* like adored children." (VOICE)

Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (NIV)

<https://proverbs31.org/read/devotions/full-post/2017/05/09/why-every-mom-needs-a-bouquet-of-dead-flowers-this-mothers-day>

