



# The Beacon



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

June 2025

## Happy Father's Day



## Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!



### High School

**Jordan Davis** is graduating from Person High School and will attend East Carolina University in the fall.

**Emma Pryor** is graduating from Roxboro Community School as well as from Piedmont Community College with her Associates in Science and will attend Liberty University in the fall.

**Aiden Walker** is graduating from Person High School and will attend Piedmont Community College in the fall.

### College

**Hunter Gentry** graduated from Wake Tech Community College with an associate degree in Construction Equipment Systems Technology and another associate degree in Diesel and Heavy Equipment Systems Technology.

**Levi Strader** graduated from Rockingham Community College with diplomas in Welding Technology and Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology.

## SUMMER MISSIONS

"Reaching Our Neighbors & the Nations"

Please pray for all of our mission opportunities this summer.

- **Moldova Mission Trip** / June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup> (Cameron L., Ashley C., Heather G., Sammi H., Laura P., Sheila S.)
- **Emma Pryor** - Fuge Camp Student Leader in SC 6/30 - 7/12
- **Grace Pryor** - Fuge Camp Counselor in TN through July 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Vacation Bible School** / July 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Youth Fuge** (S.C.) / July 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>
- **West Virginia Mission Trip (The Crossing Church)** Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> More info & sign up sheet in the Welcome Center
- **Community First Responder Appreciation Dinners** at Bahama FD - July 14<sup>th</sup> & Moriah FD - Aug 12<sup>th</sup>

*For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47*





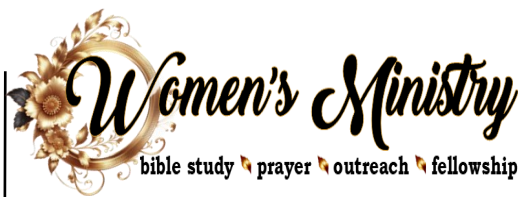
## Pastor Dave's Message for the Month

Summer is here again, and God has given more opportunities to share the Gospel. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Jesus made it clear that we are to be His witnesses who share the Gospel starting in our own community all the way "to the end of the earth." Everyday we have opportunities to reach people around us with the life changing news of the Gospel. However, we are sometimes too busy to see those opportunities. I encourage you to begin each day praying and asking God to open your eyes to see the opportunities He gives you that day. Jesus also said that He has given us the Holy Spirit to empower us to be witnesses. So, we also need to pray that Holy Spirit would empower us that day with boldness and the right words as we seek to share the Gospel.

I also want to encourage you to pray for the mission opportunities that we as a church have this summer as we seek to share the Gospel. We have individuals, groups and the whole church on mission this summer. Please pray that God would work through these opportunities to reach people who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Here are some of the mission opportunities you can pray for: Grace Pryor is serving as a counselor at Fuge Camp in Tennessee through July 14<sup>th</sup>; the Moldova mission trip is June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 6<sup>th</sup>; Emma Pryor is serving as a student leader at Fuge Camp in South Carolina from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>; the Youth Fuge mission trip to South Carolina is July 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>; Vacation Bible School is July 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>; and the West Virginia mission trip is August 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for praying. We look forward to what God is going to do to change lives this summer!

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*



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



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

*The Women's & Men's Bible Study (on the 3rd Monday) will take a summer break and resume in September.*

The next **Roxboro Christian Women's Club** will meet Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attendees, please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by June 15<sup>th</sup>.



*We extend our sympathy and prayers to:*

- ✂ Paul Hall and his family in the death of his father, Walter Hall
- ✂ Sharon Whitfield and her family in the death of her mother, Dora Anne Maness

*Welcome*  
**New Members**

(by profession of faith)

Alec Dickerson

Cherry Dickerson

Todd Dickerson

Laura Fuller

**VBS - MAGNIFIED!**

July 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

We need your prayers! Pick up a VBS Prayer Calendar in the Welcome Center or click [here](#) to print.

We will be asking for donations to help with the nightly dinners. More information and a sign up sheet to come.

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



**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday Nights at 7:00p Rm 109

**Prayer Team Email**

The new Prayer Team email system is live. If you are not receiving emails, please scan the QR Code or Text 'JOIN' to 336-594-4243.



Or email your name to:

[redmountainprayers2@gmail.com](mailto:redmountainprayers2@gmail.com) with 'JOIN Prayer Group' in the subject line.

**The Nominating Team** has begun their work for the 2025/26 ministry year, and they need your help. Please pick up a *Serving within the Body of Christ* survey in the foyer or Welcome Center. Take it home and pray about where the Lord would have you serve. Once completed, return to a member of the Nominating Committee: Pastor Dave, Terry Carden, Sue DeBlanc, Lance Ellis, Ingela Gillie, Dwayne Taylor, or Josh Taylor.

If you would like to find out your spiritual gifts, there are spiritual gifts surveys in the foyer or Welcome Center or print from [here](#).

**Pastoral Intern**

In the April Business Meeting, it was voted on and approved to create an unpaid Pastoral Intern position. In the May Business Meeting, **Lance Ellis** was voted in to be our Pastoral Intern. Please pray for Lance as he answers God's calling and prepares for the responsibility, and pray for Pastors Dave and Cameron as they mentor Lance.

# JUNE 2025

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b><br>Lord's Supper/<br>Worship Service<br>8:45a & 11:00a<br>Deacons Mtg<br>12:30p  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br><i>Allie Reaves</i>          | <b>4</b><br>Wed. Night<br>Service 7p<br><br><i>Doug Ashley<br/>                     Luke Pearson</i> | <b>5</b><br>Young Men's<br>Bible Study 7p<br><br><i>Tom Terry<br/>                     Patricia Woody</i>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br>Worship Service<br>8:45a & 11:00a<br><br><i>Jennifer Taylor</i>   | <b>9</b><br>Fun Bunch Bingo<br>& Lunch 9am<br><br><i>Chelsey Mullins</i>                               | <b>10</b>                                | <b>11</b><br>Missions Night 7p<br><br><i>Jake McBroom</i>  | <b>12</b><br>Young Men's<br>Bible Study 7p<br><br><i>Karsen McKenzie</i>  | <b>13</b><br><br><i>Mike Smith<br/>                     Reid Walker</i>                                      | <b>14</b><br><br><br><i>Allie Blomberg<br/>                     Hunter Gentry</i> |
| <b>15</b><br><br>All Together<br>Sunday 11:00a<br><br><i>Viola Wilkins</i> | <b>16</b><br><br><i>Dillon Watson</i>  | <b>17</b>                                | <b>18</b><br>Business Mtg<br>6:45p<br>-----<br>Wed. Night<br>Service 7p<br><br><i>Wanda Ellis</i>    | <b>19</b><br>RCWC Luncheon<br>@Homestead 12p<br><br>Young Men's<br>Bible Study 7p   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br><br><br><i>Olivia Blomberg<br/>                     Nicholas Fuller</i>   |
| <b>22</b><br>Worship Service<br>8:45a & 11:00a  | <b>23</b><br><br><i>Terri Day</i>  | <b>24</b><br><br><i>Colby Sanders</i>    | <b>25</b><br>Wed. Night<br>Service 7p  | <b>26</b><br>Young Men's<br>Bible Study 7p  | <b>27</b><br><div>Pray for Moldova Team</div><br><br><i>Tony Albert<br/>                     Foy Harrell</i> | <b>28</b><br><br><br><i>Marcie Ellis</i>   |
| <b>29</b><br><div>Pray for Moldova Team 6/27 - 7/6 -----&gt;&gt;</div> Worship Service<br>8:45a & 11:00a  | <b>30</b><br><br><i>Karen Hall<br/>                     Tammy<br/>                     Pendergraph</i> | <b>July 1</b><br><br><i>Brenda Owens</i> | <b>2</b>   | <b>Memory Verse:</b><br><br>“But you shall receive power<br>when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;<br>and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,<br>and in all Judea and Samaria,<br>and to the end of the earth.”<br><br>Acts 1:8 |  |  |



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## The Need for Fathers

Among the many roles a man may bear, few are as honored—or as weighty—as that of “father.” Not the religious title “Father” that some men have taken upon themselves ([Matthew 23:6-11](#)), but the word used for a man who takes on the responsibilities of raising a son or a daughter. The word “father” appears 1,672 times in the New King James Version of the Bible.

When God wanted to use a term to describe His love, care, and guidance for His people, He used the term father ([2 Corinthians 6:17-18](#), [Hebrews 12:5-10](#)).

Paul compared his work of exhorting, comforting, and charging Christians to that of a father raising his children ([1 Thessalonians 2:11](#)).

The term father is used to describe Christians who are mature and secure in their faith and knowledge ([1 John 2:13-14](#)).

- Often when we think of the great man of faith Abraham, we think of him as “Father Abraham.”

It was to fathers God gave the responsibility to bring up children in the training and admonition of the Lord ([Ephesians 6:4](#)).

When God said who He wanted to watch over and protect His congregations, He specified that He wanted fathers ([1 Timothy 3:4-5](#), [Titus 1:5-6](#)).

Truly, the title of father is given great honor and responsibility in the Bible.

### THE CULTURAL UNDERMINING OF FATHERHOOD

Sadly, our world has diminished and distorted the honor of fatherhood. The phrase “Father knows best” is often used today with scorn. In popular media, fathers are portrayed as clueless, inept, or emotionally distant. While mothers are rightly recognized for their deep influence, fathers are too often expected to be little more than financial providers—or worse, irrelevant altogether.

Many fathers have, consciously or unconsciously, accepted the world’s low expectations—or even sunk beneath them. Whether due to cultural influence, personal discouragement, or lack of guidance, many men today are not rising to the noble standard God has set for them.

Perhaps because of the influence of the world, perhaps because of discouragement, or perhaps because they simply don’t know how, many fathers are not living up to the honor of their calling.



### THE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES

Over one-third of American children now live without a father and many more homes have fathers who are physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually absent. Fathers need to understand their importance in a home. Consider a few of the following statistics gathered by [The Fatherless Generation](#):

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) – 5 times the average.
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes – 32 times the average.
- 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes – 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)
- 80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes –14 times the average. (Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26)

- 71% of all high school drop-outs come from fatherless homes – 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

Fatherhood today is in crisis—and its effects are felt in our nation, our neighborhoods, our churches, and most of all, in our children. It’s time for fathers to rise to their calling: to be present, to be spiritual leaders, and to guide the next generation with

love and conviction.

Fatherhood is not optional. It’s not passive. It’s not a title to be worn—it’s a mission to be lived.

The influence of a father in the home ripples outward: shaping hearts, building futures, anchoring families, and strengthening churches. We need fathers who will love with tenderness and lead with conviction. Fathers who will discipline with grace, protect with strength, and teach with eternal vision.

Now more than ever, we need men who will rise up and reclaim the calling of fatherhood—not just as a biological role, but as a spiritual responsibility.

“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...” —Malachi 4:6

<https://knightsoffatherhood.com/2025/05/08/the-need-for-fathers/>