



The Beacon



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

July 2025



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 20th - 23rd



Make plans to join us, and invite someone!



There are classes for ALL ages, Babies to Adults!

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!

Each night begins at 6:00pm and ends at 8:30pm. Dinner is included. Church Family, we are asking for donations (monetary or a dish) to help with the nightly dinners. More information and a sign up sheet are in the Welcome Center.



Continue to pray for our VBS Directors, teachers, volunteers, and everyone that attends. You can still pick up a VBS Prayer Calendar in the Welcome Center or click [here](#) to print. It's not too late to pray!

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

Tri-West Baptist Network Food Pantry

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Tri-West Baptist Network Food Bank, July through September. You can drop off your donations in the food barrel located in the Welcome Center. "ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY." Expired food will not be accepted at the food bank.



Serving Within the Body of Christ

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.

First Responder

Appreciation Dinner will be at the Bahama Fire Department on Bahama Road - July 14th. Please have food at the fire department by 6:45p. Dinner will be served at 7:00p. The Baptist Women will provide Chicken, but we need your help with side dishes, desserts & drinks. A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.





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

God is an awesome Creator. I have had the privilege to see and enjoy some of the beauty of His creation. I have seen the beautiful sunrise over the ocean, the breathtaking sunset over the mountains, the splendor of Niagara Falls, the majesty of the Rocky Mountains, the magnificent true-blue ocean in the Caribbean, and so much more. We live in an amazing world that God created. However, the most amazing part of His creation is you! Mankind is the pinnacle of creation. God created us unique from the rest of creation. He created us to have a relationship with us, and He has made all that possible through His Son, Jesus Christ.

When we stop and think about how truly awesome our Creator is, we should want to praise Him. Psalm 34:3 says, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." We have much to praise or magnify the Lord for. It is a joy to come together as the family of God to magnify and exalt the Lord. I want to invite you to a wonderful opportunity to do just that at our Vacation Bible School. Please join us July 20th-23rd as we learn more about how and why we should magnify the Lord. We have classes for all ages, and we begin each night at 6 PM. I look forward to seeing you there.

For His glory,

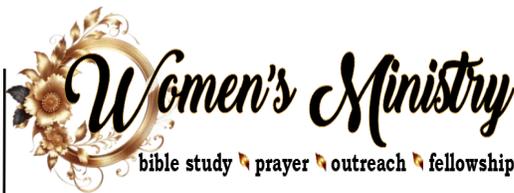
Pastor Dave

Church-Wide Invitation to a Baby Shower for Megan & Jordan McBroom on Sunday, July 27th ~ 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Family Life Center. The Baby Registry can be found on Amazon under the name Megan McBroom.



<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/megan-mcbrroom-september-2025/20YX5V2EA9EFZ>

Contact Dawne Lewis for any questions or more information.
(Megan is the daughter of Rodney & Dorinda Laughinghouse)



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

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, July 17th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attendees, please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by July 13th.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

Karen Hall and her family in the death of his husband, and Ryan, Austin, and Michael Hall in the death of their father, Paul Hall.

Congratulations to...

**Steve DeBlanc
Mike Paschall**
Baptized June 22nd



SUMMER MISSIONS

"Reaching Our Neighbors & the Nations"
Please continue to pray for all of our mission opportunities this summer.

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



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

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

Why Do We Need Vacation Bible School? by Brian La Croix

Part of my time growing up was spent in Pine Ridge, SD, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

And our church didn't have Vacation Bible School, so we went to VBS at a little church just across the border in White Clay, NE.

I don't remember the name of the church, or what denomination it was. Doesn't matter, I remember having a good time singing songs, making crafts, playing softball, and eating lunch out of a real big lunchbox with a thermos in it.

I remember VBS as being a great deal of fun when I was a kid growing up on the reservation.

Our Vacation Bible School here was a fun time. At least I think our folks here had a fun time with it, and I think the kids had a fun time as well.

But it's also a lot of work. I can't begin to count the hours that Jolene and all her volunteers put into this deal so that your kids and our kids could learn about Jesus in a fun atmosphere.

Why do people work all day and then come to volunteer in the evening for this week? It's not like they don't have other things to do.

We don't pay them to do it, so it's not dreams of being able to buy a bass boat from what they get.

There's really only one reason we do this:

BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED JESUS.

Maybe you expected me to say that we have Vacation Bible School because children need Jesus.

And you're right – to an extent.

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JULY 2025

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse “Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.” Psalm 34:3		1 <i>Brenda Owens</i> <i>Susan Sexton</i>	2 Wed. Night Service 7p	3 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	4 	5
PRAY FOR MOLDOVA MISSIONS 6 / 27 - 7 / 6						
6 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p Moldova Team Returns <i>Jedd Denny</i>		7 <i>Dawne Lewis</i>	8 <i>Mason Bowers</i>	9 Missions Night 7p <i>Alec Dickerson</i>	10 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	11 <i>Beth Chambers</i> <i>Jacob Denny</i> <i>Sue DeBlanc</i> <i>Phillip Ellis</i>
13 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a		14 Bahama FD Dinner 6:45p	15 <i>James Ellis</i> <i>Lane Ellis</i>	16 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Hannah Fuller</i>	17 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>LeJeanne Ashley</i> <i>Sheila Compton</i>	18 <i>Sarah Bethel</i> <i>Linda Weaver</i>
YOUTH FUG E I N S O U T H C A R O L I N A						
20 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00p - 8:30p (Dinner Nightly)		21 <i>Jacob Jackson</i> <i>Mutt Jeffries</i>	22 <i>Ellen Clayton</i> <i>Joe Glenn</i> <i>Dale McGrath</i>	23 <i>Chris Turner</i>	24 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Hank Taylor</i>	25 <i>Wyatt Taylor</i>
27 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Colton Watson</i>	28 <i>Lorri Dunn</i>	29 <i>Adelyn Glenn</i>	30 Wed. Night Service 7p	31 <i>Gracelyn Hall</i>	Aug 1	2



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Astounding Freedom: A Reflection for Independence Day

"In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." [Ephesians 3:12](#)

Today is Independence Day in the United States. On this day, commonly called The Fourth of July, we Americans celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration, thus affirming the independence of the United States from Great Britain.

For over two hundred years, citizens of the U.S. have celebrated our independence on The Fourth of July. We fly the flag; put up red, white, and blue decorations; march in parades; and enjoy picnics. Throughout all of our celebrations, we are reminded of the gift of our freedom as a nation. Indeed, we are blessed in the United States with exceptional liberty, for which we ought to thank the Lord. Other countries around the world have similar national celebrations of freedom. July 1 is Canada Day. January 26 is Australia Day. September 16 is *Grito de Dolores* in Mexico.

Ephesians 3:12 celebrates another kind of freedom, a freedom that is even more amazing than the freedoms guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. This verse reads: "In [Christ] and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." The Greek word translated here as "freedom" refers specifically to "freedom of speech" (*parresia*, with a literal meaning of "all speech"). The word rendered as "approach" suggests one's authorization to draw near to a king. The Greek original of Ephesians 3:12 says that we can be confident in our "freedom of speech" and "authorization to approach" God.

Let me put this plainly. In Christ, you have the freedom to draw near to God, to tell God anything you wish, without holding back. You can express to God not only your joys but also your sorrows, not only your assurance but also your doubt, not only your pleasure but also your anger. This is an

amazing freedom.

Of course it's a freedom that we Christians can easily take for granted, even as citizens of various countries can hold their political freedom too lightly. When we're used to praying to God at any time, in any place, with any words, we can forget the stunning nature of our access to God. Think about it. The God who created the universe, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the God of all wisdom and justice, this God invites you to speak your mind, to share with him your thoughts, your feelings, your fears, and your dreams. The more you reflect on this invitation, the more you'll come to realize just how amazing it is.

So, if, like me, you're an American, by all means take time today to thank God for the freedom we have in this country. But, whether you live in the U.S. or not, I encourage you to step back and consider the freedom Christ has given you to approach God with deep confidence. Let's thank God together for this amazing freedom he has given us.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION: Do you ever marvel at the freedom God has given you to approach Him? Do you take advantage of this freedom? Do you take it for granted?

PRAYER: Gracious God, first of all, I thank you today for the freedom you have given me as a citizen of the United

States. We recognize the costliness of our political freedom in any country for many who have sacrificed their lives to defend it. Moreover, we recognize that, ultimately, this freedom is a gift from you, a gift that we should steward well. Help us, I pray, to make good use of our freedom, that is, to use it for good.

But, today I also thank you for an even more amazing freedom, the freedom you have given me to approach you in prayer, to tell you everything on my mind and heart, to come before you without fear, but in confidence. What a wonderful gift you have given me! May I never take it for granted. And may I take advantage of this freedom each day. *Amen.*

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/the-high-calling/daily-reflection/astounding-freedom-reflection-independence-day>



Why Do We Need VBS? Cont'd

Obviously, Vacation Bible School is geared to kids.

But children aren't the only people we're hoping to reach with the news that Jesus died for their sins and makes heaven available.

We want to reach families. We want to reach moms and dads, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas. We want to reach friends and neighbors of these children. Vacation Bible School is just one of the ways we try to make that happen.

<https://sermoncentral.com/sermons/why-do-we-do-vacation-bible-school->