



The Beacon



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

August 2025

Happy 21st Church Anniversary, Pastor Dave!



TEAM FEARLESS CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH - 8A - 12P

ENTER THE **BEST IN SHOW** COMPETITION OR JUST BRING YOUR CAR/TRUCK TO BE ADMIRER.

ENTRY FEE FOR **BEST IN SHOW** IS \$20

TROPHIES & PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE.

CHICKEN PLATES WILL BE PRE-SOLD AT \$13 PER PLATE AND READY FOR PICKUP AT 11:00AM. SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER TO ORDER.

ALL PROCEEDS GOES TOWARD FUTURE MISSION TRIPS.



Join us **Sunday Evening, August 17th ~ 6:00pm** as we give God praise for souls saved and lives changed through our willingness to serve, teach, and step out and be bold. You'll hear stories from each trip of how God worked through the good and bad that made our summer missions a success. We'll continue the celebration with an Ice Cream Social and Fellowship.

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.



Sunday, Aug. 10th 12:15p - 3:30p.

Lunch will be provided.

Please sign up your child in the Welcome Center by Aug. 3rd.

First Responder

Appreciation Dinner will be at the Moriah Fire Department on Mt. Harmony Church Road - August 12th. 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**

Have you realized God's calling for your life? I know you might be thinking I am talking about your career. For example, God may call you to be a teacher, a farmer, a landscaper, a student, an executive, or like me, a pastor. But I am not talking about your career. Some may think I am talking about your position in your family like a mother or father, a son or daughter or a grandfather or grandmother. But I am not talking about that either.

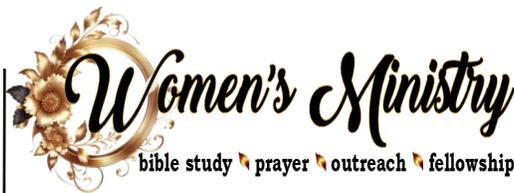
What I am talking about is how God has called you to live your daily life as a Christian. In first Peter chapter one, verses 15 and 16 says, "As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'" The word holy means "set apart." If you think about it, God is set apart from sin. He is set apart from the ways of this world. It is because of who God is that He cannot have anything to do with sin. That is what it means when it says God is holy. God calls us to be holy as well. We are to be set apart from sin and the ways of this world. I realize that we still sin as Christians, but God calls us to strive to live a holy life. That means each day we are to seek to live in such a way that we stay away from sin and sin less. As we grow in our faith and become more Christ like that will become our desire. Then we will be able to live out more of the calling God has placed upon our life to be holy. What are you doing daily to answer that calling?

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Fun Bunch Bingo & Lunch

Monday, August 18th at 10am, followed by lunch. Lots of Prizes, Fun, Food, and Fellowship. Please sign up in the Welcome Center so we'll know how much food to prepare.



"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, August 21st at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attendees, please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by August 17th.

Welcome
New Members

(by Transfer of Membership)

Sarah Bethel
Mavis Seagroves
Frank & Sharon Whitfield



We Received a Thank You Note From:

- ✉ Doris Greshan
- ✉ The Hall Family



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

- ✉ Kristy Gresham and her family in the death of her grandmother, Gladys Blackwell
- ✉ Austin Perkins and his family in the death of his grandmother, Phyllis Vuolo
- ✉ Sharon Whitfield and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Ronnie Williams

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

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

Prayers for Back-to-School

As the new school year begins. . .

Pray for our Students. Pray that the Lord will; 1. guide them in building meaningful and uplifting friendships 2. give them the perseverance to work through difficult assignments and challenging days 3. help them to overcome peer pressure and stand firm in their values 4. guide them in making wise and God-honoring decisions.

Pray for our Teachers. Pray our Heavenly Father will; 1. inspire them with creativity to make learning engaging 2. grant them wisdom as they guide students academically and morally 3. sustain them with strength for the demands of their work 4. help them to create a classroom environment filled with respect and kindness 5. inspire them to adapt their methods to meet the needs of each student 6. give them peace and confidence in their calling.

Pray for the Parents. Pray the Lord will; 1. give them strength to manage busy schedules and responsibilities 2. help them foster open communication with their children 3. give them wisdom to make decisions for their children's future 4. strengthen family bonds through shared moments of learning and prayer.

Pray for our Schools. Pray for God to; 1. protect all schools from harm and create a safe environment for learning, 2. guide school administrators in making wise decisions 3. let respect and kindness flourish in student-teacher relationships 4. guide schools in creating opportunities for students to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

<https://bibleversesandprayers.com/40-powerful-back-to-school-prayers/>

AUGUST 2025

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse “As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” 1 Peter 1:15-16					1	2 <i>Gracelyn Hall</i>
3 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Deacons Mtg 12:30p	4 <i>Colt Barry</i> <i>Craig Watson</i>	5 <i>Christi Davis</i>	6 Wed. Night Service 7p	7 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	W.V. Mission Trip	
10 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Kid’s Ministry Pool Party 12:15p Return from W.V.	11	12 Moriah FD Dinner 6:45p	13 Missions Night 7p	14 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	15 <i>Nathan Young</i>	16 Youth Car Show 8a-12p
17 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Missions Celebration 6p	18 Fun Bunch Bingo/ Lunch 10am <i>Carol Carden</i> <i>Levi Strader</i>	19 <i>Linda Mangum</i>	20 Business Mtg. 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p	21 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	22 <i>Steve Copley</i>	23
24 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Paul Terry</i>	25 <i>Josh Garrett</i> <i>Norma Grinstead</i>	26	27 Wed. Night Service 7p	28 <i>Wade Ellis</i> <i>Cameron Lewis</i>	29	30
31 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Jarrett Brooks</i> <i>Brenda Duke</i>	Notes:					



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Are You a Dull Christian?

Some Christians are just plain dull. They may be able to tell good jokes and make interesting conversation, but spiritually speaking something is lacking. They have lost their zeal and have grown weary of Christian living. Their learning about God and the Bible has reached a plateau. Their edge has become dull. Often, the problem is they have failed to see the importance of frequent fellowship and attending church services. Proverbs 27:17 says: “Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.” Just as a file can shape and sharpen tools to a fine point, frequent interaction with other Christians can shape and sharpen us into useful tools for God.

Christian examples help shape us. Paul wrote “Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). The lives of Christians imitating Christ are living lessons teaching us how to be better Christians. I remember the example of my father when I was a child. We had to drive 25 miles to church one way, but we made every service including Wednesday Bible studies and devotionals. Gas prices were rising back then as well, but it didn’t matter because church was important. When he was switched to working nights, he still made every service. He came home from work around 6:30 a.m. and left for church at 8:45 a.m. (still a 25 mile drive). The importance he placed on attending services and his dedication has stuck with me and helped shape me into the Christian I am today. By observing Christian role models and frequent interaction with Christians our lives can be shaped to better serve God.

Christian conversation and discussion sharpens us. Too often, people think they know it all. Many have the attitude they do not need the church because they can do everything at home themselves. I have lost count of how many times I have studied a passage for hours. I thought I had looked at it from every angle. When I go to teach the passage, however, someone in class brings up a point or question I never considered that adds depth to the passage. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, tells us two are better than one; if one falls the other is there to help—we can make up for each other’s weakness. Alone, however, all we have is our weaknesses. By engaging in Christian conversation our

knowledge of God’s Word increases.

Christian support helps us keep our edge. It can be hard to live a Christian life day in and day out when so many are rejecting God and living immorally. Otherwise, we would not have to be warned not to lose heart in doing good (Galatians 6:9). God has given us a spiritual family, however, to encourage and help us on this journey. In Hebrews 10:23-25 where we are told not to get into the habit of forsaking the assembly, the reason is because this is where we encourage and stimulate one another on to love and good deeds. Without this encouragement, Christians slowly drift away—their edge becoming duller and duller. When we interact with other Christians it helps us to maintain our edge and continue serving God.



The acts of sharing, asking questions, and discussing matters with fellows Christians help us to learn and grow.

Don’t be dull! Make sure you are taking every opportunity to interact with other Christians—Small Group, worship services, devotionals, visiting, eating meals together, etc. Regular and continual interaction with other Christians is necessary for a good spiritual life. It will make you the best tool you

can be for God. Why not make the commitment to be there every time the church meets? Then, make the commitment to bring someone else with you so you can help shape and sharpen them.

<https://patrickstreetcofc.wordpress.com/2014/03/03/are-you-a-dull-christian/>

Coming up in September. . .

3rd - Labor Day

7th - The Lord’s Supper

14th - 17th - Community Revival

14th at Bethany/15th at Timberlake

16th at Red Mountain/17th at Antioch

21st - Homecoming Sunday

22nd - Men & Women’s Bible Study resumes