



The Beacon



"I have made you a light...that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47 **September 2026**



Join Us For...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00a - 10:45a

Grow closer to God, Grow closer to others.

September 6th starts the new ministry year, so now's a great time to join us in Sunday School! It's a great opportunity for learning, social interaction and sharing life, and for spiritual growth.

We have children's classes from **Nursery to 5th Grade**, located in the children's hall.

The **Youth** class meets upstairs over the Welcome Center.

A new class added this year for **Young Adults** (couples/singles 40 and under Or who have children in 5th grade and below) will meet in Room 108.

We have **4 Adult Co-Ed Classes** from which to choose in Rooms 109, 107, 105, and the Family Life Center. A place for everyone!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, ...but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25

Kids Ministry Group is going to NOVA Adventure Park

Sunday, September 13th ~ 12:15pm-4:00pm

Lunch will be provided. All kids need to be signed up and waiver signed by a parent no later than September 6th. Once you complete the [online waiver](#), please email the child's name and the email address used for the waiver to hpg1987@gmail.com.



Homecoming Sunday

September 20th 11:00pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Travis Tobin

Join us for Homecoming as we celebrate 145 years of God's Goodness!
There will be a covered dish meal immediately following the worship service.

(Please note, there will not be an 8:45am service on this day)



Community Revival

September 27th - 30th



Join us for our 'Community Revival' as churches in our community gather together to worship as one.

Covered Dish Meal each night at 6:00pm - Worship Service at 7:00pm

Sunday Night - Sept. 27th at Bethany Baptist w/ Dr. David Chambers

Monday Night - Sept. 28th at Timberlake Baptist w/ Rev. Joshua Hall

Tuesday Night - Sept. 29th at Red Mountain Baptist w/ Rev. Tony Sosa

Wednesday Night - Sept. 30th at Antioch Baptist w/ Rev. Dave Pryor



Pastor Dave's Message for the Month

September is the beginning of our ministry year. God has blessed tremendously in the past ministry year. We have seen many people saved, baptized and join the church. We have seen Christians growing deeper in their faith and sharing their faith. We have seen God bless the church with many guests who have become part of the family at Red Mountain. I could go on and on about the blessings of God we have seen. God has been so good to us this past ministry year. I give Him praise and thanks for all that He has done.

I also thank Him for you. We could not have done everything that God has led us to do this past ministry year without you. God has gifted each of you with spiritual gifts. Romans 12:6 says, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them." Praise the Lord that you have used your spiritual gifts for God's glory and to impact the lives of others. Thank you for being faithful in using your gifts. So, as we begin a new ministry year let me encourage you to continue to use the gifts God has given you. We can't be the church that God desires us to be without you. Let's continue to serve God and impact lives by using our gifts.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Tri-West Baptist Network Food Pantry

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for the Tri-West Baptist Network Food Pantry through the end of September. Place your food items in the barrel located in the Welcome Center.



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

Women's Bible Study

Monday, Sept. 21st ~ 7:00p ~ FLC

"7 Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible" by Erwin Lutzer

The next **Roxboro Christian Women's Club** will meet Thursday, September 17th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. First time attending? RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Sept. 14th.

Welcome
New Member

Tammy Williams
(by transfer of membership)

What Does the Bible Say About Work and Rest? A Christian Reflection for Labor Day

Labor Day gives Christians an opportunity to think about something Scripture addresses from beginning to end: **the importance of both work and rest.**

The Bible teaches that work is good and that our labor can glorify God. But Scripture also makes clear that we were not created to work without ceasing. God established a rhythm of work and rest from creation, and ultimately, Jesus offers the deeper spiritual rest our souls need.

In a culture where many people struggle with overwork, burnout, and finding their identity in their careers, Labor Day is a fitting time to ask: What does the Bible say about work and rest?

The biblical answer begins in Genesis and ultimately points us to Christ.

GOD CREATED US TO WORK AND REST

Work was part of God's good design before sin entered the world. In Genesis, God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden and gave him meaningful work to do. Adam was called to tend and keep the garden ([Genesis 2:15](#)). Work, therefore, was not originally a punishment. It was part of humanity's God-given purpose.

God also established a pattern of rest. After completing His work of creation, God rested on the seventh day ([Genesis 2:2-3](#)). Later, the fourth commandment instructed God's people to follow a rhythm of six days of work followed by a day of rest ([Exodus 20:8-11](#)).

[Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#) connects Sabbath rest not only with creation but also with Israel's deliverance from slavery. God's people were no longer slaves forced to labor without relief. They belonged to the God who had redeemed them.

Together, these passages teach an important biblical principle: **there is a time to work faithfully and a time to stop working and rest.**

WHY WORK BECAME DIFFICULT AFTER THE FALL

Although work itself is good, Genesis 3 explains why our labor can be frustrating and

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

MEN OF IRON

Monday, Sept. 21st ~ 7:00p-Rm 109

**'33 The Series -
A Man and His Fatherhood'**

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Nights at 7:00p Rm 109

Congratulations to...

Valeria Cora
Riley Ellis
Rosalee Wicker

Baptized August 23rd



SEPTEMBER 2026

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse: “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.” Romans 12:6		1 <i>River Batten Fynnley Welch</i>	2 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Scott Grinstead Chelsey Lyon</i>	3 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Colton Grinstead</i>	4 <i>Melody Myers</i>	5 <i>Tim Barry</i>
6 Worship Service/ Lord’s Supper 8:45a & 11:00a <i>Ingela Gillie</i>	7  <i>Ann Johnson Rob Weems</i>	8 <i>Heather Gentry Tammy Williams</i>	9 Missions Night 7pm 	10 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p <i>Logan Dunn Emma Pryor Ken Williams</i>	11 <i>Genesis Albert Ricky Bowen</i>	12 <i>Shannon Barry Dave Pryor</i>
13 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Kids Ministry Nova Trip 12:15p Deacons Mtg 12:30p	14 <i>Chase Ellis Chris Sexton</i>	15 <i>Chris Bowers Kaleb Chambers</i>	16 Business Mtg. 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Elissa Brooks</i>	17 CWC 12:00p Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	18 <i>Brad Proctor</i>	19 <i>Holly Whitt</i>
20 Homecoming Worship Service 11:00a Covered Dish Meal 12:15p <i>Keith Day</i>	21 Women’s Bible Study 7p Men of Iron 7p	22 <i>Len Turner Casey Woodruff</i>	23 Wed. Night Service 7p	24 Young Men’s Bible Study 7p	25	26 <i>Jonathan Walker</i>
27 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Meal 6pm Bethany <i>Vickie Proctor Christian Wilkins</i>	28 Community Revival Timberlake	29 Service 7pm Red Mountain	30 <i>Sammi Huff</i>	Oct 1	2 <i>Cassie Gillie</i>	3 <i>Terry Carden Brittany MacDonald</i>



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exhausting.

After Adam sinned, God told him that the ground would produce "thorns and thistles" and that he would eat by the sweat of his brow ([Genesis 3:17-19](#)).

Sin did not make work evil. Instead, sin made work burdensome.

We still see the effects today. Work can involve exhaustion, disappointment, conflict, uncertainty, and seemingly fruitless effort. Even meaningful work can become difficult.

The fall also distorted our reasons for working. Rather than using our labor to glorify God and serve others, we can easily make work about ourselves.

CHRISTIANS SHOULD WORK FOR GOD'S GLORY, NOT THEIR OWN

One of the dangers of work is allowing our accomplishments to become a source of identity, status, or personal glory.

Genesis gives an early picture of this tendency. Cain built a city and named it after his son ([Genesis 4:17](#)). As humanity turned away from God, work and achievement could become ways of building a name for ourselves rather than honoring our Creator.

Christians are called to view work differently.

Scripture teaches us to approach our responsibilities as service to God:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" ([Colossians 3:23](#)).

This applies to far more than church ministry. Lawful, honest work can become an opportunity to serve our neighbors and glorify God.

A sanitation worker serving a community, a teacher educating children, a parent caring for a family, a business owner treating employees fairly, or an employee faithfully completing everyday responsibilities can all honor God through their work.

Our vocation is not ultimately about building our own kingdom. **Christian work should contribute to the good of others while pointing back to the goodness of God.**

John Calvin expressed this idea when he wrote that people were created to labor in various ways and should diligently apply themselves to their calling for the good of others.

LABOR DAY REMINDS US OF THE DANGER OF OVERWORKING

If one problem is working for the wrong reasons, another is **not knowing when to stop**. Modern life can make rest especially difficult. Technology allows work to follow us almost everywhere. Emails arrive after business hours. Phones keep us connected to our responsibilities. Some workers take multiple jobs to make ends meet, while others feel pressure to work increasingly long hours to advance or simply remain competitive.

Pastor Tim Keller noted that economic pressure, job insecurity, technology, and our tendency to find personal significance through careers have all contributed to a culture of overwork.

This creates a spiritual question as well as a practical one:

Has work become too important to us?

When our identity depends upon our productivity, achievements, income, or professional success, resting can feel uncomfortable. Stopping means temporarily surrendering the very things we use to prove our worth.

Biblical rest challenges that mindset.

Rest reminds us that God continues to be God when we stop working.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT REST?

Biblical rest is not laziness. Scripture praises diligent work while also establishing limits on human labor. God's pattern of work and rest recognizes that human beings are creatures, not machines.

We need physical restoration, but we also need time to worship, reflect, pray, enjoy God's gifts, and remember our dependence upon Him.

The Sabbath was especially significant for God's Old Testament people. It reminded Israel of both God's work in creation and His work in redeeming them from slavery.

But the Sabbath also pointed beyond physical rest to something greater.

[Hebrews 4:1-11](#) speaks about a Sabbath rest for the people of God. Ultimately, the biblical theme of rest points us toward salvation and our need to stop trusting in our own efforts to make ourselves right with God.

JESUS IS THE TRUE REST OUR SOULS NEED

The deepest rest Scripture offers is found in Jesus Christ.

Human beings cannot work their way into salvation. We cannot earn God's favor through productivity, morality, religious activity, or personal achievement.

Christ accomplished the work necessary for our redemption.

There is striking imagery in the story of salvation. Genesis describes thorns as part of the curse resulting from sin. Before His crucifixion, Jesus was crowned with thorns. At the cross, He bore the curse of sin on behalf of His people.

And when His work of redemption was complete, Jesus declared:

"It is finished" ([John 19:30](#)).

This is why Christians can rest ultimately in Christ rather than in their own works.

Jesus gives this invitation in [Matthew 11:28](#):

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Physical rest is important, but Christ offers something sleep, vacations, and time away from work cannot provide: **rest for our souls**.

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-life/labor-day->