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

October 2026

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Giving appreciation to those who give Godly:

Paul teaches in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 that those who faithfully serve and lead the church should be recognized and esteemed for their work. Pastoral appreciation honors the work God has entrusted to a pastor—praying, preaching, counseling, visiting the sick, encouraging others, and guiding the congregation through difficult seasons. Giving is also an act of worship and gratitude, and 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us to give willingly and cheerfully. A faithful pastor is a gift to the body of Christ, while always remaining Christ's servant.

How can you give?

- **Pray:** for Pastor Dave and Pastor Cameron, that God lay His mighty hand over them in times of physical and spiritual need, and pray that the Lord continues to work through them as He leads and guides our church.
- **Give:** If you feel called to express your gratitude through service or financially, we will collect a love offering this month.



Join us for Tables of Love, Laughter, Fellowship, and Food!



Join us on **October 17 at 6pm** for our annual "Tables of Love" event. To sign up for a table or to attend, sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center; spots are limited.

Don't forget to stock up for the colder months ahead with stew from the Youth Stew Fundraiser on **October 24th**! If you feel led to donate ingredients or would like to pre-order, sign-up sheets and additional information are available in the Welcome Center.

Stew pickup is 10:30 - 11am. All proceeds go to future mission trips.

RMBC COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS:

- Bring your favorite Recipe(s) to share with Colby & Adriana at their wedding shower on **October 4th, 2-4 p.m.**. They are registered on Amazon and Walmart.
- We extend our deepest sympathy to the **Blanch Mangum family** on the death of her Cousin. And the **family of Viola Wilkins** on her passing.



Deacons and Trustees

Deacons:

- Dan Carpenter
- Steve Copley
- Justin Crabree
- Lane Ellis
- Don Garrett
- Joe Glenn
- Josh Taylor

Trustees:

- Gary Bowers
- Scott Grinstead
- Ray Moore



Pastor Dave's Message of the Month:

As I write this article, today is the first day of fall. I look forward to fall because I enjoy the cool temperatures and the changing leaves. However, I also realize that as fall begins, life is about to get busier. People have all sorts of fall activities going on! Then comes Thanksgiving, and before you know it, Christmas is here. I know some of you are probably saying, "slow down", but some stores are already selling Christmas decorations.

As we get closer to the holiday season, the pace of life seems to pick up. There are all sorts of things to do and activities to take part in during the holiday season. If we are not careful, we become so busy that we forget: what the holiday season is all about, it's about Jesus! We can become so busy that we begin to neglect spending time with Jesus each day. If we are going to grow in our faith and become more Christlike, then we need to spend time in Bible study and prayer each day.

Mark 1:35 says, "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there he prayed." If spending time with the Father daily mattered to Jesus, then spending time with Jesus should matter to us. So as fall begins, decide now to make daily Bible study and prayer a priority in your life. Then, when life does get busier, your priorities will already be set, and you won't miss out on time with Jesus.

For His glory,
Pastor Dave

Womens Ministry



"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well"

Psalm 139:14

Monday, Oct. 19 @ 7pm

Men's Ministry



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

Monday, Oct. 19 @ 7pm

Young Men's Bible Study will meet: on
Oct 1st, Oct 8th, Oct 15th, 22nd, & Oct
29th @ 7pm

Kids Ministry



Pumpkin Popsicle Prayer Event:
October 24th @ 10:30 am

Operation Christmas Children's Shoe Boxes:

Pack your shoeboxes and bring them to the church by November 7th. Shoeboxes, labels, etc. are available in the Welcome Center while supplies last. For gift ideas, please visit:

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild>

Fall Festival:

Saturday, Nov. 7th ~ 1:00 - 3:00pm
Join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship.
Lots of games and activities. Be sure to invite friends, family, and members of the community.

Roxboro Christian Women's Club



The next meeting will be **October 15th**
at **12 noon** at The Homestead
Steakhouse in Timberlake.

First time attending? **RSVP to Susan**
at **336-364-7777 by October 11th**

Coming Up in November:

- 1st - Daylight Savings Time
- 18th - Monthly Business Mtg
- 7th - Fall Festival from 1- 3pm
- 8th Honor Our Veterans
- 24th Thanksgiving Covered Dish Meal (FLC)
- 11th Process OCC Shoeboxes (FLC)
- 26th Happy Thanksgiving



CONGRATULATIONS

Casey Woodruff and Kyndall Chambers on
their baptism



OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Memory verse: "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." Mark 1:35.

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**Deacons Meeting
12:30 PM**

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Dan Carpenter

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Tori Ashley

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Young Men's Bible Study @7 PM

Colby Proctor

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**Devin Brack
Jewel Clayton
Cassie Gillie
Kerry McKenzie**

Jiselle Wilkins

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**Terry Carden
Brittany MacDonald**

Dustin Craven & Kate Proctor

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Laura Fuller

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**Elyssa Koutsis
Faith Pryor**

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Missions Night 7 PM

**Marie Bradley &
Mason Shuler**

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Young Men's Bible Study 7 PM

**David Glenn
JoLea MacDonald**

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Fun Bunch: Barn Quilt Paint Party 9 AM

Tables of Love @6 PM

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Wesley Davis

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Ladies & Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

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Clark Woodruff

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Monthly Business Meeting @6:45 PM

Tina Blomberg

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Young Men's Bible Study @7 PM

**Evan Brinkley,
Sheila Thornton,
Joy Colvard, & Linda Heath**

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**Patrick Bowles
Pat Holbrook**

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Youth Stew Fundraiser

**Kids Ministry Pumpkin Popsicle & Prayer Event @10:30 AM
Kim Jackson**

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Kyndall Chambers

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**Owen Gentry
Don Sharp**

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Fun Bunch Fruit Cake Factory Trip

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Young Men's Bible Study @7 PM

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Ciera Jackson & Dwayne Taylor

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Collins DiMeo

Embracing the Beauty of Change in Autumn:

September has arrived, ushering in autumn. The trees are releasing their leaves, and the crisp air reminds us that winter is on its way. This season carries both beauty and a gentle ache - it's stunning to watch, yet it whispers of endings and transitions.

In many ways, the changing season mirrors our lives. The golden glow and fiery reds of the autumn leaves remind us that transitions, though often uncomfortable or painful, can also be beautiful.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 tells us: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot."*

Just as God ordains the rhythms of nature, He also ordains the seasons of our lives (Daniel 2:21). There are seasons when God calls us to plant - investing in prayer, service, or learning. There are seasons when we finally reap - the joy of answered prayers, growth or peace after struggle. And there are seasons of uprooting - when God asks us to release what we've clung to: old habits, heavy burdens, or even relationships that no longer align with His will.

But letting go is rarely easy. The struggle occurs because we doubt, resist, or grow impatient. However, God is the great "I Am" (Exodus 3:14). God has always been, is now, and will forever be who He is - love (1 John 4:8; Hebrews 13:8). His character never shifts, and His sovereignty never wavers (Malachi 3:6; Isaiah 46:9-10).

Unlike people, who change with moods, actions, and circumstances, God remains constant. He proved the depth of His unconditional, selfless love at the cross. To rescue us from eternal separation, He gave what was most precious - His own Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16). And if He gave us Jesus, how much more will He provide for us? The trees let go of their leaves without fear, because they will bloom again. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:28-30 that if God clothes the flowers of the field in beauty, how much more will He take care of us? When we trust Him, we often discover that the act of letting go creates space for something new to grow.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Autumn whispers this truth with every falling leaf. Change is inevitable in the life of a believer because the Spirit is always shaping us into the likeness of Christ (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 1:6). Sometimes, that shaping feels like a fiery furnace, but it is never without purpose (1 Peter 1:6-7).

Even in loss, waiting, or uncertainty, we can cling to God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Seasons shift, but God is faithful to make "everything beautiful in its time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Autumn won't last forever, but its lessons linger. Change is not our enemy - it's God's tool for transformation. So, instead of resisting, we can embrace it by:

- Practicing gratitude - notice even the small ways that God is at work.
- Staying rooted, just as trees draw strength from their roots before winter, deepening your faith through Scripture and prayer.
- Letting go with trust, asking Him to show you what you need to release.
- Looking ahead with hope, remembering that no season is final and change is always leading somewhere in God's plan.

Whatever season you find yourself in today - sowing, reaping, waiting, or letting go - be assured of this: God is with you, and in His hands, every transition can become something beautiful.

<https://www.christiantoday.com/news/embracing-the-beauty-of-change-in-autumn>