

Ringgold Baptist Church

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STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Duane Caldwell
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Minister to YouthBrandon Barts
Minister of Music.....Daniel Wolfe
Organist.....Ginger Collie
Pianist.....Leslie Blair
Groundskeeper.....Doug Motley
Property Maintenance.....Kevin Barker

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

CHURCH SERVICES
Sunday School - 9:15 am
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening - 5:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 pm

Audio: Carl Davis / Tim Chesher

Nursery Schedule

August 06—Ashlee and Aidan Hudgins
August 13—Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert
August 20—Nancy Adams and Mary Mills
August 27—Dianne Donahoe and Gayle Barts

Ushers: Lawrence Gilbert, Todd Fitts, Tommy Rowland

Bereavement Team

August - Larry and Ginger Collie
September - Ray and Sara McDowell



A NOTE FROM PASTOR DUANE

Vacations are nice, but it sure feels good to get home. Dena and I had a chance several years ago to visit our nation’s capital for the very first time and see things I had never seen before. I saw Capitol Hill, the White House, the Washington Monument, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Reflecting Pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial. All of these landmarks had several things in common. First they all are in Washington, DC. Secondly, they were all under construction. Improvements were being made to each of them. They are not flawless, indestructible, or perfect. Third, they are all symbols of our great nation and our nation’s history. I have seen pictures and read about these landmarks most of my life, but it was a thrill to see them with my own eyes. Pictures cannot capture what I saw. Words cannot describe the feeling of standing in front of each of these landmarks.

I also went to the National Air and Space Museum and saw something I had seen before from a great distance. As a child I saw John Glenn ascend into the sky in a Mercury command module in which he was the first man to orbit the earth in outer space. As a teenager I saw Apollo 11 take off carrying the first men to walk on the moon. At the museum I saw each of these command modules up close. It brought back memories of seeing these historic moments in person. It was a thrill.

Why do I mention these things? I believe each has a spiritual analogy. We are all under construction. God isn’t finished with us yet. He is constantly making improvements in our lives as we strive to become more like Jesus. We are not flawless, indestructible, or perfect. But one day, the Bible says, we shall be like Jesus, when we see Him face to face. There are things on this earth that are symbols of heaven. The tabernacle on this earth has symbols that represent heaven. We see these symbols and we can read about heaven, but symbols and words cannot describe the beauty or magnificence of our future home. Words will not be able to describe the feeling we will have when we stand in front of our Creator God. We will be able to see clearly what we have only heard about from a distance.

It does feel good to get home from a place that is foreign to us. The Bible says we are strangers in a foreign place here on earth and one day we will arrive home. What a joy that will be! As Christians, we look forward to seeing Jesus face to face and spending eternity with Him. In the meantime, we were put on this earth for a purpose. Sometimes we don’t understand what that purpose is. We can find that purpose as we worship, pray, and study God’s Word. As we search for our purpose, we allow God to continue working on us, making improvements to our lives. When we find our purpose and fulfill our purpose, we please our heavenly Father. Then when we finally reach home we will hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your lord.”

Let’s find our purpose and do what we are created for in order to have more joy when we reach home.

Pastor Duane

Deacon Dialogue

A preacher was driving home one night with his wife and two daughters in the car. It was dark, raining intensely and the pastor could hardly see past his headlights.

On the way home he had to drive over a huge bridge. There were posted signs saying, “DO NOT PICK UP HITCHHIKERS.” By the base of the bridge there was an institution for the criminally insane and sometimes people would escape from it and try to catch a ride. On this night, as the pastor slowly approached the bridge, a man suddenly appeared in the headlights. He was soaked, standing in the middle of the road frantically waiving his shirt over his head and screaming.

The preacher’s wife cautioned her husband, “Oh please don’t stop, try to drive around him!” The car was too close, and the man was unavoidable, except to stop or hit him.

As soon as the Pastor stopped, the man slapped his hand down on the hood of the car and continued screaming at the top of his lungs, unabated.

The preacher looked at his wife and told her to lock the door after him and not to unlock it until he returned. His family was understandably perturbed and crying, pleading with him not to get out of the car. He opened the door and stepped outside. He was immediately soaked from the rain. As he approached the man, all of a sudden, he could make out what the man was screaming:

“THE BRIDGE IS OUT! THE BRIDGE IS OUT! A BUS LOAD OF KIDS JUST WENT OVER!”

As these words registered in the pastor’s mind, he looked back in the car at his wife and two daughters. He wrapped his arms around the man and wept in gratitude. The preacher stood there with the man for the next half hour in the middle of the road, waving his jacket above his head screaming to warn other commuters.

For a lost and dying world, “THE BRIDGE IS OUT!” For a people heading to a Christless Eternity, “THE BRIDGE IS OUT!”

Where are the men and women who will stand in the middle of the road and forbid people to perish?

HELL HAS OPENED ITS MOUTH WIDE AND MANY ARE SPEEDING INTO IT.

Where are those who will stand in the gap, on the streets, the highways and the byways to forbid multitudes with the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, to warn others from going to such a horrible place?

Please SPREAD THE GOSPEL TODAY. Remember Jesus loves us all and wants nothing, absolutely nothing but that we be saved.

THE BRIDGE IS OUT and TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Submitted by Mike Gauldin

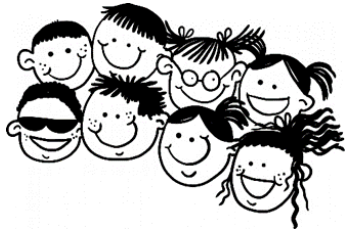
Anonymous



OCC SHOEBOXES

This is the best time of the year to stock up on school supply items for your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Some popular items are: crayons, colored pencils, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, notebooks, and rulers. Grab them while all the back to school sales are going on!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER



As a new school year begins, we pray for the children, teachers, and administration for a wonderful year. A new school year brings new beginnings which can be exciting but also scary. We know we can trust in Him to be with us as we pray for calmness, peace, and strength as we prepare for the new school year.

We meet during our regular church service on Sunday mornings at 10:30 for ages 4 through 5th Grade and we meet on Sunday and Wednesday evenings as well from 7-8.

If you need to get in contact with me, please feel free to call or text 434-709-4709.

~Stephanie Barts

CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENT AUGUST 6

FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP
We will not meet at 7:00 pm

PIZZA



PUTT PUTT



ICE CREAM



A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

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.



As many of our Youth are entering High School and Middle School for the first time it can be a nervous experience, but with Jesus our fears shall be overcome. Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. In Youth we are learning the Bible and how it relates to the past and to us now. When we worry, we need to pray, for he will give us comfort and understanding. Remember: Fear Not is actually written 365 times in the Bible and I don't believe that number was done by accident.

~Brandon Barts



YOUTH
MISSION
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JULY, 2023

Our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The family & friends of Clarence Morris in his passing.

The family & friends of Michael Gourley in his passing.

The family & friends of Lillie Ann Lambert in her passing.

The family & friends of Chris Seay in his passing.

The family & friends of Barbara Baise in her passing.

The family & friends of Betty McLaughlin in her passing.

The family & friends of Carmen Hall in her passing.

The family and friends of Ray Motley in his passing.



J.O.Y. Club News

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 at NOON

Join us and have
Breakfast for Lunch



Bring your favorite breakfast casserole,
ham or sausage biscuits, fruit or
other breakfast items

Guest speaker: Jude Swanson
Director, House of Hope

Be sure to bring canned goods
for God's Storehouse.

Our special friend for August is

Craig Adcock
English Meadows
3400 South Point Drive, Room 222
Blacksburg VA 24060

You may leave cards for Craig
in the mailbox through August 31st.



MUSIC



From the desk of Dan Wolfe, Music Minister

"To sing is to pray twice." - Saint Augustine

Our church choir is a small group, and in a way—a community, a fellowship, a place to come together. Choir gives us a place to sing and make music, yes, but also feel safe, be vulnerable, and be supportive as we carry one another's burdens.

Singing in choir gives us an opportunity to serve, to have a purpose, a message to share. It focuses our hearts and minds on the true meaning of our work together. And it gives us an opportunity to carry each other's burdens—to rejoice with those who are rejoicing, walk beside those who are struggling, lift up those who are hurting.

Come join us in our endeavors to create something that gives us the satisfaction of spreading the message. God is good all the time.

"Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives."

Announcements, Events & Happenings



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 9—6:30 PM



VBS OFFERING OF \$818.63
GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
STEPHANIE NEAL



PBA Ongoing Mission Project

WHAT WE NEED

Gently used & laundered clothing in all sizes for school children, all ages

Toiletries—toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, soap, washcloths, girl's sanitary products

New underwear & socks for boys & girls, all sizes

Bins located in the FLC Foyer



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 24—27

A DIFFERENT SPEAKER EVERY NIGHT

REVIVAL BEGINS WITH YOU!



Lorell Carden Terry



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

BLESS OUR FOOD MINISTRY is off to a great start since the beginning of May because of the support from the people of RBC!

- ♦ Participation has been wonderful!
- ♦ Many people (men & women) are preparing a dish of food to be frozen.
- ♦ Many people are taking the food out to different individuals and/or families as needed during each month.

PLEASE REMEMBER to use the casseroles by the earliest date indicating when they were prepared **AND** sign your name when a dish is removed from the freezer and who is receiving it.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are still being received for our community schools. Supply lists are on the table inside the entrance door.

The Eva Walton Circle and the Morning Mission Group provided lunch for one Impact VA worksite on July 17 and 18.

DAN RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR GOD'S STOREHOUSE

17 volunteers gathered at the Kentuck Ministry Center to pack perishable boxes and distribute food from 4:30-6:30 on July 18.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST to support North American missionaries will start the first Sunday in August.

- Select an ornament or more decorated by the children in VBS this year from the Christmas tree.
- Each ornament has the name of a North American missionary on the back and the items needed for their project.
- Buy some or all of the items on your ornament and return them to the tote for your missionary under the Christmas tree.
- All items will be shipped to each of the four (4) missionaries in September.

Alma Hunt State Mission Offering will be collected during the month of September.

THANK YOU for your continuing support of all of the mission projects and offerings at RBC!

Suzanne Emerson, WMU Director