

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 03—Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert
August 10— TBS
August 17— TBS
August 24— TBS
August 31— TBS

Ushers: Lawrence Gilbert, Todd Fitts, Tommy Rowland

Bereavement Team

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



A NOTE FROM PASTOR DUANE

After her stroke and a stay in rehab, my mom moved in with us. She is adapting quite well to the deficits the stroke left her with; however, there is one deficit Mom has that is not a result of the stroke. She has had this problem for quite some time. It is a problem most of us have as we get older. She is a little hard of hearing. In fact, the audiologist says she has a 55% hearing loss. So, when I go in her room in the mornings and try to ask her how she slept, she sometimes gives me a grin and a blank stare. Then I do what any loving child would do for their parent, I pick up her hearing aids and hand them to her before I ask another question. I know this sounds funny, but to the person who has trouble hearing, it is not.

Since moving to Ringgold, I have been taking her to the Miracle Ear office in Danville to get her hearing aids checked. They discovered she had the wrong filters and covers for her hearing aids. They cleaned the hearing aids, fitted them properly, and she could hear great. A couple weeks later, the right hearing aid had no sound coming through. I took the device back to Miracle Ear and Maggie, the assistant at the office, checked out the hearing aid and discovered the filter was packed with wax. She replaced the filter, gave me more filters, and showed me how to change the filter out if it happened again.

Sure enough, after about two weeks Mom complained her right hearing aid was no longer working and wondered if she needed new hearing aids. I took the filters Maggie gave me, put a new one in the hearing aid, and voila, it was like brand new. Mom could hear from her right ear once again.

This made me realize why we have trouble hearing from God sometimes. We feel like He is not listening. We feel like He doesn’t care. So, we complain that we can’t hear God speaking to us. Maybe we need a new pastor, or a new church, or a new Bible? No, that is not the answer. It could be our filter is clogged and needs to be cleaned. So, how do we do that? The process is called confession and repentance. Confession is an admission or acknowledgment of sin. The Bible speaks a lot about confession and our relationship with God. 1 John 1:9 says, “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Proverbs 28:13 says, “He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” 2 Chronicles 7:14, “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

As we read our Bible and pray, God will speak to us revealing those things we need to confess. These are sins God already knows about. He just wants us to acknowledge them and repent. Repent simply means after confessing sins, we turn away from them. That is how we are cleansed and how we hear God’s voice again. Maybe we can pray the prayer David prayed in Psalm 51:10-12; “Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.”

Need to clean your filter to hear God’s voice again? Try confession. You’ll be glad you did.

Pastor Duane

Deacon Dialogue

EMBRACING THE "BACK-TO-SCHOOL" FEELING AS AN ADULT, EVEN WITHOUT ATTENDING

While the traditional back-to-school season might trigger nostalgia or dread, even for those no longer in school, September can evoke a sense of a fresh start and new beginnings. This reflects the powerful psychological association with the start of a new school year, a feeling that can be harnessed and applied to adult lives.

Here's how to capture and embrace that "back to school" spirit, even if not attending classes.

1. Embrace the Power of Fresh Starts

- ♦ Just like a new school year provides a reset, you can create fresh starts throughout the year.
- ♦ Pick a day, month, or a new quarter to reflect on goals and set new intentions.
- ♦ Challenge yourself to learn something new, like a language, a craft, or a skill related to your career.

2. Refresh Your Environment

- ♦ Just as new school supplies create a sense of readiness, consider refreshing your workspace or home environment.
- ♦ Organize your workspace, buy some new office supplies, or redecorate a room.

3. Set Clear, Achievable Goals

- ♦ Remember the excitement of having clear goals in school? Apply this to your aspirations.
- ♦ Having clear objectives will provide a sense of purpose and motivation.
- ♦ Proverbs 16:3 Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

4. Invest in Self-Development

- ♦ Embrace the lifelong learner within. Make personal development a priority by enrolling in courses, attending workshops, or reading books, studying scriptures daily.

5. Create New Routines

- ♦ The structure of a school day can bring a sense of order. Break from monotonous adult routines by establishing new habits, incorporating activities you're passionate about.

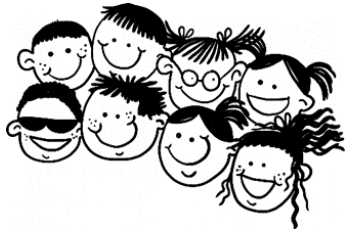
6. Celebrate Your Progress

- ♦ Just as report cards marked achievements in school, make it a habit to acknowledge and celebrate successes.

By adopting these practices, it's possible to tap into the positive feelings associated with the start of a new school year, using it as a catalyst for personal growth and a sense of fresh possibilities in adult life and spreading the Light of Christ to all you meet.

Submitted by Brandon Barts

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.

Our Vacation Bible School hosted 40 children this year. It was a wonderful event. Thank you again to all of the volunteers who helped in any capacity to help make it a success. I truly appreciate everyone. Also, we raised money for God's Pit Crew. A total of \$315 was donated and I am so excited to be able to help a great organization. We meet during our regular church service on Sunday mornings at 10:30 for ages 4 through 5th Grade and we meet on Sunday Evening at 7 and Wednesday evening at 6.

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

~Stephanie Barts



A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Jeremiah 29:11

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.

Youth Meeting Timeline

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday Evening @ 6 p.m.

~Brandon Barts

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



PIC•COLLAGE

J.O.Y. Club News



TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
at NOON

Join us for a
Hot Dog Lunch!
Bring a side and a
dessert to share.

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

Our special friend for August is

Doyle Eanes
1700 Ringgold Road
Ringgold VA 24586

You may leave cards for Doyle
in the mailbox through August



BEHIND THE SCENES

These are the heroes who
prepare the delicious meals we that
enjoy each month at J.O.Y. Club
meetings.

Lawrence Gilbert, Mike Gauldin,
Ronnie Emerson, and HT Ricketts
arrive early and are the last to leave
each month.

The famous annual "Fish Fry" takes
a lot more time, effort and love.
And they don't even get tips! Addi-
tionally, Lawrence and Mike spend
a lot of extra time prior to meeting
day, heading out several days at
dawn to catch the fish for us to
enjoy. Then there's the cleaning!

A special **THANKS** to each of you for
taking such good care of us—and
always with a smile!



And More.....



LUNCH BUNCH—11:00 am
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
 RSVP to the Church Office
 by Monday, August 10



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
6:30 PM



HALEIGH SELLERS
NOAH EVANS
KEVIN MEADOWS
ANTHONY LAYNE

Our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The family & friends of Ronnie Owens in his passing.

The family & friends of Sam Duff in his passing.

The family & friends of Gina Lewis in her passing.

The family & friends of Wayne Poteat in his passing.



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!**

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU SO MUCH! \$1,303.21 was the final total donated to Transition Pregnancy Center by RBC from Mother's Day – Father's Day

FRIENDS @ HOME MINISTRY

- ♦ The next meal will be delivered **Monday, July 28.**
- ♦ The meal in **August** will be **Monday, the 25th.**

ANYONE can help with this ministry. Contact **Betty Foster** to help prepare a meal or **Eddie Dodson** to help deliver the meals.

LUNCH BUNCH

- ♦ Thursday, August 14 at 11:00 AM.
- ♦ Call the office by August 11 to let Cheryl know if you are attending.

CHURCHWIDE MISSION PROJECT FOR AUGUST

The Danville Pittsylvania County Cancer Association is a **local** nonprofit organization that provides assistance to people **in our area** diagnosed with cancer. **All donations stay in the Danville and Pittsylvania County community** to help defray the cost of cancer related prescriptions, equipment, supplies, transportation reimbursement, nutritional supplements as well as other special needs.

When you go grocery shopping, PLEASE pick up a needed item/s for the Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association.

- ♦ ***Ensure/Boost/Sam's Premier Protein drinks (chocolate, vanilla, strawberry)**
- ♦ ***Depends or other brands – pull-up pants (S,M,L)**
- ♦ **Poise Pads**
- ♦ **Wet Wipes**
- ♦ **Chux**
- ♦ ***The first 2 items are what they use/need most.**
- ♦ Collection bins will be in the FLC corridor.



THANKS to the twenty plus people that helped with the **Food Distribution** at KMC on July 15

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

MISSION GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ **Eva Walton Mission Circle** – meets 1st Tuesday of each month at RBC @ 7:00 PM.
- ♦ **Morning Mission Circle** – meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at RBC @ 10:00 AM.
- ♦ **Women of ANY age** are welcome to visit either or both mission groups.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ALL MISSION PROJECTS/MISSIONS OFFERINGS.

Suzanne Emerson, WMU Director