

Ringgold Baptist Church

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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 02—Brooke and Carl Davis
August 09— Ashlee and Aidan Hudgins
August 16— Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert
August 23— Nancy Adams and Mary Mills
August 30— 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

A little over a week ago, Dena had a chest MRI to check on some surgery she had about 10 years ago to make sure everything was still intact. The good news is everything was still intact, but while performing the scan, the radiologists discovered a sternum lesion that is not supposed to be there. In the report, they recommended to the doctor who requested the scan to set up another scan with contrast to determine exactly what the lesion is. When I received the message she had some test results, I immediately read them and became concerned since Dena is a cancer survivor.

Of course, the first thing I did was what most people would do. I did a Google search because I did not know what a sternum lesion was. I discovered several things. It could be benign and nothing to worry about, or the lesion could be cancerous. So naturally, I began to worry. I also knew what sort of impact this news might have on Dena especially since three of her sisters have died of metastatic breast cancer. I immediately began making phone calls to expedite more testing and get the right doctors involved in finding the proper answers.

After setting up appointments in order to find answers, I shared the news with Dena knowing how devastating the uncertainty could be for her. With her family history, the possibilities are scary. The experts at Google and the oncologist assured me that most of the time these sternum lesions are nothing to be concerned about. The internet listed several things it could possibly be. However, with her family history it sent our minds to places they shouldn’t go. When most of us receive news like this, our minds take us to the worst-case scenarios.

Once I shared this news with Dena, we began to pray and turned the results over to God. He gave us His peace knowing no matter what, He has it all under control. It is wonderful knowing we have a God who is in control even of the things that are out of our control. His plan is always best.

In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord says, “I know the plans I have for you, plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” These test results didn’t catch God by surprise. He knew what was coming and was waiting for us to find out. He was waiting for us to turn to Him for comfort. In Romans 8:28, Paul wrote, “all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” We don’t know what God’s plan is or His purpose, but we do know He will use whatever this is for good.

The Lord says in Isaiah 55:8-9, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways. For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” It is natural for all of us to assume the worst when we get incomplete news or incomplete results. We get frightened when our minds take us to those places. But as children of God, we can go to Him as our Father, and He will comfort us. He will show us that even if the complete news is bad, He will be with us through the storm. He will also show us He is with us even if it turns out to be nothing at all. The good news is that no matter what, He is with us. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is with us in good times and bad. Let us always remember that and always enjoy our relationship with Him.

By the time most of you read this, the results of Dena’s next test will probably be back, but some of you may be dealing with an unknown diagnosis, unknown test results, or incomplete news. God already knows what you are facing and what you are going to face. He understands your fears and He says, “fear not, for I am with you.”

Soloman gives us great advice in Proverbs 3:5 when he says, “trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.” When we rely on our own understanding or Google’s understanding, our minds take us places we really don’t need to go. When we trust in the Lord with all our hearts, we have peace we can’t comprehend even when things seem bad.

Pastor Duane

DEACON DIALOGUE

WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

The Bible tells us some things about Heaven but not too many. It certainly doesn't get into all the things we'll be doing for all of eternity. Sure, we'll sing and worship, but what about when we're not doing that? While there's no guarantee exactly what you'll be doing in Heaven, we may as well assume that we can do whatever we want. Stretch your imagination to its limit. This isn't your everyday trip planner we're talking about here. This is God. One thing we can assume about Heaven is that we won't be disappointed. Now, if you stretch your imagination to its limit, won't you be disappointed if you're told, "I'm sorry; you can't do that here...(not even in Heaven??)" Remember, this is God we're talking about. So, if you don't get to do the most amazing things that you imagine, guess what? God must have even better ideas! It wouldn't be so surprising after all, now would it?

That being said, just imagine doing whatever you'd like in Heaven. Sure, you may never do it, but if not, that just means that you're doing even more amazing things for all eternity. So forget about all the laws of physics, space, and time and begin to imagine a tiny portion of all that Heaven can be.

How about being able to go to any place and time? You could witness all of history firsthand. You could watch the Bible heroes live out their stories. Watch Noah build the ark. See Moses lead the Israelites out of Egypt, David's battle with Goliath, The birth of Jesus, Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. Watch the apostles spread the gospel...

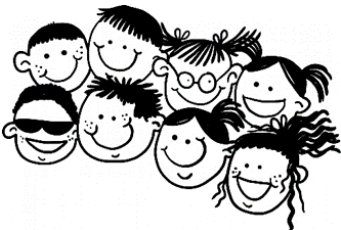
What could you do with a sport? Play as long as you want without getting tired? Simulate your earthly body's stamina...until you decide you want to "reset"? Try someone else's stamina or skill level for yourself? You could be a professional athlete perhaps.... Anyone who ever lived? You could go fishing, play golf, go hunting. Women could bake, sew, crochet, or knit. All while rejoicing and praising God and worshiping the Master.

Relive the best times of your life? Perhaps you could live times of other people's lives? Be any age you want? Look like whoever or *whatever* you want (and still have everyone recognize you!)?

Impressed by Heaven yet? These are just some rambling thoughts.

God is the one who's designing the place, and He's able to do more than all we could ever imagine...

Submitted by Brian Horne



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 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

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

THANK YOU

Dear Ringgold Family,
Words cannot express all the kindness shown to my Mom, Jackie Anderson. The Love Offering gift is so appreciated! Her medical bills are being paid out of your generosity. All of her life the Ringgold Baptist Church has been the center of her life. Thank you all for loving her.
Beth Anderson Stump

Dear Pastor Caldwell and the Ringgold church family,
Jackie's family would like to thank you and the church members for their many acts of kindness and generosity shown to Jackie during her illness and death. Your generous Love Offering will help cover medical expenses. The hydrangeas were beautiful in the church. Neighbors and church friends filled her home with lots of good food all weekend. Your hearts were full of love and generosity shown for her. We are all most appreciative.
Lily Barker, Jackie's sister

To Ringgold Baptist Church,
Thank you for the wonderful lunch and love you showed us when Jackie passed. I know she was a faithful member of Ringgold. The service was very good. Please accept the enclosed check in remembrance of Jackie. Jackie loved her church.
Love, Rae Rhodes, Jackie's sister

To A People Called Ringgold,
I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the many cards, calls, texts, visits, and prayers during my illness and hospitalization in July. Knowing that so many of you were thinking of me, and praying for my recovery meant more that I can ever express. And then you doubled your efforts to include my husband, Ralph, who was also facing some health challenges as well. I continue to be blessed by this special congregation of loving people and feel so fortunate to have found you!
Love, Cheryl

J.O.Y. Club News



TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
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 Friend to Remember
for August is

Doris Taylor
Cardinal Assisted Living
432 Hermitage Drive,
Room 333
Danville VA 24541

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



DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS

LINDA DODSON
JOHNNIE DODSON
EMILEE HUDSON
VIOLET BARKER
WESLEY BARKER

GIDEON SUNDAY

AUGUST 9



GIDEONS
INTERNATIONAL

AND MORE.....



THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
11:00 am
RSVP to the Church Office
by Monday, August 10



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
6:30 PM



This month's feature, Journeys with the Messiah, was written by a former fashion photographer, Michael Belk, forward written by Dr. Charles Stanley. This quick read features photos taken in ancient Matera, Italy and explores the relevance of Jesus in our lives today. Haunted by the question, "What are you doing with all that I gave you?", Belk uses his unique story-telling skills and award-winning photographs to share some life lessons from familiar stories in the Bible. Enjoy!

Our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The family & friends of DC Hasting in his passing.

The family & friends of Kenneth Morris 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:

- ♦ To those who prepared thirty (30) meals and delivered them to sixteen (16) homes on July 27 for the "Friends@Home" Ministry.
- ♦ For your generous donations to the Transition Pregnancy Solutions Center. \$1,361.76 was the total donated.
- ♦ To all the volunteers who helped with the Dan River Food Distribution on July 21.
- ♦ Thanks to Mike Gauldin and HT Rickets for transporting the nonperishable boxes from God's Storehouse on July 14.

LUNCH BUNCH:

- ♦ Thursday, August 13 at 11:00 AM.
- ♦ Call the office by Monday, August 10 to let Cheryl know if you are attending or not.

CHURCHWIDE MISSION PROJECT continued for August:

- ♦ Collection of school supplies to donate to Kentuck Elementary, Dan River Middle and Dan River High for students who may not have these needed supplies.
- ♦ List of items needed will be in the bulletin and/or on the table near Cheryl's office.
- ♦ Please donate Peanut Butter and Cereal to support God's Storehouse. Collection bins are located in the foyer near the Family Life Center.

MISSION GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ♦ Eva Walton Mission Circle – meets 1st Tuesday of each month at RBC @ 7:00 PM.
- ♦ Morning Mission Group – 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 THE MISSION PROJECTS/MISSIONS OFFERINGS.

Suzanne Emerson, WMU Director