#### Ringgold Baptist Church

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## STAFF / SERVICE TIMES / MONTHLY SERVANTS

#### **STAFF**

PastorF	Rev. Duane Caldwell
Administrative Secretary	Cheryl Hogg
Minister of Music	Daniel Wolfe
Minister to Children	Stephanie Barts
Minister to Youth	Brandon Barts
Organist	Ginger Collie
Pianist	Leslie Blair
Groundskeeper	
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

#### **Backpack Buddies**

Week of February 04—Cheryl and Brian Horne
Week of February 11—Linda and James Snead
Week of February 18—Stephanie and Brandon Barts
Week of February 25—Bobra Robinson and Maddie Oliver

**Ushers** - Mac McDowell, Butch Boyd, Sammy McCormick

#### **Nursery Schedule**

February 04 — Nancy Adams and Mary Mills February 11 — Dianne Donahoe and Gayle Barts February 18 — Bonnie McDarmont and Katie Williams February 25 — Carl and Brooke Davis

#### **Bereavement Team**

February - Larry and Ginger Collie March - Ray and Sara McDowell February 2024



## A Word from Pastor Duane

Last week I went to visit my mom in North Carolina. The weather forecast was calling for a lot of rain and wind, but of course I paid the forecast no attention even after Mom called and voiced her concern about me driving in bad weather. Shortly after lunch during my visit, the weather was beginning to deteriorate and the wind was getting rough, so I decided my mom was right and I should head home before it got any worse.

I left her house and encountered a tree blown down into the road, but I was able to go around it. The further I drove the more trees I saw twisted and blown down beside the road which made me more determined to get home. I drove through the little town of Catawba on my way to I-40 and realized there was no power in the town. As I came within a half a mile of the interstate, a tree along with the power line completely blocked the road. I turned around to take another route. I again encountered the same problem very soon into my detour. I again turned around to take a detour in the opposite direction and yet another tree and power line downed blocked my path.

Being familiar with the area, I set out on yet another detour to get around the problem and found another road blocked. I was able to turn completely around and go back past my mom's house and make a wide detour around the area that seemed to be plagued with downed trees and power lines. I eventually was able to get onto I-40 several miles west of where I had attempted to get on the interstate initially. I was satisfied I had circled around the problem and was successfully on my way home and to safety.

When I was in sight of the interchange where I initially intended to gain access to the I-40, traffic came to a dead stop where I sat for the next hour and a half because there was nowhere to go and no way to turn around. I had to just sit and wait not knowing what the problem was. Finally, traffic began to move, and I saw what the problem was. Trees had blown down onto the interstate for quite some distance. I found out later a tornado had come through and caused the devastation and delays. Had I stayed at my mom's for a couple more hours, I would have avoided all the delays, but there was no way to know. I left to get ahead of problems and as a result I got caught in the middle of the problem and continued to try to work my way around it to no avail because I did not know the situation going on around me.

That is so much like life. We are constantly trying to work our way around the problems we encounter and the problems we anticipate to no avail. Psalm 27:14 says, "Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord!" I am not a patient person when it comes to waiting and it comes back to bite me sometimes. We end up running around in circles trying to accomplish what we want to accomplish, when we should be trying to accomplish the tasks He has put before us. When we follow the Lord's plan for our lives and wait on Him, everything falls into place rather than us falling apart.

When you try following your own plans, do you run into dead end after dead end and keep changing direction? Try following God's plan where there are no dead ends because He sees everything ahead of time so we can continue in the right direction. Does this mean we'll never have problems? Not at all. Sometimes God allows problems in our lives to teach us, strengthen us, and train us. That's because He has a plan for our lives. Paul said in Romans 8:28, "All things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

I am glad I arrived home safely even though I should have stayed where I was during the storm. I am also glad I know I will arrive safely home in heaven someday even though I go through the storms of life here on this earth. How about you?

Pastor Duane

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# **Deacon Moment...**



As we travel into the new year, I would like to let you know who your Deacons are for this 2024. Deacons serve an important role in our church and I hope you lend each of us your prayers and support as we strive to serve Ringgold Baptist Church and the surrounding community.

I, Art Johnson, will continue serving as the Deacon Chair for 2024. Eddie Dodson will be serving as the Vice-Chair for 2024 and Ronnie Emerson will take over as the Secretary for the Deacon Team. Also serving on the 2024 Deacon Team will be Lawrence Gilbert, Chester Sneed, Larry Collie, Sammy McCormick, Matt Riddle, Ray McDowell, Brian Horne, HT Ricketts and our newly ordained Deacon, Ronnie Farthing. I think I can speak for all of us that our hope as Deacons is that you use us as additional support for your spiritual growth, and you contact us if you have any needs or concerns. We are here for you, our church and community. In the coming weeks you will receive a letter from your personal Deacon representative letting you know who they are and how to contact them if needed.

As I said before, please pray for your Deacon so he can receive guidance in helping support you, the other members of RBC, and the surrounding community. We are not here to just support the membership, but also be examples for the surrounding community. It is with your support that we hope to continue the spread of God's word throughout Ringgold and beyond. It is a challenging time to be a Christian in today's world, however we must stay strong in the spirit of Christ and be living examples so non-Christians can see that there is a better path, the narrow path, that leads to life everlasting. It is my hope and prayer that each of you have a wonderful 2024, and I look forward to serving you.

Yours in Christ, Art Johnson





WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14
6:30 PM



#### **FEBRUARY 25**

If you wish to have your child included that Sunday, please speak to Pastor Duane or call the church office.

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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The month of February makes me think of LOVE and I really get to thinking about God's Love for me and you.

When I see a heart, I think about love. We say or talk about love a lot in our lives. I want you to think about what love is and discuss this with all the members of your family.



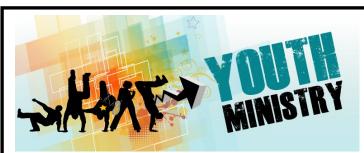
If we really want to know what love is, the best place to find the answer is in the Bible. God not only told us what love is, he showed us. We can look in the Bible in Romans 5:7-8. The bible says, "God showed how much he loved us by sending Jesus to die for us, even though we were sinful." That's real love!! God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us even though we did not deserve it.

As you go through the month of February, I want you to think about love. I want you to think about your love for your family (parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts/uncles). I also want you to think about your relationship with Jesus and understand that God's love for us is greater than any love we have felt before.

We are continuing to meet during our regular church service on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday/Sunday evenings from 7-8. We would love to have you attend with us!

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

~Stephanie Barts



The phrase "love of Christ," as opposed to "love for Christ," refers to the love that He has toward mankind. His love can be briefly stated as His willingness to act in our best interest, especially in meeting our greatest need, even though it cost Him everything and even though we were the least worthy of such love.

This love which He demonstrated toward us on the cross is just the beginning. When we place our trust in Him as our Savior, He makes us God's children, co-heirs with Him! He comes to dwell within us through His Holy Spirit, promising that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6). Thus, we have a loving companion for life. And no matter what we go though, He is there, and His love is ever available to us (Romans 8:35.) But as He rightfully reigns as a benevolent King in heaven, we need to give Him the position He deserves in our lives as well, that of Master and not merely companion. It is only then that we will experience life as He intended and live in the fullness of His love (John 10:10)

#### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:**

Sunday, February 11 - "Souper" Bowl after church service. Youth will serve during this meal. Saturday, February 24 - WinterJam

~Brandon Barts

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Many thanks to our Ringgold Church family for your support during the illness and death of our dear loved one. Thank you to Pastor Duane and Dena for your love and encouragement and visits

and for the very special service. Thanks to the Bereavement Team and the wonderful WMU ladies who prepared the delicious meal. Thanks to all for the visits, cards, prayers, floral arrangement and any other acts of kindness during this most difficult journey. May God richly bless each of you.

Love, Roger, JoAnn, Pam and families

### RBC CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

WILL MEET
ON
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13
AT 10:00 AM

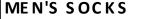


### IMMEDIATE NEED AT HOUSE OF HOPE

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE NEW



WOMEN'S GLOVES



**DONATION BOX IN FLC HALLWAY** 

### SUPPORT THE RBC YOUTH MISSION TRIP

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11



AFTER CHURCH DELICIOUS SOUP AND DESSERTS!

IT'S A WIN-WIN FOR EVERYBODY

Donations cheerfully accepted

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# JO.Y. Club News



Our *Friend to Remember* for February is

Betty Atkinson 1012 Countryside Drive Ringgold VA 24586

You may leave cards for Betty in the mailbox through February 28th.



The J.O.Y. Club has been active at Ringgold Baptist Church for 47 years. Age is not a pre-requisite to join and you don't have to be retired!

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27 at noon. Pinto Beans are being served so you may bring cornbread, any condiments you enjoy and a dessert to share.

Our speaker will be Billy Milam, owner of The Sutherlin Barn

ALSO—bring a canned food donation for God's Storehouse

Happy Valentine's Day!



## Our Deepest Christian Sympathy to

The family and friends of Tom Webster in his passing.

The family and friends of Sandra Edwards in her passing.

The family and friends of Betty Boswell in her passing.

The family and friends of Terry Haraway in her passing.

The family and friends of Bob Richardson in his passing.

The family and friends of Margaret Milam in her passing.



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# MUSIC



Dear Friends in Christ,

Come sing... be happy. Wednesdays -7:15

A short quiz to spark your memories of days gone by...

'Joy Unspeakable' is an old-time Gospel hymn written in 1900 by Barney Elliott Warren, an American pastor who wrote more than two thousand hymns and children's songs. Warren was born the same year Canada became a country. In what year was he born?

1776

1767

1867

1967

'The Joyful Song' was written in 1894 by Fanny Crosby, the queen of hymn writers, with music composed by Adam Geibel. What makes this old-time Christian hymn different?

The writer and the composer were siblings.

The writer and the composer were Icelandic.

The writer and the composer were atheists.

The writer and composer were both blind.

In addition to being an author, educator, clergyman and writer of the lyrics for the classic hymn 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee', Henry van Dyke Jr. officiated at the funeral of an American author who will be forever connected with the Mississippi River. Whose funeral did van Dyke officiate at in 1910?

Ralph Waldo Emerson John Steinbeck Mark Twain Walt Whitman

Musically yours, Dan

See Dan for answers to the quiz!!



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## W.M.U. HIGHLIGHTS



THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Lottie Moon International Christmas Offering. \$4,329 was received which exceeded the \$4000.00 goal.

RBC was in charge of the **Dan River Food Distribution** from God's Storehouse on Tuesday, January 23 at the Kentuck Ministry Center. **THANKS** to all the **wonderful volunteers** who showed up to help. **April** will be the next month for RBC.

#### **SIT MINISTRY:**

Dan River Middle School nurse needs the following items:

- sanitary pads (Kotex U regular size)
- deodorant travel size

Kentuck Elementary & Dan River High – no needs at this time

The tote will be in the FLC hallway.

#### "BLESS OUR FOOD" OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Please remember to put the **DATE** that the dish of food was prepared before putting it in the freezer in the church kitchen.

Each year the **WMU**, with tremendous assistance from the **RBC congregation**, supports many community ministries and services which reach out to help the homeless, hungry, victims of disasters and unborn children:

- House of Hope
- God's Storehouse/Dan River Food Distribution/Backpack Buddies
- God's Pit Crew
- Transition Pregnancy Center

HOWEVER, COMING IN FEBRUARY, the WMU will host an event <u>WITHIN RBC</u> for the widows and widowers <u>of RBC only</u>. Details of this event will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.