

Ringgold Baptist Church

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STAFF / SERVICE TIMES / MONTHLY SERVANTS

STAFF

Pastor.....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.....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: Todd Fitts / Matt Riddle

Nursery Schedule

July 02—Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert
July 09—Nancy Adams and Mary Mills
July 16—Dianne Donahoe and Gayle Barts
July 23—Bonnie McDarmont and Katie Williams
July 30—Carl and Brooke Davis

Ushers

Mike Gauldin, David Foster, Doug Motley

Bereavement Team

July - Phyllis and Sammy McCormick
August - Ginger and Larry Collie

THE RINGGOLD REFLECTOR

A Note from Pastor Duane

Recently, as we have been going through the book of Romans on Sunday mornings, we have crossed over into the practical applications of what Paul is teaching. In Chapter 12 of Romans, Paul is writing about how we are to connect as a church because we are the body of Christ. We all have different gifts and functions as the body, so we need to work together to accomplish what Christ has called us to do. In Romans 12:4-5 Paul said, “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Connecting is what we are to do in the church. We must connect to one another as we are connected to Jesus Christ.

Legos give us a good illustration of how this works. Legos are building blocks made for children, yet they can speak to adults as to how we are to connect to one another. Sometime ago, Dena and I went to one of the malls in Raleigh. We spotted a Lego store and went in. The store had unique structures built from Legos. There were many different types of buildings, ships, and planes. There were even characters from movies built from Legos. There were kits you could buy to duplicate these projects. They had just the right pieces to

build the perfect structure. Also in the back of the store were bins of individual Legos so you could buy individual pieces and design whatever you want to build from them.

Legos only become more than individual pieces by connecting them together. You can buy a kit or individual pieces to design your own structure, but until you connect them together, all you have are pieces of Legos. Individually they don’t look like much, but once you connect them, they are pretty impressive. Legos were designed to connect together to be what the designer intended.

We are like Legos. We have been designed by the Master Designer to connect to form what He intended, the Church. God has placed just the right individuals in His church to become what He has designed. 1 Corinthians tells us we are many members, but one body. Individually we aren’t much, but together we are the body of Christ. But what happens when we are not connected? We can’t function the way God intended when we are not connected. We are to connect together to be His hands, His feet, His mouth, His arms, and His body. Christ is the head. He is the brain that controls us as we are connected, working together.

Recently, many of you took a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to attempt to discover what your spiritual gifts are, so you will

know where you are to connect to the body of Christ. Once we understand where we connect, we can begin to function in that capacity so the Master Designer and Master Builder can put us together. Then we can become the masterpiece God designed so we can accomplish what He has set before us to do.

Do you know where you fit in God’s masterpiece? I know we all have worked on jigsaw puzzles. In those puzzles, each piece will only fit in one place in order to complete the picture. With Legos, the pieces can be placed in different ways and places to form different types of structures. However, God has a specific place and function for each of us. Are you connected in such a way that your spiritual gifts are being used to their maximum potential?

In the coming weeks, a survey will be available for each of us to look at the different areas of service at Ringgold Baptist. As we begin to understand our gifts and abilities, the survey will allow you to let the Nominating Committee know where you can best connect to our local body of believers. I pray you will participate in this so we can become the masterpiece the Master Designer has in mind for us.

May God bless our church as we connect together in missions and ministry. Are you connected? If not, there is a place for you to connect at Ringgold Baptist Church.

Pastor Duane



A PATRIOTIC MOMENT

America became a free country on July 4, 1776, however, what many may not know - or forget - is that America is also a nation under God founded on Christian principles.

54 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Christians, 27 held theology degrees. Many went on to form Bible societies.

The signers intended the document to officiate the separation between America and Great Britain. However, they based the Declaration which has served as a foundation to the beginnings of the American nation upon a greater foundational belief that God, or as written in the Declaration "Creator", was the source for men's irrevocable rights.

Samuel Adams, who signed the historic document and writer of the Rights of the Colonists (November 1772), once said, "Just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty, in matters spiritual and temporal is a thing that all men are clearly entitled to by the eternal and immutable laws of God and nature, as well as by the laws of nations and all well-grounded and municipal laws, which must have their foundation in the former."

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration, also believed "God who gave us life gave us liberty."

Two of the Continental Congress' first actions were to hire military chaplains and to purchase 20,000 Bibles to remedy a national shortage.

Although America was already a free nation during the presidency of George Washington, the first president of the United States, he suggested that only religion could uphold its morality. During his farewell address he said, "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Even if America's roots were traced back to its primitive stages, the marriage between the early inhabitants of the land and Christianity are inseparable. The Pilgrims clearly stated the purpose for their voyage even before stepping off the Mayflower: "...undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith..."

The U.S. Supreme Court also identified America as a Christian nation in 1892, after 10 years of examining hundreds of documents on the foundation of the country. The justices came to the unanimous conclusion that the documents undeniably "add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a religious people, a Christian nation."

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, summed up the historic event that led to America's independence best when he said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

The conviction that God cannot, and should not be moved from the social and governmental construct of America continues to echo in the voice of the USA's more recent leaders.

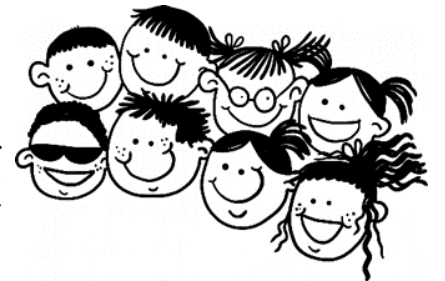
According to the late Ronald W. Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, "Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience....without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure....If we ever forget that we are one Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."

Katherine T. Phan, Ecumenical Press
Christian Today, July 2004



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Summer is here and school is out! What have you been doing with your extra time? Have you been sleeping in every day, watching lots of tv, and/or playing outside with your friends? During this time, don't forget to spend time with God. Kids need God in their lives every day, just as much as adults do! You could read your bible for a few minutes and then pray for a few minutes. You could try picking a time that works best for you but, you should at least try to give God some time of your day.



Spending time with God helps you to know Him better and love Him more. This time will make you happier and the rest of your day better. When you are faithful to God, He will be faithful to you. Remember, He is God and He can do anything!

We had our Vacation Bible School from June 5 – June 8 and we hope everyone that attended had a wonderful time! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make our VBS a success. Without all of the volunteers, we could not have made it happen! We are looking forward to next year's VBS! We also wanted to say thank you for the Offering designated to Ringgold Volunteer Fire Department in memory of Stephanie Neal.

We are continuing to meet during our regular church service on Sunday mornings and we are meeting on Wednesday and Sunday evenings as well from 7-8. We look forward to providing more opportunities for the children to have fellowship with each other.

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

~Stephanie Barts



A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

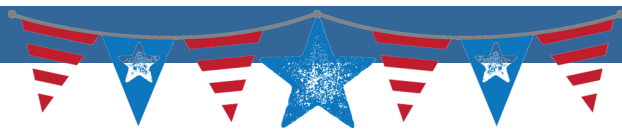
After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples and said to them, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (Jn 20:21). He said something similar in what some call his "high priestly prayer" to the Father in John 17: "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world"

July 17-21 youth will be attending (MC2) Missions Connection Celebration at Eagle Eyrie where they will be giving back to the community.

Missions: Youth and adults minister in small groups through a variety of service projects in the greater Lynchburg area ranging from VBS to construction to social ministries.

Join us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7 where we learn the scriptures and how they apply to our lives and how we can spread the gospel to all we meet.

~Brandon Barts



**AROUND RBC DURING
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The family & friends of Myrtle Chattin in her passing.

The family & friends of Jimmy Lamie in his passing.

The family & friends of Jason Tate in his passing.

The family & friends of Jimmy Morris in his passing.

The family & friends of Dina Woicikowski in her passing.

The family and friends of Kathy McKinney in her passing.

The family and friends of Ruby Jones in her passing.

The family and friends of Clifton Denny in his passing.

The family and friends of David Adkins, whose brother passed.

The family and friends of Rhonda Lester in her passing.

The family and friends of Della Fuller in her passing.

The family and friends of Brenda Barts Bryant in her passing.

The family and friends of Chuck Eskey, whose father passed.



J.O.Y. Club News

**JOIN US TUESDAY, JULY 25
at NOON**



Our Fishermen have been busy in anticipation of our hearty appetites! It's going to be delish!!
Bring a dessert to share

Our speaker for the meeting will be Nonna, from Bikers Against Trafficking.org.

REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED ITEM/S FOR GOD'S STOREHOUSE

Our Friend to Remember for July will be

**Mrs. Marjorie Hazelwood
172 Gloria Lane
Ringgold VA 24586**

Please leave your cards for Marjorie in the mailbox through July 31.



Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." - Martin Luther

Music is a gift of God and part of the created order.



From its inception, "when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy" (Job 38:7), to its consummation, when "every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them" will sing to the Lamb on the throne (Rev. 5:13), creation is musical. "All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." Human music-making participates in the music of creation and reflects the order, beauty, and diversity of God's creation.

Hate to say it, but our numbers in the choir may not be dwindling, but we haven't added any new voices in quite a while, and I see many in our congregation who are probably decent singers and who would be a solid addition to the Ringgold Baptist Choir. Most would say – "You don't want me... I can't sing", or, "I can't read music", or "I don't have time", or, "I'm too busy with the children", or... a myriad of excuses.

I am positive that if you just gave it a chance, you would adjust after a short time and you would really enjoy yourself and feel better about your talent as a contribution to our collective praise and worship. Your kids would have something else to be proud of in their parents. Please try to make a small commitment and come out Wednesday evenings to sing with us. We like to have fun. Come on out... sing with us.

Dan

Announcements, Events & Reminders

MEETINGS & EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday, July 4

DEACONS Sunday, July 9
at 6:00 pm

MORNING MISSION CIRCLE
Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00 am

EVA WALTON CIRCLE
Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Sunday, July 16 at 6:00 pm

**DAN RIVER
FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
Tuesday, July 18 at 4:30 pm
Kentuck Baptist Ministry Center



CELEBRATE WITH US!

**HOT DOG LUNCH
AFTER CHURCH ON
SUNDAY, JULY 2**

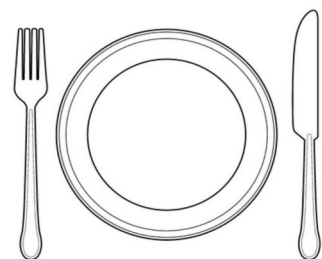


THANK
YOU

Ringgold Baptist Church and JOY Club,

Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food during our recovery. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to heal.

Love,
WD and Sandy



**Family Night Dinner
and Devotions**

Wednesday, July 12
6:30 pm

Hosts: Ruth T.E.L.
Sunday School Class



**THE LORD'S SUPPER
SUNDAY, JULY 16**

WMU HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** Mission project this year. The total received was \$1,365.65 which surpasses last year.

BLESS OUR FOOD MINISTRY:
Churchwide participation is needed!

Info sheets detailing all aspects of this food ministry are available on the table just inside the glass doors of the FLC. Please take one home with you to keep. Any questions should be directed to Cheryl Hogg or Suzanne Emerson.

DAN RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR GOD'S STOREHOUSE:

- ◆ 5-8 volunteers needed at God's Storehouse on Tuesday, July 11 at 2:30 to pack nonperishable boxes. It takes about 30-45 minutes.
- ◆ Many volunteers are needed Tuesday, July 18 at Kentuck Ministry Center to pack perishable boxes and distribute food from 4:30-6:00.

SCHOOL WILL OPEN NEXT MONTH!

The following items are a partial list of needs that the schools (elementary, middle, high) will use for students who may not have adequate supplies:

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| ▶ Boxes of 24 count crayons | ▶ Packs of #2 pencils |
| ▶ Glue sticks only | ▶ Blunt tip scissors |
| ▶ Black dry erase markers | ▶ Three-subject notebooks |
| ▶ One-subject notebooks | ▶ Five-subject notebooks |
| ▶ College ruled paper | ▶ Yellow highlighters |
| ▶ 3x5 white index cards | ▶ Ziploc Bags (gallon, quart, sandwich) |
| ▶ Post-It Sticky notes | ▶ Black and white marble composition books |
| ▶ Packs of wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper | ▶ Cap erasers |
| ▶ Blue and black pens | ▶ Hand-held pencil sharpeners |
| ▶ Tissues | |
| ▶ 3-prong vinyl folders (red, blue, green, yellow) with pockets | |

For your convenience when shopping, there will be an insert of these items in the bulletins on July 2. Please place the items in the totes in the FLC hallway during the month of July.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES SPONSORED BY THE PBA WMU IN JULY:

- ▶ Klothes4Kids will be held July 7 & 8 at the PBA office.
- ▶ Impact VA Mission Camp will be July 16-22 in the Danville-Pittsylvania area. The Eva Walton Circle and the Morning Mission Circle will provide lunch on two days at one worksite.

CHRISTMAS in AUGUST for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES is COMING!

MISSION GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ▶ Eva Walton Mission Circle –first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at RBC
 - ▶ Morning Mission Group – second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at RBC
- Women of ANY AGE are welcome to visit either or both mission groups.



THANK YOU TO RBC FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ALL MISSION PROJECTS AND MISSION OFFERINGS.

Suzanne Emerson , WMU Director