

Ringgold Baptist Church

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Return Service Requested



Welcome Spring!

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  
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 - Robby Parker / Larry Collie

Backpack Buddies

Week of March 03 — Betty Jo and David Foster  
Week of March 10— Gayle Barts and Debbie Bernard  
Week of March 17— Phyllis and Sammy McCormick  
Week of March 24— Kitty Anderson and Rebecca Hughes

Nursery Schedule

March 03—Ashlee and Aidan Hudgins  
March 10—Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert  
March 17—Nancy Adams and Mary Mills  
March 24—Dianne Donahoe and Gayle Barts  
March 31—Bonnie McDarmont and Katie Williams

Ushers - Mike Gauldin, David Foster, Doug Motley

Bereavement Teams

March— Sara and Ray McDowell  
April - Phyllis and Sammy McCormick

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Ringgold Reflector

A WORD FROM PASTOR DUANE

We celebrate Easter at the end of this month, and Spring is just around the corner. It is time to start thinking about planting the garden. I have come to realize my planting habits are like the disciples on the Saturday before Jesus rose from the dead on Resurrection Sunday. When I plant seeds in my garden, I make sure the ground has been tilled, fertilized properly, and there is plenty of moisture in the ground. I lay off the rows, and I plant the seeds. I know it takes some time for the seeds to germinate, sprout, and come up out of the ground; however, since I cannot see what is going on in the ground, I begin to wonder what is going on with the seed in the ground. I wonder if it is too cold for the seed to germinate. I wonder if it was planted too deep or too shallow. I wonder if there is too much moisture and it drowned, or if there is not enough moisture and it will not sprout. I wonder if the crows have pulled up the seed or if it is still there. The problem is I cannot see what is going on in the ground, so I will scratch the ground sometimes to see if the seeds have sprouted or to see how close they are to shooting up out of the ground. I desire the seeds to germinate and shoot up out of the ground because that is what they are meant to do. So if it doesn’t happen when I think it should, I begin to doubt the conditions are right. I wonder if I need to replant or not. Not knowing what is going on in the ground can be frustrating.

While Jesus was on Earth with His disciples, He taught them and trained them. He shared with them that in order to fulfill His purpose on Earth, He must be put to death and be buried; but on the third day He would rise again to life. Just as a seed must die before it germinates and sprouts forth with new life, Jesus must first die and rise again that we may have new life. It happened just the way Jesus said it would. Angry men beat Him and nailed Him to a cross. They humiliated Him, they mocked Him, and He died a painful, agonizing death in order to pay the sin debt that you and I have accumulated. He paid it in full. He finished the work of redemption on Calvary’s cross.

But as His followers watched all this take place, and as they laid His dead body in a borrowed tomb that was sealed shut and guarded by soldiers; they rested on the Sabbath day and waited. What was going through their minds? What would have been going through yours? The women went to the tomb on Sunday morning to prepare His body for burial because it was too late on Friday to do that. What did they expect to find? What they found was an empty tomb. Jesus did just what He said He would. But Saturday they could not see what was going on in the ground. That is the place between faith and sight. Saturday is the place we are between our problem and God’s promise fulfilled. We wonder, as I am sure they did, if He will do what He said He would do. It is easy on this side of Easter Sunday to wonder how they could doubt after all they had seen. They had seen Jesus heal the sick, cause the blind to see, make the lame to walk, and allow the deaf to hear. He even raised the dead to life. We wonder how they could have doubted, but we know Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw Jesus and touched the nail scarred hands. Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.” Are you blessed? Maybe you believe Jesus died and rose again and by faith you have eternal life. But what about His other promises? Do you trust and believe He will meet your needs even when you can’t see it happening? Do you believe He is with you even when you can’t feel it? Do you believe He is listening even when He is silent? Will you trust Him instead of scratching in the dirt trying to see why the answer hasn’t come yet? Will you rest in Him and wait even if it’s Saturday? Remember, it might be Saturday night, but Sunday is on the way!

Pastor Duane



*A Love Letter From Jesus*

*How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday. as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would walk and talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited, but you never came. Oh yes it hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.*

*I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight up-on your pillow and your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you.*

*You awakened late this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain. Today you looked so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me many times, but I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees and breathe it in the color of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume in the air. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you could ever have.*

*We will spend eternity in heaven. I know how hard it is on earth. I really know, because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you, too. He's that way, you know. Just call me, ask me, talk to me. It is your decision. I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait. Because I love you.*

*Your friend, Jesus*

Submitted by Larry Collie

To A People Called Ringgold,

*The family of William Eric Hogg would like to thank everyone at Ringgold Baptist Church for the outpouring of love and support during this time of loss. Your visits, flowers, calls, food, hugs, cards and words of support mean so very much to us.*

*During the last few years, Eric came to the Fall Festival and enjoyed sharing stew and spending Thanksgiving with the community and RBC. He witnessed your love showered on Cheryl, Ralph and Tim during their health issues and was thankful for your kindness, love and support.*

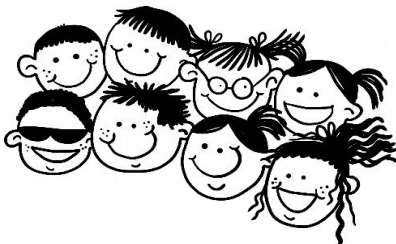
*Our family continues to be amazed at the love that comes from the members of this church. Thank you so much for being there during difficult times and reaching out to lift our family up. Your support and prayers have been invaluable to us in the past, but most especially during this devastating loss.*

*Our love to each and every one of you,  
Aimee, Tim, Cheryl, and Ralph*



**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

We are looking forward to the next few months of having fun events planned for the children. We are so blessed and excited to worship with this wonderful group every week. We would love for more children to join us!



We have our children's group during regular service that starts at 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

We also have worship, fellowship, and fun on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7:00.

~ Stephanie Barts

**UPCOMING CHILDREN/YOUTH EVENTS!**

**March 23** - Easter Egg Hunt at 10am (youth assist)

**April 14**- Spaghetti Luncheon after service to support the Youth Mission Trip

**June 10-14** – MFuge Youth Mission Trip

**July 8-11** - VBS (youth assist)



**A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER**

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in the word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”  
1 Timothy 4:12

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soil, and with all your mind.’”  
Matthew 22:37

~ Brandon Barts



## Thank You

*We want to express our sincere appreciation for all of the kind expressions of love, support, and sympathy throughout Dad's health journey and passing. Thank you to Pastor Duane for his visits, his special friendship with Dad, sharing in his love of gardening and bee keeping, and for leading Dad's beautiful celebration of life.*

*We appreciate all who attended and participated in the service. Dad loved his community and church. Many thanks to the Bereavement Team and the WMU ladies for their continued support. We truly appreciate the prayers, visits, cards, delicious food, beautiful flowers and many acts of kindness shown to our family.*

*With love,  
Jannie & Chip Camper, Ellen, Jason and Lila DeMott*

*Pastor Caldwell and Church Family,*

*The Richardson Family would like to thank you for all the many prayers, visits, and delicious food during this difficult time. We truly appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.*

*May God Bless you all,  
The Richardson Family*



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**THE FIRST GATHERING  
OF THE  
BRUNCH BUNCH  
FEBRUARY 22**



## J.O.Y. Club News

Our Friend to Remember  
for March is

Jo Anne Poole  
1265 Ringgold Rd.  
Ringgold VA 24586

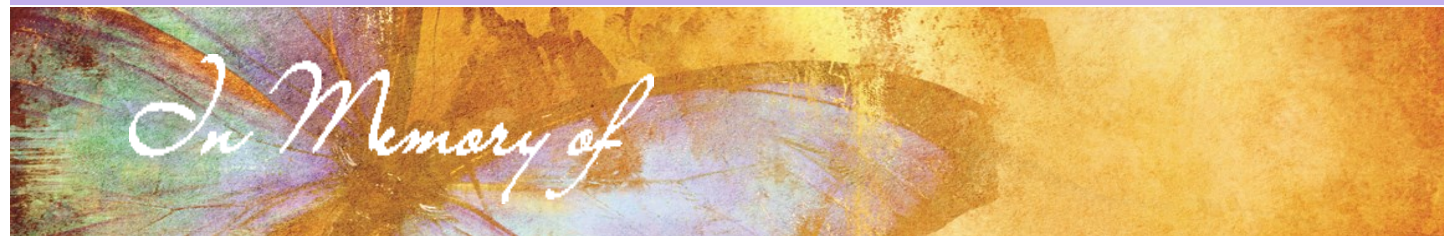
You may also leave cards for  
Jo Anne in the mailbox  
through March 31.



***Don't forget to bring  
canned items for God's  
Storehouse to the  
March meeting!***

Our March meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, March 26th at noon.  
Join us for a Baked Potato and Salad Bar.  
Please feel free to bring your favorite  
dessert to share.

***HANDS OF GLORY*** will perform for us.  
They are a Sign Language Ministry from  
Timberlake Baptist Church who use  
signs, songs, and skits to glorify our Lord  
and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
A Love Offering will be taken.



***Our deepest Christian sympathy to:***

*The family & friends of Jim Whitley in his passing.*

*The family & friends of Robbie Barker in his passing.*

*The family & friends of Lisa Pyron in her passing.*

*The family & friends of Eric Hogg in his passing.*

*The family and friends of Patricia Mitchell in her passing.*

*The family and friends of Robin Mahan Hancock in her passing.*

*The family and friends of Matt Searce in his passing.*

*The family and friends of John Baise in his passing.*

*The family and friends of Wayne Wilkerson in his passing.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

## Church Events



Sunday, March 10th



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 6:30 PM

HOSTS - AGAPE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

### EASTER SUNDAY



MARCH 31

7:00 a.m.  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
followed by  
Pot Luck Breakfast

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP



THE JOY BUS IS ROLLING!

THE J.O.Y. CLUB IS  
SPONSORING TRIPS IN MAY  
AND SEPTEMBER.

FLYERS AVAILABLE ON THE  
RESOURCE TABLE IN THE  
FOYER OR  
SEE BRIAN HORNE

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

APRIL 14



FOR THE  
YOUTH MISSION TRIP

### Easter Egg Hunt

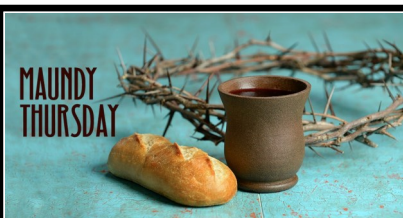


JOIN US  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

EASTER EGG  
HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 a.m.



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28

6:30 p.m.

Meal & Communion

In The Presence of Jehovah

### EASTER CANTATA

Palm Sunday, March 24

# WMU HIGHLIGHTS

The Family Life Center was filled with laughter and wonderful fellowship at the first “**BRUNCH BUNCH**” gathering of the widows and widowers of RBC on Thursday, February 22.

They were treated to a delicious meal prepared by some of our super cooks in the church. The group will meet again at **11:00 a.m. on March 21** for a “**Lunch Bunch**” event. See Page 6 for photos.

### EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

- ♦ “**BLESS OUR FOOD**” **OUTREACH MINISTRY (on going)** - Please remember to put the **DATE** that the dish of food was prepared before putting it in the freezer in the church kitchen.
- ♦ **SIT MINISTRY (ongoing as needed)** - Dan River Middle School nurse needs the following items:
  - sanitary pads (Kotex U – regular size)
  - deodorant – travel size
  - The tote will be in the FLC hallway.
- ♦ **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missionaries** will begin on March 3 and continue throughout the month. **Our goal is \$2,500.**
- ♦ **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Love Offering** to support our Backpack Ministry for weekend meals for identified children at KES and DRMS will be March 31.
- ♦ “**Christmas in August**” project will **begin in March** and continue each month through August. This year the WMU plans to collect donated items that the five (5) families (9 adults, 1 teen boy, 2 children - 4 yrs. and 18 month old) on **James and Tracey Watson’s mission team in Asia**. These **Blessing Items** (their Wishlist) are things that they can’t get where they are serving but really miss from back home in the United States.
  - \* **Items for March** – Ranch packets, Chili packets, Taco Seasoning packets, French Onion Soup packets, Italian dressing packets, gravy packets (brown, chicken & sausage flavors), Chicken, Beef & Ham Bouillon cubes, Muffin mix packets, Biscuit & corn bread mix packets, Instant oatmeal and grits packets (flavored)
  - \* A selected list of different items will be posted in **the newsletter and on the bulletin board in the back hallway** of items to be donated for that month.
  - \* At the **end of August** all the items will be taken to churches in North Carolina that physically go over to Asia each year to work with James & Tracey Watson on the mission field.
  - \* A tote with **James & Tracey’s picture on the side** will be available in the FLC hallway.

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

