

**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:** Carl Davis / Tim Chesher

**Nursery**

May 03—Bonnie McDarmont and Katie Williams  
 May 17—Brooke and Carl Davis  
 May 24—Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert  
 May 31—Nancy Adams and Mary Mills

**Backpack Buddies**

Week of May 04—Cheryl Hogg and Pam Tuck  
 Week of May 11—Kitty Anderson and Rebecca Hughes  
 Week of May 18—Suzanne and Ronnie Emerson

**Ushers:** Chris Bass, Chester Sneed

**Bereavement Team**

May - Ginger and Larry Collie  
 June - Sara and Ray McDowell

**THE RINGGOLD REFLECTOR**

**A WORD FROM PASTOR DUANE**

Most of us, at some time in our lives, hit a rough patch and don't know what to do or where to turn. We want to hear from God, but we have trouble hearing God's voice. We wonder where He is or if He really cares what we are going through. Maybe we cry out, but there seems to be nothing. What can we do? Here is a story of a young man that may help us when we are facing a crisis in our lives.

There was a young man who had lost his job and didn't know which way to turn. So, he went to see an old preacher. Pacing about the preacher's study, the young man ranted about his problem. Finally, he clenched his fist and shouted, "I've begged God to say something to help me. Tell me, Preacher, why doesn't God answer?" The old preacher, who sat across the room, spoke something in reply -- something so hushed it was indistinguishable. The young man stepped across the room. "What did you say?" he asked. The preacher repeated himself, but again in a tone as soft as a whisper. So, the young man moved closer until he was leaning on the preacher's chair. "Sorry," he said. "I still didn't hear you." With their heads bent together, the old preacher spoke once more. "God sometimes whispers," he said, "so we will move closer to hear Him." This time the young man heard and he understood.

Elijah went through something similar. He had just had a great victory on Mt. Carmel. He had challenged the prophets of Baal to call down fire from heaven to burn up the sacrifice they would offer. They cried to Baal, but to no avail. Nothing happened. Then Elijah stepped up and built an altar, laid a bull cut in half on it, and doused it with water. Then He prayed for God to accept the sacrifice so the people would know there is only one God and that Elijah was His servant. Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dust, and all the water left in the trench that was poured on the sacrifice. Then the people who had assembled took the prophets of Baal and executed them.

What a victory! Many times after a victory, there comes a letdown. After Elijah's victory, Queen Jezebel sent a message to him saying she was going to hunt him down and kill him. Elijah went to hide and then prayed God would take his life before Jezebel could get to him. He felt alone and afraid. He felt betrayed and He cried out to God because He didn't know where to turn. He felt his life was over. He felt defeated. He wanted to hear from the LORD. He was going through what we call a rough patch. Then God spoke to Elijah.

*The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire, came a gentle whisper. (1 Kings 19:11-12)* Then God gave him assurance and the solution to his problem.

We all want God's voice to thunder through the air with the answer to our problem. But God's is the still, small voice . . . the gentle whisper. Perhaps there's a reason. Nothing draws human focus quite like a whisper. God's whisper means we must stop our ranting and move close to Him, until our head is bent together with His. And then, as we listen, we will find our answer. Better still, we find ourselves closer to God.

It's hard to hear when we are talking, so always remember what the psalmist said, "Be still, and know that I am God;" (Psalm 46:10). Get close to God and just listen.

# DEACON MOMENT

## IN AND DOWN

Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
 Try me and know my thoughts!  
 And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
 And lead me in the way everlasting!

Exhausted, Dry, Tired, Disillusioned, Anxious, Stressed, Frustrated, Burned Out

One or a few of these words might describe what you are feeling right now. If so, it is important to give yourself permission to ask one question—Why?

It has been said, the main obstacle to love God is service for God. It is possible to be working and going so hard for God that we forget what it means to be connected to God. We must pause from our constant motion to reflect and examine the condition of our soul.

When we discover things in our lives that are out of rhythm with God, our natural tendency is to go outward and upward with our response. We go out by confessing our sins, and then offering them up to God himself to forgive, heal, and restore. Instead, it might be time to go inward and downward—inward to examine what we feel in our hearts, and downward to discover the true and full self before God and present what truly needs restoration, But, for most of us, this seems a bit scary.

Submitted by Johnnie Dodson

**COME CHECK US OUT!**



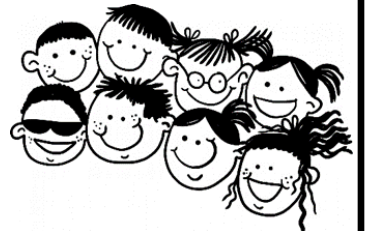
**We have five new arrivals in the library by Dr. David Jeremiah**

- The Promise of Heaven  
- 31 reasons to get excited about your eternal home
- The Great Disappearance  
- 31 Ways to be Rapture Ready
- After the Rapture  
- An end times guide to survival
- The World of the End  
- How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities
- Revelation  
-The Ultimate Hope in Christ. (This is a study book.)

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER

The end of the school year is right around the corner! That means it will be summer vacation! That can be a very exciting time for us all. However, it can also be a sad time due to not seeing our friends from school anymore. But, don't fear because someone who is always with you is Jesus. We can always count on him and rely on him in times of happiness and sadness. As you think about this, think about ways that Jesus shows himself in your life.



As a reminder, we would love to see you on Sunday mornings and evenings! We meet during regular service that begins at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. We also meet on Sunday evenings at 7 and Wednesday evenings at 6.

~Stephanie Barts

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**JUNE 1-4**  
**VBS**  
 5:30-7:45 pm

Dinner for children every night, last night is Family Night with dinner provided for everyone.



**YOUTH MISSION CAMP**

**JUNE 8-12**  
 At Ridgecrest

14 Youth  
 4 Chaperones  
 Attending



## A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

A new beginning awaits anyone who is willing and wanting to make Jesus Christ the Lord of their life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

As the school year ends and some Youth graduate this year, a new chapter in life begins, but have no worries, God is always with you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Go out allowing Christ light to shine through you to whomever you may meet.

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others" Matthew 16.6 He explained that no one lights a lamp just to hide it under a basket. A lamp is meant to be placed on a stand to give light to everything around it. Whether you're timid or outgoing, you're called to be a light to people around you.

~Brandon Barts

# SESQUICENTENNIAL KICK-OFF



To mark the beginning of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of Ringgold Baptist Church, the congregation participated in a tree planting ceremony led by Pastor Duane Caldwell on Sunday, April 19, in front of the church. Two oak trees were planted as a symbol of growth and outreach as a way to remember the past and give hope for the future, not only for the church but also for the Ringgold community in the years to come.

A church Homecoming and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held at Ringgold Baptist Church on Sunday, October 25, 2026. All former members and guests throughout the area are invited to attend. The ceremony will include comments from former pastors, a historical play presented by the children of the church, special music, and a luncheon for everyone in attendance.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I sincerely hope that you all have enjoyed this Easter season. Remembering what God did for us with Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. That He has arisen and will return someday to usher in His promise of everlasting life.

May certainly is a special month. It promises to be a busy time for all of us here at Ringgold Baptist and indeed, throughout the nation.

May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be remembering Memorial Day. Honoring our mothers and honoring and mourning the great U.S. military personnel who sacrificed all while serving in the United States Armed Forces. God has blessed us with a great responsibility to see to it that our posterity is well informed about our true history and to help prepare our youth to carry on our values and traditions.

So – congratulations to all our mothers and especially all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to insure we continue to enjoy the freedoms that God gave us from the beginning.

God bless you all.

-Dan



# J.O.Y. CLUB

Our *Friend to Remember* in May is

**Gary Carter**  
*Cardinal Assisted Living*  
432 Hermitage Drive, Room 337  
Danville, VA 24541

Please leave your card for Gary in the mailbox through May 31st



Our May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at 12 noon

*We're looking forward to Hamburgers with all the fixings! You may bring a side and a dessert to share.*

Remember to bring a canned food item for **God's Storehouse** to the May meeting.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR, YOU MAY CONTACT PAGE REYNOLDS TO SECURE A DATE OF YOUR CHOOSING.**

**PLEASE GIVE HIM A TWO WEEK NOTICE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.**



## VBS AT RBC

**June 1-4**  
**5:30-7:45 pm**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & REMINDERS



**DINNER & DEVOTIONS**  
Wednesday, May 13  
6:30 pm

Hosts: Ruth SS Class



**MAY 14**  
**11:00 AM**  
**CALL THE**  
**CHURCH OFFICE**  
**BY MAY 11 TO**  
**LET US KNOW IF**  
**YOU ARE**  
**COMING OR NOT**  
**822-5959**

*Remember the Sacrifice*  
GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS:  
TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.  
JOHN 15:13  
MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 24, 2026

*Baby Bottle Boomerang*  
SAVE YOUR CHANGE. SAVE A LIFE!  
**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**  
**MAY 10—JUNE 21**



- The family and friends of Margaret Hawkins in her passing.
- The family and friends of Betty Haymore in her passing.
- The family and friends of Jerry Rowland in his passing.
- The family and friends of Delma Branscome in her passing.
- The family and friends of Nicolas Samuels in his passing.
- The family and friends of Keith McCoy in his passing.
- The family and friends of Roger Cousins in his passing.
- The family and friends of Helen Hammock in her passing.

# WMU HIGHLIGHTS

### THANK YOU:

- To all who supported the “Spaghetti Lunch” for the Youth Mission trip on April 19 and to Chef Ronnie for preparing the meal. Over 100 delicious meals were served by the WMU with assistance from the Youth. \$1767.00 has been received in donations.
- To all who prepared meals and delivered them to homes on April 13 for the “Friends@Home” Ministry. Thirty -one (31) meals were delivered to sixteen (16) homes.
- To all who prepared food and served for “Lunch Bunch” on Thursday, April 9.
- To all who are packing “Backpack Meals” each week.
- Very special THANKS to all the VOLUNTEERS who helped with the Food Distribution on Tuesday April 21.

### LUNCH BUNCH:

- Thursday –May 14 at 11:00 AM
- Please call the church office by Monday, May 11 to say yes or no as to whether you will attend.

### FRIENDS @ HOME MINISTRY:

- Tuesday, May 19

### CHURCHWIDE MISSION OUTREACH FOR MAY-JUNE (Mother’s Day to Father’s Day):

- Donations for Baby Bottle Boomerang to support the work of Transition Pregnancy Solutions Center.

### MISSION GROUP OPPORTUNITIES at RBC:

- First Tuesday at 7:00 PM at RBC
- Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM at RBC

As always, THANK YOU for your continuous support of mission projects and mission offerings at RBC. YOUR Support is so APPRECIATED!

*Suganne Emerson, WMU Director*



A DONATION HAS BEEN  
MADE IN HONOR OF  
ALL MOTHERS TO



*To a People Called Ringgold,*

*Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, cards and support you extended to us during our recent pacemaker/defibrillator saga. You have been beside us during our challenges over the years and what a comfort you have been! How very special it has been to have you wrap your arms around us and make us one of your own. We are deeply grateful.*

*Cheryl and Ralph Hogg*