

Ringgold Baptist Church

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STAFF / SERVICE TIMES / MONTHLY SERVANTS

STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Duane Caldwell
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Minister of Music.....Daniel Wolfe
Minister to ChildrenStephanie 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

Carl Davis / Tim Chesher

Nursery Schedule

November 02—Nancy Adams and Mary Mills
November 09—Dianne Donahoe and Gayle Barts
November 16—Bonnie McDarmont and Katie Williams
November 23—Brooke and Carl Davis
November 30—Ashlee and Aidan Hudgins

Ushers

David Foster, Mike Shelton, Garrett Hughes

Backpack Buddies

Week of November 03—Linda and James Snead
Week of November 10—Frankie and Lawrence Gilbert
Week of November 17—Sara and Ray McDowell
Week of November 24—Gayle Barts and Debbie Bernard

Bereavement Team

November—Ginger and Larry Collie
December—Sara and Ray McDowell

THE RINGGOLD REFLECTOR

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DUANE

My mom had a pacemaker implanted over 13 years ago to control the rate of her heart. The doctor who installed the pacemaker told her the battery should last about 10 years. Some 18 months ago she was told the battery would probably need to be replaced around September of last year but couldn’t be replaced until it was completely dead. They also informed her that after the battery died completely, there was a 3 month back up battery that would pace her heart until the new battery could be installed; however, the pacemaker would run in a different mode during that period. She has been anticipating this event to take place for about a year. Each month, since last March, the battery has been checked and the reports would say it had less than a month left, which was very worrisome. Finally, last month, in the middle of October, the battery went caput. The mode did change the rhythm of her heartbeat. This created dizziness, weakness, nausea, and other unpleasant effects. The good news is she got a brand-new battery near the end of October. Her heart is now pacing properly, and all those unpleasant effects went away.

When we are saved by the grace of God, through the blood of Jesus, by faith, we are given a heart transplant. That new heart comes complete with the power of the Holy Spirit to pace our heart to the beat God desires for it to operate. In Ezekiel 36:26-27, God says, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances.”

That power of the Holy Spirit is permanent and will never be depleted. Even when we feel weak, He will give us strength. The Bible gives us assurances of His empowerment. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” In Philippians 4:13 Paul says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” In Isaiah 40:29, the prophet says, “He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.”

So why do we still feel weak and inadequate sometimes? Why do we feel our heart is not pacing with God’s desire for our lives? The Bible says we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. In other words, our spiritual tank begins to run low. It will never run empty or be completely depleted, but it runs low and needs to be filled. Our spiritual tank runs low because sometimes it gets contaminated with the things of this world, and our heart begins to function sluggishly. Once we are filled with the Spirit, the Holy Spirit pushes all those contaminates out and our hearts will pace properly again.

So how can we be filled with the Holy Spirit? When our car’s tank runs low, we go to the gas station for a fill up. If you have an electric car you plug into a charging station for a full charge. Ephesians 5:18 says, “don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit.” In other words, don’t fill your lives with useless things and useless living, but live for Jesus. Spend whatever time you can studying God’s Word, praying, and attending worship and Bible study. Focus on the things of God and you will notice the contaminates dissipating and the fullness of the Spirit controlling your life.

Jesus says in Luke 11:13, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” In other words, simply ask. James 4:2-3 says, “You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and don’t receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.” Jesus says in John 16:24, “Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” In Acts 13:52, Dr. Luke writes that “the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” Being filled with joy and the Holy Spirit seem to run hand in hand. So, ask God to fill you with His Spirit and your joy will be full along with your spiritual tank. Then, your new heart will pace perfectly with God’s will for your life. Do you need a fill up? Just ask.

Pastor Duane

DEACON MOMENT

A HEART FULL OF THANKS: EMBRACING GRATITUDE EVERY DAY

As we move through the seasons, it’s a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the many blessings in our lives. Often, in the hustle and bustle, we can forget to acknowledge the simple yet profound gifts that surround us daily. This month, let’s cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, recognizing God’s grace in every moment.

This idea of pervasive gratitude is captured beautifully in the popular song, “Beautiful Day”. The song is a powerful reminder that every day we are given is a gift worthy of praise. It speaks to the core of Christian thankfulness, acknowledging God’s sovereignty over everything, even our challenges.

The lyrics state: “Lord I thank You for sunshine, thank You for rain. Thank You for joy, thank You for pain. It's a beautiful day.”

This is the very essence of true gratitude—not just thanking God when things are easy but also trusting and thanking Him through the difficulties. The song reminds us that a day is beautiful simply because we are alive to experience it and because God is in it. In a similar vein, this echoes the traditional hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth," which gives thanks "for the glory of the skies" and "for the love which from our birth over and around us lies."

This week, I encourage you to pause and intentionally identify things you are thankful for. Let us follow the song's example by expanding our gratitude beyond the obvious. Thank God for the breath you take, the roof over your head, and the community that supports you. When a challenge arises, try to find the lesson or the strengthening grace hidden within it, and say a prayer of thanks for the growth it will bring.

The Psalmist writes, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Let this verse and the spirit of "Beautiful Day" guide our hearts to embrace gratitude as a daily discipline. After all, if we have life, we have a reason to say, "Lord, I thank You!"

Submitted by Matt Riddle

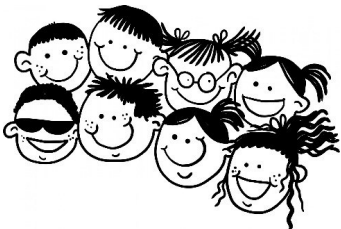
Ringgold Church Family,
Dena and I would like to say “thank you” once again for your love and generosity shown to us on Pastor Appreciation Sunday, as well as the entire year. You show your love and appreciation to us constantly throughout each year. You always go above and beyond each October and this year was no exception. Thank you for the cards, cash, gift cards, gifts, tools, and kind words. The monetary gift from the church was certainly appreciated. It was just the right size and color. Also, the “Vegetable Gardening for Dummies” book shows one of the reasons I love this church so much. It is your sense of humor. Of course, I assume it was a joke. If not, I love you anyway. Again, thank you for being such a loving, caring church. We love you and thank God for bringing us to Ringgold 11 years ago.
Pastor Duane and Dena

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the precious people at RBC who prayed, sent cards and gifts to me while I was in the hospital and at Roman Eagle. I know this Thank You is late but I can’t write individual cards that you could read anymore. I’m back at home now and one of my sons is staying with me at night. I’m unable to drive anymore and ask that you continue to pray that I can get stronger. God has blessed me so much during this ordeal. I love you all and hope to see you as soon as I can.

Shirley Davis

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER

I first want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered their time for our Fall Festival.



As we have approached the month of November, the main topic I think about is being Thankful. That seems to always be the theme due to Thanksgiving. What does it mean to be thankful? What are you thankful for?

True thankfulness comes from knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior. We have a relationship with him and understand God’s love for us. We need to remember to choose thankfulness in difficult situations as well because we already have victory through Jesus Christ.

We continue to meet for children’s church on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings at 7 and Wednesday evenings at 6. We are learning more about the bible such as the many stories and people of the bible and how they relate to our lives. We will be learning about the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

If you need to reach out to me, please feel free to call or text me at 434-709-4709 with any questions you may have.

~Stephanie Barts



A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 1 Chronicles 16:8

As we reach the time of year of Thanksgiving, we must remember to be Thankful of the promises made by God through Jesus Christ and the importance of sharing the Good News.

During the month of October, the Youth attended ScareMare which is hosted by Liberty University. Students invited their friends to enjoy a scary event but also to spread the gospel because nothing is scarier than death without Christ in your heart. Life brings troubles and heartaches, but we must remember that Christ has overcome the world and through him we have eternal life and peace. Amid the storms of life in a dark and fallen world, inner peace is only possible through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Youth meets on Wednesday at 6 and Sunday evenings at 7 with many activities and outreach as we learn more of Christ and how to spread the Good News.

Brandon Barts - 434-251-8512

Music

To the Ringgold Baptist Family,

“Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with His gracious presence.” – J.S. Bach

I feel like a broken record because year after year I keep asking this congregation the same thing. We really need more participation in the choir or any other musical talent you have to share. Younger folks especially...

If anyone wants to join the choir it's real easy. You just show up on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 (of course there are Sunday mornings also). Bring your voice. I don't care if you only sing in the shower or the car. God will forgive all your iniquities as long as you bring your voice and accept Jesus as your Savior.

For your calendar –

Thanksgiving – Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, November 23rd, our Ringgold Choir and the folks from Kentuck Baptist Choir are busy preparing for our annual traditional concert and service to give thanks to God for His many blessings we enjoy as His children. Please plan to attend.

This year the **Christmas Cantata**, *One Small Child*, is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, during regular morning service.

Christmas Caroling – December 21 at 3:00 pm.

Blessings,
-Dan



J.O.Y. Club News



Our Friend to Remember
for November is

W.D. Spencer
1105 Barker Rd.
Ringgold VA 24586

You may leave cards for W.D.
in the mailbox through
November 30th.

Join us for our next meeting
MONDAY— NOVEMBER 10 AT NOON

RINGGOLD STEW IS ON THE MENU!

Bring a dessert to share

Also, please bring canned good item/s
for God's Storehouse



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY**



WEDNESDAY, December 17th at Noon

Please bring a \$5 gift for the exchange.

THANK YOU LARRY!

Larry Collie is the kind of church member every congregation hopes to have—quiet, faithful and always willing to lend a hand without seeking notice, praise or recognition. He's someone who notices the small things that matter and simply takes action. When the men's bathroom had fallen into a sad state of serious disrepair, he saw the need and stepped in, dedicating his time, finances and skills to completely renovate the space.

Larry embodies what it means to serve humbly and generously, always working behind the scenes to make things better for others, and never once asking anything in return.

We can't thank you enough, Larry!



***The 34th Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at
Ringgold Baptist Church
on
Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 pm.***

*Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors, as we join along with our
community churches for this very special worship service.*

*Both canned goods and monetary donations to support
God's Storehouse will be collected. Please remember this organization
as it does so much in helping people in our community.*

Announcements, Events & Reminders



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The traditional RBC Community Thanksgiving Meal will be Thursday, November 27th at Noon in the Family Life Center.

The committee is asking the congregation to cook turkey breasts and have them at RBC by 9:00 AM that Thursday. We will also need assorted pies and cakes. Signup sheets are located on the back hallway bulletin board.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.



RBC STEW

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 8**

5:00—7:00 PM

LUNCH BUNCH

**THURSDAY, NOV. 13
11:00 am**

Call the office by
Monday, Nov. 10 to
let us know
whether or not
you're coming!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



**Please return your OCC shoeboxes by
Sunday, November 16.**

They will be dedicated during morning worship.
You may also make monetary donations!

We will again be a collection site for OCC this year!
National Collection Week is November 17th - 24th.

If you would like to help during this week,
please see Bobra Robinson.

The date for our annual trip to the OCC Processing
Center is Saturday, December 13 from 1-5 pm.
We have 25 slots assigned to us and signup sheets are
posted in the back hallway.



WMU HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU:

- ◆ To ALL who donated the large supply of jars of peanut butter and boxed cereal during October which have been delivered to **God's Storehouse**.
- ◆ To all who prepared meals and delivered them to homes on September 18 and October 16 for **"Friends@Home" Ministry**.
- ◆ For preparing and serving for **"Lunch Bunch"** on Thursday, October 9.
- ◆ For packing **"Backpack Meals"** for identified Kentuck Elementary students for weekends.
- ◆ For the volunteers that helped at the **Dan River Food Distribution** on October 21.
- ◆ For all the monetary donations that helped RBC to reach the **\$2,000 goal for the Alma Hunt State Mission offering in September**.

LUNCH BUNCH:

- ◆ Thursday – **November 13** at 11:00 AM. Please call the church office by **Monday, November 10** to say yes or no as to whether you will attend.

FRIENDS @ HOME MINISTRY:

- ◆ The next meal will be **delivered on Monday, November 10**.

LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL MISSION OFFERING:

- ◆ **RBC's goal will be \$4,000. Our international missionaries depend on this offering to help meet their living expenses wherever they are serving in the world.**

OCC BOXES:

- ◆ All boxes are due back to RBC on **Sunday, Nov. 16**.
- ◆ **If you want your shopping to be done for you, please give your money to Cheryl Hogg or Bobra Robinson.**

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.

*Suzanne Emerson
WMU Director*

Our Deepest Christian Sympathy To

The family and friends of Tracy Wilkerson in her passing.

The family and friends of Don Bruce in his passing.

The family and friends of Linda Motley in her passing

The family and friends of Speedy Goins in his passing.

The family and friends of Terry Bass in his passing.

The family and friends of John Thomas Adkins, Jr. in his passing.

