



RINGGOLD BAPTIST CHURCH
150th Anniversary

You are invited
Sunday, October 25, 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Anniversary Worship Service
A Catered Celebration Lunch
will follow the Worship Service

Join us as we honor our past and look forward to the future

Each family will receive a copy of the History of our church
and a Memory Card to complete describing a special memory
that you have of Ringgold Baptist Church

Ringgold Baptist Church

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Return Service Requested

MONTHLY SERVANTS

Audio
Chris Barts / Larry Collie

Nursery
September 06—Bonnie McDarmont and Katie Williams
September 13—Brooke and Carl Davis
September 20—Ashlee and Aidan Hudgins
September 27—Sherry Shively and Frankie Gilbert

Ushers: Chris Bass, Chester Sneed

Bereavement Team
September - Sara and Ray McDowell
October - Phyllis and Sammy McCormick

CHURCH 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

THE RINGGOLD
REFLECTOR

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DUANE

One of the truths I strive to emphasize on a regular basis is that we are to become more and more like Jesus, who is the image of the Father. In order to do that we must give Him complete control and trust Him in everything. As we do, we begin to change. I found this article I received several years ago I want to share with you. I am not sure who the author is, but it is entitled “The Road of Life.”

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merit-ed heaven or hell when I die. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him. But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable it was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds.

It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. I gained love, peace, acceptance and joy; gifts to take on my journey, My Lord's and mine.

And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light. I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten, scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strang-est places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ. And when I'm sure I just can't do it anymore, He just smiles and says..."Pedal."

Are you pedaling when Jesus says pedal? Are you turning when He says turn? Do you trust Him? Are you willing to obey Him? Do you forgive others as He has forgiven you? When you do these things, you are giving Jesus control. When we give Him control, then we become more like Jesus. What would happen if we all strived to become more like Christ by trusting, obeying, and forgiving? Let’s give it a try!

Pastor Duane

WMU HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2026

THANK YOU to all who:

- ◆ Prepared thirty (30) meals and delivered them to sixteen (16) homes on August 24 for the “Friends@Home” Ministry.
- ◆ Helped with the “Lunch Bunch” meal on Thursday, August 13.
- ◆ Donated school supplies to Kentuck Elementary, Dan River Middle and Dan River High for students who may not have needed supplies.
- ◆ Donated peanut butter and cereal for God’s Storehouse.

LUNCH BUNCH:

- ◆ Thursday, September 10 at 11:00 AM.
- ◆ Call the office by Tuesday, September 8 to let Cheryl know if you are attending.

CHURCHWIDE MISSION PROJECT:

- ◆ Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions – goal \$2,000.

MISSION GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ Eva Walton Mission Circle – meets 1st Tuesday of each month at RBC @ 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Morning Mission Group – meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at RBC @ 10:00 AM.
- ◆ Women of ANY age are welcome to visit either or both mission groups.

Suzanne Emerson, WMU Director

CHILDREN & YOUTH

As we continue through the beginning of the school year, we pray for all of the children and youth as well as their families.

We have been having a wonderful time on Sunday mornings learning more about the Bible and the people/events within it. We have also been meeting on Sunday evenings at 7 and Wednesday evenings at 6:00. This has been a wonderful time of learning and fellowship with the children and youth. We would love to see you attend with us on Sunday and Wednesday Evenings!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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| September 05 | Carowinds |
| October 03 | Pumpkin Patch |
| October 16 | Scaremare |
| October 17 | Fall Festival (Youth Volunteers needed) |

Standing
For
What Is
Right
Night



Sunday, September 13
5:00 pm

Learn about the
implications of 2
amendments on the ballot in
November concerning abortion
and marriage and what we can
do to rally and defeat it



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
11:00 AM



PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO
SHARE

DON'T FORGET AN ITEM
OR TWO FOR
GOD'S STOREHOUSE

Our Friend to Remember is
Marjorie Hazelwood
172 Gloria Lane
Ringgold, VA 24586



OUR FEATURE OF THE MONTH

"In his book, The World of the End,
Dr. David Jeremiah tells how Jesus'
prophecy should shape our priorities.
Jesus knows what is ahead and he
wants to make sure we can face it with
confidence and hope."



SEPTEMBER 9
6:30 PM
Hosted by
A Stronger Cord

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4



Covered Dish Lunch
following the worship
service

ALL ABOARD!

Jump on the Bus
with the JOY Club
on December 4th
for a trip to the
Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner
Theatre for lunch and
a Christmas play.
Flyers with details
are available in
the foyer



THANK YOU

I want to thank my Ringgold Church family for all your support this past year. Many thanks for your cards, calls, visits and most of all your prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Duane and Dena for your visits and to Sammy and Phyllis for helping with transportation. It was by the Grace of God, the medical team, my loving family and friends that I was able to make it where I'm at today. I am in complete remission at this time. I'll still be going every 8 weeks for immunotherapy to be rechecked but I feel very hopeful and blessed. Thanks again to all!
JoAnn Poteat & Family

To A People Called Ringgold, Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and food during my recovery from knee surgery. While I still have a few more weeks before full recovery, I am much better. I am blessed to have your support.
Love, Phyllis McCormick

Reflecting on the health issues we have experienced the past few months makes us realize how blessed we are to be surrounded by our RBC Family. For the many acts of kindness and love shared with us, we say Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! You helped uplift our spirits so many days.
Love, Ronnie & Suzanne