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*What It Means to Be Born Again*

Study these Bible verses for God's Word on the subject:

1. **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."** (Rom. 3:23)  
Everyone is a sinner—there are no exceptions.
2. **"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** (Rom. 6:23)  
Death means separation forever from God. **Eternal life comes by trusting Jesus Christ.**
3. **"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."** (Rom. 5:8)  
**God loved us sinners so much that He gave His son to die for our sins.**
4. **"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."** (Rom. 10:9)  
To be born again, **you must believe that Jesus died for your sins and declare that you accept Him as Lord of your life.**
5. **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** (Rom. 10:13)  
This is **God's promise to you** that **if you receive Jesus as Lord, He will save you.**

Confess your decision to the Lord now as you pray this prayer:

*Dear God, I know I have sinned by breaking Your laws, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. I want to be born again and receive new life in Him. I will follow Jesus as my Lord and obey Him in all that I do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.*



Dublin  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

*August 2025*



*"And of His fullness we have all received,  
and grace for grace."*

*John 1:26*

# RED BOX

## Prison Ministry Collection

It is time to begin collecting items for NC women inmates.  
 This will help provide a Christmas gift for incarcerated women in NC.  
 This year the Bladen Association will be collecting  
**WOMEN'S STICK DEODORANT**  
 with a goal of 400.

**Deodorant tubes must be plastic only, no gel or roll on  
 and weight 2 to 3.5 ounces.**

Deodorant can be placed in the bins located in the back of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, or monetary donations may be designated on your offering envelope. Deadline for donations is October 26.



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DONATE BLOOD

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AUGUST 26TH, 1PM-6PM

AT DUBLIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "Dublin" or call 1-800-733-2767

7 Arrows

Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>8:45 AM</div> <div>10:00 AM</div> <div>11:00 AM</div> <div>6:00 PM</div> </div> <div> <div>Sundays</div> <div>Morning Worship Service</div> <div>Sunday School</div> <div>Morning Worship Service</div> <div>Evening Worship Service</div> <div>AMPED</div> </div>				<div>7:00 PM</div> <div>Volleyball</div>	1	2 <div> <div>9:00 AM</div> <div>Vacation Bible School</div> </div>
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One day when he was much older, he was riding in a stagecoach, traveling through the English countryside. A lady sitting near him in the coach was obviously enjoying a hymn she was reading; she was humming the tune, and singing the words aloud. She turned to the stranger beside her, held the open hymnbook out to him, and asked him if he had ever heard that hymn. The stranger was silent for a long moment, and then he burst into tears. He said to her, "Madam, I am the poor, unhappy man who composed that hymn many years ago. I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings that I had then." Some 30 years later, the very words he had penned had been returned to him, by the grace and providence of God, to break his heart. But the God Who had saved him, called him, and longed after him, was the God who restored him, by his own hymn! The prodigal's Father had never let him go.

The words of the hymn seem to come alive as we consider the life of Robert Robinson. He wrote it early in his Christian experience, at a time when he had already wandered, and had been drawn back to the Lord through [Psalm 116:7](#): "Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with thee."

I pray that this Hymn and story would cause us all to reflect on our own relationship with the God of the Bible and to know that even when we stray, He calls each and everyone of us to return the God we love while there's still time!

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure, sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure of my Lord's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither, by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me, when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

Blessings, Adam

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WMU is now collecting monetary donations to pack backpacks for the upcoming **Appalachian Outreach Ministry**. If you would like WMU to pack and deliver a backpack for you, the cost is \$40. Please designate on your offering envelope "backpack". If you would like to pack your own backpack or interested in this ministry opportunity, more info to come.



**Deadline for donations is October 12.**

## Are You a Conduit or Controller of God's Grace?

Over the past few weeks, part of my daily time in God's Word has been spent in the Book of Jonah. I'm sure most of you are familiar with the "goings on" with that account from the Old Testament. But it's after the whole whale episode (and after Jonah preaches and the people of Nineveh repent), that things end a little strange in chapter four.

Jonah 4:1 says that "*it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry*"... what did? That the people of Nineveh repented of their sin and turned in faith to God. Now, that sure is a weird reaction from a preacher! But remember: Jonah didn't WANT to go and preach to them. Earlier in this Book of the Bible, Jonah told God that he KNEW that they would repent and turn to the Lord. Obviously, Jonah enjoyed receiving the mercy of God, but he wasn't so sure about others having it also! He thought himself a proper controller to regulate who God was compassionate toward and who should receive mercy!

In fact, according to Jonah 4:3, the spiritual transformation of the Ninevites made Jonah SO mad that he told God "*please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!*" I wish I could say that finally Jonah came to his senses--that he listened to God and realized that those (like himself) who have received the amazing grace of God are to see themselves as conduits of God's mercy and grace to others, and not deciders of who is worthy to receive it. Sadly, the Book of Jonah just abruptly ends with him in this messed up mindset.

What about you? I'm sure you know what God says in Micah 6:8. Here's what God wants from those who are His/those who have received His grace and mercy: "*Do justly, **love mercy**, and walk humbly with your God.*" You cannot live out ANY of those 3 expectations that God has for you if you have a heart like Jonah's. When God says "**love mercy**," He means not to just love receiving it, but that we are to also love dispensing it to others...being a conduit of the grace WE have received from God to those around us. That's my challenge to you from God's Word this month, Church! May the grace and mercy that you have received from Christ so overflow in your heart that God uses it to touch those around you and point them to Who you got it from!

--Pastor Jason



**Cakes** are being collected for Second Chance Church.  
Bins are in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



## Taking Ownership

There is quite a difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus. We live in a world that has known about Jesus Christ for two thousand years now. Even here in the greatest country in the world, founded on Judeo-Christian ethics and principles, many people speak the name Jesus Christ. Do they truly know Him? Do they actually own their faith in Him?

I have now had my first experience with taking the youth to Fuge camp. We had an amazing time getting away to focus on what it means to have true faith in Jesus. This year's camp theme "Into the Light, Owning Your Faith" served as a powerful lesson in the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Him personally. John 4:42 was the anchor verse that tied it all together.

Here we find ourselves at the end of one of the most famous encounters with Jesus in the New Testament. We all know the story of the Samaritan women at the well and the living water that she received because of her encounter with the true Messiah. She had immediately left Jesus to go and tell as many people as she could about Him and to invite them to come see for themselves. When they had come to see Jesus for themselves, their belief turned from a secondhand knowledge to true personal faith. What a message!

One thing that the message at camp reminded all of us, including the adults, is how important it is to be clear about what a relationship with Jesus looks like. We teach our young people what we know about the Bible and Jesus. We try our best to live out our faith in front of them, hoping that they will walk with the Lord as well. Unfortunately, there still is the misconception that one can share in another's faith in God. It's a true saying that God only has children, not grandchildren. You can't borrow another's faith. You must own your faith in Jesus. This is what I seek to stress to the youth as I minister to them. Do you know Him? Do you love Him? If so, do you obey Him?

I don't have the experience of growing up with a consistent faith that was taught to me from parents, loved ones, or church. I am a late convert, much like the woman at the well. By the grace of God, Jesus just showed up out of the blue, convicted me, and shattered all my secondhand knowledge of Him. He taught me what true faith is. Unlike me, we have many people around us that claimed the name of Christ at a young age. Let us keep in mind as we teach others about Jesus, especially the young people that God has given us the privilege to be stewards over, to remind them that they must have ownership of their faith in Jesus. No one will get to be with the Lord in Heaven on the coattails of others.

God Bless-----Pastor Eric

## THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

*Ephesians 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"*

Robert Robinson, the writer of this beloved hymn, was born September 27, 1735 to Christian parents who were very poor. He was born in Suffolk, England, and his mother longed to see her son become a man of God. However, his father died when he was eight years old. While he had great intellect and promise, his education had to be curtailed, and his mother sent him, at age 14, to London to apprentice as a barber. Here, he fell in with a gang of youths who influenced him to live a life of sin and debauchery. So bad were his actions, that his family essentially refused to be responsible for his behavior.

One day the gang decided to disrupt a gospel meeting and mock those attending. The great preacher George Whitefield was preaching that day. He was a man mightily used of God in the UK and in the Great Awakening in the new colonies of the United States. His text that day was [Matthew 3:7](#), where the Lord Jesus was speaking in scathing words against the Pharisees and the Sadducees: "O generation of vipers! Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come ([Matt 3:7](#))?" With tears streaming down his face, Mr. Whitefield preached, "O my hearers! The wrath to come! The wrath to come!" Robert Robinson was touched for eternity by that message. He said, "those words sunk into my heart like lead in the water. I wept ... and for weeks, I could think of little else." Three weeks later, on December 10th, 1755, in his own words, he "found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ."

His salvation produced in him a deep desire to learn and know the things of God. He traveled all over England listening to some of the best gospel preachers of his day. He preached in a number of different churches, and it was evident he had a true gift.

The Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was written in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The honesty of the words he used were prophetic. Not only was his salvation touchingly explained, but his future episodes of straying away from the Lord took expression in his words. Even then, he saw in himself that he was "prone to wander," prone to leave the God he loved. Sadly, there were periods of his life when he did wander. He lapsed back into sinful ways, had periods of great spiritual instability, and even toyed with false doctrines opposed to the truth of Scripture.

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