
Robinhood Road Baptist Church

The Encourager

*"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

May 2024

*Happy Mother's
Day!*



From the Pastor's Pen

What does a healthy church look like? Well that's a loaded question if ever one has been asked! If you go to seminary, you'll learn all about how the church has five functions (worship, evangelism, prayer, fellowship, and discipleship) and that a church that is well balanced in all five areas is healthy. If you ask the typical church member, their answer might depend on how they feel about their church staff and what sort of job they think the pastor is doing. If you ask the "seasoned" church goer, you might get a statement like I got once. A very wise church member once told me "you can tell if a church is healthy by how full the pews and the offering plates are". And then there are the visitors.....who look for all sorts of things in determining what kind of church you have. Years ago, I was once told by a visitor that they could not worship with us because the rose bushes outside really needed some attention, and they just couldn't get past it as they walked in!

So instead of trying to define "what makes a church healthy" this month I think I'll take a crack at simply making an observation about what I witnessed last week at RRBC. Between the time we left after prayer meeting on Wednesday night and when we re-gathered for worship on Sunday morning, the following things took place:

1. A deacon was standing in the living room of a church member at 4:50AM to pray with them before surgery that morning.

2. 25 or so women gathered for a ladies Bible study.
3. 65 community families heard the gospel at our Pre-school's Spring program.
4. Our Bereavement committee took care of a grieving family.
5. A single mother in our community was kept from homelessness thanks to our church benevolence fund.
6. 17 of us spent 6 hours Friday evening learning about and praying for the church in North Korea.
7. A lone member spent his Saturday morning pulling weeds from our flowerbeds and making the outside of our building beautiful.
8. Our mission crafters met and made pillows for the dialysis center and other items to be donated to various ministries in our community.
9. Sunday morning, as they always do, our deacons met with the pastor before services and prayed for the Lord's presence and for the movement of the Holy Spirit throughout the day.

I don't dare to try to say whether we are a "healthy church" or not...but I know this, God is doing some amazing things both for and through our church family and continues to provide us with opportunity after opportunity to be the light of our community.

Thank you for being a part of that. It's a real privilege and joy to be your pastor.

Sincerely, Pastor John

Youth Ministry News



God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything (1 Thess. 1:6-8)

Paul is writing to the church at Thessalonica, who received God's message joyfully and became a model for others to see. When they experienced the power of the gospel, they began to display new purposes, motivations, and priorities. In our culture, we often hear, "Well, everybody else is doing it, so it must be okay." However, we must be willing to stand alone on God's Word and the power of the gospel. We must show the world a faith that works, a love that labors, and a hope that endures. Are you a Godly example for others to see? Are your attitudes and actions reflective of a life changed by the gospel? May we be a youth

group, a church whose faith goes out for the world to see. May we bring glory to God in all that we do.

Youth Dates:

Sunday, May 5 – Youth Sunday. I encourage all youth to make every effort to participate and be part of this worshipful experience.

Wednesday, May 15 – Youth dinner and devotions. We will leave the church at 6 p.m. for McDonald's, return to the church for a devotion, and conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 2 – Graduate Sunday – All Seniors, please come prepared to wear your cap and gown, where we will honor your accomplishments at the beginning of the service. I also need 5 pictures from you for our slideshow. (1 baby picture, 1 current picture, and 3 in between of your choosing). Please email or text me the pics by May 19.

Sunday Night Youth Worship is from 6:30–7:30 pm.

Wednesday Night Youth Worship is from 6–7:30 pm.

Youth Sunday School is from 10:45–11:45 am.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your minister to families. – Rev. Jason East

The Scoop

I can't believe it is May already! School will be out for the summer soon! Families will be planning vacations and extra time together. We, as a church family, like to plan extra time together as well. Beginning in June, we will be having our "Summer Celebrations". These are on one Sunday night per month during the summer months. We enjoy a meal together and have a time of music and fellowship. We are in the process of planning these meals for you now. This is a great time to get to know some of the church members that you have never met or never get to talk to.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our church!



-Kay Moore

Texting Option for Phonetree

If you would like to receive Phonetree via text from RRBC, please opt-in by texting #RRBC to 22300.

Important notes:

- This does not remove you from the phone call list. If you would like to no longer receive phone call updates, please call or email the church office at 336-924-4241 or melanie@robinhoodroadbaptist.com
- Anyone who opts-in to the texting option will receive all updates regardless of to whom they apply.

May Hike @ Pilot Mountain

Calling all hiking enthusiasts! Join us for a hike of the 7.3 mile Pilot Mountain Trail at Pilot Mountain State Park on Saturday, May 11th. We'll leave the church at 8:00 am. The trail difficulty is considered "moderately difficult." Please bring a lunch and wear comfortable shoes. Reach out to Ron Morris at 601-668-4717 with any questions.

UpBeat

Man, oh man, how time flies when you're havin' fun! We're already looking at May and with that, the celebration of Mother's Day.

I'm sure many of us are thankful for and have cherished memories of our mothers who God used to provide us with physical life. This causes me to think of the passage in John 3:1-7 where Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus. Jesus explains to him the need to be "born again" by the power of the Holy Spirit or one is not able to see the Kingdom of God (vs. 3).

This passage of scripture is the basis for an old hymn written in the late 1800's by George C. Stebbins, the music man of an evangelistic team organized and sent out by D.L. Moody. Knowing the importance and effectiveness of the Gospel message set to music, Mr. Stebbins was able to adjust some of the words spoken by Jesus and fit them into a musical tune. This song was soon published and used to compliment the preaching of God's Word and spread the Gospel across the country! Praise the Lord for the assurance of being "born again" by faith in the sacrifice of Jesus!

Once again, I'd like to invite all the men to join me in the sanctuary at 9:15 am on Mother's Day, May 12th. We'll practice a couple of familiar songs to sing during the 11:00 am service, leading in worship and praise while also honoring our mothers on their special day.

Praising Him with you,
Jerry

Primetimers

Good Friends - Good Fellowship - Good Fun

Come join us for a great time of fellowship, fun and food. We invite anyone 55 years old and over to join us.

When: Wednesday, May 1
Where: Southern Family
Time: 11:30 AM

If you have any questions or need directions please contact Joby Poteat at (336) 766-6835.

Children's Activities

Kids' Worship during Sunday morning worship for ages 3 years—5th Grade. Children receive a snack, sing songs, and hear a Bible message, as they learn to participate in worship.

Sunday night:

AWANA club at 6 pm for ages 3 years - 5th grade. Learn verses, play team building games, theme nights, and more! (Runs Sept-May). NO AWANA on May 12th. The last AWANA night, including a party and the AWANA store, will be May 19th.

Wednesday Evening Kids' Class

Kids' Class with Freddie Pfaff from 6:30-7:30 pm. Ages 3 years to 5th grade invited.

DI Kids Camp Deposits: If you are attending our Deep Impact Kids' Camp in June, final deposits are due 5/19/2024.

Mission Matters

Prayer...

We have several summer mission trips and opportunities approaching. Please pray for your response and others to be part of serving at Truett, Oneida and DI Kids camp and our local Serve NC projects.

The Pregnancy Network is always busy. Pray for the staff, volunteers and most of all the mothers who use their services. Each woman who comes to the center has an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Pray that it is received and takes root in the women's lives, to change their future and the future of their child.

Praises...

We have exceeded our goal of \$3000 for the Annie Armstrong offering to support North American Mission Board missionaries. To date we have collected \$3,085.

The Women on Mission group delivered a hot dinner and dessert for Dave and Kathy Parsons to serve at Green Tree church, where the pastor leads a community bible study. They had 20 in attendance.

Six of our congregation went to help Feed the Hunger with the move to their new space in Greensboro. The group tackled a pre-move cleaning job, making the move a little easier on the staff.

The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Banquet is April 28th and we have several who will represent RRBC.

Opportunities...

New this summer we will be organizing a variety of mission projects in our local community. This is part of the Serve NC emphasis offered by NC Baptist on Mission. If you would like to help organize this summer's projects or have ideas for projects close to home, please see Luella Crumpler.

We are \$110 short of reaching our goal for the Heck Jones offering to support NC Women's Missionary Union. It is not too late to give to this offering or any offering we promote throughout the year. Don't have a special envelope? No problem, simply indicate on your giving envelope how much you would like to designate to any particular offering.

Volunteers are needed for a mission trip to Truett Camp. The dates are June 10-14. Six or Seven volunteers are needed to help with cooking and other kitchen duties. Please see Luella Crumpler if you are interested.

Oneida Baptist Institute mission trip will be July 28th-August 2nd. We would like to have 15 volunteers male or female to do various projects around the school. Please see Dave Monroe if you are interested.

Interested in Disaster Relief? Please see Steve Patterson for more details on how to participate.

Join the Women on Mission for their monthly meeting on Tuesday May 14th at 4pm. If you are unable to join the group for the meetings but would like to be involved with prayer and activities, please talk to Luella Crumpler. The May mission activity will be to provide a salad lunch for the students attending Pivot classes. The group will join them for lunch and get to know how their lives are being changed and what their classes are like. Pivot works with low income single women to better prepare them for everyday life and career.

Support our blessing box and pantry outreach by bringing in items. A list of needed items is located in the mission center. We are especially in need of canned meats like chicken, tuna, and ham. Please bring all donations to the Awana playroom kitchen.

RRBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Are Always Looking For New Faces!!



The goal of RRBC Women's Ministries is to unite our women through opportunities of fellowship, discipleship, and service, thereby finding a place to grow and thrive at RRBC.

Weekly Bible Study

Walking by Faith:

Lessons Learned in the Dark

*Thursdays thru May 16 at 6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall*

My, my, how the Lord has blessed us in this study! 20+ ladies have gathered each week, singing God's praises, testifying of His faithfulness, learning what it looks like to walk by faith, and praying specifically for each other. Thursday, May 16th will wrap up our time together for this study, with a short break to follow. Future study plans will be posted in the June Encourager.

MissionCrafters

Next meeting: *Saturday, May 18*

9:30 am - 11:30 am in the Conference Rm

Wow! God is really blessing our ministry and not only is our workload picking up, but also our need for supplies. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with costs, or know of anyone that would like to donate fabric/sewing supplies, we are most grateful. Make check payable to RRBC and earmark it for "MissionCrafters". For questions, please contact: Linda Lunsford (336) 529-7732; lin82352@gmail.com.

Ladies' Fellowship @ The Sherwood

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 pm

3348 Robinhood Rd, WS 27106

Ladies, bring a friend and come join us at the Sherwood for a relaxed evening around the table. We always have an abundance of girl-talk, with plenty of laughter and good food. We'll be looking for YOU!!

Women on Mission (WOM)

Next meeting: *Tuesday, May 14*

4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

We are a WMU Missions Discipleship Group committed to undergirding missions through mission action, study and support.

We'd love to have you join us at our May meeting as we learn about an IMB missionary family serving in Peru. We will also continue to hear about unreached people groups and pray for these and other missionaries who serve on our behalf! To learn more, contact Luelle Crumpler (336) 575-5696 or jayandluelle@gmail.com.

"Care & Prayer" Group Organizing

We are in the process of organizing a new ministry group that would work alongside our Meal Ministry, meeting every other month. As the number of meals has increased, we have also witnessed how these folks have been encouraged by this one act of service. The purpose of this new group would be to specifically pray and care for those who are homebound, or others that just need a little extra encouragement along their journey. If you have a desire to encourage others through prayer, cards, calls, or visits, please contact our Coordinator, Diane Mabe (743) 255-7073 or dianemabe2946@gmail.com to let her know of your interest.

Meal Ministry

Next meal: *Tuesday, June 4*

Drivers are always welcome! To get involved, or if you know of someone in need of a hot meal, call/text Linda Patterson (336) 247-2984 or email her at lap@almondtree.com.