
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

October 2026



*Please Join us October 25th, 4:00pm– 6:00pm for our annual
Fall Festival!*

Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

One of the greatest privileges I have as your pastor is praying for you. I pray for our church as a whole, for our families, for those who are hurting, for those facing difficult decisions, and for the many needs that are sometimes known only to God. I want you to know that when I say I am praying for our church, those are not simply words. Prayer is an important part of what it means for me to love and serve you as your pastor. As we have been walking through Ephesians in our Better Together series, I have been especially encouraged by Paul's prayer for the church.

Paul tells the Ephesians, "I do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers" (Ephesians 1:16). What a wonderful thing for a church to hear from its pastor! Paul wanted these believers to know that he thanked God for them and regularly brought them before the Lord in prayer. And I want the same to be true of me.

Paul had heard about their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the saints. Those are two qualities I pray will increasingly characterize our church. I want us to be a people whose faith is firmly planted in Jesus Christ and whose love for one another is thriving. But Paul did more than thank God for them. He prayed that they would continue to grow. He asked God to give them wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him and that the eyes of their heart may be enlightened.

In other words, Paul wanted them not merely to know more about God but to know God more deeply. That is my prayer for Robinhood Road Baptist Church as well. I pray that we will know Jesus more deeply. I pray that we will understand the hope we have because we belong to Him. I pray that we will recognize how precious God's people are to Him and therefore become even more committed to loving one another. And I pray that we will depend upon God's power rather than our own

strength as we seek to accomplish what He has called us to do.

But I also want to encourage you to join me. Pray for your pastor. Pray for our staff and deacons. Pray for our children and teens. Pray for our senior adults and young families. Pray for those who are hurting and those who are celebrating. Pray for the person who sits across the sanctuary from you. Don't only pray when something is wrong. Paul didn't wait for a crisis before he prayed for the Ephesians. He thanked God for them. Church family, I am thankful for you, and I am praying for you. My prayer is that we will increasingly become a church marked by faith in the Lord Jesus, love for all the saints, and dependence upon God through prayer. We truly are Better Together, and one of the greatest things we can do for one another is bring one another before the throne of God in our prayers. I can't stop giving thanks for you RRBC saints! I love making mention of you in my prayers!

Grace & Peace,

-Pastor Jason East



Youth Ministry News

We have continued on here at Robinhood Road Baptist Church with you all right there with us. You all continue to make us feel so loved and cared for, and we could not be more grateful. Thank you for all that you all are doing and continue to do for us. I have fallen in love with RRBC, and I am still in awe that Christ would have called us here. At the end of last month's Encourager article, I put a small phrase that says, "Soli Deo Gloria". I have had many people approach me to ask me what it means and there has been some confusion about it. Soli Deo Gloria is a Latin phrase that means Glory to God Alone. It's pretty self-explanatory that as a pastor, that phrase is very fitting, but it means so much more to me. That phrase is my life motto. In all that I do, I want to give Glory to God Alone. We as people do some pretty cool things, but if we take the glory for anything, we are wrong. We cannot do anything apart from Christ. He is our strength and guides us each day in all of our endeavors. As your minister to families, I want to always live by SOLI DEO GLORIA. As we prepare for our retreats, mission trips and camps all in the next year, I want to pour into our Youth and Children with the mindset that all we have is for Jesus, and we need to direct our praise and glory to God Alone. I want others to see that

direct reflection. I want whoever we come in contact with to see that Robinhood Road Baptist Church is a Matthew 28 church, sending to all places, and giving praise to God the Father. Not so they see us, but so that God is given ALL the Glory. So for however long God allows me to be here at RRBC, I want you all to know that it is all for Him, because I am nothing without Him.

Soli Deo Gloria

-Gabriel Frazier





The Fall Festival is BACK! We are having our Fall Festival/ Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25th 4:00pm-6:00pm. We are going to have Inflatables, Food, Music, Games, Face Painting and of course Candy!! We would like to ask for volunteers to help with Trunks or to volunteer in other ways. If you are interested in helping please contact Karlee Matherly 336-924-4241 or 980-439-3401.

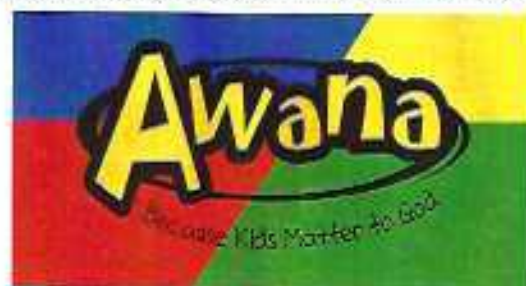
Spring 2027 NY Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Meeting will be on Sunday October 4th in the youth room right after service. This is a trip geared for our upper classmen in high school and young adults who may have not had a mission trip experience yet, to bridge the gap into further missions. Anyone interested can attend the meeting for further details.

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.

- * AWANA is BACK!! Weekly from 6:00-7:30pm on Wednesday Nights.
- * Awana is a program that teaches our children to memorize scripture, learn to be team players through game play and to open their Bibles to see answers. We have music, exciting games, handbook time, and story/lesson time. Dinner is also provided.



UpBeat

At times, our God chooses to use circumstances that we would never imagine to spread the news of His saving grace. One such example is the popular hymn "Amazing Grace". Needing a "back-up" or fill-in song for the flip side of a pop recording, a secular pop artist chose "Amazing Grace". It was a song they had learned at a young age in Sunday School and there would be no copyright issues.

The record was released but the disc jockeys, for some unknown reason, primarily used the "Amazing Grace" selection and so millions were hearing the gospel message of salvation! The song peaked at #15 on the Billboard Hot 100 and remained on the charts for 67 weeks. This account from "A Treasury of Hymn Histories" by Alfred Smith reminds us that this hymn was written by John Newton, in the mid to late 1700's, and contains his testimony. Newton's father was a sea captain. His mother, however, taught him the Bible from his earliest years. She passed away from illness when John was 7 and so he began an early career at sea on various sailing vessels. Eventually, he became captain of a slave ship, all the while drifting away from God and the Bible which was taught to him by his mother. At one point, he wrote "I often saw the necessity of being a Christian as a means of escaping hell, but I loved sin and was unwilling to forsake it." John continued to drift away such that the crew hated him and regarded him as no more than an animal. At one point, while intoxicated, Newton fell overboard and, rather than going to the trouble of lowering a boat, the crew tossed a whaling harpoon at him. It caught him in the hip and they pulled him in. As a result John would limp the rest of his life and eventually wrote "Each limp is a constant reminder of God's grace to this wretched sinner." Eternity will reveal how many souls have come to know Jesus through the message of this song but it's always amazing to see how our Lord can use unexpected and rough circumstances to advance the Gospel and grow His Church.

-Jerry



Mission Matters

Eastern European Mission Trip

Last month we sent our team of seven off, with our prayers, for a safe and joy filled experience as they served and shared the love of Jesus. We prayed each day not knowing the specifics, but God always knows what would be needed for each task that was given to them.

Here is the wonderful report we received from our mission partners about our Mission Team:

"GOD'S LOVE WAS EVIDENT THROUGH THEIR FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE SPIRITS. JOY-FILLED, WILLING AND ADVENTUROUS FOR JESUS, OBEDIENT ENCOURAGERS, SWEETNESS AND GENTLENESS OF THEIR WITNESS."

Such a great testimony of what God can, and will do, with surrendered lives. Thank you team. Look for the date and time for our Mission Team report.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

North Carolina Missions Offering



This year our state goal is 2.8 million dollars. Our goal at RRBC is \$6000. Our gifts help plant churches, bring relief to those in need and mobilize NC Baptists for missions. This money is still helping to rebuild homes in Western North Carolina due to the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. Pray and help us reach our goal.

Blessing Box

I hope everyone is aware that although we do not have a food pantry, we do have a Blessing Box. People are welcome to drive up and take what they need to feed their families.

The greatest need is for meat items such as canned tuna, chicken, ham, spam, etc. Bring donations to the AWANA Playroom Kitchen.

A special thanks to Darlene and Vernon, and Ruth and Vince for making sure it is always stocked and ready with the items needed.

Pray for our Mission Committee as plans and preparations are being discussed for 2027. Pray that all is God led and directed by the Holy Spirit and brings honor and glory to God.



RRBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Seeking Jesus ~ Serving Others



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.

Meal Ministry

Next Meal Served: *Tuesday, October 6*

Driver pickup time: 4:00 pm

Come, be a part of this ministry by volunteering to deliver a meal. Should you know of someone in need of a meal and an encouraging word or visit, please contact Linda Patterson (336) 247-2984; lap@almondtree.com. Also let her know ahead of time if you plan to deliver a meal. Thank you for your service to those in need.

Do You Have the Gift of Encouragement?

Come join our Card Ministry!

If you're interested in encouraging others through prayer and writing cards, please contact Karen Mathis (336) 354-3855; karenmathis@gmail.com. In addition, several ladies have expressed an interest in card-making. Preparation for our first card-making gathering on *Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30pm* is in the works, so be sure to contact Karen to let her know to include you. We will meet in the Kid's Worship Room.

Ladies Bible/Book Study Group

Thursdays, 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Through the month of October, we will continue to meet each week and then take a slower pace through the holiday months. We invite all ladies to come join this sweet fellowship of sisters in Christ, led by Judy McDowell.

Ladies' Fellowship

@ Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 pm

665 Montroyal Rd., Rural Hall 27045

Ladies, there's always an abundance of good food, great girl-talk, and loads of laughter as we share our lives with one another around the table. Bring a friend and come join us!

MissionCrafters Workday

Saturday, October 17, 9:30am - 11:30am

God continues to bless this ministry by adding to our numbers and we are grateful. In August, we had the privilege of filling a need for the Cancer Services of WS, by making 100 tote bags that will be given to Breast Cancer Survivors during their emphasis event in October. Questions and/or donations? Please contact Linda Lunsford (336) 529-7732; lin82352@gmail.com.



WOM

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, October 13*

4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Current Focus of Study

We Are Appointed To Carry Out God's Mission:

- Understanding the Mission (September)
- Accepting the Mission (October)
- Living Out the Mission (November)

October Highlights

Missionary Spotlight: REACHING ROME
IMB Missionaries In "The Heart of Catholicism"
~ Light is needed!~

Bible Study: ACCEPTING THE MISSION
The Life of Timothy (Acts 16 and other scriptures)

Prayer Study: THE CALL TO MAKE DISCIPLES
Whose Responsibility Is it?
Mark 1:17, Luke 10:2, Matthew 28:18-20

Join us as we learn about and pray for those who humbly serve on the mission field every day.
May we be encouraged to both lift them up and follow their example!

All ladies are invited to join us!
To learn more, contact Luelle Crumpler
(336) 575-5696

**Reclaiming the Sabbath
Retreat Wrap-up**

What an amazing, sacred time we had together as sisters in Christ!! God's presence was so very real to us all as we quieted ourselves before Him, learned from His Word, and made sacred space in our schedule to hear His still small voice.



A Great BIG Thank You
to everyone who made this special time possible.