
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

February 2026



"So now Faith, Hope, and Love remain, but the Greatest of these is Love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

Pastor's Pen

For at least the last decade, one of my favorite true sayings about Robinhood Road Baptist Church is that "we are the church that doesn't change". What I have meant by that is that God has greatly blessed us with many faithful Christians who needed a church to call home after the church they were so invested in began making significant changes that made it feel less like home to them. When visitors walk through our doors for the first time, I consistently hear "this reminds me of the church I grew up in" and I always take that as a compliment. Digging our heels in and rather than "trying to grow" just being determined to teach the Bible, do meaningful missions, and love everyone who walks through the door has bore much more fruit than our church had seen in the previous several decades. God has blessed us greatly as we have accepted our role in being faithful and trusted His role in sending people our way.

But with that being said, the church that doesn't change is making a significant one. Beginning March 1, we will move to two Sunday morning services, at 8:30AM and 11:00AM with Sunday School in-between. The reason is simple; we are out of space. God continues to send us people, and so we need to continue to make room for them. While building a new sanctuary is an exciting prospect, honestly it would undoubtedly impact our mission partners for the next decade with us having to devote more of our financial resources to our own campus rather than the cause of Christ out in the world. And quite simply, that's not really who we are. A day may come when it is time to build, but that time is not today. Today is the day we maximize the space we have, love the people who come, grow in Spirit and Truth, and keep on trucking in the same direction we've been going.

I know it will "feel" different, but I want to stress that it won't be different. We will do the exact same thing in both services, with our choir rotating services a month at a time. The months the choir does not sing in your service, soloists and ensemble groups will provide special music. And while I certainly hope that you believe the music and messages to be an asset of the church, I am a firm believer that what has always and will always make Robinhood Road Baptist Church a special place is the way you greet, care for, and love each other. Now you just get to do that in two services instead of one.

Please be in prayer that this transition is smooth. Please also be in prayer that the Lord continues to shine His face upon us in the days ahead as we try to minister to all of the people He entrusts in our care, I firmly believe He will. God is good all the time after all! It's a great privilege to be your friend and pastor. Thank you for loving me as I do my best to love you in the name of our Lord.

-Pastor John



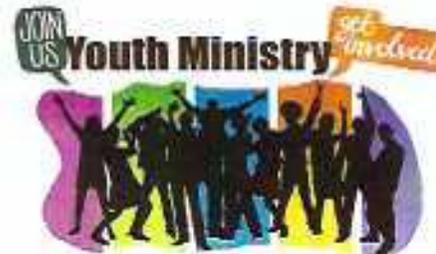
Youth Ministry News

18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life..." (Deuteronomy 17:18-20).

In Deuteronomy 17:18-20, God gives instructions to future kings. Before leading anyone else, the king was told to personally write down God's law and read it every day. Why? So he would learn to fear the Lord, obey His commands, stay humble, and not drift from God's ways. God knew that hearts naturally wander. We forget what matters. We become proud. We take shortcuts. So, He gave a simple spiritual habit: stay close to His Word daily.

This passage should remind all of us that following Jesus isn't just about Sunday mornings. It's about everyday faith — opening Scripture, listening for God's voice, and allowing His truth to shape our choices, attitudes, and relationships. When God's Word is close to our hearts, it keeps us grounded, teaches us humility, and helps us walk faithfully — even when life gets hard or peer pressure is strong.

We may not be kings, but we are leading others by our example. So, as we progress into 2026, keep God's Word close and allow His Word to shape us into the person He created us to be.



Youth Ministry Announcements:

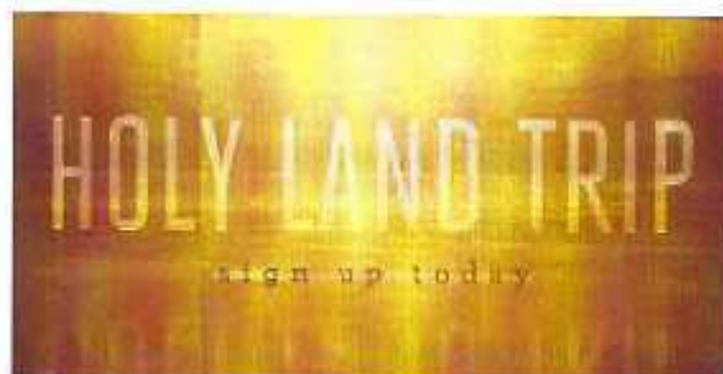
- **Youth Sunday School:** Meets every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. as we dig deeper into God's Word and grow together in faith.
- **Wednesday Night Youth Worship & Fellowship:** Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a meaningful time of worship, Bible study, and Christ-centered community.
- **Special Wednesday Dinner & Devotion:** On Feb. 18, we will leave the church at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy dinner, share in fellowship, and spend time in a short devotion together. We plan to return before 8:00 p.m., and youth will text their parents as we head back to the church. Please bring \$5 to go toward the meal.
- **Caswell Camp Reminder:** For those registered for Caswell, please remember that the second deposit of \$110 is due April 19, 2026.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Minister of Family Life.

- Rev. Jason East

HOLY LAND TOUR 2027

Pastor John is leading a tour of the Holy Land in 2027. The dates are roughly March 30 – April 10, 2027, with an option to extend the trip by 4 days and visit Biblical sites in Egypt. I know you likely have 1,000 questions, and I have most of the answers, or will have them soon. Therefore, I'd love to invite ANYONE who has any interest in learning more about this adventure to join me for a free lunch in the RRBC Fellowship hall at noon on March 14 to learn more. You are not obligated in any way to go on the trip if you attend the meeting, but you must make a reservation for lunch, so we'll know how many to prepare for. Please make reservation via e-mail to john@rrbcnc.org no later than Friday, March 6, 2026. You do not have to be a member of RRBC to come to the lunch or to participate on the trip.....so RRBC members, feel free to invite others or help get the word out!

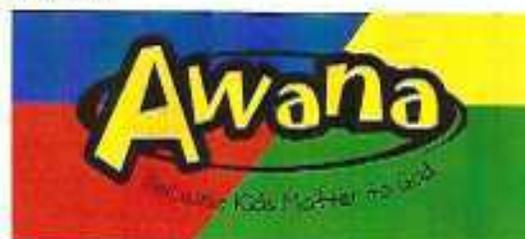


Children's Activities

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.

- 1.) Parents, please plan to join us for a brief interest meeting about an upcoming Kids Mission Project/Camp immediately following the morning service on Sunday, February 22nd.
- 2.) Children's Handbells will begin again once our Sunday evening services resume and will take place at the same time as evening worship. We look forward to seeing our kids grow, serve, and worship together!



AWANA will be on Wednesday nights through May 20th.
Weekly from 6:00-7:30pm.

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.

Scan the QR code to get more information and register!!

UpBeat

In my opinion, the hymns will always be basic for the believers' worship experience. Those individuals who were used by the Lord to write and compose them gave us songs that we not only use for worshipping Him, but we also learn scripture, doctrine, hope and the list goes on! Put to music, the foundations of our faith are more easily learned, even at younger ages.



I also enjoy worship choruses and particularly those based upon or even quoting God's Word in the lyrics. One such chorus is "Worthy Is the Lamb" found on page 263 in our hymnal.

This chorus was written by Don Wyrzten about 1970. His father, Jack Wyrzten, was founder of Word of Life International which focused on ministry and Bible education to young people, particularly teens. Don, whose songwriting efforts began in his early teens, graduated from Moody Bible Institute and King's College. He also received a Th. M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1969. Don stated that his goal in writing Christian music was to "present God's Word in a simple, attractive setting." He was one of the earlier writers of Contemporary Christian Music.

Most important, however, is that "Worthy Is the Lamb" is directly taken from Revelation 5:12 where a multitude numbered in terms of "ten thousand times ten thousand" (verse 11) lifts up praises to the Lamb of God! As believers who have accepted this Lamb who was slain, we will be part of that awesome gathering, but we can also get a small foretaste of that moment in glory as we sing this chorus together in worship...

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
Honor and glory and blessing
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb.*

The Lamb of God freely laid down His life to pay redemption's price for us. Truly, He is worthy of our praise and service.

-Jerry



Mission Matters

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

- NC Baptist Mission Conference is coming up April 10th & 11th in Charlotte. Guest speakers at this year's conference include Lee Strobel, Jennifer Rothschild, Tom Ritchen and Tim Tebow. Worship will be led by Laura Story. Please see Janet Larson if you are interested in attending.
- Dates have been set for a team to serve at Truett Camp. We will be volunteering as food service workers for the girl's camp week of June 7th-12th. Please see Luelle Crumpler if you are interested. Deadline to sign up for this opportunity is March 15th.
- Baptist Men's Day has been postponed until later in the winter or early spring. Be on the lookout for more information to come and an opportunity to serve which is what Baptist Men's Day is all about.

Prayer

- Stop by the mission center and pick up a prayer card. Each of our partners has specific requests hanging on our windows. Take one or two and pray for them every day.
- Guatemala mission trip is February 14th-21st. Please pray for our team of 8 that includes Luelle Crumpler, Tim Dancy, Mark Ernestes, Karla Hackworth, Janet Larson, Brian Mathis, Malia McBride, and David Newsome. Also pray for our missionaries we work with. Roger & Vicki Grossman have been serving in Guatemala for over 35 years. Their obedience to the call has been a blessing to all who encounter them. They are passionate about helping the people of Guatemala spiritually and physically. Over the last six months they have had a really difficult situation come about. The enemy has attacked their ministry at the Good Shepherd Center and caused harm in many ways. Our congregation has been an active part of providing prayer, encouragement and even some financial gifts to help overcome. Please continue to pray, there has been some progress, but prayer is still needed.

Praises

- Thank you to everyone for your obedience in financial giving. You were very generous in 2025 and as a result we were able to support our partners with a larger contribution to their ministries.



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: *Tuesday, February 3*
Driver-pick-up time: 3:00 pm

There's nothing better on a cold wintry day than a hot bowl of soup and a warm greeting from a friend! We will be providing both to our meal recipients this month.

In addition, our MissionCrafters have made a special treat bag to brighten their day and lift their spirits.

Volunteer drivers are always welcome!

Should you know of someone in need of a hot meal and an encouraging word or visit, please contact Linda Patterson (336) 247-2984; lap@almondtree.com.

~ CALLING ALL WOMEN ~

**Let's Renew Our
Commitment To the Great Commission**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20.



Next WOM Meeting: *Tuesday, February 10*
4:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall

*Note: We are back to our regular 4:00 meeting time!

Monthly Focus:

Shining The Light of His Glory!

Bible Study:

Glorifying God in the Midst of Difficulty
Psalm 57

Missionary Spotlight:

Project 3000 - Missionary Explorers
Scout Out Unreached People Groups

Prayer Study:

Praise and Proclamation Go Hand in Hand
Psalm 96

~ YOU are invited to join us! ~

We'll celebrate, learn about, pray for, and do missions.
To learn more, please contact Luelle Crumpler
(336) 575-5696.

Bible & Book Studies: The Next Generation!

Thursdays beginning February 5
3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

As we move forward into the New Year, it seems to be appropriate to re-examine just where we have been and where we are going in the future. We have been so very blessed to have "grown" into such a wonderful ladies' group! God has truly been present in our midst, and is guiding us to get more deeply rooted in His Word, His will and His work.

Beginning February 5th, our plan is to continue meeting each week on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For our initial focus, we will begin by spending time together brainstorming and discussing what goals we would like to set for 2026. We truly want to get your input! When we have accomplished that goal, then we will move into a new study as we prepare for Easter.

Please be thinking about what ideas you would like to share and how you would like to be a part of our plans.

"Thank you" to each of you for being such a special part of our Women's Ministries at Robinhood Road Baptist Church.

Ladies' Fellowship @ Coppola's Italian Restaurant

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 pm
3512 Yadkinville Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Come join us for this monthly social time!

It's a great opportunity for all RRBC ladies and their friends to connect with each other. There is always an abundance of great girl-talk, good food and loads of laughter. Each person picks up her own tab.

We hope you will invite a friend and come join us!!

MissionCrafters Workday

Saturday, February 21
9:30 am - 11:30 am in the Kid's Worship Room

Our creative hands continue to bless our community by supplying comfort pillows to the Piedmont Dialysis Center patients and Chemo Bags for the Cancer Services of Winston-Salem. In addition, the MissionCrafters made a "Special Treat for Someone Sweet" Valentine bag for each Meal Ministry recipient this month.

We are so grateful for the various sewing and crafting talents God has blessed us with, as well as the opportunities He provides for us to share them.

Should you know of a need or would like to make a donation to this ministry, please contact Linda Lunsford (336) 529-7732; lin82352@gmail.com.