
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

September 2026



We are taking up a candy donation for our Annual Fall Festival coming October 25th from 4pm-6pm. The candy donation bins will be located at the front of the sanctuary, the missions center and in the fellowship hall.

Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

WOW! We have walked through a significant season of transition together. There have been changes, decisions, new responsibilities, and many moving pieces along the way. Through it all, however, the Lord has been faithful. He has reminded me again and again that this is His church, and when we seek Him, trust His direction, and remain faithful to His Word, we can move forward with confidence. I want to once again express my sincere appreciation to Kevin Kilbreth for faithfully helping fill our Sunday morning pulpit during this season. His willingness to serve gave me valuable time to settle into my new responsibilities as pastor and to give the attention needed to help our church navigate this transition well.

Church family, thank you also for the kindness, encouragement, and love you have shown Kevin. I know he has appreciated it, and so have I. Although I will begin preaching regularly on Sunday mornings in September, this certainly will not be the last time we see Kevin. There will be Sundays in the future when I may need to be away, and Kevin has graciously agreed to help whenever he is available.

August also brought another wonderful new chapter as we welcomed Gabriel Frazier and his family to Robinhood Road Baptist Church. I cannot express how grateful I am that the Lord allowed our paths to cross. Gabriel and I are already working extremely well together, and I am excited about what God has in store for our ministry together. Please continue to pray for Gabriel, Sophia, and Stevie as they settle into the life and ministry of our church. I believe this family is going to be a tremendous blessing to our children, students, families, and entire congregation. Now, as we turn the page from a season of transition to the days ahead, I am incredibly excited to return to the pulpit each Sunday morning beginning in September.

As we look ahead to September, we will begin the month on Sunday, September 6, with a special focus on Communion. Before turning our attention to where we are going as a church, I believe it

is fitting that we first turn our attention to Christ and what He has done for us. Following our focus on Communion, we will begin walking through Paul's letter to the Ephesians under the theme Better Together. Throughout this incredible letter, Paul gives us a beautiful picture of who we are in Christ, what it means to belong to His Church, and how the Gospel transforms not only our relationship with God but also our relationships with one another. One truth I hope we will rediscover together is very simple but incredibly important: God never designed the Christian life to be lived alone. God has called us into a family and joined us together as the body of Christ. That is why we really are Better Together. We certainly need Christ above us as our Head, but God has also given us the people around us as His body. We need one another. We were created to worship together, pray together, grow together, serve together, encourage one another, carry one another's burdens, and work together to make Christ known. Paul beautifully describes this in Ephesians 4:15-16:

Every person matters. Every gift matters. Every ministry matters. Every act of service matters. There are no insignificant members of the body of Christ. When each individual part faithfully does what God has called it to do, something beautiful happens: the entire body grows. That is why we really are Better Together. In a world that often pulls people apart, may Robinhood Road Baptist Church be a place where Christ brings people together. May we grow in unity, become stronger disciples, and join together in mission to take the hope of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of our church.

Thank you for your patience through this transition. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for serving. And thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your pastor. I love you, church family. We are Better Together.

-Grace & Peace - Pastor Jason East

Youth Ministry News

What an honor it has been to serve as your Minister to Families for the month of August. Sophia, Stevie and I have been so blessed by our church family here. It is just the beginning of our ministry here and I know that Our Great God has so many wonderful things ahead for us! As I write this, my first Encourager article, I cannot help but think about the conversion of Paul in Acts where God radically changed his life to go from persecuting Christians into a life of full blown ministry. Paul then became one of the most influential authors in the New Testament, pouring so much life into others.

As soon as Paul was blinded on the road to Damascus, he heard the voice of Jesus and continued his way to Damascus, being obedient to Jesus. He waited in Damascus for Ananias to come, pray over him, the scales fell from his eyes and he submitted to Christ. He was filled with the Spirit, and was baptized then he immediately went and started to Preach and share the Gospel.

You may be asking yourself why I am referring to Paul in this context? The reason being is that I strive to have the drive as Paul did to share the love of the ONE TRUE KING to all people. Right out of the gate, Paul began to proclaim the good news. I want you to know, church family, that right out of the gate, and for as long as God allows me to serve as your minister to families, my heart is to serve. Whether in our Youth, kids' ministry, or speaking to someone we come in contact with while on mission, my heart is so

full and ready to serve, just as Paul did after his conversion.

We do not all have a story just like Paul, but all believers were transformed from death to life at some point in their story. Our mission is to serve however we are able. I leave you with this, 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." In everything we do, let's serve alongside each other, let's bridge the gap between our youngest child and oldest member to live out our calling and to be unified as one family to do the greatest thing we can as believers, which is to share the good news with others.

Soli Deo Gloria

- Gabriel Frazier



What's the SCOOP?

First of all, I want to say "thank you" for all the support and encouragement that you give the Social Committee. We really enjoy what we do and our goal is to always make anything we do a great experience for you. Anytime that we ask the church family to contribute to meals, you come through. I've learned not to worry about having enough food because God provides each and every time. This month, on Sunday, September 27th, we will be celebrating "Homecoming". We will all enjoy a meal together immediately following the morning worship service. There are always visitors and former church members that come back to celebrate with us. For this reason, we need you to bring your favorite dishes to share with everyone. This can be main dishes, side dishes, breads, or desserts. We will provide fried chicken, rolls and drinks. Please make plans to join us for a wonderful "Homecoming" service and fellowship.

-Kay



Candy Donation

Help Us Make Our
Fall Festival Extra Sweet!

We are collecting candy donations
for our Fall Festival.

 **Fall Festival**
October 25th
4pm - 6pm

Your candy donations will help
make this event a fun and
memorable time for all the kids! 

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,

- Starting September 9th AWANA will be 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.
- Scan the QR code to get more information and register!!



UpBeat

As we look ahead to fall, I, for one, am looking forward to cooler and less humid weather. This time of year is also a very active time at Robinhood Road Baptist Church and that includes the music program.

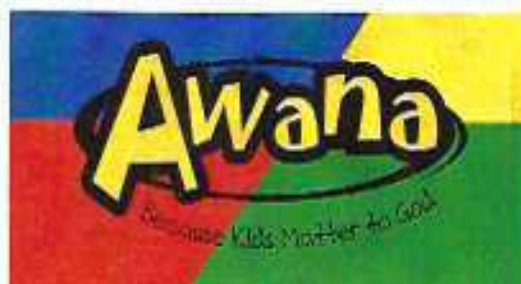


The RRBC choir resumes regularly scheduled practices at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. With that in mind, I'd like to once again say that, if there are some who are interested in using your vocal talent in the choir, please feel free to come and practice with us at that time. We look forward to celebrating Homecoming at RRBC on Sunday, September 27th. We always try to worship with a little extra music that day, so that's what we'll be preparing for as well as music for weekly Sunday services.

In closing, I'd like to mention Psalm 147:1 where we are challenged to "Praise the Lord for it is good to sing praises to our God". I personally don't think it any coincidence that the last five Psalms (146-150) begin and end by saying "Praise the Lord". What a challenge to be mindful of whether it be as individuals on our own in the "daily grind" or as we gather to worship together.

Let's praise the Lord enthusiastically for He is Worthy.

-Jerry



Mission Matters

SEPTEMBER 4th

Seven of our ambassadors for Christ from RRBC will begin their journey to Eastern Europe to share the message of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Team members Mike Brazier, Todd Pless, Brian Mathis, Jake Hackworth, Josh West, Luelle Crumpler, and Karla Hackworth have heard the call... "Who will go?" ... and have answered "Send Me!"

Mission trips involve the whole church. Some are called to go; others remain at home to pray for and support the mission team.

As a church we send them off with grateful hearts for their faithfulness in saying yes to their call and pray that God will provide and meet all their needs along the way and take care of their loved ones at home.

**HAVE A SAFE
AND JOY FILLED
EXPERIENCE!**

Backpacks

Thank you all who participated in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach! We had 70 backpacks that were picked up and filled by all of you. Our goal was 48 – PRAISE GOD!! Those children will get some wonderful gifts. They will have their own Bible and know that Jesus loves them.

The Well at Guatemala

Many have asked about the well situation at Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala. As of the end of July the report is drilling finished at 600 feet. Very good well with high-capacity output. Remainder of the work installing piping, pump, electrical and controllers will be finished within the next few weeks.

Prayer Request

Pray for the health and safety of all who work at the Good Shepherd Ministries, those who work at the Children's Home, the Clinic, and the Light the Way missionaries.

Prayer Focus – September 7th

Request taken from the Missions Mosaic Magazine for the Sub-Saharan Peoples;

A conference is being held to challenge and encourage those missionaries attending the conference. Pray for the logistics of getting participants together. Pray for those who lead, that they would be given wisdom and clarity, and that humility and unity prevail.



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.

Reclaiming the Sabbath Ladies Retreat
@ Springs of Life Camp
September 17-20, 2026

While on retreat, we will be learning to
STOP - REST - DELIGHT - and WORSHIP,
as we joyfully choose to make sacred space for God.
We'll delight and celebrate with grateful hearts all that
God has given to us in Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.

An email has been sent to all participants regarding
room assignment and transportation.
Please contact Linda Lunsford ASAP,
if you have not received it.

IMPORTANT Q&A MEETING
Sunday, September 13
immediately following Worship Service
in the Awana Room
This is the final Sunday before we leave on
Thursday, so please make every effort to attend.

Ladies Bible/Book Study Group
Thursdays, 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Just to remind you, we will continue to meet on
Thursdays at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall, as we wrap
up our Book Study of Debbie Macomber's book, "One
Simple Act." We will meet on
September 3rd for "The Bounty of Time" and "The
Offering of Prayer," and on September 10th for "The
Sharing of Our Faith Stories" and "The Heart of
Service." We will end with Giving God the Last
Word! All ladies are welcome to come be a part of
this sweet fellowship of sisters.

Do You Have the Gift of Encouragement?

Come join our Card Ministry!
If you're interested in encouraging others through
writing cards and prayer, please contact Karen Mathis
(336) 354-3855; karenmathis@gmail.com.

Women on Mission
Next Meeting: *Tuesday, September 8*
4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



In September, we begin a new quarter of missions
learning - We Are Appointed To Carry Out God's
Mission: Understanding the Mission - Accepting the
Mission - Living Out the Mission

Missionary Spotlight
Caring for the Broken and Hopeless - Advancing the
Gospel Through Corporate Chaplaincy

Bible Study
Serving With Passion: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Understanding the Mission - John 3:1-21

Prayer Study
Compelled to Care - How Conviction and
Compassion Give Us A Broader Worldview
Matthew 9:38, John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:20

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

All ladies are invited to join us.
For questions or to learn more, contact
Luelle Crumpler (336) 575-5696.

Ladies' Fellowship @ T.J.'s Deli
Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm
5017 Country Club Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27104
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.

No MissionCrafters Workday
in September
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