*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

## November 2026




***Join Us on Saturday, November 21st @ 5:00pm for our Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We will provide the turkey, dressing, rolls and drinks. We need you to provide the side dishes and desserts. If turkey is not your favorite, you can bring a different meat to share.***

## Pastor's Pen

Church Family,

As we enter November and approach Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on just how much I have to be thankful for. This has certainly been a year of change, new responsibilities, and unexpected blessings. Through it all, God has been faithful, continually reminding me that He provides exactly what we need when we need it. I want you to know how much I genuinely enjoy being your pastor! It is a joy and privilege to serve this wonderful church family. While there have certainly been challenges along the way, God has sustained me, strengthened me, and surrounded me with people who have offered tremendous encouragement and support. Thank you for your prayers, your love for my family, and your faithfulness to our church. I am truly grateful for each of you.

Over the past several weeks, our Better Together sermon series through Ephesians has reminded us of the incredible blessings we have in Christ. We have been chosen, redeemed, forgiven, and brought together as members of God's family. But what excites me most is that Paul doesn't stop with telling us who we are in Christ. He challenges us to live in light of who we are! Our identity in Christ should shape the way we love, serve, and encourage one another. One of the beautiful truths we are discovering is that God has called us to unity, but not uniformity. We are one body in Christ, yet each of us has been uniquely gifted to serve Him. We may have different personalities, abilities, and responsibilities, but every member has an important part to play. Whether serving publicly or quietly behind the scenes, every act of faithfulness matters. That is the beauty of the church! God brings us together to accomplish far more than we ever could alone.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I encourage each of us to pause and recognize God's many blessings. Life may not always unfold as we expect, but even in difficult seasons, we have so much to be thankful for. Above all, we have the incredible gift of knowing Jesus Christ and belonging to His family. I am thankful for all God has done at Robinhood Road Baptist Church, and I am excited about what He has in store for us. My prayer is that we will continue growing in our love for Christ, strengthening our relationships, and faithfully using the gifts He has entrusted to us. As Ephesians 4:16 reminds us, when every part of the body does its work, the church grows and builds itself up in love.

Church family, I love you, I am grateful for you, and I look forward to continuing this journey of faith together. This Thanksgiving, may we have hearts that recognize God's blessings, appreciate one another, and rejoice in the privilege of serving Him together. After all, grateful hearts are better together!

Grace & Peace,

-Pastor Jason East

## Youth Ministry News

As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is a wonderful opportunity to pause and recognize the many ways God has blessed us. We have so much to be grateful for, especially the opportunity to invest in the lives of each other and grow in our relationships with Christ. One of my greatest desires at RRBC is to see students develop a faith that goes beyond Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. I want them to know God personally, trust His Word, build meaningful relationships, and learn what it means to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. This is a great time of year for us all to be intentional about gratitude. Encourage each other to think about the people, opportunities, and blessings God has placed in our lives. As followers of Christ, we can give thanks because God is faithful, His promises are true, and His grace is sufficient in every season of life. I am excited about the opportunities coming up for our students! From our November bonfire to our upcoming winter retreat and summer camp at Fort Caswell, these events provide valuable opportunities for students to build relationships, make memories, and grow spiritually. We encourage parents to help their students get involved and take advantage of these opportunities. Some of the most meaningful moments in a student's walk with Christ happen when they step outside their normal routine and spend intentional time with God's people. I will ask that you please continue to pray for myself and our students as we continue to grow with each other. Pray that our students would grow in their love for God's Word, develop a heart for serving others, and boldly live out their faith.

Let's never lose sight of the greatest reason we have to be thankful: Jesus Christ and the salvation we have through Him. I look forward to all that God has in store for RRBC!

- Hanging of the Greens practices will take place every Sunday morning throughout November. Please make plans to attend and be part of this special Christmas tradition.

- WINTER RETREAT — SIGN UP NOW! January 15–18, $225 per person, Dead line to sign up: November 29. Parent/guardian signature required.

- YOUTH BONFIRE Saturday, November 7, 6:00–8:00 PM @ The church pavilion

- Registration for summer camp at Fort Caswell is now open! Total is $250 for a spot with a $100 deposit to reserve your student's spot. Sign up outside the youth room.Parent/guardian signature required.

Soli Deo Gloria

- Gabriel Frazier

- Email: gfrazier.ministry@gmail.com

# Georgepalooza

The usual image that people have when mentioning Thanksgiving is Pilgrims and Indians sitting around a feast with turkey and a host of other foods. However, my mind goes back to 2024. Our family was going through the hardest trial that we had ever faced. George had spent the last month in PICU at Brenner's, in a coma. He was beginning to come out of it, but we had no idea what he was going to be like going forward. We had been waiting for a spot to open up at Levine's Pediatric Rehab facility in Charlotte. We finally got in on the day before Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving day 2024, our family got to have our first meal together since October. Yes, it was hospital food, to be transparent, Levine's food was pretty good. We were in a hospital, George wasn't walking, talking, eating or really doing much of anything. We still had a long road in front of us, but our family was together. It was the most meaningful Thanksgiving that I have ever experienced.

We were going through a very difficult time, and we couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel. What we could see and feel through all of this was God's love and the love, support and help from a huge community. At last count, there were people in at least 14 states and 5 foreign countries praying for our little boy. From New Zealand to Alaska. Literally around the world. We can never repay what has been done for us, but we would like to show a little of our gratitude to this church and others in this community. So, Break out your Hawaiian Shirts, on November 8th at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall, we are having a party. This will not be a traditional Thanksgiving meal, but it will be memorable.

-Ed Whitfield

# UpBeat

Well, fall is here for sure! While I generally prefer summer over winter, it's great to enjoy cooler temperatures and see the colorful display taken on by God's creation at this time of year. We also look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving at home with the family, and also with our church family at Robinhood Road Baptist Church.

We will sing hymns in worship to focus our hearts and minds on having an "attitude of gratitude" not only in this season but every day of our lives. One such hymn is "Count Your Blessings", written by Johnson Oatman, a Methodist lay preacher. Oatman wasn't only a preacher, but a successful businessman involved in a shipping business and in later years, an insurance firm. He is said to have written over 5,000 hymn texts, some of which are "No, Not One", "He Included Me" and "Higher Ground".

We can gain encouragement in our daily walk if we "take a hint" from the lyrics of "Count Your Blessings". In stanza 1 & 2, we can count our blessings to gain encouragement and victory over the disappointments and burdens that life throws at us. Verse 3 reminds us that, as believers, we are blessed with things you can't put a price tag on! These blessings are eternal and will forever outlast the material things we see around us which tend to distract our focus at times. Then, in stanza 4, we are reminded that our Heavenly Father is in control, and we can trust in Him through the mountains and valleys we face in life, knowing He "will never leave us or forsake us". (Hebrews 13:5).

I'm sure that, as the chorus states, if you can think of one blessing from God, then more will soon come to mind and doubts and discouragement will fall by the wayside as we give Him glory!

Don't stop counting!

-Jerry Moore

## PRIME TIMERS

**Join us November 4th @ 11:30am at Southern Family**

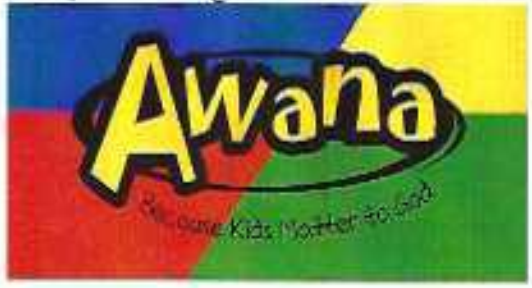
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# Children's Activities

**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.

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



# Mission Matters

## Eastern European Mission Trip Report

The report from our mission team about the Eastern European mission trip was very interesting and informative. Bringing the name of Jesus and His plan for our salvation must be shared in individual ways in different countries and cultures. Please pray for our missionaries as they build relationships, trust and respect of the people in the region. GOD IS DOING A GREAT WORK!

## North Carolina Missions Offering

Our goal at RRBC is $6000. As of October 25th we are at 69% of our goal. Just a reminder that your gift helps plant churches, brings relief to thos in need, and mobilizes NC Baptists for missions. Please pray and give as you are able.

## News from Guatemala

Roger tells us that "We finally have an excellent operational well!" From previous reports there have been many complications and bumps right up until completion. This means plenty of water for the children, clinic, workers, teams, and even for irrigating the gardens in between the rainy seasons. Pray for Roger and Vicki as they continue to do God's work in so many areas. Churches are being planted and growing in the area. Parenting classes and Bible studies are being formed to help people grow in their faith and in their homes.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### 2027 Mission Conference

April 2-3, 2027 Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Open to all men, women, and youth.

### 2027 Feed the Hunger

Two hours of fun and fellowship for a great cause... providing vulnerable children with nutritious meals, Bibles, and the school supplies they need for a successful life.

### Spring Mission Trip to New York City

Open to young adults. The cost is $750. If interested, see Gabriel for additional information.

### CHURCH PLANTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A church is being started in Plymouth, New Hampshire because of the prayers of Forest Baptist Church in Forest, Virginia. The church will give assistance and whatever is needed for five years. Praying that after that time a strong church will be established. The leader will be Matthew Hubley who was born and raised in New Hampshire. He felt called to go back home to share his training in pastoral leadership and church planting. He, his wife and newborn son, along with 12 other adults and three children will head up to New Hampshire with all their belongings to start a new chapter in their lives. Please pray that God will richly bless these people as they have truly given all to follow Jesus.

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## 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.

**Next WOM Meeting**
***Tuesday, November 10, 4:00pm – FH***

***Current Course of Study:***
***Appointed to Carry Out God's Mission***
**Understanding the Mission (September)**
**Accepting the Mission (October)**
**Living Out the Mission (November's focus)**

**Missionary Spotlight:**
A SOLDIER IN TWO ARMIES
Being an Ambassador for Christ while in Uniform through Military Chaplaincy

**Bible Study:**
LIVING OUT THE MISSION
Life of Barnabas from Acts: Chapters 4,9,11,13 & 15

**Prayer Study:**
FAITHFUL IN THE PRESENT AND IN THE PURSUIT
Everyday Action Leads to Future Obedience
Ephesians 2:10 & Acts 16

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

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

**Ladies Fellowship @ 66 Pizza Grill**
*Tuesday, November 17 ~ 6:30pm*
3440 Frontis St, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

All ladies are invited to come join us gals as we "connect" with each other around the table. Each person picks up their own tab.

**Thursdays Bible/Book Study**
*2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall*

**Next Book Study:**
"The Weekly Advent Project ~ A Challenge to Journal, Reflect and Celebrate Christ's Birth."

This jewel of a book is an interactive guide to help us choose Christ this Christmas. It includes daily scriptures, brief writings, inviting questions, and beautiful photography. This will be a journey for us to create space in our lives to pause, pray and connect with God. We plan to meet on four Thursdays: November 5th & 12th and December 3rd & 10th to complete this project. I think you will all enjoy this special time together for spiritual growth, fun, food and fellowship! May this be the year you don't let busyness win. Let's make room for the wonder, the worship, and the glory of Christ's coming.
See me for books please (cost: $10)
♥ Judy McDowell♥

**Cards & Care Ministry**
This is a two-fold ministry for our women that encourages folks through prayer support, heartfelt cards, and a compassionate connection on behalf of our church.

Because several have expressed interest, we are going to include card-making as part of this ministry. Our kick-off meeting is planned for:

**"Card-Making"**
*Tuesday, November 3*
*6:30pm in the Kid's Worship Room*
To help us with gathering enough supplies for everyone, **if you plan to attend**, please make contact with Karen Mathis (336) 354-3855.

**Mission Crafters Workday**
*November 14, 9:30am – 11:30am*
Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21, please note change in our regularly scheduled date