
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

August 2026



Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

As I sit down to write this month's *Encourager* article, my heart is filled with gratitude. Over the past several months, we have experienced an exciting season of transition, and through it all, I have been continually reminded of God's faithfulness and of what a blessing it is to serve as your pastor. I want to personally thank each of you for your patience, your prayers, your encouragement, and your unwavering support throughout these past months. Times of transition are never easy, but because of your unity and willingness to trust the Lord together, He has continued to guide every step of the journey. Your kindness toward my family and me has meant more than you could ever know.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to Kevin Kilbreth for faithfully filling the Sunday morning pulpit during these months of transition. Kevin's willingness to preach has been an incredible blessing to both me and our church family. It has provided me the time needed to focus on the many responsibilities that come with a pastoral transition while helping ensure a smooth and healthy process. I am deeply grateful for his servant's heart and faithful ministry among us. Beginning in September, I look forward to returning to the pulpit each Sunday morning as we continue studying God's Word together. I am excited about what the Lord has placed on my heart for our church and cannot wait to open the Scriptures with you week after week.

I ask that you continue praying for me. Pray that God would give me wisdom beyond my own, a heart that reflects His, courage to faithfully preach His truth, discernment in every decision, and strength to shepherd His people well. I am continually reminded that apart from Christ I can do nothing, and I desperately need His guidance each day. It has also been

such a joy to welcome many new individuals and families into the life of our church over the past few months. Seeing God draw people to Himself and to this church family is a wonderful reminder that He is still building His Church. My prayer is that Robinhood Road Baptist Church will continue to be a place where people encounter the truth of God's Word, experience genuine Christian fellowship, grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, and are equipped to make Him known both here in our community and around the world.

The days ahead are bright—not because of any one person, but because our God is faithful. As we seek Him together, He will continue to direct our steps and accomplish His purposes through this church. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your shepherd. It is one of the greatest honors of my life to serve alongside you, and I look forward to faithfully serving both you and our Lord with all my heart in the years ahead.

I love you, church family.

Grace & Peace,

-Pastor Jason East

Youth Ministry News

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building." (1 Cor. 3:9)

As I write this final Minister to Families Encourager article, I find myself reflecting on the incredible privilege God has given me over the past eighteen years. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve alongside you and to minister to your children, students, young adults, parents, and grandparents. Together we have celebrated baby dedications, witnessed baptisms, gone to camps and retreats, prayed through difficult seasons, rejoiced in life's greatest moments, and watched countless people grow in their walk with Christ. Those memories are gifts that I will always treasure.

Although my role has changed, my heart for each of you has not. While I no longer carry the title of Minister to Families, I have the incredible privilege of serving as your pastor. That means I am still here to pray with you, encourage you, shepherd you, celebrate with you, and walk beside you through every season of life. Our church family has always been precious to me, and that will never change.

One of the greatest joys during this transition has been seeing how faithfully God has led us to Gabriel Frazier. From the very beginning of this process, we have sought to follow the Lord's leading with humility, prayer, and intentionality. I truly believe God has been preparing Gabriel, Sophia, and Stevie for this season, and I cannot wait to see how the Lord uses them to minister to children, students, and families in the years ahead. I hope you will welcome them with the same love,

encouragement, and support that you have so graciously shown my family over the

years. Please pray for them often as they begin this new chapter of ministry. Every servant of God needs the prayers of God's people.

As for Gabriel and me, we are not serving on separate teams—we are fellow laborers in the same harvest field. Our calling is the same: to glorify Christ, faithfully teach His Word, shepherd His people, and make disciples. While our responsibilities may differ, our mission remains united. I look forward to serving alongside him as we continue pursuing the vision God has placed before Robinhood Road Baptist Church: **Unity, Discipleship, and Missions.**

The Lord has been faithful through every chapter of our church's story, and I have no doubt He will continue to be faithful in the days ahead. I am excited to watch what He will do through Gabriel's ministry, through our church family, and through all of us as we labor together for His Kingdom.

Grace & Peace,

-Pastor Jason East



What's the SCOOP?

There seems to be so much going on in our church. Like we are on a conveyor belt that is going so fast. Wasn't it just Easter? Then, Pastor John left to follow God's calling at another church. Pastor Jason was voted in as Pastor. We voted in Gabriel as our new Youth/Family Pastor. We completed VBS. School will be starting soon and Homecoming is just around the corner. If you blink, something else will be over. But, through it all, you can see God working.

On Sunday, August 16th, we will have a luncheon to welcome Gabriel as our new Youth/Family Pastor. We will serve lunch immediately following the morning service. The menu is spaghetti, salad and desserts. In order to get a count of how many that will be attending, we are asking you to sign up to say that you will be attending. Details on how to sign up will be announced in the next week or so.

On Sunday evening, August 30th, at 6:00pm, we will have a time of fellowship to show our appreciation for Pastor Kevin Kilbreath. He has been a blessing to us in this time of transition. His messages have been exactly what we have needed and he will be missed. For this evening, we would like to have a "Finger Foods" meal. We are asking the church family to bring in finger foods to share. Please bring your favorite food, whether savory or sweet.

Thank you for all your support of the social committee.

-Kay Moore

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.

- * Mission Kids is coming this summer! Join us for 8 exciting Wednesday nights from June 17 through August 5, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Each week, children will learn about missions, discover how God is working around the world, and understand that they too have a part to play in sharing the love of Christ. Through Bible lessons, activities, and hands-on learning, we pray this will encourage our children to grow in their faith and develop a heart for missions. We would love for your children to be part of this special summer opportunity!
- * 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

For starters, I'd like to say that Youth Sunday was a real blessing to me. The leadership in worship, the testimonies, and the songs done by Jason and the RRBC youth served to bring us to God's Throne in meaningful worship topped off by a moving testimony and message from Gabriel, our new Youth/Family Pastor.



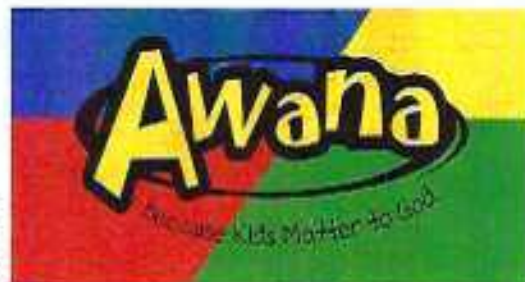
As has been the case over the past few years, the choir will be taking a break through the month of August. I'd like to thank the choir members for their faithfulness through this past year...faithfulness in practice on an individual basis and as a group in rehearsal schedules. Musical talent is a gift from God meant to be used to praise His name and I'm grateful to our choir members for their faithfulness in that respect also.

If you have an interest in the choir ministry, I'd like to ask you to consider sitting in on practice as we resume in September. We are always open to new voices with a desire to sing praises to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As always, we are thankful for your prayerful support and words of encouragement.

For He Alone is Worthy.

-Jerry



Mission Matters



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

has begun at
Robinhood Road Baptist

Backpacks are lined up and ready in the Mission Center for you to pick up and fill with food, toys, warm clothes and Bibles.

As you prepare your backpack, think of the joy and smiles you will be giving to these children in one of the most poverty-stricken areas of our country. Most of all, through these backpacks they receive the Gospel Message... JESUS LOVES THEM!

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

Mission Trip to Eastern Europe – September 4-13th. Please pray for each team member as they prepare their hearts to be ready to serve. Mike Brazier, team leader, and team members Todd Pless, Brian Mathis, Jake Hackworth, Josh West, Karla Hackworth and Luelle Crumpler.

Prayer Request from Guatemala

Carlos, a young boy at the center has a court appearance on August 6th. His situation is very uncertain. He is a believer and an essential part of the praise group at his church. Pray that the judge makes a wise and compassionate decision.

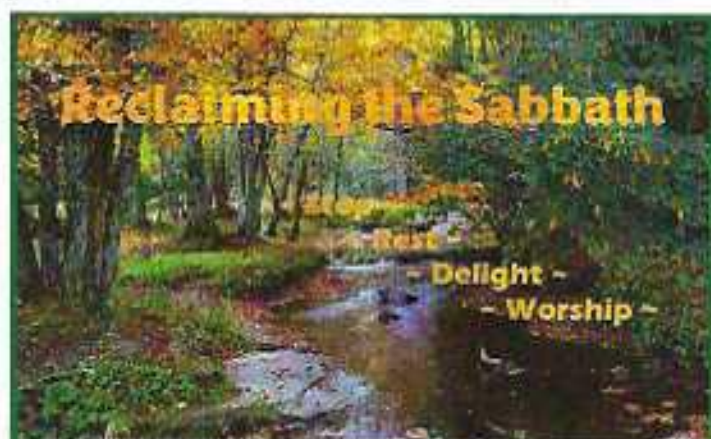
Please pray for Marvin as he recovers from surgery. He is our driver, friend and vital person at the Good Shepherd Center.



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.



Ladies Fall Retreat @ Springs of Life Camp
September 17-20, 2026
Cost: \$150

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.



If you have signed up to go on this retreat,
please plan to attend the following:

INFORMATION MEETING
immediately following Worship Service
Sunday, August 2, in the Awana Room

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

For the remainder of the summer months we will
continue moving through Debbie Macomber's book,
One Simple Act. All ladies are invited to come be a part of
this sweet fellowship of sisters!

Meal Ministry

Next Meal Served: *Tuesday, August 4*
Driver pickup time: 4:00 pm

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.

Women on Mission

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, August 11*
4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



In August we will move from studying, *Serving With Grace*
and *Serving With Humility* to *Serving With Passion*.
It's going to be a real roller coaster ride!!

Bible Study:

Serving With Passion: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Missionary Spotlight:

The Next Good Idea: A Theme Park Chaplain's Ministry
Joey and Katy Buck - Great Smoky Mountains, TN

Prayer Study:

Work and Prayer Go Hand In Hand

All ladies are invited to join us as we
celebrate, learn about, pray for, and do missions.
To learn more, contact Luelle Crumpler - (336) 575-5696.

MissionCrafters Workday

Saturday, August 15

9:30 am - 11:30 am in the Kids' Worship Room

We are grateful for God's goodness as we "see" Him
blessing our Mission Crafter ministry with new faces, expe-
rienced seamstresses, and hearts eager to help
others. If you are interested in joining our group or in mak-
ing a monetary donation to our outreach projects, please
contact: Linda Lunsford
(336) 529-7732; lin82352@gmail.com.

Ladies' Fellowship @ Coppola's Italian Restaurant

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 pm

3512 Yadkinville Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27106
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. So we have enough seats reserved
for you and your friends, please text Karen Mathis (336) 354
-3855, if you plan to attend.

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.