
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 2024



Chili Supper and Guatemala Mission Report

February 18th at 6:00 pm

Join us!

From the Pastor's Pen

Nestled in the beautiful mountains of Southwest Virginia, in the heart of Duffield (where my wife is from) there is a state park named Natural Tunnel. We've visited there many times over the years, with the main attraction not being the tunnel itself, but the little ledge up on the mountainside called "lover's leap."

Lover's leap got its name from a story that was passed down from generation to generation of two young Indians from warring tribes in the area who somehow met and fell in love. She was as beautiful as he was brave is how the story goes, but they were forbidden from being together. And so, rather than living apart, they decided to die together. And so, they climbed to the peak, embraced in a kiss for the ages, held each other in their arms, and jumped to their deaths.

Similar stories have been told throughout the ages in various places around the world.....and I suppose one or two of them may even have actually happened. We'll never really know for sure though how these legends came about. But what we can be sure of is that love is a truly powerful thing. It makes us do crazy things. It makes us rather have nothing at all than the one person we can't live without. And of course, Valentine's Day is the one day on the calendar each year where we're supposed to prove it, and if we're being honest, I think we'd all say that spending

too much money on dinner, chocolate, and flowers is much better way than jumping to our death!

So, in this month where we're already thinking about love, I want to invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings where we examine the different types of loving relationships we engage in while we experience these short few trips around the sun we call life. We'll talk about some of the Greek words for love, some of the different ways these types of love play out in our lives, and why it all matters so much. And I'll give you a spoiler. It matters because God defines Himself as love. If that's who God is, knowing what it means helps us understand who God is. So, join us for worship and enjoy this series. I think you'll LOVE IT!

Sincerely,

Pastor John



Youth Ministry News



"...first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also" (Matt. 23:26 NKJV).

When we live out our faith, it is natural for people to notice our good deeds. However, our desire should always be for God to notice. Our goal should not be to receive the praise of men but rather for God to get the praise. Many of our good deeds will be external as we go about our faith journey. But Jesus reminds us that what's inside of us should matter most. Yes, doing external deeds is good, but God first wants our hearts and eyes focused on Him. What are your motivations for doing good deeds? Whose attention are we seeking to receive? May all of our good deeds flow from a heart dedicated to God. We all see the outside, but God truly knows our hearts. Take time to examine your cup. Allow God to cleanse us from the inside out. Let's not appear righteous; let's be righteous through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Youth Dates:

Sunday, February 11 – Youth Super Bowl Party at church. We will have a devotion, fellowship, and enjoy the game together. Time TBA

Wednesday, February 21 – Youth Dinner & Devotion – We plan to leave church at 6pm and go out to eat. Please bring 5 dollars to help offset the cost.

Summer camp deposits and registration are due by February 11. Camp is June 17-21, 2024. The initial information letter and registration form are now available in Pastor Jason's office.

Sunday Night Youth Worship is from 6:30–7:30 pm.
Wednesday Night Youth Worship is from 6–7:30 pm.
Youth Sunday School is from 10:45–11:45 am.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your minister to families. – Rev. Jason East

The Scoop

This year is already flying by. Seems like it was just Christmas! Since it's still cold outside, we thought we would do something to warm you up. On Sunday night, February 18th, at 6:00pm, we are going to have a chili cook-off. Bring your best pot of chili, whether spicy or not. We will let you judge the "best tasting" chili and the "most spicy" chili. Chili will be labeled "spicy" so you will know which one to try. As always, if you don't cook chili, you can contribute to the meal by bringing other things like crackers, bread, sour cream, cheese or desserts. We will put it all together and have a wonderful time of food and fellowship. Make plans to join us.

-Kay Moore



DI Kids Camp Save-the-Date!

Children in grades 1st-5th, save the date for DI Kids' Camp! We'll be returning to Charity Mission Center from June 23-26, 2024. Look out for the registration information coming soon!

UpBeat

On behalf of the RRBC Choir, I'd like to say how grateful we are for the many compliments and words of encouragement expressed because of the repeat performance of "Come and See, Go and Tell" on January 21st. Our prayer at each practice is that Jesus' name is praised and those listening are blessed by whatever music we share as we worship together.

We not only consider it a serious responsibility, but also a blessing that the Lord would use us to encourage the believers at RRBC through the ministry of music. We would, as always, ask for your prayerful support as we practice each week to lead in worship.

We have begun work on another cantata to share with you on Easter Sunday, March 31st, so mark your calendar and please lift the RRBC Choir up in prayer.

-Jerry



Primetimers

Good Friends - Good Fellowship - Good Fun
Come join us for a great time of fellowship, fun and food. We invite anyone 55 years old and over to join us.

When: Wednesday, February 7th

Where: Southern Family

Time: 11:30 AM

If you have any questions or need directions please contact Joby Poteat at (336) 766-6835.

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.

Sunday night:

AWANA club at 6 pm for ages 3 years - 5th grade. Learn verses, play team building games, theme nights, and more! (Runs Sept-May)

Wednesday Evening Kids' Class

Kids' Class with Freddie Pfaff from 6:30-7:30 pm. Ages 3 years to 5th grade invited.

Mission Matters

Prayer...

Over the course of the last few years the mission committee has recognized the need for more prayer in our mission focus. We have tried to put together several prayer groups with no success. This year we are asking something different. Each Sunday school class or church related group will receive information on a specific mission partner to pray for. We will try to keep each group as informed as possible for specific prayer needs and hope with this emphasis each of our partners will be prayed for at least once a week. Of course we hope many of you are praying every day, and if you are please continue. Prayer is the most that we can do for our partners.

Praises...

We collected over \$5000 for the Lottie Moon offering, surpassing our goal.

As of writing this article the Guatemala mission team has not left, but we praise God for the opportunity and give Him the Glory for all that happens.

Thanks to all the men on Baptist Men's day who helped with stocking up our pantry.

Opportunities...

Join the Women on Mission for their monthly meeting on Tuesday February 13th at 4pm. If you are unable to join the group for the meetings but would like to be involved with prayer and activities, please talk to Luelle Crumpler.

Save the date- March 9nd for our Feed the Hunger packathon!!!! This a date change, so please make note of it.

Volunteers are needed for a mission trip to Truett Camp. The dates are June 10-14. Six or Seven volunteers are needed to help with cooking and other kitchen duties. Please see Luelle Crumpler if you are interested.

NC Baptist on Mission annual conference will be held in Charlotte this year April 5th-6th. If you are interested or already involved in missions this is a great opportunity for you to learn and grow more in this area. Please see Janet Larson for more information and visit the NC Baptist website for a preview of the conference.

Interested in Disaster Relief? Please see Steve Patterson for more details. There is a training session coming up this spring.

This month we are collecting for the Heck-Jones offering. This offering goes to support the NC Women's Missionary Union. Please be generous. Our goal is \$1500.

RRBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Are Always Looking For New Faces!!



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 Winter Tea Thank You

What a fun and inspiring time was had by the 67 women (including young girls) that attended our Ladies Winter Tea last month.

We shout out a great big THANK YOU to all those who made this large event possible.

"Tea Attitudes" Book Study

Thursday, February 1 at 3:00pm in the FH

Our weekly Bible study time resumes with this light-hearted, thoughtful devotional that touches our heart strings and quiets our spirits. In the encouraging Scripture verses and inspirational messages, a connection to Jesus' Beatitudes is woven throughout. If you plan to attend, please call/text

Judy McDowell (336) 529-1151 or email

her: judybmcdowell@gmail.com.

We look forward to reconnecting!



Meal Ministry

Next meal: *Tuesday, February 6*

Cooks: 1:00pm; Drivers: 2:00pm

Brrr! What a great time for a hot bowl of soup prepared by some of our ladies and delivered to homes by our volunteer drivers.

To help streamline our process, we ask that all drivers wait in the fellowship hall and pick up meals from the table when ready.

To get involved or if you know of someone in need of a hot meal, call/text Linda Patterson (336) 247-2984 or email her at lap@almondtree.com. We are grateful for all our volunteers (ladies and gents) and could not do this ministry without you!

Drivers are always welcome.

Women on Mission (WOM)

We are a WMU Women's Discipleship Group committed to undergirding missions through mission action, study and support. In February, we emphasize the Heck Jones Offering for NC WMU. The RRBC offering goal is \$1,500. Keep your eye on the thermometer! Our Mission Action Project is to create & prepare Valentine bags for the parents of our Preschool children. Our missions' spotlight will be on Katherine Knowles' story. The Bible study will feature Queen Esther and prayer time, obedience. To learn more about getting involved with WOM, call or text Luelle Crumpler at (336) 575-5696 or email her at jayandluelle@gmail.com.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, February 13*
4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

MissionCrafters

Next meeting: *Saturday, February 17*
9:30am - 11:30am in the Conference Rm
Ladies, this group is for you if you have a gift for creativity or just want to help others. There is always something for everyone, no matter your skill-level or talent. Come join us as we make items for those in need. Contact: Linda Lunsford
(336) 529-7732; lin82352@gmail.com.

Ladies' Fellowship at the Sherwood

Next Fellowship: *Tues., February 20, 6pm*
3348 Robinhood Rd, WS 27106

This ladies' social event is designed for all RRBC women (& friends) to get together for some girl time – a relaxed evening around the table to talk, catch up, and get to know one another better. No need to sign up ... we'll be looking for YOU!!