

# The Channel

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*My son, keep your father's command  
And do not forsake your mother's teaching.  
Bind them always on your heart;  
Fasten them around your neck.  
When you walk, they will guide you;  
When you sleep, they will watch over you;  
When you awake, they will speak to you.  
(Proverbs 6:20-22)*

On Friday, December 28, my four siblings and I, along with our families, gathered with Mom at my brother's house to celebrate Christmas. It had been quite a few years since we all had been together with her. Mom was not feeling great, but she enjoyed having her family around her.

It was on New Year's Day that Mom had a heart attack. It was significant, and the damage done was irreversible. The days that followed were filled with coordinating schedules so that one of her children would always be with her. Each one of us was able to spend meaningful time with Mom.

Last Wednesday, January 9, I received a call from my brother saying he thought Mom would probably die that day. I quickly left and began the six-hour drive to my hometown—Fairfax, South Carolina.

As I drove, I thought about many things. I realized that it was my parents' anniversary. They were married on January 9, 1955. I thought about the many meals my mother had cooked and how she insisted that we hold hands during the blessing to keep her five children from stealing food from each other's plate. I recalled the homework assignments she supervised, the play parts she helped us memorize, and the Halloween costumes she sewed. I remembered Christmases past and vacations that provided anything but rest for her. I thought about how proud she was to ride with Dad to look at the crops on the farm, and how willing she was to work as a high school teacher when those crops failed to provide the needed income.

My parents were both Sunday School teachers, and I could imagine them once again sitting at the dining room table discussing the upcoming lesson. In the acknowledgments section of my doctoral paper I wrote:

"I am grateful to my parents, DuPre and Betty Sanders, for their continual love, steady support, and enthusiastic interest in all my endeavors. My theological training began at the dining room table listening to them discuss the upcoming Sunday School lesson they were preparing to teach."

When I arrived at the John Edward Harter Nursing Center where my mother resided, she was still with us. I shared with her all the things I had been thinking about on my drive to see her. As I saw her still, frail frame there, I thought of Paul's last words to Timothy: "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

A few minutes after midnight, Mom breathed her last and joined Dad in heaven with Jesus. As I write this, I must admit that it is a strange feeling to no longer have a living parent. I thought Mom and Dad would live forever. Now, they are gone.

As I move forward in life without parents, the loving memories I have of them will keep me going. My parents' love made me who I am; I will forever be a part of them.

*DuPre*



## Remember in Prayer

Jean Ashley, Diane Austin, John Bailey, Ronnie Bugnar, Sarah Childers, Jeanette Debnam, Ken Durham, Annie Lou Gillis, Dorsey Gillis, Doris Oakley, Frank Pollock, Patsy Warren, Jimmy Wilkins, Darcus Woody



**Cambridge Hills** –Ruby Hall (121), Calvin McMillan (107)

**Roxboro Nursing Center** –Evelyn Walker (214)

**Christian Sympathy** to DuPre Sanders and his family in the death of his mother, Betty Sanders, on January 10.

**Christian Sympathy** to the family of Ruffin Woody who died on January 17.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal



**January 23:** Lasagna, garlic bread, and salad bar

**January 30:** Vegetable soup, assorted sandwiches, and salad bar

**February 6:** Spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad bar

### Volunteers:

**January 23:** Clara Denny, Wanda Bailey, Tara Holmes, Marian Whitt, Lynn Pearce, James Woody

**January 30:** Bruce & Ethel Fehl, Betty Barnette, Christopher Isackson, Jo Mooney, Judy Wilkerson

**February 6:** John Lee, Barbara Jones, Norman & Joyce Hall, Graydon & Judy Spivey

## Sunday Attendance

**January 13, 2019**

(Ice) Sunday School – 45 Worship – 82

**January 20, 2019**

Sunday School – 103 Worship – 186

## Our Ministry of Giving

**January 13, 2019**

<b>Weekly amount needed to meet budget</b>	<b>\$10,317.42</b>
Budget	\$5,779.20

### Designated

Rent	100.00
Youth – Deposits	400.00
RBC Missions	200.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$20.00

**January 20, 2019**

<b>Weekly amount needed to meet budget</b>	<b>\$10,317.42</b>
Budget	\$6,821.75

### Designated

RBC Missions	170.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$520.00

**Senior Adult Valentine Lunch**

**Thursday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

The meal will cost \$5 per person.

Please call the church office by Wednesday, February 6 to sign up.

## New Members



We are delighted to welcome David and Carolyn Turner as members of Roxboro Baptist Church. They joined on Sunday, January 20, by statement of faith. We look forward to working with them in the days ahead in mission and ministry.



## BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Baptists On Mission will sponsor a breakfast on **January 27** at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast as a kick-off to our Baptists On Mission Day.

After breakfast, we will celebrate in worship what it means to be on mission with God. The theme for this year is “Known By Love”, and our scripture for this emphasis is John 13:34-35.

## January Collections

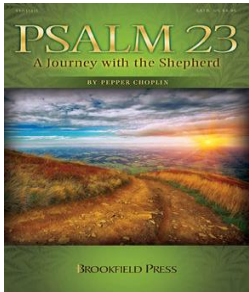


We are collecting adult toothbrushes and regular size toothpaste to be distributed as part of a dental hygiene kit to everyone seen at our dental clinic in March. Please bring them to the church office.



The next quarterly church conference will be on Wednesday, February 6.

## Choral Opportunity



The Chancel Choir has begun preparations for an upcoming presentation of Pepper Choplin's "Psalm 23: A Journey with the Shepherd" here at Roxboro Baptist on April 14. This will be a joint effort with the choir at Long Memorial Methodist church and

others that may be interested in participating. If you have wanted to sing in choir again (or for the first time), this is a great time to jump in and be a part of what promises to be a special musical event. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings each week at 7:20 in the choir room on the third floor. Pepper will be with us on Saturday, April 13 for rehearsals and will direct the concert on that Sunday. See Mike if you have any questions.

### Christian Help Center Volunteers

Prepare & Serve a Meal

Thursday, February 7



**Allison Dacus & JD Granade**  
NJHS members of SMS

### Nursery and Extended Session

#### Sunday, January 27

Ann Wrenn (Nursery)

Ernie & Shannon Tate (Extended Session)

Katharine & McIver Long (Special Needs)

#### Sunday, February 3

Christa Allen (Nursery)

Ken & Sarah Childers (Extended Session)

Martha Tuck & Tara Holmes (Special Needs)