

The Channel

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Baptism! For Baptists, it is a word that inspires strong feelings and emotions. It is from the word “baptism” that we get our name “Baptist.” Baptists did not select the name by which we are called. We were first given the name when a group of English Separatists insisted on returning to the New Testament concept of baptism about four hundred years ago. Believer’s baptism was practiced as each person made an independent, personal decision to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (as opposed to infant baptism when the person being baptized had no say or understanding as to what was taking place). Also, historically the mode of baptism for Baptists has been by immersion—the same form described in the New Testament.

As a Baptist pastor, I have the opportunity to talk a lot about baptism. Many times I have had a young child come to me and say, “Preacher, I want to be babertized!” Equally often, I have sat with adults and heard them say, “I really love the church and want to be a part of the fellowship – but I don’t think I could ever be baptized.” Unfortunately, I believe that there is much misunderstanding about the meaning of baptism.

Essentially, baptism is a visual sermon. It is a proclamation of the gospel. Yet, rather than taking the form of words so that the good news might be heard, in baptism the gospel is enacted so that it might be seen.

Baptism enacts the gospel message about what Jesus has done. As we are immersed in water, we announce that Jesus died and was buried. And as we come up out of the water, we assert that Jesus was resurrected on the third day.

However, baptism not only reiterates these historical facts, it also embodies their significance. Through baptism, we declare that Jesus died and rose again for our sins. Moreover, baptism declares the individual, personal dimension of the gospel: Jesus died for my sins and rose again for me. Yet baptism takes this aspect even further. In this act, we publicly claim the work of Jesus on our behalf. As we are placed into the water, we declare, “I hereby receive Jesus’ death on my behalf.” And when we burst forth from the water, we

announce, “I gladly accept His resurrection for me.”

Paul asserts that baptism refers to our union with Christ in His death, which he declares is a spiritual reality that means freedom from bondage to sin. He expresses the idea in this way: “For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin” (Romans 6:6-7).

Yet this is only half the story. Holy living requires more than simply overcoming the downward pull of sin. We also need at work in us a power that transforms our character and conduct so that we become like Christ. Baptism speaks about this dimension as well. Not only does baptism symbolize our union with Christ in His death, but it also declares that we are united with Him in His resurrection. Paul writes, “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4).

When we are immersed in the baptismal waters every part of our body gets wet, because every part is now dead to sin. And when we come up out of the water every part of our body drips, because in this act we are offering every part of ourselves to God.

For this reason, we dare not look at baptism as merely an insignificant event that occurred somewhere in our past or a meaningless ritual required for church membership. Rather baptism ought to form a vivid memory that the Holy Spirit repeatedly brings to mind in order to motivate us, encourage us, and remind us of the power available in us to live a life of holiness that is pleasing to the God who saved us by His glorious grace.

This Sunday, March 24, we will celebrate the ordinance of baptism as Zoe Hodgin is baptized. I look forward to seeing each of you as we celebrate this important time in Zoe’s life, and as we remember our own baptisms.

DuPre

Remember in Prayer

Jean Ashley, John Bailey, Annie Lou Gillis, Dorsey Gillis, Phillip Hall, John Nutt, Doris Oakley, Frank Pollock, Betty Ann Tapp, Bob Wade, Jimmy Wilkins, Darcus Woody



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

SUNDAY, March 31

Pulpit Exchange Sunday

9:00 First Baptist Church

10:55 Roxboro Baptist Church
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES)



On Sunday, March 31, our congregation will worship together for two services with the congregation of First Baptist Church. The first begins at 9:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church (14 Main Circle) with Dr. DuPre Sanders preaching. The second begins at 10:55 a.m. at Roxboro Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Stokes preaching. Sunday School classes will not meet on that Sunday. Plan to attend both opportunities to worship as brothers and sisters in Christ at each church. As we merge our voices in prayer and praise, we will be fulfilling the words of Psalm 133:1, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

Community Lenten Luncheons

Everyone is invited to participate in the Community Lenten Luncheons at Long Memorial United Methodist Church each Wednesday from March 13 until April 10. Lunch begins at 12:00, followed by a time of worship. The service concludes at 1:00 pm.



March 20 - Jo Hancock - St Mark’s Episcopal
March 27 - Evan Walker - Roxboro Presbyterian
April 3 - DuPre Sanders - Roxboro Baptist
April 10 - Ed Priestaf - Long Memorial UMC

Operation Inasmuch



Book Sale Donations Needed:

If you have gently used or new books that you’d like to donate to our Book Sale, please bring them to the church office by April 28. We need books in good condition for resale... fiction, non-fiction, reference, children’s, teens, etc. Please do not bring old textbooks.

Sunday Attendance

March 10, 2019

Sunday School – 101 Worship – 177

March 17, 2019

Sunday School – 98 Worship – 196

Our Ministry of Giving

March 10, 2019

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$10,317.42
Budget	\$7,109.10
Designated	
Baptists On Mission	100.00
Youth Deposits	225.00
Rent	50.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$120.00

March 17, 2019

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$10,317.42
Budget	\$8,757.25
Designated	
Youth Deposits	300.00
Wyoming Mission Trip	200.00
Music	10.00
BOM Breakfast	178.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$115.00

March Collections



We are collecting items needed for the ongoing Hurricane Florence clean up. Associational missionaries Richard and Tammy Weeks continue to work with hundreds of families still not in their homes in the Warsaw/Duplin areas. They need cleaning supplies (Clorox, sponges, brooms, mops, window cleaner, Pine-Sol, etc.) as well as canned and non-perishable foods. Any donations can be dropped off in the church office.



Kidz on the Move

Calling all kids in grades K-5 for lunch and BINGO on Sunday, March 31. We will leave after church to grab a fast-food lunch, and then head to Cambridge Hills. Money will be needed for lunch, and then we will play BINGO from 2:00-3:00. Parents are welcome to join us. Children will be back at 3:30 at RBC for pick up. Please sign up if interested.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal



March 20: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and salad bar

March 27: Baked potato bar with trimmings and salad bar

April 3: Taco soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and salad bar

Volunteers:

March 20: Bruce & Ethel Fehl, Betty Barnette, Christopher Isackson, Jo Mooney, Judy Wilkerson

March 27: John Lee, Barbara Jones, Norman & Joyce Hall, Graydon & Judy Spivey

April 3: Nancy Garrett, Nancy Berryhill, Ken Childers, Jean Featherston, Jessie Walker



Roxboro Baptist Church

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Located on 2nd floor

JOIN the library staff

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

for refreshments
and to browse for a book to read to celebrate
National Library Week.

Order Your Easter Lilies



Please help decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday by placing an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one. You may fill out this form, enclose it in an envelope with a check (\$15.00 for each lily), mail it to us or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Deadline for order and money is **Sunday, April 14**. You may pick up your flower following worship on Easter Sunday. Thank you.

_____ In Memory of

_____ In Honor of

(please specify relationship of this person to you:
father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, friend, etc.)

Given by:

Deadline is Sunday, April 14



Shelby Mission Interest Meeting

There will be a Shelby Mission Camp Interest Meeting on Wednesday, April 10 after the Bible Study in the conference room. If you have any questions or may be interested in this weekend mission trip, please plan to attend. Dates are May 16-18.



April 1 – 6 Birthdays

1- Cameron Hall, Alissa Moose, McIver Long, Keeghan Holmes

2- Lori Stacey

3- Jane Phillips, Janet Isackson, Phillip Laws

4- Linda Black, Nancy Warren

5- Erval Mooney, Joy Montgomery

6 - Bill Lester

The April birthday calendar will be in the next Channel, dated April 1.

Homebound and Seniors Away



Please make contact with our homebound this week.

Bess Daniel

310 Barnette Ave., Roxboro

Jeanette Debnam

2535 Old Durham Rd., Roxboro

Ken Durham

817 Frank St., Roxboro

Ruby Hall – Cambridge Hills, Rm#121

5660 Durham Rd., Roxboro, 27574



Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for church members are available in the office. Awards will be given to students attending college in the fall of 2019. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 25.

Christian Help Center Volunteers

Prepare & Serve a Meal

Thursday, April 4

Ken & Sarah Childers



Nursery and Extended Session

Sunday, March 24

Susan Laws (Nursery)

Kevin & Chasity Horne (Extended Session)

Allison & Charles Dacus (Special Needs)

Sunday, March 31

Trish Long (Nursery)

Charles & Allison Dacus (Extended Session)

Katharine & McIver Long (Special Needs)