

The Channel

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Exciting things are happening! We have begun a new church year with excellent people serving in many different areas of church life. We have moved back into our newly renovated educational space and new Sunday school classes are being started while established classes are expanding. We recently had a group of people attend a *Growing Young* workshop and they are working to help provide a strategy for us to use to engage 15-to 29-year-olds more fully in church life. The missions committee is praying and planning for opportunities in this upcoming year. Our stewardship committee is preparing a budget that will be challenging but very ministry focused.

While all this church work is happening, I think it is important to ask, “why does the church exist?” or “what is the purpose of *ekklesia* as the body of Christ?” The word *church* in the New Testament comes from the Greek term *ekklesia*. It comes from a root word made up of a preposition *ek* (out of) and a verb *kaleo* (to call). *Ekkaleo* means “to call out of.” Church, *ekklesia*, refers to those who have been called out from sin to salvation.

Jesus gave the pattern of teaching and ministering in community. The church is Jesus’ community today and as his community it seems we have four primary reasons to exist:

1. To experience his presence as a corporate body – to worship him. The keyword is worship – not “have a service.” We are in a society that can produce some spectacular meetings with a lot energy, but is it worship?
2. The second reason to exist is to love one another. Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34). Jesus called his followers in to being to encourage and support one another. It is easy to let this be the forgotten role of the church and to become more critical and condemning than forgiving and encouraging. I believe that the more we focus on small insignificant things, the more we complain and criticize and have a tendency to divide. When we focus on the things of God, we

have a tendency to support and encourage. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

3. The Great Commission calls on us to go and make disciples. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). As the community of Jesus Christ, are we growing and helping other people to grow? Do we as a community of followers of Jesus conscientiously help each other reach a higher level in our relationship with Christ?
4. In Matthew 25:40 we are told that “inasmuch as we do to others, we do to Christ.” The community of Christ is to live so close to him that we act like him when we are with people who do not follow him. Christians are to be Christ’s presence in an unchurched world.

Wherever you may go, you will see buildings with signs in front – Roxboro Baptist Church, etc. But the church is not buildings; it uses buildings. The church is not an organization; it uses organization. It is not programs, although it uses programs.

Church is people: people who have received their life from Jesus Christ, people who are sharing that life with one another, people who are extending the Christ-life to all those about them.

I believe it is better to serve God in the life of a local church than to do any other thing on this earth. It is better to be a part of a local church of our living Lord Jesus and join hands with him in the adventure he has for us today than to do anything else. I feel privileged to be able to serve God as a part of the body of believers known as Roxboro Baptist Church!

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Remember in Prayer

Diane Austin, John Bailey, Wilma Brooks, Ronnie Bugnar, Sam Carver, Linda Jackson, Wayne Lamberth, Linda Masten, Will Montgomery, Patsy Warren, Thomas Weaver, Jimmy Wilkins, Alta Winstead, Darcus Woody, Ruffin Woody



PMH Ext.Care –Dolian Harris (268)

Cambridge Hills – Belle Booth (312), Ruby Hall (121), Calvin McMillan (116)

Roxboro Nursing Center –Evelyn Walker (214)

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal



September 19: Chicken casserole, black-eyed peas, squash & onions, and salad bar

September 26: Barbeque chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, and salad bar

October 3: Spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad bar

Volunteers:

September 19: Wilma Brooks, Bill & Judy Hodgins, Barry & Teresa Tucker

September 26: Clara Denny, Wanda Bailey, Tara Holmes, Marian Whitt, Lynn Pearce, James Woody

October 3: Bruce & Ethel Fehl, Betty Barnette, Christopher Isackson, Jo Mooney, Judy Wilkerson

Sunday Attendance

September 9, 2018

Sunday School – 122 Worship – 173

September 16, 2018

Sunday School – 131 Worship – 197

Our Ministry of Giving

September 9, 2018

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$9,667.28
Budget	\$6,085.00

Designated

NC Missions Offering	300.00
Relay For Life	200.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$430.00

September 16, 2018

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$9,667.28
Budget	\$12,935.21

Designated

Relay For Life	50.00
Hurricane Florence	205.00
NC Missions Offering	285.00
Miscellaneous	34.32
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$405.00

“Relay for Life” Cake Auction



We raised \$7,348 at the cake auction! Thanks to all who baked, bid, and bought.

The Relay for Life Event will be Friday, September 28 at the Person High School football stadium.



September Collections

For September we are collecting items for two different Missions.

1. My Life Matters – Collecting individual snack items for their afterschool programs.
2. Appalachian Coalfield Christmas Backpack Ministry – Collecting new and used back packs to be given to children in the WV area for Christmas.

The Annual Church



Has been rescheduled for:

Sunday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Huck Sansbury Park

This is always a wonderful time of fellowship, games, and good food. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. This would be a great time to introduce someone to the Roxboro Baptist Church family.



Hurricane Florence Relief

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help

those affected by this storm, please make checks payable to Roxboro Baptist Church and designate for "Hurricane Florence." All funds will go to Baptists on Mission/NCBM Disaster Relief. Currently, feeding sites have been set up in New Bern, Wilmington, Kinston, Jacksonville, Lumberton, and Hope Mills (Fayetteville). Soon disaster recovery work will begin with chainsaw, mud-out, and tear-out work to be done. This will be a long term response. Please continue to pray for all people affected by Florence, for the churches affected, and for the volunteers who are serving. For updates, please visit the Hurricane Florence update page on the Baptist on Mission website at: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>

Christian Help Center Volunteers

Prepare & Serve a Meal



Thursday, October 4

**Carolyn & Doug Whitt
Ethel & Bruce Fehl**

Nursery and Extended Session

Sunday, September 23

Vickie Carver (Nursery)

Dusty & Laura Grinstead (Extended Session)

Alisa Montgomery & Carla Garrett (Special Needs)

Sunday, September 30

Ann Wrenn (Nursery)

Ernie & Shannon Tate (Extended Session)

Allison & Charles Dacus (Special Needs)