

The Channel

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Senior Minister

Missions...the very word excites me! As pastor, my desire for Roxboro Baptist Church is that we not only pray for missionaries and mission efforts; not only support missionary endeavors with our financial gifts; and not only participate in short-time mission projects – but that we be missional. I believe the starting point for churches and Christians who want to reclaim the power of the Gospel for our time and place is to discover a deeply biblical sense of what it means to be missional.

A biblical understanding of missional church begins with an appreciation for God as a missional God. In the work of creation, our missional God forms an unfinished world and tops it off by creating human beings in its full development (Genesis 1:26 – 31).

After the fall (Genesis 3), our missional God carries on the work of redemption, ultimately sending Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for the redemption of the world (John 3: 16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:19). Finally, our missional God continues the work of redemption until all is completed in the fullness of God's love (Revelation 21 – 22).

Central to this missional story line is God's sending, and the church comes into play here. God the Father sends the Son (John 6:35 – 40): the Father and the Son send the Spirit (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7 – 15); and God – through the Son – sends us. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). The church in the power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8), is called to take up God's mission as the ongoing instrument of God's redeeming work.

As we think about what it means to be a missional church, let's consider two images of the church, both from the American West. The first is a fort. Its high walls keep its residents safe. Soldiers keep watch on the walls for "hostiles" who might want to break in and plunder the treasures of the fort and the people who live there. The fort is an island of security in the midst of unfriendly territory.

The second image is that of an outpost. It too, has walls; but its primary purpose is not to keep those inside safe and sound, but to send them out into the frontier to subdue it and make it safe for all. Like the fort, the outpost houses soldiers, but only temporarily. They come to the outpost only to "re-supply" themselves and to rest until they are ready to be deployed again to the frontier.

A missional church most identifies with the outpost model. May we be a church where all of God's people are on mission in the world serving as salt, light, and leaven in Jesus' name. A missional church is one that is truly, *Growing and Going in Jesus' name!*

Thus, missional churches are deeply entrenched in their communities. The focus of the missional church goes beyond maintaining church facilities and programs and really focuses the congregation on living, demonstrating and offering biblical community to a lost world. On April 19, we will join with over 500 churches across the state of North Carolina to participate in a state-wide Operation Inasmuch (OIAM). OIAM is Christians doing the work of the church instead of church work. The distinction is significant. Church work is what we do to keep the institution percolating. The work of the church, however, is going outside the walls of the church buildings to apply God's love to human hurts and hopes wherever they are found.

Minister of Music

Eyes of Faith

On Palm Sunday morning, March 16, during our regular time of worship, the music ministry will present *Eyes of Faith*, a dramatic Easter musical. The promotional materials from the publisher describe it this way: "Along with live narration, choir, and soloists, *Eyes of Faith* uses filmed characters on DVD (Simeon, Judas, Mary Magdalene and Peter). These followers of Jesus are interviewed in "TV newsmagazine" style, revealing their insights, feelings and emotional responses to the Easter story. We see how their lives were affected and changed by Jesus, and realize that he is still affecting and changing lives today. We can understand anew the powerfully personal story of Christ's death and resurrection through the eyes of faith."

Please mark this date on your calendar, plan to join us, and consider inviting someone to come with you for this special time of worship.

Mike

Welcome New Members



We welcome three new members to our church family. Luke Montgomery and Whitney Garrett joined on Sunday, February 3 by profession of faith and are candidates for baptism. Gary Garrett joined Sunday, February 3 by transfer of letter from Mt. Harmony Baptist Church.



The WMU would like to thank everyone who gave glasses and sunglasses during the month of January. We collected 56 pairs of glasses and 15 pairs of sunglasses. Thank you all for your generosity.

Quarterly Church Conference

Our next church conference is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th following our fellowship meal. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will be discussing and voting on the Proposed Church Policy Handbook. Copies are available upon request.



WMU Sunday

February 17 is designated as WMU Sunday. The theme for this year's emphasis is *Live the Call*. Our WMU ladies will serve as the worship leaders for this Sunday and we will have an all ladies choir. All women are invited to sing in the choir!

WMU Week of Prayer & Special Offering

February 11 – 17 will be the time for this focus on WMU. Prayer Guides will be inserted in the worship bulletin on February 10.



Baptist Men's Breakfast



Our next Baptist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, February 17 at 8:00 am in the Elliott Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive

Roxboro Baptist Church is having a blood drive on Sunday, February 24 from 12:00 Noon until 4:30 p.m. in the Elliott Fellowship Hall. Please come and donate the gift of life.



Noon Prayer Group

will meet Monday, February 25 at noon at Tricia's Espresso.

SALT Mission Group †

will meet Monday, February 25 at 5:30 pm at Hog Heaven Restaurant.

Concert Trip



The North Carolina Baptist Singers and Orchestra concert in Reidsville is Monday evening, March 3. We will be leaving the church at 5:00 pm and using the church buses for transportation. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, please call the church office to sign up.

Scholarship Applications

are available in the church office. Awards will be given to students attending college in the fall of 2008. The deadline for scholarship applications is Monday, March 17



Vacation Bible School

The 2008 Roxboro Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 7-11. Please be in prayer for VBS and how God would have you to serve. Mark your calendars now and watch for additional information.

Lenten Luncheons

During the season of Lent, Long Memorial United Methodist Church will once again host the annual Lenten Luncheons. Please see the schedule below. A buffet lunch will be served at 12 noon for \$3 per person. Meditation will be from 12:30 – 1:00 pm.

February 13– Roxboro Baptist Church
 Message – Rev. DuPre Sanders
 Special Music – RBC Senior Adult Choir

February 20 - First Baptist Church
 Message - Rev. Bill Foust

February 27 - Saints Mary & Edward Catholic Church
 Message – Father Roberto Keenan

March 5 - Roxboro Presbyterian Church
 Message – Rev. Ed Donnell

March 12 - Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
 Message – Dr. Harmon Smith

Remember These In Prayer:

VA – Bob Johnson

PMH EXTENDED CARE – Candace Slaughter, Sallylou Winstead

CAMBRIDGE HILLS – Dorothy Bowes, Geneva Kutcher

CATES STREET GROUP HOME – Kent Clayton

ROXBORO NURSING CENTER – Hilma Oakley

RECUPERATING AT HOME – Donna Alley, Frances Currier, Ray Currier, Walter Debnam, Edith Owen, Brenda Perkins, Becky Rogers.

Christian Sympathy to Misty & Holly Tingen in the death of their father-in-law, Donald Tingen on 1/21.

PLEASE CONTACT THESE HOMEBOUND THIS WEEK

Louise Lester – 215 South Morgan Street
 Roxboro

Hilma Oakley – Roxboro Nursing Center
 901 Ridge Road, Roxboro

Clarice Pendergraph – 122 South Morgan Street
 Roxboro

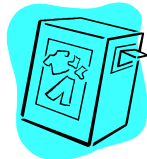
The Pastor's Study

The Pastor's Study is a fifteen minute Bible study that is aired on Cable Channel 10 each Thursday at 6:45 pm. During the winter months, study will focus on 1 Timothy and will be a summary of our Wednesday night studies.



Safe Haven

For February the WMU will collect items for Safe Haven. They have an immediate need for the following items: laundry detergent, Dreft laundry detergent, dish detergent, dish cloths, dish towels, paper towels, toilet paper and liquid hand soap.



Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

February 13, 2008: Baked potato bar and chef salad.

February 20, 2008: Baked ham, potato salad, green peas and salad bar.

Each Wednesday night chicken breast is available for people on a special diet and hot dogs are available for the children. If you are not on our permanent list and would like to come to supper, please call the church office by Tuesday afternoon.

Volunteers:

Feb. 13th: Virginia Singleton, Phyllis Durham, Mary Harris, Helen Hobgood, Louise Walthall, Chuck & Pat Oakley, Bonnard Duke.

Feb. 20th: Wilma & Willie Brooks, Bernice Richardson, Judy & Bill Hodgkin, Barry Tucker, Jimmy Currier, Chuck & Pat Oakley, Bonnard Duke.



The Record Speaks

January 27, 2008

Sunday School Enrollment – 318 Attendance – 170

Worship Attendance – 245

Budget

General Budget \$7,891.78

Designated

Baptist Men 21.00

Alaska Mission Trip 4600.00

Bereavement 10.00

Total Receipts 12,522.78

FORWARD BY FAITH RECEIPTS (1/27/08) \$1,676.67

February 3, 2008

Sunday School Enrollment – 323 Attendance – 192

Worship Attendance – 255

Budget

General Budget \$11,300.00

Designated

Rent 50.00

Baptist Retirement Homes 32.00

CBF 25.00

Baptist Children's Home 100.00

Total Receipts 11,507.00

FORWARD BY FAITH RECEIPTS (2/3/08) \$2,542.00

☺ **A Very Happy Birthday to** ☺

February 10 – February 23

- 10 – Frank Pollock, Maxine Smith, Nicholas Taylor
- 11 – Jenny Berryhill Eggleston, Walter Montgomery,
Samuel Whitt
- 12 – Bette Parham
- 13 – Joey Kirby
- 14 – Helen Ameen, Richard Wrenn, Noah Wilkins
- 15 – Tillie Currier
- 16 – Kathy Durham Ellington
- 18 – Nellie Carver, Joan McLaughlin,
Brittany Tingen
- 20 – Lisa Evans, Will Montgomery
- 21 – Carol Siebert, Vernon Hudgins, Candace Gentry
- 22 – Kenny Rickman
- 23 – William Barnes, Trent Oliver

Church Newsletter

Listed below is the remaining 2008 schedule for *The Channel*. Any information to be printed in the newsletter should be turned into the church office by the Friday before.

- Monday, February 18
- Monday, March 3
- Monday, March 17
- Monday, March 31
- Monday, April 14
- Monday, April 28
- Monday, May 12
- Tuesday, May 27
- Monday, June 9
- Monday, June 23
- Monday, July 7
- Monday, July 21
- Monday, August 4
- Monday, August 18
- Tuesday, September 2
- Monday, September 15
- Monday, September 29
- Monday, October 13
- Monday, October 27
- Monday, November 10
- Monday, November 24
- Monday, December 8
- Monday, December 22