

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

January 2026



Pastor's Pen

An old new year's saying is "out with the old, in with the new". But I have to admit, if 2025 is "the old" I'm not so sure I want to say goodbye to it. What a wonderful year in the life of our church it has been. God has been at work, and we have experienced amazing things. We have had record attendance and record giving, multiple new members almost every single month, and I don't think we've gone more than 5 or 6 weeks all year without filling our baptistry. And the Lord even finally brought Elena to us on Sunday mornings!!!! What a good year it's been. I am certainly finishing the year on my knees thanking God for the year that was and I hope that you can do that as well.

One of the great truths of the Kingdom of God though is that the future is always better than the past. As God's story has unfolded throughout the history of humanity, it just keeps getting better and better for us because God's power, God's love, and God's plans just keep getting more and more clear. I am so thankful that every single day, no matter how difficult or painful our circumstances may be, we KNOW that our story will end well, and it will end with eternal life and the joys of being made complete by the God who made us.

As we start 2026 we're going to spend the first six weeks of the year in the book of Daniel, one of

my very favorite books in the entire Bible. About 5 years ago we spent 20 weeks on Wednesday nights going verse by verse through this amazing book and we learned so much about how past, present, and future all fit together as God's plans unfold in our lives. I think as the new year begins, it's a great time for a reminder about the truths contained in this prophetic book. So I hope you'll join us every Sunday between January 4 and February 8 as we revisit this powerful story.

It's such a great privilege to serve as your pastor. You are a wonderful congregation, and I am thankful for each and every one of you on a daily basis.

-Pastor John



Youth Ministry News

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23)

As we begin 2026, I am reminded that a new year often brings new schedules, goals, and even unknowns. But, for many, it can also bring pressure, regret about last year, or fear about what lies ahead. Lamentations was written in a time of loss and heartbreak, not celebration. Yet right in the middle of that pain, this truth shines through: God's love never runs out, and His mercy never wears out. Every single morning, God meets His people with fresh compassion—no matter what yesterday looked like.

That means your failures from last year don't define you. Your mistakes don't cancel God's love. When you wake up each day, you are met by a faithful God who is still at work in your life. The new year isn't about becoming perfect; it's about learning to depend on God daily. His mercies are new every morning—not once a year, not only when we "do better," but every day we turn to Him.

As we begin this new year, here's a challenge for us all. Let's start each day by remembering God's mercy before we check anything else. Before your phone, your schedule, or your worries—let's take a moment to thank God for His unfailing love and new mercies. Let's start this new year not by trusting in our own strength, but in God's faithfulness. Because God is good....All the time.

Youth Ministry Announcements:

Youth Sunday School: Meets every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. as we dig deeper into God's Word and grow together in faith.

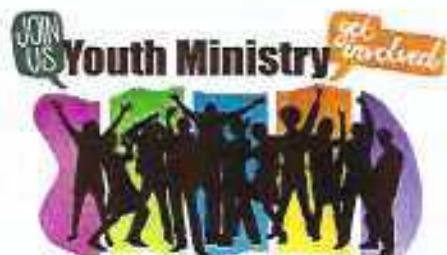
Wednesday Night Youth Worship & Fellowship: Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a meaningful time of worship, Bible study, and Christ-centered community.

Special Wednesday Dinner & Devotion: On January 21st, we will leave the church at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy dinner at a Japanese restaurant, share in fellowship, and spend time in a short devotion together. We plan to return before 8:00 p.m., and youth will text their parents as we head back to the church.

Caswell Camp Reminder: For those registered for Caswell please remember that the first deposit of \$110 is due January 7, 2026, and the second deposit of \$110 is due April 19, 2026.

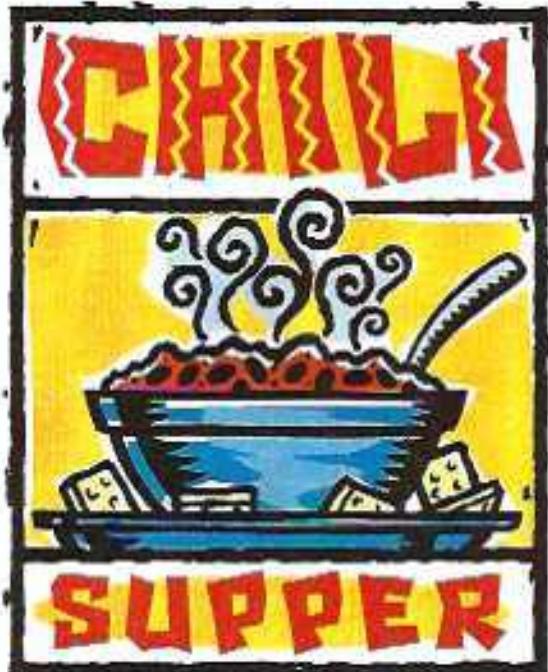
Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Minister of Family Life.

— Rev. Jason East



Chili Supper

Start the new year off the right way by joining us on Sunday evening, January 4 at 5:00PM for our annual chili supper. We need all you good cooks and even you "okay" cooks to make your best pot of chili or your favorite soup and bring for us to share. If you're not a chili or soup maker, you're welcome to bring a dessert for us to share as well. This is always a fun evening, and we hope you'll join us.



Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to phone numbers:

Jimmy Dees number is 601-942-5880

Lillie Douglas's number is 336-407-2572

JoAnn Poindexter's number is 336-287-4094

*Also please swap Ronald and Carol-Anne Morris's numbers

Please make the following additions and changes to addresses:

David and Debbie Booth
315 Dixieland Court
King, NC 27021

Kenny and Katie Schrader
1120 Sterling Pointe Drive
King, NC 27021

Mae Harrell
Brighten Gardens
2601 Reynolda Road, Apt. #237
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Donna Windsor
4153 Old US 421 East
Yadkinville, NC 27055
336-918-1442

If you have any corrections that need to be made in the church directory, please reach out to our office manager Karlee Matherly. She will get all the information updated.

Children's Activities

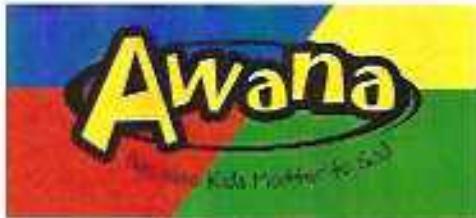
Kids' Worship during Sunday morning worship for ages 3 years - 5th Grade.

Children receive a snack, sing songs, and hear a Bible message, as they learn to participate in worship.

AWANA will be on Wednesday nights through May 20th.
Weekly from 6:00-7:30pm.

Awana is a program that teaches our children to memorize scripture, learn to be team players through game play and to open their Bibles to see answers. We have music, exciting games, handbook time, and story/lesson time. Dinner is also provided.

Scan the QR code to get more information and register!!



Mission Matters

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

Guatemala mission trip February 14th-21st. Please pray for our team of 8 that includes Luelle Crumpler, Tim Dancy, Mark Ernsts, Karla Hackworth, Janet Larson, Brian Mathis, Malia McBride, and David Newsome. Also pray for our missionaries we work with. Roger & Vicki Grossman have been serving in Guatemala for over 35 years. Their obedience to the call has been a blessing to all who encounter them. They are passionate about helping the people of Guatemala spiritually and physically. Over the last six months they have had a really difficult situation come about. The enemy has attacked their ministry at the Good Shepherd Center and caused harm in many ways. Our congregation has been an active part of providing prayer, encouragement and even some financial gifts to help overcome. Please continue to pray, there has been some progress, but prayer is still needed.

Baptist Men's Day has been postponed until later in the winter or early spring. Be on the lookout for more information to come and an opportunity to serve which is what Baptist Men's Day is all about.

Prayer

Stop by the mission center and pick up a prayer card. Each of our partners has specific request hanging on our windows. Take one or two and pray for them every day.

Praises

Thank you to everyone for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year. All of the money given goes directly to missionaries on the field for housing, transportation and other ministry necessities. All of our partners appreciate your support so much and are thankful for the way you bless them through giving.



RRBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Seeking Jesus ~ Serving Others



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.

Calling All Women

Let's Begin 2026 With Renewed Commitment To The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 13, *3:00 pm in the FH

January Highlights

Chain Breaker! ~ Join us to learn about sharing our stories of Freedom in Christ!

Missionary Spotlight ~ Cultivating Upside-Down Joy: Bringing Hope By Meeting Needs in the Bronx

Bible Study - Our Story: John 4:1-42

Prayer - A Story Worth Telling

We hope you will join us as we celebrate, learn about, pray for, and do missions. For more info, please contact Luelle Crumpler at (336) 575-5696.

Ladies' Fellowship @ The Sherwood

Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 pm

3348 Robinhood Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

This monthly social time is a great opportunity for all RRBC ladies to connect with each other. There is always an abundance of great girl-talk, good food and plenty of laughter. Each person picks up her own tab. We hope you will invite a friend and come join us!!

Meal Ministry

Next Meal: Tuesday, February 3

Volunteer drivers always welcome! Should you know of someone in need of a hot meal and an encouraging word, please contact Linda Patterson (336) 247-2984; lap@almondtree.com.

Women's Book Study Continues

"Finding Peace in this Holiday Season"

Thursday, January 8

3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

This will be the final session in our latest study, "Finding Peace in this Holiday Season." Over the last couple of months, we have had a special time together and look forward to wrapping up our meaningful conversations by discussing how we can truly be ready for the New Year. By intentionally seeking God's guidance, reflecting on His teachings, and nurturing our faith, we can lay a strong foundation for a spiritually fulfilling year ahead. We will look forward with intention, reflection, and a renewed sense of purpose to glorify God in 2026.

Please join us for this special time of love, fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Judy McDowell

MissionCrafters Workday

Saturday, January 17

9:30 am - 11:30 am in the Kid's Worship Room

Crafty ladies, it's time for another workday! We look forward to the special opportunities God will place before us in 2026 to use our sewing and crafting talents and skills to help others.

Questions or donations? Please contact Linda Lunsford (336) 529-7732; lin82352@gmail.com.



RRBC MEMBERS:

Please turn in your old and leftover *Christmas cards* in the designated box in the Mission Center.