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*Robinhood Road Baptist Church*

# The Encourager

*"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing."*  
I Thessalonians 5:11

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**April 2024**

*Join us for a  
chicken stew!*



**Sunday, April 28**

**6:00 pm**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

## From the Pastor's Pen

In his book "Making Sense of the Church" theologian Wayne Grudem describes the church as being "invisible, yet visible". What he means by that is that the visible church is the church as Christians (and everybody else too) on earth see it. In this sense, the visible church includes all who profess faith in Christ and give evidence of that faith in their lives. It can be, and often is a real mess! But the invisible church is the church as God sees it. It is full of life, filled with beauty, and a reflection of God Himself.

At Robinhood Road Baptist Church, we're always trying our very best to do our part to make sure the visible church is as accurate reflection of the invisible church as we can help it become. Part of that includes loving the neighbor, welcoming the stranger, and extending our hand of fellowship to all who may come our way. And our present reality is that 292 families will be moving into apartments within walking distance of our campus in the next few months.

Because of this, and our growing attendance over the last few years, our church leadership has been praying about what to do and how to create much needed space for people whom we have not yet met, but will have the opportunity to love. As much as we love the warmth and spirit in our sanctuary when we are all together, we're beginning to realize that our only option may be to begin offering two worship services on Sunday mornings.

Right now, I just want to ask you to be praying about this. Your staff is working hard behind the scenes to make sure that if we make this change, we'll be able to do it successfully. At our May business meeting, we will have an open discussion about it, and ultimately let the church family decide if you want to take this step via casting a vote whether or not this is something you feel like is in the best interest of our congregation. IF we move forward, we will likely begin having an 8:30AM service on Sunday mornings in late July.

I share all of this with you because it is not a secret, nor should it be something only a few of us are praying about. It's a big step, and we want it bathed in prayer and we want everyone's voice to be heard. So now you know. Your next job is to pray, then vote. And finally, your job will be to support and participate as we try to create the same spirit in 2 services that we currently have in one.

It's a great privilege being your pastor and friend. Thank you for being who you are, doing what you do, and loving your church the way you do!

Sincerely,  
Pastor John



## Youth Ministry News



*"I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:8-11).*

This Psalm of David is considered a Messianic Psalm and was used by Peter in His sermon in Acts 2:25-28. Peter believed that David was looking ahead to the resurrection of the Messiah. Considering this text and the resurrection of our Lord, may we remember that trials, troubles, and even death have been overcome by God and are no longer the enemy to be feared. May we live in the light and hope of Christ's resurrection. Because He lives, we shall live also. May we spend this time after Easter reflecting on God's liberating power and share it with everyone we can.

### Youth Dates:

**Wednesday, April 17** – Youth Dinner & Devotion – We plan to leave church at 6pm and go out to eat. We will return

to church for a devotion. Please bring 5 dollars to help offset the cost.

**Saturday, April 27**—Youth worship and Lock-in. We will leave RRBC at 9:30 a.m. and spend the day with two other youth groups at Becks Baptist Church. We will have three discipleship sessions, a service project, and lots of fun in the gym. We will conclude our time with Becks at 10 p.m. and return to RRBC for an overnight Lock-in. Please bring what you need to get ready for church on Sunday Morning.

**Summer Camp Deposits** – Final deposit is due on April 7.  
**Sunday, May 5** – Youth Sunday. I encourage all youth to make every effort to participate and be part of this worshipful experience.

**Sunday Night Youth Worship** is from 6:30–7:30 pm.

**Wednesday Night Youth Worship** is from 6–7:30 pm.

**Youth Sunday School** is from 10:45–11:45 am.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your minister to families. – Rev. Jason East



## The Scoop

At this writing, we have not had our Easter breakfast. A lot of planning went into that meal so I hope that you enjoyed it. The Social Committee met on March 25th to talk about some meals we are planning for 2024. Our goal is always to make each meal delicious and a good experience for you. Some meals will be fully provided by the social committee. Others will be where we ask you to contribute part of the meal. We will have both types in 2024.

Our next meal will be a "chicken stew" on Sunday, April 28th at 6:00pm. We are asking the church family to provide some desserts to go with the stew. Of course, Jerry would appreciate some banana pudding. I'm sure he will mention it several times before that day.

-Kay Moore

## Summer DI Kids' Camp Info

We're heading to Charity Mission Center in Rose Hill, NC from June 23-26. The camp is open to kids 1st grade thru rising 6th graders. Children in rising 2nd grade and under must have a parent/guardian accompany them. A \$50 per person deposit is due by April 28th to secure your spot. The remainder \$35 is due by May 19th. There is a sign up sheet in the youth room, or see Pastor Jason with any questions.

## April Hike @ Crowders Mountain

Calling all hiking enthusiasts! Join us for a hike of the 4.2 mile Pinnacle Trail to Kings Pinnacle at Crowders Mountain State Park. We'll leave the church at 8:00 am. The trail difficulty is considered "moderately difficult." Please bring a lunch and wear comfortable shoes. Reach out to Ron Morris at 601-668-4717 with any questions.

## UpBeat

I find it interesting to learn the origin of songs that we sing. I think the Lord uses unique circumstances to give us the hymns and gospel songs of our faith. In the book "Al Smith's Treasury of Hymn Histories" (By Alfred B. Smith), an account is given of a gentleman who began to visit the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Illinois. He would come in inebriated over a period of several nights. He was different from those who usually visited the mission, though, and it soon became known that he was a professional entertainer struggling between bookings.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor were running the mission and began to pray for him. One evening, he participated more in the singing and was attentive to the message given in the service. At an invitation at the close of the service, "Mac" responded. Mrs. Taylor overheard him at the altar saying "But you don't understand, you don't know how bad I am, Lord. Really, I'm the worst man in the world. You can't save me. I'm too bad." Mrs. Taylor began to share with Mac how all sins of his past were covered by the blood of Jesus. As he realized this truth for the first time, Mac exclaimed "Calvary does cover it all, my whole past of sin and shame!"

That night, Walter MacDonald "Mac" became a new creature in Christ and would leave the world of entertainment to become a soul winning evangelist. Mrs. Taylor, recalling Mac's response, sat down later that week and wrote the words "Calvary covers it all, my past with its sin and stain. My guilt and despair. Jesus took on Him there and Calvary covers it all." She penned 4 stanzas with this chorus which tell the gospel story of the complete work of Christ on the cross to provide all-inclusive payment for all sin by His blood.

Praise the Lord for complete forgiveness of all sin as we come to Him by faith!

Praising Him with you,  
Jerry

## Primetimers

*Good Friends - Good Fellowship - Good Fun*  
Come join us for a great time of fellowship, fun and food. We invite anyone 55 years old and over to join us.

**When:** Wednesday, April 3rd  
**Where:** Southern Family  
**Time:** 11:30 AM

If you have any questions or need directions please contact Joby Poteat at (336) 766-6835.

## 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.

### Sunday night:

AWANA club at 6 pm for ages 3 years - 5th grade. Learn verses, play team building games, theme nights, and more! (Runs Sept-May).

### Wednesday Evening Kids' Class

**Kids' Class** with Freddie Pfaff from 6:30-7:30 pm. Ages 3 years to 5th grade invited.



## Mission Matters

### Prayer...

Pray for our partners at the Winston Salem Rescue Mission as they are having a fundraising event this month. Pray that people will be generous and that they can meet their goals for the upcoming year.

We have several summer mission trips and opportunities approaching. Please pray for your response and others to be part of serving.

Our international mission partners to Eastern Europe will be returning this month. Please pray for a smooth transition back on the field and for the continued health improvement of the missionaries.

### Praises...

We have collected \$1,992 towards our goal of \$3000 for the Annie Armstrong offering to support North American Mission Board missionaries as of the printing of this newsletter.

We had a successful packathon with Feed the Hunger. We had 57 participants and we packed 15,120 meals, in under 2 hours. That is enough food to feed 63 children for an entire school year!!

We delivered lunch to the Street School for the students to enjoy.

### Opportunities...

**\*New\*** Winston-Salem Rescue Mission will be having its annual banquet on Tuesday April 30th from 6:30-8:30pm. RRBC has reserved a table for 8 people. If you would like to be one of those 8 please contact Karla Hackworth, ASAP.

**\*New\*** Volunteers are needed for a cleaning project with our partners at Feed the Hunger. The organization is relocating from the Burlington area to Greensboro. If you would be interested in helping with a pre-move cleaning project to help out our partners please contact Karla Hackworth. The date will be April 20th and the time will depend on volunteers and their availability. Any age level can help as long as they can push a broom.

Volunteers are needed for a mission trip to Truett Camp. The dates are June 10-14. Six or Seven volunteers are needed to help with cooking and other kitchen duties. Please see Luelle Crumpler if you are interested.

Oneida Baptist Institute mission trip will be July 28th-August 2nd. We would like to have 15 volunteers to do various projects around the school. Please see Dave Monroe if you are interested.

Interested in Disaster Relief? Please see Steve Patterson for more details. There is a training session coming up this spring.

Join the Women on Mission for their monthly meeting on Tuesday April 9th at 4pm. If you are unable to join the group for the meetings but would like to be involved with prayer and activities, please talk to Luelle Crumpler.

Support our blessing box and pantry outreach by bringing in items. A list of needed items is located in the mission center. We are especially in need of canned meats like chicken, tuna, and ham. Please bring all donations to the Awana playroom kitchen.



**RRBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**  
**Are Always Looking For New Faces!!**



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.



**Women on Mission (WOM)**

Next meeting: *Tuesday, April 9; 4pm*  
*in the Fellowship Hall*

We are a WMU Missions Discipleship Group committed to undergirding missions through mission action, study and support. As of March 24th, we have received 66% of our Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$3,000. This offering is used 100% to support our North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries. Keep your eye on the thermometer in the Mission Center, and we thank you for giving generously.

We stay regularly involved in Mission Action. In March, we prepared 16 'Happy Birthday Kits' for the Clemmons Food Pantry. In April, we will prepare dinner for 20 men who join David Parsons for Bible Study every Wednesday night.

To learn more, contact Luelle Crumpler  
(336) 575-5696 or [jayandluelle@gmail.com](mailto:jayandluelle@gmail.com).

**MissionCrafters**

Next meeting: *Saturday, April 20*  
*in the Conference Room*

9:30am - 11:30am in the Conference Rm  
Whether you are creative or just want to show others you care, there is always something for everyone, no matter your skill-level or talent. Come join us as we make items for Newborns in Need, the Cancer Society, Clemmons Village Assisted Living, and the Piedmont Dialysis Center. Contact: Linda Lunsford (336) 529-7732; [lin82352@gmail.com](mailto:lin82352@gmail.com).

**Meal Ministry**

Next meal: *Tuesday, April 2*

Drivers will need to pick up meals at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To get involved or if you know of someone in need of a hot meal, call/text Linda Patterson (336) 247-2984 or email her at [lap@almondtree.com](mailto:lap@almondtree.com).

**Weekly Bible Study**

Walking by Faith:

Lessons Learned in the Dark

*Begins Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm*  
*in the Fellowship Hall*

For seven weeks, we will view video sessions by Jennifer Rothschild, as well as share what God is doing in our own journeys of faith. Although Jennifer is physically blind, God has taught her to see that living a life based on faith rather than sight requires us to look at our situations through a lens that filters out what is seen and, instead, focuses on what is unseen – those things that are eternal. *It can be well with your soul even when it is not well with your circumstance.* To register, contact Facilitator, Linda Lunsford (336) 529-7732 or email her at [lin82352@gmail.com](mailto:lin82352@gmail.com). Workbook cost: \$13. Please make checks payable to: Robinhood Road Baptist Church.

**Ladies' Fellowship @ The Sherwood**

*Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 pm*

3348 Robinhood Rd, WS 27106

Our ladies (and their friends) enjoy this social event as they gather together at a local restaurant for a relaxed evening around the table. There is always an abundance of girl-talk, with plenty of laughter. Each person is responsible for her own meal. No need to sign up ... we'll be looking for YOU!!