

Encouragement from the Pastor



PITTSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

The Spiral - "Keeping the people informed"

"God is Faithful"

Lamentations 3:22-23 *"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercy never ceases. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning."*

There was once a rugged coastline where many ships had been lost due to treacherous rocks and mighty storms. Eventually, to provide safety for those on ships, a strong lighthouse was built on a high cliff to guide sailors through the darkness and danger. Year after year, and storm after storm, the lighthouse stood firm. Its light never failed.



One treacherous and stormy night, a ship captain was having to navigate his ship through violent waves with almost no visibility. He saw that bright and familiar light shining from the lighthouse. He turned and told his crew, "No matter what the sea does, that light never changes. As long as we can see the light, we will make it home."

The story about the lighthouse reminds us of God's faithfulness. In life, we are not going to be without storms. There will be times when we are surrounded by uncertainty, pain, or fear, but the light of God's faithfulness will not change. His promises are steadfast and sure. His presence is unwavering. His love is constant. His strength is unbounding. And His mercy and grace are more than enough for you. Stormy and troubled circumstances may shake us to the core, but God never fails. We may falter, but our Almighty God will remain faithful. You can trust His heart and You can trust what comes through His hands.

Our God is faithful. How do we know this? **First, His Character reflects His faithfulness.** The prophet Jeremiah wrote in Lamentations 3 about the love and mercy of God as He reflected on His faithfulness. Jeremiah wept as He wrote about the spiritual state of Jerusalem. The people of God had watched their city get destroyed by their enemies. The prophet wept as he reflected on the sorrow, grief, and need for repentance in the aftermath of judgment they faced. Though their sin had cost them dearly, Jeremiah knew of the faithfulness of God. He wrote, "Great is Your faithfulness!"

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24, the Apostle Paul also reflected upon the character of God. He called the Lord "the God of peace." Jesus brings peace and order in our confusion and uncertainty. He brings peace to our soul, but also peace in our steps. We can trust in His character. Faithfulness is who He is.

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Second, His Children Reflect His Faithfulness. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:13, "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." I believe with all my heart that we have seen the Lord greatly at work through the people of His church at Pittsboro Baptist over the last month. To God be the glory for what He has done! Let's celebrate the fact that He worked through us at Vacation Bible School, seeing over two hundred children daily hear the Gospel in an exciting and encouraging environment. We celebrated many seeds planted and we are still hearing of lives being changed! God powerfully ministered through a mission team that went to Greece in May! We look forward to hearing how the Lord worked for His good pleasure and purposes through them in just a few short weeks. To Him be the glory for the service, ministry, Gospel-sharing opportunities, and connections that were made on this trip. And just last week, our youth group went to summer camp in Anderson, SC where their hearts were refreshed through a week of Bible teaching. The fellowship they enjoyed brought them closer together. And they celebrated new life in Christ as several students made decisions for Christ!

Without a doubt, God is once again proving His faithfulness through His children. When the church is focused on Christ, serving others rather than themselves, and is faithful to honor God's Word by being obedient to do what He says, He will bless us, but our mission will also remain unbroken. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church that is built on Jesus. The Apostle Paul challenged the church of Thessalonica to "warn the irresponsible, to comfort those who are discouraged, to help the weak, to be patient with everyone, to refuse to retaliate against one another, to welcome the work of the Holy Spirit rather than quenching Him, to rejoice in the Lord always, to faithfully pray without



ceasing, and to receive His truth (1 Thessalonians 5:13-15). In so many words, Paul urged the church to not make things complicated. They needed to remember that when they care for one another, serve one another in love, listen for and meet one another's needs, reach into each other's lives, and remain steadfast in their mission, they never look more like Jesus to one another, but also the watching and waiting world. You also do these things well, my church family. I have never been more thankful for you.

Last, God's Unchanging Promises Reflect His Faithfulness. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 proclaims that *"The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it."* God is committed to His work. He is faithful to finish what He has started. God has made a remarkable commitment to us. He will bring to completion the good and powerful work that He has begun. By His grace, He saved you. Through His perfecting and sanctifying work, He makes us holy. He daily strengthens us, equips us, and tasks us for His purposes to be completed through us. All He needs is a heart that is open, ready, and willing to be molded by His perfect workmanship.

Though our lives will not always be smooth sailing, our Lord will do what He says He will do. He is faithful. He will keep, sustain, strengthen, and remind you of the joy of your salvation. Have faith in God. Great is His faithfulness! Celebrate with me today!

You are loved!

The importance of contemporary worship music in today's worship services.

Contemporary Christian Music or better known as CCM, has grown so much in the last several years. I can remember as a little kid, bands like Passion and Sonicflood were mainstream options that you could listen to. There were other popular artists like Steven Curtis Chapman, and Casting Crowns, and so many others that I listened to.



What made them different? The words they sang were very personal, it was life experiences. Some of them were choruses like "Lord I lift Your Name on High", or "I could sing of Your Love Forever". Ones that our church has had the opportunity to sing. These modern praise songs were the beginning of a movement.

Sought to reach younger crowds with a different sound than hymns, but rich theology and powerful words in song like hymns often carry.

In our present culture today. We have bands like Elevation Worship, Bethel Music, Vertical Worship, and Hillsong and Passion are still very prominent today. All of these bands sing about the many wonderful things that God does and how Jesus saves. They sing songs of following him and building our lives. Full of theology and rich words right from "The Word".

I guess you could ask the question: "why do we have to use it in our worship services today though?" Here are some reasons that they should be present in today's worship.

It can be a source of inspiration and encouragement, deepening their faith and providing a way to express their beliefs through music. It can also be a tool for worship, helping individuals connect with God on a personal level.

It often explores themes of faith, hope, love, redemption, and overcoming challenges, providing comfort and encouragement to listeners. Many songs focus on personal experiences and offer relatable narratives that can strengthen faith and foster a sense of community.

The scriptures say to sing a new song unto the lord. Psalms 96, 98, and 149, as well as Isaiah 42:10 all start with this specific phrasing. These verses emphasize the importance of singing a new song, and that everyone should do it. We can all sing and declare what God has done for us and of his salvation. We all have a different story to tell and all of us have a different story to share of His wonderful deeds!

So as you sing in church and wherever you go. Know that the words we sing are gospel-centered, they sing of the deeds of God, they sing of His power, His Mercy, and how he delivers us. They are reaching the generations, just as the hymns do. Let us focus on the words of the songs rather than the styles of them. Worship God and sing Him a new song today!

Pastor Lincoln

Join us for "A Taste of Greece" on July 27th (6pm)

In May, PBC helped to send a mission team to serve Greece in many wonderful ways. Come join us on July 27th for an evening of inspiration, praise, and joy as we hear about what God did in the lives of our team and the people there. Join us for food and fellowship as we hear about God's powerful work in Greece!



IMPACT

- PITTSBORO -

Monday, July 15

9:00AM - 2:00PM

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Haircuts • Food Pantry

Block Party • Health & Wellness

Free Lunch • Clothing Closet



PBC Youth Update

PBC Youth have had a busy, but fantastic June, and we couldn't be more excited about what God has in store through the remainder of the summer. In early June, several of our youth guys came together to serve one of our church family members by cleaning up her yard and driveway. We would be honored to serve more of our church family and community members in these ways in the future! Please let us know of any needs you may have! June 16-20, our youth group served our children's ministry by participating as volunteers for VBS! And the following week, our youth group



went to Crossroads Summer Camp with Clayton King Ministries for a week of worship, spiritual



growth, and fun! We had amazing Youth Family time together, got to witness over 100 students come to faith in Christ (several of these decisions were in our own group!), and Sunny Allen took home the Girls Crossroads Challenge Course Championship and our youth group WON the Crossroads Dodgeball Tournament! The theme for camp this year was "Faithful." We learned about how Jesus is Faithful to His Father, the cross, His promise of resurrection, His church, the

mission of the Gospel, and His future return. Because He has proven His faithfulness, we can trust Him no matter what happens in our lives and in our world. Celebrate with us the Lord's faithfulness to our youth group! For the month of July, we will slow down just a little on the activity as summer plans are underway, but we will be sure to offer "D" (Discipleship) Groups for our students to keep everyone together and engaged with God's Word. We have an exciting end-of-summer and Fall planned for our youth group! We also realize that none of what we do is possible without your support. We are grateful for everyone who prays for us, supports us financially, and for all of the AMAZING volunteers who tirelessly serve our youth ministry.



He is Faithful!

The PBC Youth Council



Power Play Sports Camp

**Save the Date! PBC's "Power Play" Sports Camp
Saturday, August 9th
(8:30am – 4pm)**

**Location: McClenahan Basketball and Pickleball Courts &
East Chatham Little League Field**

We are excited to announce a new and exciting day of outreach for our community and church as we host "Power Play" Sports Camp. This is an intentional day of loving our community through spending time with children in our community and teaching them basic skills of various sports while building relationships and sharing the Gospel. Participants will have fun playing sports in a Christ-centered environment, receive quality instruction, and show off their skills. Registration and Volunteer Details will be shared very soon!



**What a great week at VBS!!
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped.
Please continue to pray for VBS kids.**

For the week of VBS, we had:

225 kids registered, 215 daily attended

75 +/- Volunteers

4 First time professions of Faith

- 665 Total school supplies for Impact Pittsboro
- 1,033 non perishable food for CORA and our own food pantry.
- \$1,067.74 raised and split between International Missions & North American Mission







Vacation Bible School is a week of outreach, worship, growth, and fun for kids to learn more about God and worship Him

But *every single year*, I am overwhelmed by the way God shows up and works in the hearts of kids and their families through the ministry of VBS.

Please take a name (or ten) on the butterflies in the vestibule and commit to pray for the VBS child throughout the coming year.



Rock of Pages Still Accepting Members

Rock of Pages, Pittsboro Baptist Church's first book club is still accepting new members. An initial sign-up was held in late spring, but there may be more ladies interested in attending the remaining two meetings. The club will hold its second meeting, July 30, 7:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

The Hiding Place, by Corrie Ten Boom is the book selected for the July meeting. "Though fun is a centerpiece of the evening, please know that the book club is covered in prayer," said Kathy Shaffer, who along with Rachel Cain and Cindy Springle is one of the coordinators of the club. "Initially, we decided to only read fiction for each of the three meetings. During a discussion with Rachel about World War II, *The Hiding Place* entered my brain. I knew in my heart that the Holy Spirit put that title in my head. I had read it decades ago and remembered how impactful it was. It is a true story from the past that is very relevant today."

Participants will need to provide their own book and have read it in advance of the meeting. *The Hiding Place* can be ordered from Amazon, christianbook.com, Barnes and Noble, as well as Walmart. It is available in different formats including soft cover, hardback, large print, and e-book. An Audible version is available through Amazon.

Rock of Pages, sponsored by PBC's Women's Ministry and PBC's Pearle Johnson Memorial Library, is open to ladies of all ages. If you are interested in participating please contact either Kathy Shaffer (kshaffer@mindspring.com, call/text 919.244.1878) or Rachel Cain (rachelandbriancain@gmail.com, call/text 940.395.6785).

The Hiding Place

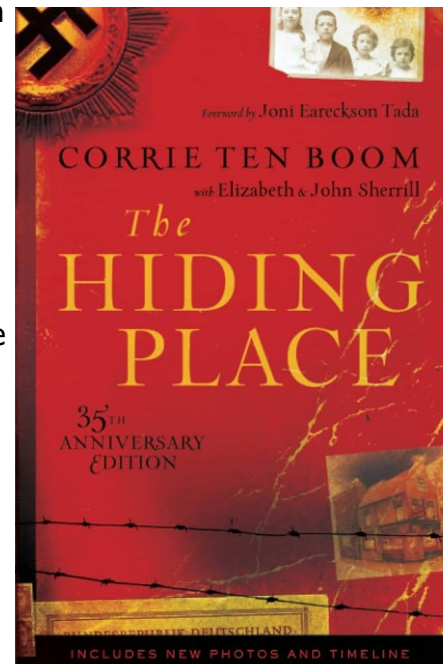
by Corrie Ten Boom (Author), Elizabeth Sherrill (Author), John Sherrill (Author)
In darkness God's truth shines most clear.

Corrie ten Boom was the first licensed female watchmaker in the Netherlands who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable ministers of hope in the twentieth century.

In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis. In 1944 their lives were forever altered when they were betrayed, arrested, and thrown into the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived.

This is her incredible true story--and ultimately the story of how faith, hope, and forgiveness triumphed over unthinkable evil. For 35 years millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still. Now *The Hiding Place*, repackaged for a new generation of readers, continues to declare that God's love will overcome, heal, and restore.

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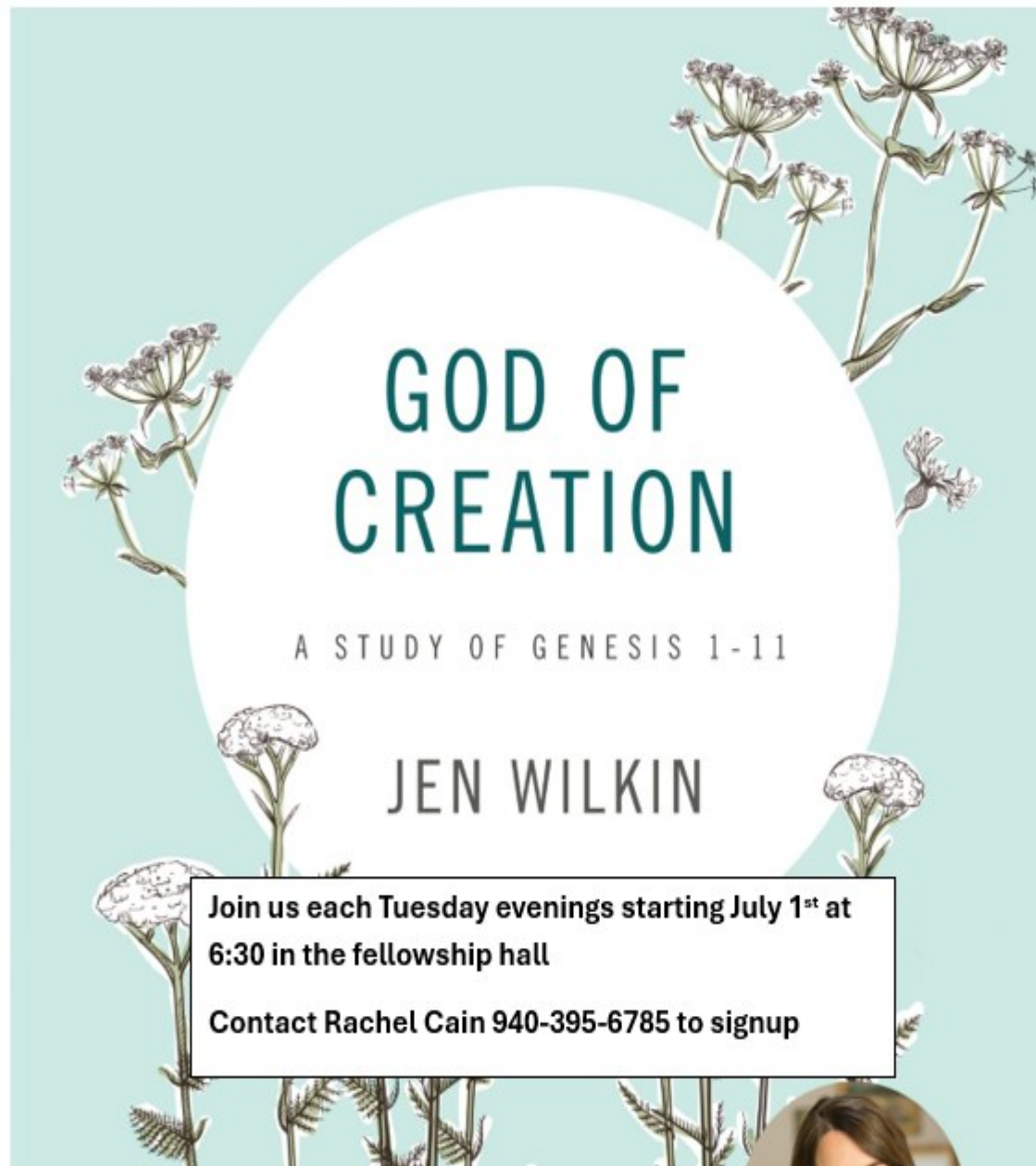
First Meeting a Success

June 25 became a day for the Pittsboro Baptist Church history book when 16 ladies convened for the inaugural meeting of the Rock of Pages Summer Book Club. New York Times best-selling Christian author Francine Rivers' novel, *The Masterpiece*, was the point of discussion. All those present gave the book a high-rating, though some confessed it took a lot of chapters to get into it. Many stated they became engrossed in the book from page one and could not put it down. The evening was filled with laughter and lively conversations about the characters and their motivations. Ironically, a majority of the attendees wished the author had written a few more chapters to the rather thick tome.

The second meeting of the Rock of Pages Summer Book Club will be held July 30, 7:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom is the book selection. All ladies are invited to attend but must contact Kathy Shaffer (kshaffer@mindspring.com, call/text 919.244.1878) or Rachel Cain (rachelandbriancain@gmail.com, call/text 940.395.6785).to RSVP a spot or sign up in the PBC Library.

The Rock of Pages Summer Book Club is sponsored by the PBC Women's Ministry and the PBC Pearle Johnson Memorial Library.





It all began with the Word.

Join us if you want to:

- Discover what the Bible says about God, His character, and attributes.
- Learn to love God with your mind as well as your heart through intentional study.
- Challenge your basic understanding of familiar stories through three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation, and application.
- Gain knowledge of yourself by first understanding God as He has revealed Himself through Scripture.

Quarterly Church Conference
July 16, 2025 @ 6:30pm
In the Fellowship Hall



Welcome new members

By Baptism:
Michael Braxton

By Letter:
Jason & Kelly Truesdale
Susan Truesdale
Dallas & Jean Tubbs



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Anniversary



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| 3 | Donna Harmon | | Micah McDonald |
| | Joe Barker | 21 | Malachi McDonald |
| | Jay & Judy Beaver ♥ | | Dane & Sharli Allen ♥ |
| 5 | Reid Pintuff | 23 | Kenna & Teresa Martin ♥ |
| 9 | Nathan & Kimberly Houston ♥ | 25 | Kelly Fowler |
| 11 | Ronnie & Rhonda Myers ♥ | | Lucas Melton |
| | Paisleigh Dietrich | 26 | Randall Rhyne |
| 15 | Susan Pintuff | 29 | Jeff & Tracie Christian ♥ |
| 18 | Charlie Hudgins | | Brian Cain |
| | | 30 | Brittany Springle |

July ★★



Thank you to those

Ushers

Jimmy Griffin, Ron Watson,
Matt Cashion & Rich Trogdon

Greeters

Al Goodwin & Henry Cain



Infant

Nursery
ministry

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

Jessica Vrvilo
Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
Jon & Melissa Harshman
Tara & Jenna Smith

Toddler

Nursery
ministry

July 7
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Tara, Micah, Mali McDonald
Kelly Smith & Karl Shaffer
Amber Kilpatrick & Brooke Smith
Hunter Brown and Hannah Brown



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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

Sunday Library Schedule

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

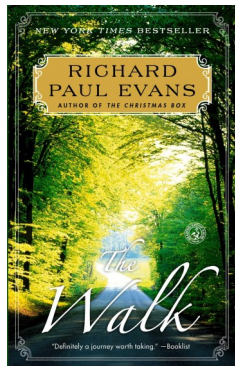
10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

It has been officially summer for over a week. Many of you are going on vacation and hopefully will have time to rest, relax, and read. Traditionally, I have promoted the summer reading to the ladies who often enjoy romance novels, but this month, it is my hope that the gentlemen will read this article and note that the Pittsboro Baptist Church library has some books that will hold their interest while sunning on a beach or cooling off in the shade. *KTS*

If you like the first book of this series, we have the others for you to enjoy as well.

The Walk by Richard Paul Evans

The first book in the inspiring New York Times bestselling series about an executive who loses everything he holds dear and embarks on a walk across America that changes his life forever.



What would you do if you lost everything—your job, your home, and the love of your life—all at the same time? When it happens to Seattle ad executive Alan Christoffersen, he's tempted by his darkest thoughts. Instead, he decides to take a walk. But not any ordi-

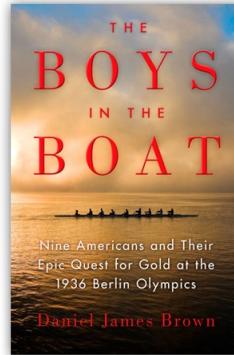
nary walk. Taking with him only the barest of essentials, Alan leaves behind all that he's known and heads for the farthest point on his map: Key West, Florida. The people he encounters along the way, and the lessons they share with him, will save his life—and inspire yours.

A life-changing journey, both physical and spiritual, *The Walk* is the first of an unforgettable bestselling series of books about one man's search for hope.

Many of you may have seen the movie based on this book. The movie was great, but as is the usual case, the book is always better than the movie. By the way, the review references "Unbroken." The PBC Library has that book, too, for your reading pleasure.

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

The #1 New York Times–bestselling story about the American Olympic rowing triumph in Nazi Germany—from the author of "Facing the Mountain."



For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in

Berlin what true grit really meant.

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

For those who like a good romance, this book will be found on the Large Print editions rolling cart.

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The Truth in Tiramisu
by Rachel Bloome

Eliza Carter can't keep a secret.

Except the one she's been hiding for over eight years.

And it's not the recipe for her world-famous tiramisu.

With her bakery undergoing a remodel, her son struggling in school, and planning her best friend's wedding, Eliza's secret is the last thing on her mind. Until her high school sweetheart reappears, stirring up old feelings faster than her electric mixer.

Grant Parker can't forget the girl he left behind. On the cusp of landing a huge client for his web design business, he's willing to risk it all for a second chance with his first love. And maybe a second helping of her mouthwatering desserts.

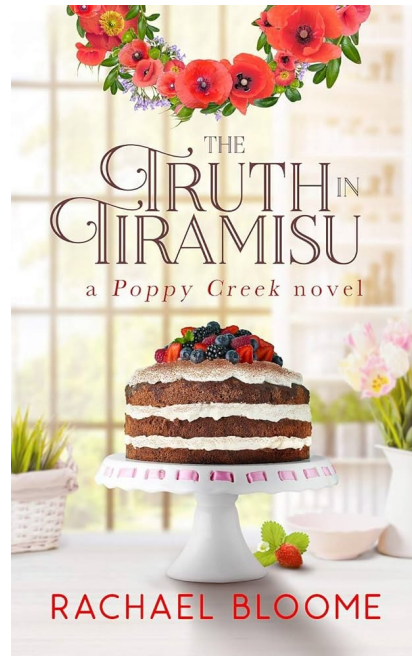
When Grant offers to help Eliza create an online store for her unique, new business idea, and spends time with Eliza and her son, the stakes rise faster than a loaf of yeast bread.

But when Eliza's secret is revealed, can their love

survive the truth? Or will they both end up getting burned?

Grab a warm-from-the-oven cookie (or two) and swoon over delicious desserts and a sweet-as-pie love story about hope, forgiveness, and second chances.

NOTE: reviews copied from amazon.com



Library Schedule



	9-9:30a.m.	10-10:30a.m.
July 6, 2022	Judy Beaver	Sue Devinney
July 13, 2022	Cindy Springle	Susie Griffin
July 20, 2022	Deborah Dismuke	Roderick Parker
July 27, 2022	Ann Mills	Sue Devinney

July 2025

Blessed to be a blessing

God promised Abram, "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2, NRSV). Especially on the Fourth of July, we in the United States remember that God has blessed us as a nation, too.

That isn't to say everyone here has an equal share of resources. Our government isn't perfect, and our land isn't necessarily more beautiful than any other place on earth. It doesn't mean we alone model "liberty and justice for all" — or that we do so flawlessly.

Rather, God's promise to Abram and us means we aren't to hoard our blessings. We are to share our wealth generously, cultivate liberty and justice, and pass on to the world the gifts we enjoy in this land.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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