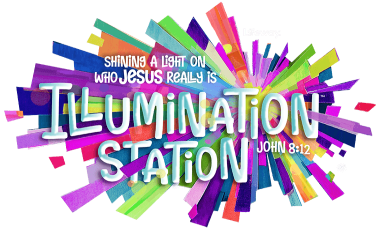


# The Link - June 2026



VBS June 14 - 19  
\*Details inside\*  
Bounce house on  
Sunday, June 14



## The AP Corner

Welcome to my little corner of the monthly LINK newsletter. I plan to use this space each month just to express a few things that are on my heart and/or mind as your Associate Pastor. So as we begin the summer season, let me begin with a couple of things I have said in one context or another, but am moved to say again in case anyone missed it (I'm going to throw just a little alliteration on you in honor of Pastor John)::

**I AM OVERJOYED TO BE HERE.** After 3 months being back on the Ridge, I see more clearly all the time that this was just what I needed. I love this town and this church, and it is like coming home for me. It has been so incredibly healing on so many levels:

Just being back in this place that nurtured us as a young family and "grew me up" some in the ministry. You might think it would be painful to be here, given the last year's events in my life; and sure, there are plenty of moments and memories that tug my heart - but overwhelmingly in a sweet and comforting way more than a painful one. And by the way, before you say it, I know I still have quite a bit of growing to do, not to mention knocking a lot of rust off. Thank you for your patience as I plug away at it.

Just being back in a ministry role where I get to give my full time effort to building the Kingdom in one way or another. It has been a long season of wondering if I'd ever be blessed in such a way again. May I never take it for granted again. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity.

Just to be back among the awesome, wonderful, cool people of this church after over two decades. I had forgotten how awesome y'all are, and I regret allowing space and time to allow us to drift apart. You are like family to me; you are family to me! And also to have already met so many new friends that have come this way since I left - can't wait to continue the journey with you!

**I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHAT'S IN STORE.** I believe and have seen that God is at work here - and that our best days as a church are ahead of us. I am aware that this body has been through some challenging waters as well over the last 20+ years, but we are still alive and have a great season of opportunity ahead of us. I am thankful for Pastor John and his steady, enthusiastic leadership at RSBC, really for over a decade all total so far! I am thrilled to be part of his pastoral team and believe we are working really well together. I am excited about our growing partnership with Mt. Alpha, the promise of a growing children's ministry, the awesomeness and faithfulness of our hospitality team, safety team, building & grounds team, Sunday School and VBS teachers, musicians, committee members, greeters, ushers, AV team, our various event and missions teams, and the dedicated service of our Deacon body and support staff. I see a rededication to spiritual growth, Kingdom values, and service to the Lord in many of your lives, which is the basis for my hope and belief for a lot of fruit in the near future. If we can keep growing both deeper and wider in coming days, there is no telling what God might do in and through us. As the hymn says, "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead!"

# Join Us for our VBS Kickoff Celebration!

Get ready for an exciting evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we kick off Vacation Bible School on **Sunday, June 14 at 4:30 PM!**



Families of all ages are invited to come enjoy a great time together before an incredible week of VBS begins. We'll be serving **hot dogs & chips**, and there will be plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy, including a **large inflatable (below)** and fun **yard games** for kids and families.



This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, meet new families, and get excited about all that VBS has to offer. Most importantly, we encourage everyone to **bring a friend** and help us spread the word!

We can't wait to see you there for an evening filled with laughter, community, and fun as we begin an amazing VBS adventure together!

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## Give Back to the Ridge a Great Success!

We had a great time of fellowship, food, fun, and connecting with the community on Saturday, May 23 on the Town Square in Ridge Spring. We joined with our brothers and sisters from Mt. Alpha Baptist Church to provide a hot dog meal, snow cones, cotton candy, face painting, spin art, games, and give away bags for each other and the public. The turnout was bigger than last year. Estimates are that we served 250—300 people total, roughly half of that being from the community. We were able to give out peaches donated by Titan Farms as well as some info on our VBS and Mt. Alpha's Youth Explosion Sunday. Special thanks to all who volunteered for set-up, cooking, food service, crafts, games, and teardown. What a great team effort and testimony to unity in the Lord! (Pictures below)



## Intercessory Prayer List

Our military	The people of Ukraine
Betty Ann Cone	Wendel Duncan
Kent Perry	Pauline Berry
Kathleen Gibson	Rudy Stoddard
Mr. & Mrs. Verley Metts	Debbie Fallaw
Susan Carvalho	Karen Hendrix
Sandy Miller	Judy Adamick
Lynn Graham	Scott Johnson
Robert Rodgers	Paul Metts
Richard Miller	Darlena Mixon
Yvonne Christenbury	Jody Daly
Sarah Schwarz	Michel Rodgers
Leila Masters	Derick Capperton

## Thank you notes

I want to thank everyone at Ridge Spring Baptist Church for the prayers, cards and calls during our loss. I love and miss you all so much! *Ann Yeargin*

The family of Helen Faye James acknowledges with grateful appreciation, your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to the cemetery. They were just gorgeous! Blessings to your church!

*James Family Siblings*

## Upcoming Events

Jun 3: Wed 6 pm Meal, Devotion, Children's activities  
Jun 5: Peach Tree 23 Yard Sale Booth 10 am—4 pm  
Jun 6: Peach Tree 23 Yard Sale Booth 9 am—2 pm  
Jun 10: Wed 6 pm Meal, Devotion, Children's activities  
Jun 14: VBS Kickoff for Families of all ages 4:30 pm  
Jun 15 - 18: VBS nightly 6:00—8:00 pm  
Jun 17: NO Regular Wednesday night meal, etc.  
Jun 19: VBS Commencement 6:00 pm  
Jun 24: Wed 6 pm Meal, Devotion, Children's activities  
Jun 25: Ramblers to King George Lavender Farm  
Jun 28: Church Council meeting 4:00 pm  
Jul 26: Quarterly Business Meeting

**Rambler News:** We have plans to visit King George Lavender Farm in Barnwell on Thursday, June 25th. The farm offers beautiful u-pick fields and lavender distillation tours. We will eat lunch on the way. Please make plans to come!

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Battery powered or manual control wheelchair available for short term loan to RSBC members. Used less than one hour. If interested, contact Cort Proctor @ 850-240-4909.



## **Vacation Bible School Is Almost Here!**

We are excited to invite everyone to this year's Vacation Bible School, **Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is!**

VBS will take place **June 15–18 from 6:00–8:00 PM** each evening. Children will enjoy an exciting week filled with Bible lessons, music, games, crafts, fun, and opportunities to grow in their faith while discovering the light of Jesus.

Our mission project this year is to help **restock the Blessing Box** for our community. We encourage everyone to come prepared to give by bringing non-perishable food items and other supplies to help bless local families in need. Don't forget to stock up before VBS begins!

We will wrap up the week with our **VBS Commencement on Friday, June 19 at 6:00 PM**. Families and friends are invited to join us as the children share what they learned throughout the week. Following commencement, we will enjoy fellowship together with **pizza and ice cream**.

We are looking forward to a wonderful week as we shine the light of Christ together. Invite your friends and make plans to join us for an unforgettable VBS experience

# June

## Birthdays & Anniversaries ➡

2 R/M John Chambers	14 Savannah Boatwright
3 Allison Price	15 M/M Eddie Webb
4 Tim Smith	17 M/M Rudy Stoddard
6 M/M Wayne Cockrell	19 M/M Bob Boatwright
7 Dray Wannamaker	21 AnnElise Griffith
7 Troy Thomas	22 Morgan Price Warner
9 Vicki Pierce	25 Sarah Johnson
13 John Kelly	27 Gary Griffith
13 M/M Shannon Price	27 Jean Gregory
14 Stacey Bostian	28 M/M Ken Fulmer

	<u>Deacon of the Week</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Chan Corley
<b>June 14</b>	Kevin Yon
<b>June 21</b>	Jerry McGee
<b>June 28</b>	Will Boatwright
	<u>Nursery</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Diedra Derrick & Lynda McGee
<b>June 14</b>	Drake & Nicole Yon
<b>June 21</b>	Corbin & Jill Yon
<b>June 28</b>	Shannon DuBose & Lydia Yon
	<u>Children's Church</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Kyle & Beth Richards
<b>June 14</b>	Kevin & Lydia Yon
<b>June 21</b>	Shannon DuBose & Mildred Webb
<b>June 28</b>	Tanya Butts & Nicole Yon
	<u>Flower Calendar</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Helen Greene
<b>June 14</b>	Roma Jay
<b>June 21</b>	D/M Marvin Anderson
<b>June 28</b>	Betty Ann Cone

	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Kyle Richards
<b>June 14</b>	Lydia Yon
<b>June 21</b>	Kevin Yon
<b>June 28</b>	Brian Derrick
	<u>Church Greeters</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Joanne Crouch
<b>June 14</b>	Judy Taylor
<b>June 21</b>	Billy & Miriam Rodgers
<b>June 28</b>	David Sawyer, McKenzie & Drayton
	<u>Safety Team Duty</u>
<b>June 7</b>	Tim Crouch
<b>June 14</b>	Dray Wannamaker
<b>June 21</b>	Brian Derrick
<b>June 28</b>	Kyle Richards

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