

The Link—October 2025

Great Things are Happening at RSBC!



DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE
Sunday, September 7, 2025
William Boatwright
and
Tim Crouch
Pastor John Chambers, officiating



CHILDREN'S CHURCH is back underway at RSBC as well as rotating teams of nursery caregivers! If you would like to help assist with either of these ministries, contact Pam in the office or Lydia Yon at [803-622-8597](tel:803-622-8597). Material is provided to use for a short lesson and you can be paired with someone comfortable with teaching if that's not your gift. If you like little people, get involved and lend a hand!



(Pictures left & above - Fun times during Children's Church!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY was celebrated during the worship service August 31st. **Congratulations to Zoe Harrison, Henry Richards, Josie Webb and Elloree Yon** on being promoted to the first to third grades class.

(Picture to right - Holly Derrick presenting Promotion Certificates to Henry & Elloree)



Church Minutes—Memberships At the close of the service on September 07, 2025 two came forward seeking membership in the church. Richard and Sandy Miller come with promise of church letters from Mt. Ebal Baptist Church of Batesburg. Pastor John Chambers welcomed them back and asked members if they would receive them back into the full fellowship of the church to signify by saying "aye". They were warmly welcomed and their memberships were granted. Submitted by Converse Bomar Cone, Church Clerk

THE BLESSING BOX is doing just that - helping those in need in the community! The RSBC young people are taking pride in keeping it well stocked on Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings. If you would like to donate food or toiletries and other household items, please drop them off in the corner Sunday school room on the long hallway. (You will see some canned goods already on the table) The children apply an encouraging Bible verse to every item that is added to the box. This ministry was revived at VBS this summer and is ongoing. **Thanks to everyone who continues to donate!**



WMU—THIS YEAR AT RIDGE SPRING BAPTIST

We began the year with our yearly planning in January. In February we hosted our yearly Naomi Tea for the widows where they played games, had prize drawings, enjoyed sandwiches, pastries, and this year a variety of English teas. In March our new Titus 2 Ladies Bible Study and craft night made rag and sock bunnies for Easter with a devotional focus on following Jesus and His ways. Our church collected for the Annie Armstrong Offering during the Easter Season. In April on Good Friday we had our annual Easter Hat Parade at the Saluda Nursing Center where we gave gift bags of Hershey kisses, lotion, chap-stick, soap, and tracts. We had congregational singing and specials then Pastor Chambers gave a wonderful Easter message after which 6 of the residents and one staff member prayed the sinner's prayer to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Praise the Lord and to God be the glory. In May our Titus 2 Ladies were taught by Mildred Webb the best way to frame a subject in photography and then we learned how to create scrap book pages. Our devotional was Keeping Your Focus and putting God first in all things of life. In June for our yearly Building Beauty Banquet we had special speaker Shawn Smith, a missionary to Asia, scheduled to share about the Wells of the Bible but due to unforeseen circumstances that has been scheduled for a later date sometime next year. In July our Titus 2 Ladies learned to preserve nature in resin with a devotional on God and Prayer. In August we sent 100 school backpacks to our church mission in West Virginia. We also had our annual Back to School Skate Party at Celebrations in Leesville. Mt. Alpha Church co-hosted the event this year with RSBC to help reach our communities youth for Christ. Their Pastor Earl opened the event in prayer and our Pastor Chambers gave a terrific devotional before the skating began. Pencil bags with all the essentials and a tract were given to each child and teen that attended. A nacho bar was served along with beautiful desserts and candies with inspirational cards about Jesus attached. Help us pray for our young people to accept and live for Christ. During September Janie Chapman Offering videos are shown every Sunday and collections for that offering are greatly encouraged. Also during September our Titus 2 Ladies will learn Felting and have an encouraging devotional. We are also seeking to have a better impact on our own community this year by focusing our mission efforts right here at home. We are working with the Saluda Correctional Facility to provide needs in prisoner packs for their residents. We are working with our Angel Tree mission during Christmas to provide stockings to all those children in need. We are going back to Saluda Nursing Center in December to celebrate residents' birthdays and emphasize Jesus' Birthday. We are also working with our Pastor and church to start an outreach to the Spanish speakers in our community. Please find below up-coming events for the remainder of the year. Please join us in Prayer for each of these missions that we can reach others with God's love and have the strength to stand in God's truth and give God all the glory.

Titus 2 Ladies – Women & Teen Girls Studies, Craft Night, Devotional - Felting with Darlena Mixon.- Sept. 28, 4:00

Titus 2 Ladies - Women's and Teen's Studies – Craft Night –Playing w/ Sunlight with Joanne Crouch,
Devotional/Testimony by our Pastor's wife, Stacey Chambers - October 26, 4:00

RSBC Trunk r' Treat – WMU Booth with Biblical lesson, game, and candy – October 31, 5:30

Titus 2 Ladies – Women & Teen Girls Studies, Craft Night, Devotional – Paint Your Heart Beautiful Ornaments –
November 16, 4:00

Saluda Nursing Center – Celebrate Birthdays and emphasize Jesus' Birthday – December 7, 2:00

Lottie Moon Missions Offering – World Missions – December

Lottie Moon Post Office – Run by Ms. Betty Ann Cone – December

**Please call Ridge Spring Baptist Church if you would like to join us for any of these events at
(803) 685 – 7484 & leave a message with your name and how many will be attending. Thank you!**

Intercessory Prayer List

Our military	Troy Thomas & his unit
The people of Ukraine	Jean Gregory
Carl Storey	Betty Ann Cone
Wendel Duncan	Kent Perry
Pauline Berry	Kathleen Gibson
Paul Metts	Gail Cockrell
Helen Greene	Rudy Stoddard
Mr. & Mrs. Verley Metts	James Smith
Irving Boatwright	Lisa Murk
Randy Robertson	Rev. Bobby Jackson
Waylon Chavis	Debbie Fallaw
Linda Lee	Susan Carvalho
Sandy Miller	Judy Adamick
Karen Hendrix	Lynn Graham
Trenton Cromer	Scott Johnson
Robert Rodgers	Dana Tyler

Exciting Opportunity to Serve.....With a spirit of true community connection, the Administration of RSM Elementary recently contacted our church seeking volunteers to assist teachers and administrative staff with tasks such as reading to classes, reading with individual students, using flash cards to help with learning, assistance at book fairs and/or assistance with field trips.

There are also other opportunities within the school year to show appreciation for a team of 72 teachers and staff, responsible for the educational development of approximately 420 students in 4K through 5th grade.

Would you like to be a part of this service opportunity? Six people have volunteered so far, but others are needed as well – and there is no maximum age limit! To quote RSM Elementary's Assistant Principal, "Community involvement helps our students see the real-world connections to their learning, fosters a sense of pride and belonging, & strengthens the makeup of our local community."-- powerful words indeed.

There are many encouraging verses in the Bible related to service including Galatians 5:13 which encourages believers to "serve one another humbly in love". If you would like to learn more about serving RSM Elementary over the coming school year, please contact Tanya Butts (either in person or via phone 803-480-1256). She is coordinating schedules, training, etc. and will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

And please pray over this service opportunity as we seek to be a light in the lives of local children, teachers and administrative staff.

Upcoming Events

September - Janie Chapman South Carolina Missions
Sep 28: Lunch after worship service in honor Leah Smith
Sep 28: Titus 2 Ladies, teens & girls Devotion/Craft 4 pm
October—Prisoner Packets donations for Saluda County
Oct 1: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Oct 5-10: Come to the Cross Crusade-Sardis Baptist 6:30
Oct 8: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Oct 11: Ramblers meet @ 5pm Migs & Hickory Hill Farm
Oct 15: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Oct 20: Bagged lunches for RSM Elementary teachers
Oct 22: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Oct 25: Fall for Jesus-Game Day @ Mt. Alpha 3:30-6:00
Oct 26: Pastor Appreciation Sunday
Oct 26: **Quarterly Business Meeting**
Oct 26: Titus 2 Ladies, teens & girls Devotion/Craft 4 pm
Oct 29: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Oct 31: Trunk 'R Treat 5:30-7:00 Decorate your Trunk!
November—Oliver Gospel Mission Thanksgiving project



The Safety / Security Team is again sponsoring a CPR / First Aid / AED training class available to all that are interested. There is no cost to you. Please sign up for the class on EITHER Friday, November 7th @ 6:00 pm OR Friday, November 14th @ 6:00 pm. Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule. Classes will be held at RSBC. Call Tim Crouch with any questions, 803-480-0563

TREATS FOR TROY Our 7th monthly shipment will be packaged Sunday, October 5th. If you can donate, please leave the treats in Alma's Classroom. A list (green) of suggested items is on the table just outside the conference room. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile project!

The Shepherd's Hands Ministry is requesting cans of Cranberry Sauce and monetary donations to purchase turkeys to help provide their families in West Virginia the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. A collection box will be available in the vestibule for the cranberry sauce and checks payable to The Shepherd's Hands Ministry for turkeys may be dropped in the regular offering plate.

The Ramblers met and had a nice pot luck lunch and a wonderful fellowship on September 23. We want to say a special thank you to Phillip for providing us that delicious main course of chicken and rice and those amazing ribs. We decided our next meeting will be Saturday, October 11th. We will meet at the church at 5 pm and have supper at Migs, then on to Hickory Hill Farms Fall Open House. Please come join the fun!

OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries



	<u>Deacon of the Week</u>
October 5	Chan Corley
October 12	Jerry McGee
October 19	Will Boatwright
October 26	Tim Crouch
	<u>Nursery</u>
October 5	Drake & Nicole Yon
October 12	Shannon DuBose & Lydia Yon
October 19	Corbin & Jill Yon
October 26	Deidra Derrick & Lynda McGee
	<u>Children's Church</u>
October 5	Kevin & Lydia Yon
October 12	Kyle & Beth Richards
October 19	Nicole Yon & Mildred Webb
October 26	Shannon DuBose & Tanya Butts
	<u>Flower Calendar</u>
October 5	M/M Buddy Bostian
October 12	M/M Trenton Cromer
October 19	M/M Mark Rutland
October 26	Mrs. Debbie Hall

1 Betty Ann Cone	16 Gail Cockrell
2 Gloria Fulmer	17 Jean Thomas
5 Teresa Price	18 Mark Rutland
5 M/M Randy Thomas	19 Pam Dunbar
7 Henry Richards	23 Tucker Webb
7 Briley Gilliland	26 Wayne Cockrell
10 Declyn Springer	29 Teresa Thomas
13 Zoe Ruth Harrison	30 Emmie Smith

	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
October 5	Lydia Yon
October 12	Kyle Richards
October 19	Mildred Webb
October 26	Brian Derrick
	<u>Church Greeters</u>
October 5	Jerry & Lynda McGee
October 12	Holly Derrick
October 19	Judy Taylor
October 26	Brian & Diedra Derrick
	<u>Safety Team Duty</u>
October 5	Kyle Richards
October 12	Brian Derrick
October 19	Dray Wannamaker
October 26	Will Boatwright

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