

The AP Corner

Our Church's Values: PRAYER

We have adopted five stated values to guide our church's decisions and activities in the upcoming season. The first of these, which I will discuss in this month's AP Corner, is prayer. Prayer is first because it is THE foundational value and most basic action of the Christian life, and therefore also for the corporate life of the church. It is the platform on which all else is built. Suppose the church were a train: depending on how you look at it, prayer could be likened to the track the train rides on, the engine that drives the train, and/or the fuel that feeds the engine. Our clarifying statement says it this way: "We believe in the privilege, the power, and the necessity of prevailing prayer to bring about God's purposes in our lives and in our world."

We often say that Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship with God. Furthermore, we all know that one crucial, indispensable element in a relationship is communication. And prayer is nothing more or less than our primary means of communication with God. There is no legitimate way for a person who never prays to claim to be living as a Christian — there is no communication happening. In the same way, there is no way a group of people should claim to be functioning as a New Testament church without prayer being a prominent feature in their ministry.

Without prayer, preaching is powerless. Without prayer, evangelism is enfeebled.

Without prayer, discipleship is dormant.

Without prayer, ministry is minuscule.

Without prayer, repentance is reluctant.

Without prayer, hearts stay hardened.

Without prayer, passion is paralyzed.

I could go on, but you get the idea. As we become a praying church, we become a more useful church in the building of the kingdom of God! We have that opportunity... it takes no special level of talent, wealth, beauty, or intelligence to become a mighty church (or person) of prayer. It just takes a decision and a willingness. You will be hearing of different prayer initiatives, ministries, and opportunities in the coming weeks and months; so I ask you for 2 things as I close this little segment:

Please examine your own prayer life and your personal commitment to growing in it, no matter where you are at this moment. I am here to help equip you in this pursuit, so ask me!

Please consider committing to some place of participation in the prayer ministry of our church. We will be rolling out some different opportunities in this area soon, so keep your eyes (and your heart) open!

Peace,

Pastor Dean

"I will sing to the Lord all my life!" – Psalm 104:33

As the leaves begin to turn and the October breeze brings a crisp change to the air, we are reminded that God is still constant in every changing season. Autumn is a great time in our church family! We have so many exciting activities scheduled for all ages. We also have the blessing of continuing to worship and join our voices together in song.

In a close-knit church family like ours, every single voice matters. When we sing together on Sundays, we aren't just singing songs—we are praising Him for His goodness and faithfulness. Your voice in the pew is a vital part of our worship and an encouragement to everyone sitting around you. Please remember, the Bible tells us to make a 'joyful noise' unto the Lord—it doesn't say it has to be a perfect one! When we sing together on Sundays, it is what makes our church family feel like home! -Leah

Ridge Spring Baptist Church – Called Business Meeting 8-23-26

Moderator Brian Derrick opened with prayer. Brian stated there would be three items of business on the agenda.

Vote on Music Director. Brian Derrick, chair of personnel committee made a motion to hire Leah Smith as the Music Director. Ballots were distributed and counted by the deacons. The motion passed with 46 Yes and 7 No, as the count.

Vote on two deacon candidates. Kevin Yon presented that he and Jerry McGee would be rotating off their three-year term and that the nominees are Brian DuBose and Kyle Richards. The motion passed by a show of hands.

Approval of Roles of Service. On behalf of the Council on Ministries, Dean Hill presented the 2026-27 Roles of Service. The motion came from the Council and the slate of volunteers and ministry leaders was approved by a show of hands.

Being no further business, Brian Derrick closed the meeting in prayer.

Church Minutes 9-6-26 New Members

On September 6, 2026 two came forward seeking membership in the church. Andrew and Tabitha Linde come with promise of church letters from Bethcar Baptist Church in Wagner, South Carolina. The couple was welcomed by Pastor John Chambers and Associate Pastor Dean Hill. A motion was made and seconded that they be approved. Pastor John asked all those in favor of receiving the Lindes to raise their hand. They were unanimously welcomed into the full fellowship of the church. The couple resides at 3980 Richland Creek Road.



Blessing Box donations are needed!

Our RSBC children stock the Blessing Box every Wednesday night and Sunday morning for those in need in our community. They spread the word of God by attaching a Bible verse to each item placed in the box. Please help them continue this ministry. Your donations may be left on the desk at the Lottie Moon Post Office. Your continued support is vital to this project and appreciated by our children and those who receive the donations.

Thanks for your support!

The Blessing Box food cabinet supply.

Intercessory Prayer List

Our military	The people of Ukraine
Betty Ann Cone	Wendel Duncan
Kent Perry	Pauline Berry
Kathleen Gibson	Rudy Stoddard
M/M Verley Metts	Debbie Fallaw
Susan Carvalho	Karen Hendrix
Judy Adamick	Paul Metts
Darlana Mixon	Yvonne Christenbury
Jody Daly	Sarah Schwarz
Michel Rodgers	Opal Lybrand
James Campbell	Bill Gibbs
Dana Berry	Helen Greene
Clark DuBose	Dallas Cone IV
Dale Bagwell	John Galenta
Brenda McQuage	Buddy Bostian
Gatlin Padgett (Justin & Jessica)	
Parker Cadden (Derrick & Amber)	
Family of Jewel Price	

Note of Thanks

It was SO good to see everyone at church on September 13th! I enjoyed being back at Ridge Spring Baptist Church with my family and my church family. A special thank you to the hospitality group for providing a delicious lunch for us! Love,

Ann Yeargin

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00—6:30 pm Meal

6:30 - 7 pm Devotion w/Pastor Dean / Children's Activities

7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Oct 3: Ridge Ramblers Savannah River Cruise & Old McDonald Fish Camp - Bus leaves church @ 2:45

Oct 25: Quarterly Business Meeting

Oct 25: Titus 2 devotion & craft

Oct 31: Trunk or Treat 5:30—7:00 pm

The Janie Chapman Offering for state missions is being received at RSBC thru October 18th. This offering helps support a number of ministries in South Carolina, from ethnic church planting to interim pastor training to college campus ministry. RSBC's goal is \$1,500.

Ridge Ramblers

Ridge Ramblers are Cruising the Savannah River Saturday, October 3rd. The bus will leave the church at 2:45 pm. We will stop by Old McDonald Fish Camp for dinner on the way home. Reservation for the cruise and money are due September 27th. Additional information is available in the foyer. See Vicki Pierce if you have any questions.

Calling All Friendly Ghosts & Goblins!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 31st
for our annual Trunk or Treat from 5:30 - 7:00!

We need trunks and treats
to make this a fun-filled evening for
all!

October

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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 Harrison	30 Emmie Smith

	<u>Deacon of the Week</u>
October 4	Tim Crouch
October 11	Brian Derrick
October 18	Brian DuBose
October 25	Kyle Richards
	<u>Nursery</u>
October 4	Lydia & Kevin
October 11	Derrick girls
October 18	Nicole & Drake Yon
October 25	Lydia & Kevin Yon
	<u>Children's Church</u>
October 4	Webbs
October 11	Nicole & Drake Yon
October 18	Kyle & Beth Richards
October 25	Webbs
	<u>Flower Calendar</u>
October 4	The Cone Family
October 11	M/M Buddy Bostian
October 18	Mark & Tara Rutland Family
October 25	Debbie Hall

	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
October 4	Mildred Webb
October 11	Kevin Yon
October 18	Lydia Yon
October 25	Mildred Webb
	<u>Church Greeters</u>
October 4	Joanne Crouch
October 11	Judy Taylor
October 18	Billy & Miriam Rodgers
October 25	David Sawyer, McKenzie & Drayton
	<u>Safety Team Duty</u>
October 4	Kyle Richards
October 11	Brian Derrick
October 18	Kevin Yon
October 25	Brian DuBose

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