

The Link—September 2025

“Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34: 3

Joyful Sounds

As I am writing my last article, I think back to when I first started at Ridge Spring Baptist Church. I know the personnel committee told me what all of my responsibilities would be on paper. I had never led church music before and I was nervous. However, I knew God had led me to Ridge Spring Baptist Church for a reason and I am so glad He did. My family and I have been blessed to spend the past couple of years at Ridge Spring Baptist Church. Thank you for loving me and my family. There is a song that has been on my heart for a couple of weeks. It is called “His Grace Will Carry You.” There is one part that says the following:

The Lord delights in using
The humble for His sake.
He gifts His saints with purpose,
To build His church in love,
Equipping every member
With strength from Christ above.

I am excited to see how the Lord uses Ridge Spring Baptist Church in the future. I have no doubt He is continuing to equip every member. We love each of you and thank you for being a blessing to our family.
-Leah

WMU/CIA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH SKATE PARTY

Our first annual skate party was hosted by Mr. Guy Rutland and this year's skate party was held in honor of his dear wife Vonnie. Thanks to Mr. Rutland, this ministry to our youth was started with his generous donation to our CIA's several years ago. This year's party was co-hosted by Ridge Spring WMU and Mount Alpha Youth. Ridge Spring Servers included Lynda McGee, Judy Taylor, Diedra Derrick, Tanya Butts and AnnElise Griffith along with others, while Mount Alpha's Team was led by Anshee Davis, with her husband BJ, and son Connor along with their Pastor Earl and several of their congregation. Our dear Pastor John gave a very encouraging devotional to our children and teens and all the adults got a blessing from it as well. Everyone enjoyed a Nacho Bar with all the fixings and lots of skating. Pencil bags with the essentials and a tract were given to all children and teens. Candy with inspirational cards were given to everyone. The Decorations and Photo Props by Mt. Alpha were absolutely beautiful. There were 50+ in attendance to the Back to School event including parents and church workers. Fun was had by All! A great big THANK YOU to our own church family and to Mt. Alpha. May we see these children come to Christ and serve Him with their lives and May God have all the Glory.



Great Things are Happening at RSBC!

Church Minutes July 7, 2025 Quarterly Business Meeting

Moderator Brian Derrick opened the Quarterly Business Meeting. Jerry McGee, Leader of the Building and Grounds Team, presented a proposal for church renovations. A detailed handout was distributed that explained the background of the project and ten items of repair that are included in the quote, at a cost of \$88,715.00. See below.

The Building and Grounds Team has met with the Finance Committee which approved the project and stated that funds are available. The motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

The moderator recognized the Chairman of the Deacons, Brian DuBose, who stated that he and Ken Fulmer rotate off as deacons and Tim Crouch and Will Boatwright have been nominated. They were elected unanimously by show of hands.

The floor was opened for further business. Hearing none, the moderator closed in prayer.

Minutes taken by Kevin Yon, Assistant Clerk and submitted by Converse Bomar Cone, Church Clerk

Proposal from the Building & Grounds Committee 7/27/25 (distributed at the Quarterly Business Meeting)

Background Our Ridge Spring Baptist Church building is in serious need of significant outside repairs and painting. We have rotting window and door frames, water damage and falling plaster which need attention. No significant repairs have been done to the outside of the church building in many years. Without repairs, eventually the integrity of the building itself will be compromised.

The Building and Grounds Committee is charged with the care and maintenance of the church. And so, given the current repairs and painting needed, the Committee has: (1) Carried out significant work to find a worthy company that can complete needed repairs/painting and (2) Is presenting a recommendation to the church that a company that specializes in this type work, DependaCoat, be hired.

The quote provided by DependaCoat is a solid one given how much is to be done. Their references have been checked. DependaCoat and its owner were highly recommended by the minister at Red Bank Baptist Church, Pastor Deal, who said, "he would hire them again in a minute."

The following 10 things are included in the quote: (1) 11 Siding Square Replacements; (2) 730 Linear feet of Soffit and Fascia Replacement; (3) 6 Columns; (4) 52 Windows and Window Trim; (5) Repairs to 20 Storm Windows/Doors; (6) 8 Doors and Trim; (7) 3 Attic Vents; (8) Professional Power Wash of Steeple, including rental of a lift if needed; (9) Heavy Sanding; and (10) Painting a "DependaCoat" Sealing Paint on the entire church building exterior. (Note: This sealing paint has a rubberized content and is expected to last at least 3 times longer than the best of Sherwin Williams paint.)

A 5-year warranty is included in the DependaCoat quote. **The total quoted amount for all of the work listed above is \$88,715*.**

*Any additional unseen repairs discovered during work that total more than \$4,000 in cost/labor, will be completed at a rate of "cost plus 30%". Any additional costs will have to be pre-approved.

Other Notes: A final contract will be provided, if the church approves moving forward. At that time, DependaCoat will provide an expected time to start the work. The payment schedule will be as is customary with jobs of this nature: 25% to start, covering initial raw materials; and weekly draws on work completed until the job is fully complete. We have been assured that this work will not interfere with Sunday worship services.

Building and Grounds presented this proposal to the Council of Leaders, led by Pastor John, on July 13, 2025. After discussion on the matter, the proposal was unanimously approved by the Council of Leaders.

Building and Grounds then met with the Finance Committee on July 18, and the Finance Committee approved funding this project, if approved by the church, from the RSBC checking account. The RSBC Checking Account currently has a balance of approximately \$200,000.

Motion: The Building & Grounds Committee is making a motion that we proceed with the repairs and outside cleaning, sanding, painting, using DependaCoat and accepting their proposal at a cost of \$88,715.

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 Metz	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	Andrew Rutland
Denise Boatwright	Lynn Graham
Trenton Cromer	Jerry McGee
Randy Thomas	Scott Johnson
Robert Rodgers	Dana Tyler

The Blessing Box

Our RSBC children were very busy filling up the RSBC Blessing Box! The children put 120 Bible verse stickers on cans and boxed foods. Thanks to VBS and church donations, we have plenty of food to fill up our Blessing Box for weeks to come!



Upcoming Events

September - Janie Chapman South Carolina Missions
Sep 3: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Sep 7: **Deacons meeting**
Sep 7: Deacons Ordination during Worship service
Sep 7: Treats for Troy packaged during Sunday school
Sep 10: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Sep 17: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Sep 21: **Church Council meeting 4:00 pm**
Sep 24: Wed 6 pm Meal, Bible study, Children's activities
Sep 28: Leah's last day at RSBC
Sep 28: Titus 2 Ladies, teens & girls Devotion/Craft 4 pm
Oct 26: **Quarterly Business Meeting**
Oct 31: Trunk 'R Treat
Nov 16: Fellowship hall reserved

TREATS FOR TROY

(Packaged 1st Sunday monthly)

Please remember our "Treats for Troy" project as more treats are needed! Five packages have already been sent & another box will be packed on September 7th. If you have never contributed or if you can donate again, please leave the treats in Alma's Classroom. We cannot do enough to support our Servicemen & Women in the military and especially for those who are stationed overseas in areas of danger. **Thank you for helping with this worthwhile project!**

Some suggested items to ship:

Trail mix	Body wipes	Nuts (small bags)
Beef jerky	Beef snack sticks	Peppermint hard candy
Sunscreen	Dental floss sticks	Mole skin for boots
Chapstick	Drink mix for water	5 hour energy mix
Foot powder, small containers	Chef Boyardee Ravioli	
Ramen noodles (beef or chicken)		
Hot sauce, small plastic bottles to help flavor their MREs		
Peanut butter, small plastic containers		
Chunky Soups – Beef & barley, Chicken noodle, Sirloin burger, & Chili		

Troy and his friends have can openers. This list is not inclusive. Other similar items are welcome.

Ridge Spring Fire Department

Have you ever wanted to give back to our firefighters? There's an easy way for you to do so. **They are collecting bottled water donations** to keep our firefighters hydrated during emergency calls and training exercises. They provide us with Fire suppression, Rescue operations & Fire safety training. **Contact Chief Rodgers at (803) 645-8712 or any RSFD firefighter for donation drop-off details. RSFD thanks you for your support!**

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries ➡

	<u>Offertory & Deacon's Prayer</u>
September 7	Will Boatwright
September 14	Tim Crouch
September 21	Brian Derrick
September 28	Kevin Yon
	<u>Nursery</u>
September 7	Drake & Nicole Yon
September 14	Diedra Derrick & Lynda McGee
September 21	Corbin & Jill Yon
September 28	Shannon DuBose & Lydia Yon
	<u>Children's Church</u>
September 7	Kevin & Lydia Yon
September 14	Tanya Butts & Shannon DuBose
September 21	Kyle & Beth Richards
September 28	Mildred Webb & Nicole Yon
	<u>Flower Calendar</u>
September 7	Susan Wheeler
September 14	M/M Dray Wannamaker & family
September 21	M/M Phillip Mixson
September 28	The Cone Family

2 Lakelan Rutland	18 M/M Tim Crouch
2 Cort Proctor	20 Denise Boatwright
3 M/M Larry Lange	21 Billy Rodgers
6 Beth Richards	21 Brian Derrick
7 M/M Billy Rodgers	22 Stacy Chambers
10 Virginia Yon	22 Wilson Thomas
12 Blair Derrick	25 Tracy Price
12 Morgan Harrelson	26 Wayne Fulmer
14 Connor Fox	26 Lona Proctor
14 Anthony Rauton	26 M/M Phillip Mixson
14 M/M Jerry McGee	28 M/M Brian Derrick
15 Fuller Corley	29 Mary Parrish
16 Elizabeth Parrish	30 Jodie Cromer

	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
September 7	Lydia Yon
September 14	Brian Derrick
September 21	Leah Smith
September 28	Kevin Yon
	<u>Church Greeters</u>
September 7	Judy Taylor
September 14	Billy & Miriam Rodgers
September 21	David Sawyer, McKenzie & Drayton
September 28	Vicki Pierce
	<u>Safety Team Duty</u>
September 7	Dray Wannamaker
September 14	Brian DuBose
September 21	Will Boatwright
September 28	Tim Crouch

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