

"BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM"

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From the Pastor's Cluttered Desk,

Martin Rinkart served as a pastor in Ellenburg, Germany during one of the most devastating wars in history - the Thirty Years War. The war lasted from 1618 - 1648. In 1637, Rinkart conducted more than 4500 funerals during a plague that consumed his city. He is not best remembered today for all his work during that time, but for a table grace that he penned.

*Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In who His world rejoices.*

In the midst of a time of great tears and grief, he was able to find a way to see beyond the sorrow and lift up his heart to God in thanksgiving. Recent events have reminded me in a profound way that there is so very much to be grateful for. Psalm 46:10 reminds us, "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 71:20 has also been on my mind, "Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you restore my life again." Never doubt God!

The news of the recent terrorist bombings in Paris and Mali reminded me of a passage from Isaiah 59:8, "The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths. Their roads they have made crooked; no one who walks in them knows peace."

Isaiah was not speaking to a group of terrorist when he penned these words. He was speaking for God to God's own people. They forgot the covenant God had made with them and had wandered away from God's laws. The result was injustice and violence.

There has always been people that do not know the way of peace. They have a way of bringing pain and division with them wherever they go. Evil stalks the land. Violence is the preferred method of choice of some. Peace is not their agenda and it is not their goal. Joseph and Mary took their infant son and made their way to Egypt as refugees trying to escape Herod. That serves as reminder that a few individuals can bring terror and destruction to many.

Unfortunately I have no simple answers to the challenge of evil. We do have privilege of prayer and the opportunity to work for peace. When we pray, we are changed; we receive direction; we find courage; we live by faith not fear.

How should we pray? What should we pray for? Isaiah 50:1 gives us a reminder we need to hear, "See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear." God is listening to our prayers. As we move into the Christmas season and give thought to giving and receiving gifts; may we keep in mind the greatest gift ever given and renew our commitment to pray for peace on earth. Remember that Jesus has called each of us to be peacemakers.

Do you remember the second verse of the hymn "Now Thank We All our God"?

*Who from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

December will be busy for everyone! On December 6th, we will have our Hanging of the Green. November 29th - December 6th will be the Week of Prayer for International Missions and our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. On December 13th. We will observe the Lord's Supper and our fellowship meal will be December 16th. Do not forget our Cantata on December 20th.

It is my prayer that each and everyone will have a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Christmas season. Do your very best to bring joy to others and to be a peacemaker.

Yours in His Service,

Michael Shook

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS" FROM YOUR
FAMILY AT BEAVER DAM BAPTIST
CHURCH.**



Monthly Schedule
December 2015

Mission Friends: 3 ~ 5
April Smith



NURSERY-WORSHIP

06 ~ Kim & Tim Farmer
13 ~ Melanie & Rodney Hall
20 ~ Rachel & Rick Strickland
27 ~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

06 ~ Kim & Scott Weathington
13 ~ Muriel Hall & Margie Hosking
20 ~ CANTATA
27 ~ Teddy Tippett

USHERS - WORSHIP

Gabe Shoffner
Daniel Simpson
Marion Smith
Ronald Smith

Harry Tatum ~ Alternate

Our Sick & Shut Ins

Jeffery Albertson
Dot Banks
Eric Bauer
Elizabeth Benton
Jimmie Lou Blake
Ralph Brock
Adam Bullard
Ella Grae Bullard
Jason Bullard
Cody Clark
Conner Ray Cloninger
Carlton Davis
Bryan Day
Patty Drukenbrod
Mary Ellen Edwards

Betty Faircloth
Debbie Hall-Griffin
Magalene Hall
Vickie Hall
Jerry Hatcher
Bill Herron
Gert Herron
Sue Hobbs
Beth Holland
Jimmy Horne
Keith Horne
Faye Johnson
J D. Melvin, Jr.

Carla Parker
Chris Pollard
Judy Rierson
Eddie Royal
Pauline Simpson
Becky Smith
Crystelle Smith
Deanna Smith
Harold Smith
Jean Sweat
W. J. Tippett
Julia Wile
Heather Williams
Bill Yeager

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Please remember our Nursing Home/Rehab Residents and their caretakers in your daily prayers.

Retha Autry
Kyle Cashwell
June Dorton
Dot Gault
Rose Hales
Harriett Hale
Earl Hall

Ethleen Harris
Nell Holcombe
Audrey Howell
Jessie McCarley
Alzada Melvin
Lillian Moore
Sybil Whatley

Lois Wright



Pam & Don Brownfield
John McLamb
Allen Seigler
Janna Smith
Judith & Danny Williams



Please remember our missionaries in your daily prayers.

BEATITUDE MINISTRY NEEDS

(910-525-4351)

Men's Long Sleeve Shirts, Tall Kitchen Trash Bags, 55 Gal. Drum Liners, Winter Clothes-All Sizes, Canned Meats & Vegetables, Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins), Decorative Items, What-Nots.



"Blessed are the Pure in heart."

Matthew 5:8



Our Sympathy goes out to the families and friends that have lost loved ones. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 2015

- 01 ~ John Smith
- 02 ~ Roger Bullard
- 03~ Chris Pollard
- 04 ~ Chrystal Smith
- 05 ~ Cheryl Simpson & Harry Tatum
- 06 ~ Billie Weathington & Ellie Scheib
- 08 ~ Jenna Katherine Hales
- 11 ~ J. P. Bullard & Savannah Phipps
- 12 ~ Cameron Phipps
- 14 ~ Daniel Simpson
- 15 ~ Kim Longo, Jessica Lasich
- 16 ~ Rev. Michael Shook
- 17 ~ Sharon Frost, Mia Johnson & Elise Smith
- 18 ~ Troy Adams & Nancy Phipps
- 19 ~ Thad Banks
- 20 ~ Muriel Hall
- 21 ~ Lori Morgan, Rose Hales
- 23 ~ Felton Bullard
- 24 ~ Matthew Dunlap
- 26 ~ Shannon Thompson
- 27 ~ Jason Bullard
- 28 ~ Elizabeth West Mullen
- 29 ~ Kenny Averitte
- 31 ~ Nicholas Hall



Happy Birthday from your Church family at Beaver Dam Baptist Church

December 2015 CALENDAR

Each Sunday:

- 9:00 am Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Each Wednesday:

- 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, GA, RA & Youth
- 8:15 pm Choir Practice

- Nov. 29th ~ Dec, 06th week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Dec. 04th ~ 6:00 pm Decorating Team Meeting
- Dec. 06th ~ Hanging of the Green
- 5:00 pm BYW & WOM Meeting
- 2nd Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 11th ~ Deadline for Christmas Baskets & Applications
- Toy Store Ministry
- Dec. 13th ~ THE LORD'S SUPPER
- 4th Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 14th ~ 7:30 pm Deacons' Meeting
- Dec. 16th ~ 6:30 pm Fellowship Meal
- 7:30 pm Church Conference, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth
- 8:15 pm Choir Practice
- Dec, 20th ~ 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am CANTATA / Worship
- 7:00 am Christmas Play
- 4th Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 21st Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 24th ~ CHRISTMAS EVE
- Dec. 25th ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

December Highlights:

- Week of Prayer for International Missions
- Hanging of the Green
- The Lord's Supper
- Cantata
- Christmas Play
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Day

Remember to Pray for each other and be thankful for God's Love.

Please Remember our Military and Para/Military and their families in your prayers:

* *Deployed.*

- * Joshua Bonhomme
- Jon Pollard
- Kenny Taylor
- Daniel Wilson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JESUS



We at Beaver Dam Baptist, invite you to make a commitment to join with us at this crucial time of our spiritual growth and development.

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GOD LOVES YOU

BEAVER DAM YOUTH GO TO CAMP CASWELL

Friday, November 6th, at 6:00 pm 16 of us packed the trailer and hit the road, and headed to Camp Caswell. We arrived just in time for Mr. E. J. Swinson’s message and music provided by Scott’s Hill Church from Wilmington and our small group session. Mr. Swinson speaks to over 150,000 students and adults per year. After the service, we ordered pizza and lights out at 11:00 pm.

Rise and shine, breakfast at 7:30 am and headed to worship service, small group sessions and recreation. We enjoyed another sermon by Mr. Swinson. After lunch we had our free time. Some enjoyed a smoothie from the R&R, while others enjoyed fishing, napping, and posing for some beach pictures. After dinner, it was evening worship and the concerts began! The first artist was “The After’s”. Next came artist “Chris August.” We loved his music so much that we have chosen one of his songs for the Christmas play. So you will not want to miss the play this year. Third group was “Unspoken”. They were awesome! And the last group of the night was “Among the Thirsty”. We were very fortunate to get this kind of entertainment all in one place and the same night. Curfew was 11:30 pm and before you felt like you even closed your eyes, alarms started going off and breakfast at 7:30 am with Sunday morning worship service and small group session following. And on the way home at 12:30 am . So, parents, if we seemed a little cranky that afternoon, maybe because we didn’t have a lot of sleep, but we had a wonderful time!

There was only one complaint the entire weekend, “we do NOT like to eat in the cafeteria”. We have been spoiled by Kim and Timmy’s cooking and we did not enjoy waiting in line. But we made it!

It never ceases to amaze me that we have the most wonderful and well behaved group of youth here at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. This year we took five youth that have never been on a youth trip with us and I can say that I was very proud of them!

Plan to attend the Christmas Play on December 20th and see our talent.

Thank you Beaver Dam Baptist Church for believing in us.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church Youth



On Friday, January 25th, a group of 24 youth and adults set out for the annual ski trip to West Virginia but God had a different plan. Due to ice on the roads, the group turned around and set out again Saturday morning. We praise Him for safe travel and a safe time on the slopes! It was a great weekend of cold skiing and warm fellowship.

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“Let no one look down upon you because you are young, but instead make an example for the believers in behavior, speech, faith, love and purity.”
I Timothy 4:12

Brooke Weathington led the group in a Bible lesson that was an inspiration and a challenge for youth and adults alike.



Mmmm... Kim Farmer's homemade lasagna!



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“IF NOT NOW, WHEN”