

The Channel

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Dear Roxboro Baptist Church Family,

It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for the wonderful celebration of my 20th Anniversary as your pastor. What a fun weekend. It was special to have family, friends, and church members past and present gather for the occasion. It has been my joy and honor to serve you these past two decades, and it has certainly been a blessing to be served by all of you. You mean more to me and my family than I can ever express.

The choral anthem, "Tell Your Story," that Mike Moose composed, Angela Barker accompanied, and the choir sang was deeply meaningful to me. The dedication on the first page reads: *"Dedicated to Dr. DuPre Sanders in recognition of the 20th anniversary of his pastorate at Roxboro Baptist Church. A South Carolina storytelling "Bubba" who shares tales of selling boiled peanuts, working on the family farm, and growing up in a Christian home, he blesses us all by telling "the old, old story of Jesus and His love."*

Hear the call that beckons to your soul, tell your story
Willing voice for words yet to unfold, tell your story
 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so
 Speak of this love so that hearts will know
 Mercy rich and grace that flows, tell your story

Holy wisdom falls on many ears, tell your story
Unseen words that soften private tears, tell your story
 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so
 Speak of this love so that hearts will know
 Mercy rich and grace that flows, tell your story

Lives transformed and hope that's born again, tell your story
Faithful purpose woven in the plan, tell your story
 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so
 Speak of this love so that hearts will know
 Mercy rich and grace that flows, tell your story

I received from our former Minister of Youth & Congregational Life, Chris Schelin, a copy of his doctoral dissertation that will be placed in our church library. A paragraph in the acknowledgements section reads: "The successful production of this thesis was significantly aided by the two communities I have had the privilege of serving in a professional capacity. For the majority of my time as a doctoral student I served as the Minister of Youth and Congregational Life at Roxboro Baptist Church in the city of Roxboro, North Carolina. I was still relatively new to my position when I felt the yearning to pursue further study. Nevertheless, the congregation was extremely supportive, granting study leave to attend the yearly colloquia as well as funding to cover some of the tuition and travel costs. I especially wish to thank Rev. Dr. J. DuPre Sanders, the senior minister and a superb mentor in pastoral ministry, and Jack Hester, chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Thank you to all who planned, promoted, and participated in my special weekend. I appreciate the kind and encouraging words you shared with me. I treasure the moments of our time together.

Many of you commented on how much you enjoyed meeting my family. They are very special people. As John Lee awarded me five extra days of leave time on behalf of the church, I could not help but look at my family seated before me and remember holidays, vacations, and family times that have been cut short or cancelled because of pastoral responsibilities. Not once has any member of the Sanders or Horger family ever been anything but understanding and supportive – true partners in my ministry. I am grateful for my two sons, Joey and Josh, who have always loved me, even when I let being a pastor get in the way of being their Dad. But more than anyone I thank my wife, Kary, for her unending love, patience, and support. She is more than my partner in ministry; in us, the two truly are one.

Please accept my sincere thanks for a wonderful celebration and for twenty years of blessings!

With Sincere Gratitude,
DuPre



Remember in Prayer

Jean Ashley, John Bailey, Mary Katherine Davis, Dorsey Gillis, Susan Hobgood, Brad Laws, Hilna Long, Frank Pollock, Billy Reynolds, Betty Ann Tapp, Bob Wade, Bill Wilde



Roxboro Rehabilitation Center – Peggy Linville (204)

Cambridge Hills – Ruby Hall (121), Calvin McMillan (107)



Baptists on Mission Breakfast

Everyone is invited to the next breakfast on Sunday, September 22 at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. Tom Beam from the Baptist State Convention will be our guest speaker. Tom has been the coordinator of the Deep Impact Youth Missions program and is also the Cuba partnership coordinator.



a digital link provided by *The Portrait Café*, our new church directory publisher. Stay tuned!

Sign Up Coming Soon!

We will sign up for family portrait sittings very soon. When this process begins, volunteers will make appointments before and after services, or you can make your own appointment via



“Relay for Life” Cake Auction

We raised \$7,485 at the cake auction! Thanks to all who baked, bid, and bought.

The Relay for Life Event will be Friday, September 20 at the Person High School football stadium.

Sunday Attendance

September 8, 2019

Sunday School – 108 Worship – 159

September 15, 2019

Sunday School – 140 Worship – 232

Our Ministry of Giving

September 8, 2019

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$10,317.42
Budget	\$8,276.75
Designated	
NC Missions	245.00
Passport Refund	360.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$20.00

September 15, 2019

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$10,317.42
Budget	\$27,375.00
Designated	
NC Missions	450.00
Kitchen	500.00
Building in Faith (BIF)	\$20.00



Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

September 18: Taco salad, pinto beans, and fruit

September 25: Chicken casserole, black-eyed peas, squash, and salad bar

October 2: Taco soup, grilled cheese sandwich, salad bar

Volunteers:

September 18: Nancy Garrett, Nancy Berryhill, Ken Childers, Jean Featherston, Jessie Walker

September 25: Janice Johnson, Betty Fuller, Ken & Judy Medlin, Richard & Alice Whitfield

October 2: Mary Harris, Jean Waldo, Kim Boswell, Reid Davis, Helen Hobgood, James Woody, Ann Wrenn

Note From JD

I have always been drawn to “call” stories in scripture. I can relate to the characters who are comfortable with their lives, but hear God interrupt them and choose to follow. I especially connect with Genesis 12, when Abram is called to leave his place of comfort, go where God is leading him, and share his blessings with the world. My life has been characterized by this call— the call that led me to seminary and brought me to Roxboro.

The unfortunate truth of God’s call is that it often requires that we leave our places of comfort and say goodbye. Over the past two years Roxboro has become my home, but God is calling me yet again. Early this summer I was invited to interview at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, Georgia for the Associate Pastor of Children and Congregational Life position. Recently I went to Macon for a call weekend where the church affirmed my calling and I accepted the position. My last Sunday at Roxboro Baptist Church will be September 29, with my last event being the church picnic.

I cannot express how grateful I am for these past two years at RBC. This was my first call out of seminary. I have grown immensely, both as a minister and a person, and I am forever grateful for this opportunity. I have felt so loved by this community. You have welcomed me not only as a minister, but as a friend and family member. I am, of course, most grateful for the gift of ministering with the RBC youth group. We have grown together, not only in size, but in community and faith. I cherish every memory with them, from weekly gatherings to exciting trips. My time at RBC will always hold a special place in my heart.

I did not come by this decision lightly. While I am certainly excited for what the future holds for myself and our church, I am also sad about this departure. I hope that our last few weeks together are as meaningful as the last two years, and I pray that we stay connected as sisters and brothers in Christ. My prayer for RBC is that you, too, continue to listen for God’s call as it pulls you forward, sometimes uncomfortably, but always toward a fuller vision of God’s Kingdom.

Love Always,
JD



September Collections

For September we are collecting items for “Backpacks for Appalachia”, and the goal is to fill 21 backpacks. Please sign up to bring either a set of food items or a set of hygiene items. Food items consist of one can of ravioli, tuna, or beef stew; two cans of vegetables; and two cans of fruits (all must be pop top cans). The hygiene items consist of shampoo, deodorant, and a brush. The sign-up sheet is in the church office. All items need to be turned in by September 29.

The Annual Church



Sunday, September 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Huck Sansbury Park

This is always a wonderful time of fellowship, games, and good food. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. This would be a great time to introduce someone to the Roxboro Baptist Church family.



North Carolina Missions Offering

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, church planting, mission camps, associational projects, and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. The theme for 2019 is “Known by Love”, and the offering goal is \$2.1 million. The theme verse is John 13:35,

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (HCSB)



Homebound and Seniors Away

Please make contact with our homebound this week.

Betty Ann Tapp
209 S. Morgan St., Roxboro

Louise Walthall
322 N. Charles St.

Anne Wilkerson – River Landing
Harbor Town #008
1575 John Knox Dr.
Colfax, NC 27235-9662

Alta Winstead
PO Box 844, Roxboro

Nursery and Extended Session

Sunday, September 22

Ann Wrenn (Nursery)
Patrick & Tara Holmes (Extended Session)
Alisa Montgomery & Carla Garrett (Special Needs)

Sunday, September 29

Christa Allen (Nursery)
Ken & Sara Childers (Extended Session)
Allison & Charles Dacus (Special Needs)

Christian Help Center Volunteers

Prepare & Serve a Meal



Thursday, October 3

**Betty Garrett
Harris & Susan Melton
Lynn Pearce**