

August 2026



Senior Adults Living Triumphantly

Rainbow Presbyterian Church

BIRTHDAYS

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Mike Maddox

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Dale Hill

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Jill Moran

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Tom Purkey
Larry Smith

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Alan Orton

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Betty Graham
Donald Gibson

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Gay Atkinson
Melvin Potter

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Imogene Clay
Linda Simonton

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Buddy Hudson

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Buddy Robertson
Dean Shoars

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Charles Hill
Ron Herrington

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Suzanne Shoars
Lexi Hembree

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Mary John Wilson
J. J. Cleveland

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Sandra Herrington
Pam Davis
Jeff Davis

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Kathy McFarland
Patti Wilborn

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Will Smith

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Joyce Means

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Kathy Russell

ANNIVERSARIES

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Ben & Beth Wilson

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Roger and Karen
Crawford

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Tom & Marlene Barcanic

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Charles & Dale Hill

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Tom & Pam Martin

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Paul and Beth Panik
Jeff & Stacy Garmon

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John & Kathy McFarland

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Sam & Cindy Brewer

A Note From Missy Stephens

Chapter three of Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the heavens. Nancy and I are entering different seasons of our lives. With her expanding role as a caregiver and my expanding role as a support for my children and grandchildren (a new one on the way!), we will be handing off the SALT ministry at the end of July.

We are thrilled God has significantly grown this ministry over the past few years — so much so, it deserves and needs someone who can invest more time and energy. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for Rainbow Presbyterian Church, particularly the SALT ministry.

No words are adequate enough to say how much we appreciate the love and support you have given us over the years. God is good and His faithfulness endures forever! We are so blessed!

Missy Stephens

Auracast Bluetooth LE Technology

If you are currently using a hearing assist device we need your help. At our next SALT Meeting there will be a sheet on each table for you to list your brand of Hearing Aids that you use. SALT is looking into a technology that may allow you to hear THROUGH YOUR HEARING AIDS directly from the speaker's microphone, not through the speakers. Help us by letting us know your brand of hearing aids.

MESSAGE FROM OUR ELDERS

John O'Leary

Hello, SALT Friends. I'm honored to share some thoughts with you this month in our August newsletter. Just a quick introduction... I'm John O'Leary, and I serve as the Session representative for the SALT ministry. My wife is Robin and we have two grown children, Jake and Anna Katherine. We served as houseparents at Big Oak Boys' Ranch for twelve years, so we have lots of other "children" who call us Mom and Pop! We have attended Rainbow Presbyterian Church for seventeen years.

Over the past few months, I have struggled with wondering what, where and how I would serve as I grow older and think about the next seasons in my life. I struggled with the questions "Am I still usable?" "Am I past my prime?" "Is this just a dry season?" One morning in my quiet time, my reading was titled *"God's Heart to Meet with Man...John on Patmos."* The Scripture reference was Revelation 1:12-20.

After reading this passage, I couldn't help but think about how weary and lonely John must have been, spending his last days waiting to be with Christ in glory. Suddenly, Jesus appears to John once again! I can only imagine the joy John felt as Jesus reveals Himself and shares this revelation. John's feelings before this encounter, believing he would spend the rest of his life in exile, were interrupted by a final chapter of Kingdom work waiting to be written! John still had work to do!

God loves to interrupt the seasons of our lives, even those in which we feel lost, with encounters with Himself. He desires to repurpose us for Kingdom work just when we may be thinking we have no more purpose and are useless. No matter where we are in life or how old we are, God has plans in store for all who are willing to serve Him. No work is too small or great and there is no time in our

lives in which God considers us unusable because of our age or season of life.

What an incredible gift, that God would choose to use us for His Kingdom work. No matter our age or our past failures, God longs to use us to accomplish His purposes. May we all allow Him to continue to use us in mighty and powerful ways to spread His gospel wherever we are called.



NEXT SALT MEETING!
AUGUST 20
NOON

Join us as we have a little fun with school spirit rivalry competing to bring the most food items for the Etowah Baptist Mission Center. We all know this is a worthy cause as many people seek help from this organization and they hear the GOSPEL! Our guest speaker will be the director of the center, Lance Hughes. You will be amazed at what this mission does for our community.

Listed below are the Mission Center's immediate food needs:

Instant Grits or Oatmeal
Pop-tarts
Chunky and Hearty Soups
Ramen Noodles
Chili with Beans
Hamburger Helper
Instant Mashed Potatoes

Bring a tailgate food.
Coke floats will be provided for dessert!

Meats - A-G Fruits - P-T
Vegetables - H-O. Chips and Dips - U-Z

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