

# The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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## Birthday

June 05	Shirley Edwards
June 14	Roy Puryear
June 27	Joyce Wilson
June 29	Barbara Smith
June 29	Todd Walker

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035

Happy 90th Birthday to Shirley Edwards!

## Homebound Members

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

## Samaria Baptist Church

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Secretary: Laura Pendergraft, ext. 10

## Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

## Deacon Meetings 2026

July 12  
12:15

Aug 02  
12:15 pm

Sept 06  
12:15 pm



Tuesday, June 16 at 9am

Triple S Breakfast at  
McLean's Ole Time Cafe

## Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Carolyn Baker	Healing/Strength
Elaine Barham	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Margaret & Jeff Jones	Healing/Strength
Capt. Earnest Lassiter	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
John Savage	Healing/Strength
Maeve Venere	Healing/Strength
Mary Whitaker	Healing/Strength

## **Pastor Corner** **June 2026**

Dear Samaria Family,  
Happy Father's Day to all the gentlemen in our church family. We appreciate everything you do for your family and the Kingdom. The first Father's Day event occurred on July 5, 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. In 1910, Sonora Smart Dodd organized the first statewide Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington. President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation in 1966. In 1972, President Richard Nixon officially signed Father's Day into law as a permanent federal holiday. Christians and Jews recognize Abraham as our spiritual father. He is the ultimate model of obedience and faith. God made a covenant with Abraham in a vision in Genesis 15. God told Abraham to, "Fear not." This is the first reference in the Bible to fear. In Genesis 15:5, Abraham was instructed by God to, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Verse 6 states, "And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness." Years later, when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90, Isaac was born. Later in verse 18, God made a covenant with Abraham promising his offspring the land between the Nile River and the Euphrates River. This area covered 300,000 square miles. However, present day Israel only covers 8,130 square miles. Israel is approximately the size of New Jersey. Interestingly, Israel could fit into Lake Michigan. In Genesis 17, God formally changes his name from Abram to Abraham. Most importantly, Abraham passed God's teachings to the next generation. Sunday, June 14 is Flag Day. In 1949, Congress approved national observance legislation making Flag Day an official annual event. President Harry Truman signed the legislation into law. As Christians, we are grateful to God for the religious liberty that we enjoy in our country. Additionally, we are thankful for the many men and women who have served and are now serving to keep our country free and safe. Our country has a long history of supporting religious freedom. Truly, we are a blessed nation. Please pray for the individuals on our church Prayer List.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Danny

## **Check out our Website** **Samariabaptist.org**

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website [www.samariabaptist.org](http://www.samariabaptist.org) to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service. Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.



## **2026 Graduates**

**Masyn Faith Pittman** graduated from Garner Magnet High School and will be attending University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill majoring in Nursing.

**Mason Hunter Privette** graduated from North Wake College and Career Academy and will be attending University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill majoring in Political Science.

## **Nominations for Prospective Deacons**

are now being accepted.

Please be sure the person you are nominating gives consent before you prayerfully submit their name. All nominations must be given to Chuck Harris **no later than August 23, 2026.** We will vote on August 30<sup>th</sup>.