

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

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Birthday

March 02	Don Pulley
March 03	Linda Lawence
March 10	Chan Pittman
March 13	Steve Stephens
March 25	Jay Jones
March 31	Thomas Henderson

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

Homebound Members

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

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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

Mar 01
12:15

Apr 05
12:15 pm

May 03
12:15 pm



Tuesday, March 24 at 9am

Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe

Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Sonny Alford	Healing/Strength
Carolyn Baker	Healing/Strength
Ann Cobb	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Terry Hobbs	Healing/Strength
Margaret Jones	Healing/Strength
Jerry Narron	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
Debbie Strickland	Healing/Strength
Maeve Venere	Healing/Strength
Michelle Williams	Healing/Strength
Bill Wood	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner
March 2026

Dear Samaria family,
As we approach Easter, have you ever wondered why Easter is celebrated on different dates each year? Some years Easter comes earlier than other years. Not all Christians celebrate Easter on the same Sunday. For example, the Eastern Orthodox Church will celebrate Easter a week later in 2026, than most Western Christians. Catholics and most Protestants will celebrate Easter on April 5 this year. Therefore, the question is why is Easter not a fixed date?

Historically, Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the "paschal" full moon. In 2026, the spring equinox falls on Friday, March 20. Thursday, April 2 is the date of the full moon. This rule was established in A.D. 325. Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25.

All four Gospels record the Easter story. Matthew (chapters 26-28), Mark (chapters 15-16), Luke (chapters 22-24), and John (chapters 17-20). As we begin to think about Easter this year, I encourage you to read these passages regarding the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal of Jesus, the crucifixion of Jesus, and his glorious and miraculous resurrection. Indeed, Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. The resurrection is a historical reality. Jesus rose from the grave to provide believers with eternal life. Jesus said, in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Please invite family and friends to join us for Palm Sunday on March 29 and Easter Sunday on April 5. Easter is the perfect time of year to share the Good News of the Gospel. In Revelation 21, John reminds Christians of the beauty and majesty of the New Jerusalem. May our Easter prayer be one of joy and of thanksgiving to our risen Savior for dying on the cross and rising again to give us everlasting life in his Kingdom.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Danny

Check out our Website
Samariabaptist.org

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website 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.

Tuesday, March 17 9:30am –

Senior Adult Rally at Hayes Barton

\$20 per person RSVP by March 4th to Betsy

Menu- Pork Loin with Gravy, Rice, Baked Apples, Green Peas, Corn Muffins, Desserts

March Misson Project
RSVP March by March 29 to Joyce Wilson

**Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina
Month of March
Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Food Lion,
and Lowes Food are provided to the Cottage
Parents to use for food and basic needs of the
children in their care.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



Spring forward one hour