

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

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## Birthday

May 05	Tim Jones
May 11	Jenny Kirby
May 19	George Brenot
May 23	Randy Henderson
May 25	Sally Whorley
May 27	Ann Cobb
May 29	Karen Watkins

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

## Samaria Baptist Church

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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

May 03  
12:15

June 07  
12:15 pm

July 12  
12:15 pm



Tuesday, May 12 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
Andy Barlow	Healing/Strength
Debbie Clemmons	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Margaret & Jeff Jones	Healing/Strength
Lee Kirk	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
Brantley Peoples	Healing/Strength
John Savage	Healing/Strength
Evelyn Stone	Healing/Strength
Maeve Venere	Healing/Strength

**Pastor Corner**  
**May 2026**

Dear Samaria Family,  
Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies in our church family. We appreciate your care, guidance, and love to your families and to others. God uses mothers in powerful ways in His kingdom.

In 1914, during President Woodrow Wilson's administration, Mother's Day was officially established. Anna Jarvis is credited with founding Mother's Day. She was opposed to the commercialization of Mother's Day. Decades earlier, poet and author, Julia Ward Howe had proposed the idea of a Mothers' Peace Day to promote peace. White carnations are the official flower for Mother's Day.

Later in May, Memorial Day will be observed on the last Monday of the month. It is a special day to honor all Americans who fought and died while in the U.S. military. Originally, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day because families placed flowers on the graves of their loved ones who died while serving their country. Traditionally, red poppies symbolize remembrance and respect for those who died in service to our country. World War II ended in Europe on May 8, 1945 (V-E Day).

May is a special month as we celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Both days are important times to remember and to give thanks for our many blessings, and to express our gratitude to others who have and are sacrificing for our freedoms and liberties. Numerous Bible verses refer to mothers. Isaiah 66:13, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

Please pray for those on our Prayer List. As the Samaria Family, we desire to love, serve, and support each other. A meaningful Bible verse is Galatians 6:2, "Carry each other's burdens." Another encouraging verse is Galatians 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

I hope to see you at Bible Study on Wednesday night.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Danny

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**Samariabaptist.org**

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**May  
Flowers**

**Month of May Deacons**

**May 03—Janice Barlow**

**May 10—Gilbert**

**May 17—Sally Stallings**

**May 24— Chuck Harris**

**May 31—Brantley Peoples**

