CROSS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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*We exist because of Jesus Christ and for His glory;
to love God completely, to love others sincerely,
and to make disciples continually*

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Well, it is spooky season! I know that because the weather is cooling off, it's getting darker earlier, the pumpkin spice is free flowing, and mostly because the crazy Halloween decorations have already been out for a month! Honestly, I thought the folks who listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving were bad…. No, the early Halloween decorators are giving them a run for their money! I have said this before (and I don't think it's just me) but the Halloween decorations are getting spookier and darker every year.

I want to avoid this turning into a rant, so I will quickly make my point … When the darkness is darkest, that's when the light shines brightest. We can complain about the creepy things we see in a neighbor's yard, but do we see the opportunity? Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4 that "we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

What is that service that we give to others? How is it that we serve for Jesus' sake? By letting the proclamation of the gospel shine a light into dark hearts and minds. He goes on to say, "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." The same God who spoke light into existence desires to shine a light in and through us to the glory of His son!

In other words, where we see the darkness, we should be compelled to shine all the more brightly – not for our sake, not to judge those in darkness – but as a service to them and for the sake of our Lord.

So, glory to God! We have a purpose this spooky season – go be the light of Christ – shine at home – shine at work – shine in the store - come shine at this year's Fall Festival! We are called to shine!

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. *In the same way,* ***let your light shine*** *before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*." Matt 5:14-16

Glory to God, what an opportunity! Let's shine together! - For His Glory, *Pastor Justin*

RBA
Randolph Baptist Association

RBA Annual Meeting here at CRBC

October 26

5pm Dinner 6:30pm Business
7:30pm Worship

Enjoy a free dinner, hear what God has been doing in RBA this year and worship God together!

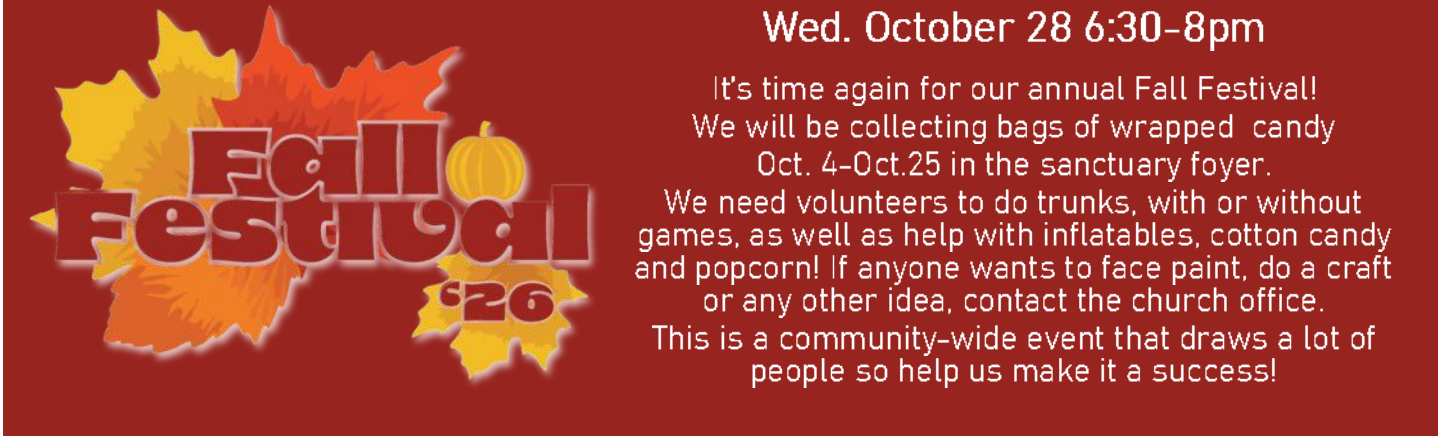
CR Kids

Awana Kid's Club 6:15-7:45pm each Wednesday
Awana is for children ages 2-6th grades. Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks and T&T. See Pastor Andrew or Taylor Ferrer Diaz for more information.

October 3rd Deep Impact Kids Mission Day in Asheboro

Join us as we help in Asheboro on a variety of projects!

Kids in 1st-6th grade are eligible to attend. Cost is $10 per child. Scan the QR code to register and pay!



CR Students

School is back in full swing and with it we welcomed a slew of new 6th graders to youth group. This month the youth helped during the AWANA kick off by serving food and drinks, monitoring kids on the bounce houses, and interacting with the kids in AWANA. It was such a joy to watch the students serve the church.

September also brought See You at the Pole and the annual rally. This year our church hosted it and our speaker was Dustin Wilson from Love Life. He challenged the teens to be an impact to those around them. The students were given different prayer points and gathered with each other to pray for their country, schools, teachers, parents, and the promotion of the Gospel. At the end of the message several students came forward to pray for and with each other. It was such an encouraging time to see students boldly stepping into the throne room of God and making petitions before the Creator of all things. The Wednesday after the rally, students all across the country gathered around the flag pole at their schools and prayed for each other and their schools.

We are seeing more students coming to various Bible studies across our city. Students are taking a stand for Christ and are hungry for God's Word. Let's continue to encourage our students to live the life that Christ is calling them to live. Encourage them to have the impact on others that God is calling them to have. Encourage them to share their faith with their friends and take a stand for Christ. - *Pastor Andrew*

October 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday Bible Study

Dear CRBC, *Thank you to everyone for all the beautiful cards, the beautiful flowers, and especially the prayers for me and my family during this period of grief at the passing of Max. Please continue to lift us up.*
I love you all, but Jesus loves you more, - Glenda Skinner

Worship Ministry

A prayer for the new season:

Heavenly Father, In this new season, draw us closer to You. Give us hearts that are ready to worship, hands that are willing to serve, and faith to follow wherever You lead. May we recognize Your presence in the quiet moments, the changes, the challenges, and the blessings.

Lord, use this season to refresh our spirits, strengthen our faith, and prepare us for what You have next. Help us to remember that just as You are faithful through every season of nature, You are faithful through every season of our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear church family, You are loved and prayed over *- Abiding in Christ, Danielle Kelly*

Discipleship/Outreach

Since 1994, October has held a special place in my life. It's the month I first celebrated my soon-to-be wife's birthday, and I've loved it ever since—the crisp air, the NC State Fair, the crackling fire pits, and the joy of serving outdoors in ministry.

Saturate usa

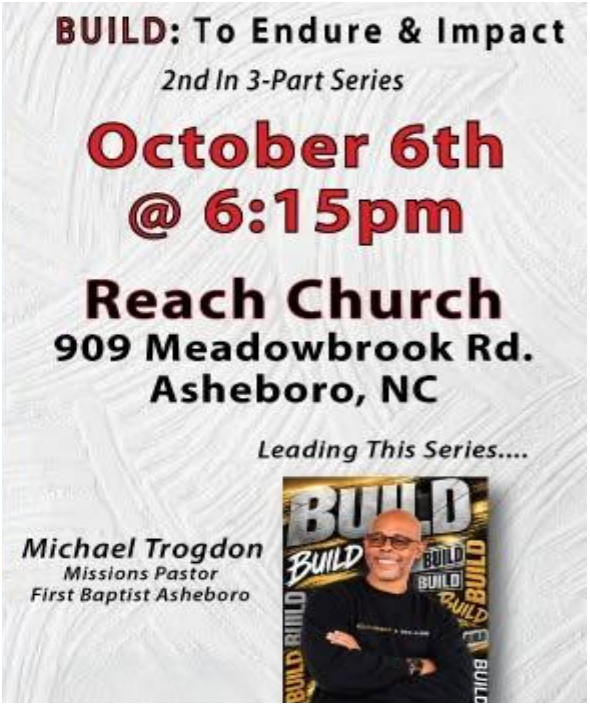
This October we will complete our 2026 Saturate campaign. Since our first Saturate Sunday in 2025, we've reached nearly 4,400 homes in our zip code. As the days shorten and the holidays approach, my prayer is that God continues to be glorified as we work the harvest fields together.

Several of our men will attend the Fort Caswell Men's Retreat October 16–18, Our theme will be *Cornerstone: Building a Godly Home* and learning how to cultivate discipleship. Thank you to all who registered and committed to growing in Christ.

On October 20, twenty CRBC men will join 1,200 others at the Hometown Men's Fellowship in Welcome, NC. Austin Dillon will share his testimony, and Frank Turek will be our keynote speaker. We'll leave the church at 4:00 p.m., stopping at Speedy's BBQ before the 7:00 p.m. event.

We'll finish the month with a co-ed service opportunity through the Randolph Baptist Association as part of Reaching Randolph 2026. We'll help build beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, blessing families by giving children a place to sleep off the floor. Two teams will work from 9:00–12:00 and 12:30–3:30. Sign-up info will be in the October bulletin, and children 12 and older may participate with a parent.

Men's Ministry



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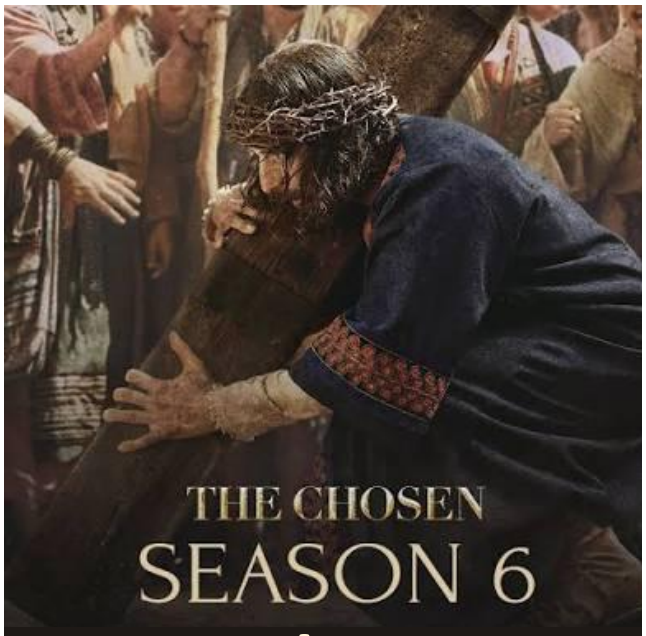

October 11

7pm

Premiere of Season 6 Episode 1

Watch it HERE!

We're showing it outside on a large screen at the CLC.

Bring a chair, some friends, and join us!

JOIN US FOR A CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY!

OCT. 10 AT 9AM

WE WILL BE SPREADING MULCH AT THE CHURCH

SEE RANDY SURRATT WITH QUESTIONS!