

**WEEKLY  
BUDGET  
OFFERING**



Weekly Ministry Costs \$6159

**Weekly Giving to God**

04/19/26	04/26/26	05/03/26	05/10/26
\$2492	\$7524	\$12300	\$2191

# Robertsville baptist church

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



June 1 Norma Carter  
4 Tom Southard  
16 Ruby O'Kain  
20 Maycie Huff  
22 Velda Robinson  
24 Hailey Squire  
26 Nathan Burton

If your birthdate is not listed,  
please email [jwhite@rbcor.org](mailto:jwhite@rbcor.org)  
with your date.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Keith Pierce, Interim Pastor  
Jack Abbott, Associate Pastor  
Josh Squire, Associate Pastor  
Judy White, Ministry Assistant  
Rudolph Nemeth, Pianist  
John Puckett, Custodian

## **DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

**11AM**



Join us as we celebrate God's calling for Carol Knicely, Bryan Riley and Brent Starr! The service will include a charge to the candidates and the congregation, followed by the laying on of hands—a biblical traditional that began with the appointment of the first seven servants in Acts 6. Church members will have the opportunity to share brief personal words of encouragement, affirmation, and welcome with our new deacons. These meaningful moments signify that deacon ministry is a shared calling: the deacons serve, but the entire church supports and participates.

We invite you to come prayerfully and joyfully support these newly installed deacons as they step into this role of servant leadership.

## A WORD FROM JACK

One of the greatest strengths of our church is the warm and welcoming spirit people experience each Sunday. I am so thankful for those who faithfully serve behind the scenes to help make that happen. Right now, we have a need for additional volunteers in two important hospitality areas.

Stephanie Smith and Melissa Blalock have faithfully led this ministry since the Gathering Place began in 2023. They could really use additional volunteers to rotate every other Sunday or possibly serve on a monthly schedule. Set-up begins at 9:00am and cleanup after service takes about 10 minutes.



A friendly face and warm welcome can make all the difference for guests and visitors. Gail Sweeden (9:00–9:30am) and Marilyn Kerley (10:30–11:00am) would both appreciate additional volunteers to help create a rotating schedule.

If you and a friend, spouse, or family member would be willing to serve in one of these ministries, please let me know. These simple acts of service make a lasting impact and help our church continue to be a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors.



## FUSION SUMMER CAMP

June 15-20



**ROBERTSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Let's begin praying for the students and leaders that will be attending summer camp. Refer to Jack's article on the next page.

## A WORD FROM JOSH

Isaiah 40:31 says, "but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Do we wait for the Lord, or do we rush ahead? We are called to walk with the Holy Spirit, not ahead of Him. So, let's wait for the Lord, walking in step with Him, and let Him renew our strength!

## TN BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Mother's Day Offering gifts are vital to helping our children flourish, by providing for their needs while in our care. For more information visit [tennesseechildren.org](http://tennesseechildren.org)



## DEACONS MEETING

May 31, 6pm

Jack Abbott's home

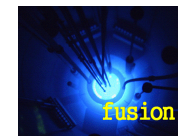
All new deacons, please plan to attend this meeting. We will be electing officers for the new year.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 12:30pm

All staff, committee chairs, and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend.

## FUSION STUDENT MINISTRY



There are just **FOUR WEEKS** till Summer Camp! Those going include Kenlie, Lily, J.J., Amanda, Rich, Keira, Jack (youth), Wendy, Jack, and Richard. It is June 15-20 in Andrews, NC and the cost is \$350 per person. If anyone can help sponsor a spot for camp, please let me know. I don't want anyone to miss this due to the cost.

Love in Christ,  
Jack Abbott