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## From Pastor Brandon

**What's the most dreaded word heard in any church?** I'm sure there are some pretty good words but the word I'm thinking about may be the top of the list. That word: CHANGE!! Yep, I said it, CHANGE! Just when things seem comfortable and everything is going just the way we want it... BAM, change enters the picture and turns everything upside down!! But change breaks up the status quo, creates (healthy) tension, and stirs us to action, so it can't be all that bad.

When Paul and Silas entered Thessalonica (see Acts 17), they began preaching in the synagogue and things began to change quickly. The result of the change: people got saved and God was glorified. Scripture says that Jews, Greeks, and women all gave their lives to Christ. Guess what else happened? The Pharisees and religious leaders didn't like the change. Why? Acts 17:5 says the "Jews became jealous". They wanted things to remain the same. They wanted to keep their power and control. They even went before the city officials and stated that, "These men (Paul and Silas and the other Christians) who have turned the world upside down have come here too". What they missed was that the change they were seeing occur was the power of God transforming lives. And that same power could transform their lives as well. But they missed it because they weren't open to change.

My friends, we are in a period of change at CRBC. And I know things will be different and I know change may require us to focus more on God's bigger picture rather than our own comfort. I believe change is God's way of turning our world upside down so that flame of faith burns brighter in us and through us. The result: people get saved and God is glorified through His church and His people. I'm excited to see what God has planned for CRBC as He continues to stir our hearts through change.

*In Christ, Pastor Brandon*

## DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

**Deacon Ministry Announcement:** On Sunday, August 14, 2022, during both morning services, the church will be called to affirm the following men to serve a 3-year term (2022-2025) in the Deacon Ministry of CRBC: Tim Buck, Lloyd Marion, Mike Sheron, Gary

Yeary. Please join us in praying for these men, their spouses, and their families as they faithfully serve our church family as Deacons.

An ordination service for Tim Buck and Lloyd Marion will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 5:30pm in the sanctuary followed by a concert at 6:00pm with musical guest, Alex Zsolt. Please mark you calendar to attend both of these special events.

**Aftershock Student Ministry (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Wow, July was insane! Great, but insane!** Our students served so well in Philly and also at the Jubilee community center in Lynchburg VA! Several students pitched in to make music camp a great success and we had a great turnout! Now we turn our attention to August and SPORTS CAMP! This year's theme will be SUIT UP! Each day we will look at a different element of the Armor of God and we will be teaching the campers a new memory verse! We will be doing sports like soccer, basketball, disc-golf, and volleyball – all sports our students are involved in competitively and will be teaching skills for! We will start a series on the book of James on Wednesday nights in August. I am planning a youth outing which I may keep a surprise for August 20<sup>th</sup> so put that date on your calendar, my plan is for it to be morning through early afternoon! We are also talking with Caraway and Your Choices Randolph about scheduling a service project this month and will send out more info as soon as we have it! We will kick off the fall youth Bible Study with a party on Wed. Sept 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

**August Meetings 6-7:30pm 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th** Aftershock Bible Study

**August 1-5 CR Kids Sports Camp** Youth helpers need to be here at 8:30 each day.

**September 7th 6-8pm** Youth Fall Kickoff Party

## Children's Ministry

**We cannot wait to welcome our Cross Road Kids back to sports camp this year during the first week of August.** I am really looking forward to transitioning into this new role as Next Gen Pastor and

the more intentional connection I will get to have with our children! Taylor has been an absolute blessing as we planned some children's events and we hope to continue to do so. Rene Hutcherson has really been helpful with our Sunday morning schedules and policies and I cannot say enough about how thankful I am for these two young ladies! This is just the beginning! I am so excited about the new faces both in the classes and of volunteer leaders that we have been seeing. However, as we look to strengthen this aspect of our church ministry life AND specifically as we look to relaunch our Awana program in Sept we need volunteer leaders in our children's ministry now more than ever! Please come and talk to me if you are interested in joining the children's ministry team in some way! Whether it is helping plan and chaperone trips and events or serving in a classroom for Sunday morning or Wednesday nights. There are lots of opportunities.

**August 1-5th Sports Camp** This year's theme will be SUIT UP! Each day we will look at a different element of the Armor of God and we will be teaching the campers a new memory verse! We will be doing soccer, basketball, disc-golf, and volleyball. You can come the first day and register your child then if you haven't had a chance yet. The cost is \$10 and your child needs to pack a lunch each day except Friday. We will have a pizza party on the last day.



**ALEX-ZSOLT**  
music that ministers

**Sunday, August 28 at 6pm**

Join us for a night of music with talented pianist Alex Zsolt. Alex will also be leading our worship on Sunday morning at both services.

*Thank You*

**Dear Cross Road Baptist Church,** Thanking you again for the lovely peace lily you sent upon my mom's passing and also cards, texts and food. It has only been a short time since my dad passed so we are eternally grateful to many of you constantly lifting our family in prayer. I am thankful and blessed for a wonderful church family and a pastor who once again was part of our service with not a lot of notice. Continue to be the church on the hill with a beacon of light and love for our community. Love from our home to yours! **Kathryn**

**Simpson & Jim Steed Families**

## Young Adult Ministry



**Gellyball Day** took on a life of its own and was a great success. The next event/activity we are looking to sponsor through our college and young pros group is a bouldering/rock climbing outing at a rock climbing gym in Greensboro!

## Women's Ministry

women's retreat at Fort Caswell. Cost is \$180 per person and includes 4 meals and your room. Special speaker is Quortney Jernigan (visit her site [runningredeemed.com](http://runningredeemed.com)) if you are interested in going please, let Renea or the church office know.

**Fort Caswell Women's Retreat**  
September 23-25 is the fall



## Notes from Pastor Mitch

As the old saying goes, "Parting is such sweet sorrow." It reminds us of the *sorrow* of saying farewell, but it also references the *sweetness* of knowing that we will see one another again. As far as Christian fellowship goes, Caro and I know that we are leaving this area and will see our CRBC friends less often. We also know that we're just a 90-minute drive away and we'll surely have opportunities to see Asheboro folks again from time to time. As part of this Christian family, we also have the sweet assurance that we will all see one another again in the presence of our Savior!

Please know that we love you, and we have loved our time together with you at CRBC, through all of the joys and challenges we've faced together. We are stronger for having served beside you in this place and we are confident that God has got so much more in store for us in our new field of ministry and also for CRBC in this new season.

**For everything there is a season, and every season has its place.  
My God brings changes for a reason; every trial, every matter under space.**

**The weather may change but our God never will.  
The seasons come and go; our God is faithful still.**

**Now is the time for us to praise His name. Here is this place we will not wait.  
And for all time we're gonna shout His fame, for there was never one so great.  
In every season, He is the reason we celebrate!**

*(Mitch Duncan – 2021 Song Shepherd Ministries)*



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August 29--First day of school for students in Randolph County and Asheboro City. There are probably few, if any, of us that doesn't know someone impacted by this event. Maybe it is your child, grandchild, neighbor, niece or nephew. Whomever it is, they need our prayers. School, as most of us experienced it, has changed in a myriad of ways; some for good, many not so good.

The main thing is that those we know attending school today need our prayers like never before. We really don't have to have a relationship with them, or even know their name. If you are stopped by the stop sign on a school bus, pray for each child on that bus, or if you are dropping off your own child at school, pray for all those children you see entering the building. We don't know anything about the home life that might affect a child's school day; we don't know if any of them are being bullied, maybe they are a bully. But, what we do know, is that they are all in this world by God's design. They all have a purpose.

We need to pray for our teachers. They have a tough job. They are bombarded from all sides on how to teach children who have different learning styles and abilities; they are told to conform to using pronouns that are not what we were taught they imply. Pray for them to have boldness and courage to teach according to God's way.

Pray for God's light and protection to be evident for all to see and be in awe of each and every day. We, who are called God's children, need to pray for school children whether they are ours or not. It is for sure that it won't happen if we don't do it. No one can tell us we can't do it. There are no laws against it. Be a prayer ambassador for all students of Randolph County this year! *(Joyce Blackwelder Prayer Team Coordinator)*



## Senior Summer Socials

Join us for lunch, fellowship and a devotion!  
It's an Italian theme this month!

**August 10 at 11:30am**

**Please RSVP by Monday August 8.  
Call the church office or sign up on the  
Senior Adult bulletin board.**