

# The Rolling Roads Reminder

May 2023

## Looking Over Jordan

**Jesus Ascended to Heaven** in His glorified body, as the disciples watched. "He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." (Acts 1:9) Later, the Holy Spirit came to the church at Pentecost (Acts 2:2-12). And by One Spirit people are baptized together into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13).

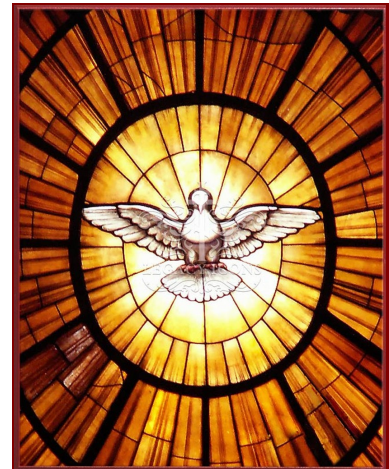
**As Christ's Body**, we believe in liberty, true spiritual liberty. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Corinthians 3:17) To have true spiritual liberty, the Age of the Spirit had to come into the world. Paul believed that those who follow the faith of Abraham are both justified by faith and have the Holy Spirit in their lives. Not externally, but internally: they "receive" the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit comes by the redemptive work of Jesus.

**The Age of the Spirit** followed Jesus' work on earth, and continues to today. Ethical and moral standards are elevated with power by the Holy Spirit dwelling inside of us. We are inclined towards God, we desire God, we pursue God's blessing and we seek to please Him. All of this is enabled by Jesus and empowered by the Spirit!

**So spiritual liberty** is obviously much more than keeping rules and regulations out of obligation or fear. Could unwilling obedience be willing disobedience? For the faithful believer the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Christ is the One who operates in our lives to give us will and power at the same time. He (the Spirit) produces in us the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

**In this ongoing age of the Spirit**, may we always realize that today's life with God is just a taste of the glory to come! So live enthusiastically for the Lord today, and be ready to praise Him in the age to come for all the wonderful things He has done to set us truly free!

Happy because  
of Jesus,  
*Pastor James*



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May

Doris Campbell - 3rd

Ron Lamkin - 20th

Denise Roach - 22nd



**financial report**

March

Income: \$8,523

Expenses: \$7,436



## Growing Towards Christ

### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4 - National Day of Prayer

May 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

May 28 - Carillon at 4PM

May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

Each Wednesday - Pastor James'  
Bible study Vidcast



**Thursday, May 4**

*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16b*

## Pregnancy Network

### Our Focus

Empowering women to face their unplanned pregnancies without fear.

At The Pregnancy Network, we care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals by embodying Christian principles and values. We support individuals before, during, and after an unplanned pregnancy by providing medical services, education, resources, and mentoring. We serve Greensboro & Winston-Salem.

### Share the Change

May 14 - June 18

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[thepregnancynetwork.org/  
partner/give/](https://thepregnancynetwork.org/partner/give/)



## Mother's Translation of the Bible

There is a story about four clergymen who were discussing the merits of the various translations of the Bible.

One liked the King James Version best because of its simple, beautiful English.

Another liked the American Revised Version best because it is more literal and comes nearer the original Hebrew and Greek. Still another liked Moffatt's translation best because of its up-to-date vocabulary.

The fourth minister was silent. When asked to express his opinion, he replied,

"I like my mother's translation best." The other three expressed surprise.

They did not know that his mother had translated the Bible. "Yes, she did," he replied.

"She translated it into life, and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw."

