

# The Rolling Roads Reminder

August 2023

## Looking Over Jordan

**The Baptist Faith & Message** says that salvation *“is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour...”* and *“those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end...”* Even though trouble comes and we might fall into sin or grieve the Spirit... *“yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.”* These Baptist statements of faith are built on a Biblical understanding of salvation, upon the promises of God.

**Sometimes when times are tough** people have doubts. We wonder why things aren't the way we imagined them to be in the past. The Bible says, *“hope deferred makes the heart sick.”* This is a way of saying that disappointment is real in our lives. But disappointment does not need to mean despair!

**It is not uncommon** to have doubts about salvation. Sometimes we have become Christians and received Jesus, but still we might wonder or doubt this during tough times. When a doubt is leading to despair, this is not something God wants us to have. It is important to realize that

this kind of doubt comes from inside, from our sinful nature.

**No doubt**, you have heard that we should not depend upon our feelings for the assurance of salvation. This is because our feelings can change often in the midst of the circumstances of life. Also, 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 says, *“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”* Satan can work in the mind, and can trick the emotions away from the truth of God's assurance of salvation.

**We need to remember** that our assurance of salvation comes from the word of God.

1 John 5:13 says, *“These things I have written to*

*you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”* So we can know that we have Christ, and that we are saved. (continued)



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Craig Davis  
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Peggy Robertson  
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**financial report**

June

Income: \$7,249

Expenses: \$6,208



**Thank  
You!**

## *Growing Towards Christ*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 20 - Fellowship Meal  
Each Wednesday - Pastor James'  
Bible study Vidcast

### **Fellowship & Potluck meal!!**

Sunday, August 20  
following worship service  
Bring food to the main building  
as we will be eating in a Sunday  
school classroom! Please bring  
items that do not need to be  
heated on stove / in oven.  
Crock pots are fine!

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**Our faith and trust in Jesus** by grace through faith is what saves us. It doesn't so much have to do with how we are feeling today, or how healthy we are, or how spiritual someone else says we are. Remember, salvation is about what Jesus accomplished on the cross! We believe God's promises in the Bible, and this is where we get our assurance.

**Revelation 21:6** says, "I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost." Be encouraged- don't drink from the waters of doubt. Instead, draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

*Drink from the living waters  
of Christ Himself!*

Happy because of Jesus,  
*Pastor James*

### AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING: Piedmont Baptist Association (PBA)

- Our local association promotes church planting - drawing people from darkness to light through the proclamation of the gospel!
- Our local association is committed to helping our local churches grow in their mission for Christ!
- Our local association seeks to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways!

Such as: Serving & loving Burmese immigrant families;  
International Fellowship which ministers to college students;  
GC Jail Ministry;

Glenwood community children's weekly ministry; and  
serving people in need in practical ways through the Piedmont Serve Program.

All this is done in God-glorifying ways and with a desire to see people come to know Jesus! Please consider giving a gift to assist with the ministries of our local association, and as always, your prayers are also greatly appreciated!