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Rolling Roads Baptist Church

LOOKING OVER JORDAN

The Baptist Church: A Cultural Bedrock

On the radio someone was recently talking about the concept of "cultural bedrock." The term refers to something so widely known and accepted that it never truly disappears; it remains ever-present in spite of emergencies, tragedies, natural disasters, the passage of time, sudden changes in political fortunes, or famous deaths. People may change their minds and habits about many things, and technology may alter how we live and work, but the cultural bedrock endures.

As I considered this idea, I realized that the Baptist Church is a fundamental part of the cultural bedrock of our society. We may not be consciously aware of it, and we may not think about it every week, but Baptists have a long and significant history in our culture, predating the American Revolution.

Some of you may remember the Sandy Creek Revival, which took place in the 1740s not far from here. The First Baptist Church at Charleston was established in colonial times, in pre-colonial times even. Roger Williams, a key figure in the founding of American religious freedom, became a Baptist and established Brown University in Rhode Island while transitioning in his faith journey from a Puritan to a Quaker. We should also never forget about Thomas Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptists just across the border, a few miles from here in Virginia. That letter became a founding document for religious freedom, later enshrined in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.



When a person drives around the South, they will pass Baptist churches. When driving around New England or urban areas across the country, one will see Baptist churches. Some may no longer be in use; some are very old; some are only half full. Some may no longer be in use; some are very old; some are only half full.

But what do they stand for? What do they

BIRTHDAYS

BOB YOUNG
FEB 9

RUTH VESTAL
SHERRI DAVIS
FEB 12

LESLIE WAGLE
FEB 13

RICKY WILLETS
FEB 14

CONNIE FOGLE
FEB 15



*That we are alive today
is proof positive that
God has something for
us to do today.*

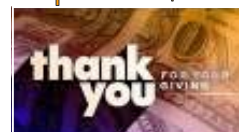
Anna R. B. Lindsay

*For I know the plans I
have for you...plans to give
you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11



Financial Report
DECEMBER
Income: \$7719
Expense: \$7387



VANDALISM AT OUR CHURCH

Upon entering the building Friday, January 30 we found 11 windows had been broken by rocks being thrown through them. Thankfully we caught it early enough so that the windows could be covered before the snow/blizzard hit us on Saturday. The area that was most effected were the ones in the front (preschool) classrooms.



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represent? They represent a certain tradition of worship of the only true and living God. They represent the rule and reign of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior on this earth. They represent public worship, which was so very important to a generation now gone. This weekly worship is, I believe, a part of our cultural bedrock.

People who feel lost or confused today, people who are wondering about their purpose in life, should think about worship. They should consider why people participate—and why they are not. They should realize that they are missing out on something profoundly important.

As we begin 2026, I encourage you to be proud to be a Baptist, to understand more about the Baptist heritage, and to realize that you are involved in something vital: worship, which is what all people were created for.

Happy Because of Jesus,

Pastor James

