



JUNE 2026



# Rolling Roads Baptist Church

## LOOKING OVER JORDAN

**“He’s in a better place.”** That’s what we always say when someone passes away in the Lord. If a person was known to be a Christian, we know they will be welcomed into "a better place" in the afterlife. But what do we really mean when we say this? It often sounds as if someone simply moved from a bad location to a better one. Usually, we are referencing the suffering or pain the person endured prior to their death. Perhaps they were glorifying God through a difficult illness from which they were not healed, or perhaps they were glorifying God through faith during some other suffering or persecution.

When we think of that "better place," streets of gold and walls of jasper often come to mind. We imagine a visual wonderland where our senses are overwhelmed by what they experience. Biblical descriptions in Ezekiel and Revelation heighten our imagination of what eternity could be like. Yet, streets of gold and walls of jasper notwithstanding, there is something else that makes heaven the ultimate destination for humankind. That "something" is a Person—the Triune God. God is all-pervasive in the heavenly realm. We see God the Father on the throne, Jesus the Son seated at the Father’s right hand, and the Holy Spirit leading the heavenly congregation and the redeemed in worship. This is truly heavenly bliss, eternal peace, and rest.

However, the Bible also asks, *“Where can I flee from Your Spirit?”* (Psalm 139:7) It reminds us of *“Christ in us, the hope of glory”* (Colossians 1:27), and promises, *“I will put My Spirit within them”* (Ezekiel 36:27). Jesus Himself said, *“Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in the midst of them”* (Matthew 18:20) and, *“Lo, I am with you always”* (Matthew 28:20). This biblical theology of the indwelling presence of God shows us beyond any doubt that the believer is *already* in a better place right now.

When we are saved, eternal life begins immediately. Too often, we relegate eternal life and our relationship with God to the distant future—the "sweet by and by"—and certainly not today. After all, today is filled with traffic insanity, bad news, difficult people, and broken objects. How could this possibly be the better place? Our instinct is to say, "Let’s get out

## BIRTHDAYS

TOM JUSTICE  
JUNE 28



*Real love is always  
a gift from God: a  
gift of Himself.*  
—Eugenia Price

*The steadfast  
love of the Lord  
never ceases,  
His mercies never  
come to an end.*  
Lamentations 3:22



Financial Report  
APRIL

Income: \$6596  
Expense: \$7106





**Graduate Recognition**  
**- Sunday, June 7**  
**For Alex Jordan**

**Southeast Guilford High School,**  
**Class of 2026**

**AND**

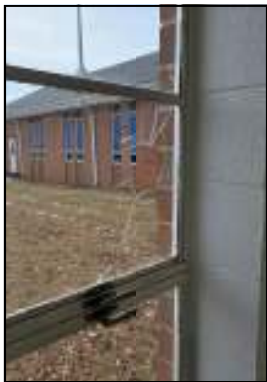
**GTCC Fire Academy, Class 50**  
 with these NC certifications:  
 IFSAC Firefighter I and II  
 IFSAC Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations  
 IFSAC Passenger Vehicle Awareness,  
 Operations, and Technician  
 IFSAC Hazardous Materials Operations



Potluck Dinner  
 after the service on  
 Sunday, June 7

Bring a dish to share  
 and join us for a great  
 time of fellowship!

**Sunday, June 21 is Father's Day and  
 the final day to bring in your filled baby bottles  
 for The Pregnancy Network!**



Remember the 11 vandalized windows we had back in January? Let's give a great big THANKS to Craig and Ricky for replacing them! We appreciate your diligence and the giving of your time to get the tough job done!



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of here!"

But in contrast to superstitious escapism, we are called to live by faith. Salvation is the ultimate "better place" spiritually. Today, we are absolutely in that better place because of Jesus. He promised, *"I have come that you may have life, and life more abundantly (John 10:10).* We are reminded of the classic spiritual, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," which is based on Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount: *"Do not worry about your life... your heavenly Father knows what you need...seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you"* (Matthew 6:25-33).

When we are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), Jesus dwells within our souls. Never forget that eternity begins at the moment of salvation—so live for Christ today!

Happy Because of Jesus,

*Pastor James*

