



Roberta
CHURCH



July Newsletter

FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FREEDOM

Family,

This July, our nation celebrates a remarkable milestone, 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries, the United States has experienced seasons of great triumph and painful struggle, times of unity and times of division, moments of faithfulness and moments when we have wandered from our foundations.

Yet one truth remains: there is still one sovereign God who rules over all.

Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His heritage."

As believers, we know our ultimate allegiance is not to a political party, an ideology, or even a nation. Our highest allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. At the same time, we should never take for granted the incredible blessings and freedoms we enjoy as Americans. We are recipients of a rich heritage built upon principles that acknowledged our dependence upon Almighty God.

The founders were far from perfect, but they understood something we desperately need to remember today: freedom is fragile when a nation forgets the One who grants it.

As we celebrate fireworks, gather with family and friends, and wave our flags this month, may we also pause to give thanks to God. Let us thank Him for His provision, His protection, and His continued mercy upon our country.

And perhaps even more importantly, let us pray.

Pray for our leaders. Pray for our communities. Pray for our churches. Pray for revival. Pray that our nation would once again humble itself before God and seek His wisdom and guidance.

No matter what challenges our country faces, our hope is not found in Washington, in elections, or in human efforts alone. Our hope rests firmly in the sovereign God who raises up nations and oversees the affairs of mankind.

For 250 years, God has been faithful.

May we, His people, be faithful in return.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Chad



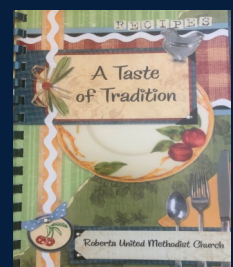
Classic Macaroni Salad

By: Dot Barbee

- 3/4 mayonnaise
- 2 tbs vinegar
- 1 tbs prepared mustard
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 8 oz elbow macaroni noodles (cook and drained)
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup chopped green or red pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped onion

Combine first 6 ingredients. Stir in remaining ingredients, Cover, chill. Makes 5 cups.

Recipe Books can be purchased through any Lydia member for \$12.00 each.



Church Fund Balances — May 31, 2026

WORSHIP SERVERS

Thank you for serving!

ACOLYTE

7/5	Ethan Darnell
7/12	Maddie Hudson
7/19	Taylor Darnell
7/26	Aurora Cochran

USHERS

7/5	Larry Pigg & Jewel Williamson
7/12	Dale Furr & George Brown
7/19	Mike Kanady & Paul Pacious
7/26	Doug Conner & Ronnie Hinson

GREETERS

7/5	Carolyn Pigg & Vicky Furr
7/12	Doris Burris & Brenda Koerner
7/19	Camie Hooks & Larry Taylor
7/26	Tammy Weddington & Kevin Dunham

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

7/5	Colby Cochran
7/12	Doug Conner
7/19	Kirby Eudy
7/26	Regina Hinson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7/5	Kari Thompson
7/12	Doris Burris
7/19	Debbie Cochran
7/26	Kelly Almond

NURSERY

7/5	Shawn Marble & Annemarie Irons
7/12	Jewel Williamson & Kelly Almond
7/19	Kelly Pacious & Kari Thompson
7/26	Paul Pacious & Shawn Marble

MULTI-MEDIA

7/5	Soundboard: Rob Sossamon
	Computer: Jewel Williamson
	Camera: Loren Koerner
7/12	Soundboard: Jim Killian
	Computer: Regina Hinson
	Camera: Susan Ferguson
7/19	Soundboard: Regina Hinson
	Computer: Jim Killian
	Camera: Alex Hattaway
7/26	Soundboard: Sue Ridenhour
	Computer: Loren Koerner
	Camera: Jim Killian

OPENING/CLOSING CHURCH - JULY

Eric Howie

General Fund Operating Budget Checking Acct.	\$116,433
General Fund Checking	\$50.00
General Fund CD	\$106,107.42
Total General Fund	\$222,590.42
Capital Fund / General Fund	\$11,043.54
Capital Fund / Music - Children / Youth	\$2,602.45
Capital Fund / Multi - Media	\$1,210.68
Capital Fund / Adult Choir - Hand bells	\$1,939.26
Capital Fund / Disaffiliation	\$5,387.98
Total Capital Fund	\$22,183.91
Building Fund Checking Account	\$13,193.84
Building Fund CD	\$75,241.90
Total Building Fund	\$88,435.74
Community Missions - Money Market	\$1,130.25
Cemetery Fund Checking	\$15,890.64
Cemetery Fund CD- 1	\$23,110.37
Cemetery Fund CD- 2	\$23,018.63
Total Cemetery Fund	\$62,019.64
Educational Fund CD	\$84,344.59
Year to Date: 1/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026	
General Fund Income:	\$139,514.71
Expenses:	\$130,008.80
Current Budget Surplus:	\$9,505.91

Memorials

A gift was given to the Building Fund in memory of
Garner & Olene Verble by: Doris Blackley

A gift was given to the Cemetery Fund in memory of
Lawrence Blackley by: Doris Blackley

Gifts were given to the Building Fund in memory of

Madeleine Anderson by:

Bill & Brenda Phillips

The Killians

Nelson & Joyce Hardister

Lisa Linker & Shirley Hudson

Kathy & Eddie Taylor



– Fran Brown



The Worship Team would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Sharon Wooten for her faithful dedication to our worship ministry. Her willingness to share her time, talents, and servant's heart has been a tremendous blessing to our Roberta Church family. Thank you, Sharon, for all you have done and continue to do to help lead us in worship. We are grateful for your ministry and pray God's continued blessings upon you.

We also invite everyone to stay after worship each Sunday in July for **Lemonade on the Lawn**. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a cool refreshment, spend time with friends, and warmly welcome visitors to our church family.

Don't forget our special **America's 250th Birthday Worship Celebration** on Sunday, July 5th. Join us as we give thanks for our nation and celebrate this historic milestone together.

Looking ahead, **Training for Communion Preparers and Servers** will be held on Sunday, August 1st, at 3:30 p.m. If you currently serve or would like to become part of this important ministry, please plan to attend.

Finally, thank you to everyone who serves in our worship ministry and helps make each worship service so meaningful. Whether you serve behind the scenes or in front of the congregation, your faithfulness, thoughtfulness, and love are a beautiful reflection of Christ. May God bless you as we continue to worship Him and serve together throughout this summer season!



– Colby Cochran

It has been a busy and rewarding spring and early summer for the Missions & Outreach Team at Roberta! While our organized activities will take a brief pause during the summer months, our mission of serving others continues. This break allows our volunteers time to enjoy vacations, spend time with family, and recharge before we begin another busy season of fall and holiday outreach projects.

Although our scheduled activities are on hold, the need in our community never takes a vacation. Please continue bringing canned food donations for the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Food Pantry throughout July and August. Donations may be placed in the Missions bins near the first-floor elevator or in the "tree stump" located in the Narthex.

Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Packing

On June 13, twenty-eight Roberta volunteers packed more than 5,000 meals in less than two hours! Thank you to everyone who participated in this incredible ministry. Our next meal-packing event will be **Saturday, October 17th**. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to join us for this fun and meaningful opportunity to serve. More details will be shared in early fall. A special thank you to Kari Thompson for coordinating this ministry.

Esther's Heart Summer Mega Meal Packing

Seventeen Roberta members joined churches from across our community on June 27 to pack more than 2,000 summer meals for children in just one hour. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and a special thank you to Camie Hooks for coordinating this outreach opportunity.

Don't forget our ongoing "A Can in Each Hand" ministry—a can of food for our neighbors and a can of change to support the Forward In Faith Refresh fund. Collection Sunday this month is **July 26th**. Every donation, no matter the size!

Thank you for your continued support of the Missions & Outreach Team!

Your generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve are making a lasting difference in our community and beyond.





– Susan Ferguson

Summer has been a busy season for Faith in Motion as we continue looking for ways to share Christ's love throughout our community.

Our Ice Cream Truck Outreach on June 20th was a wonderful success! Thanks to our volunteers, we distributed 96 ice cream treats while visiting neighborhoods surrounding Roberta Church. It was a simple way to connect with families, share smiles, and remind our neighbors that they are loved. Mark your calendars now for our next Ice Cream Truck Outreach on Saturday, August 15th at 2:00 PM!

Our outreach continues throughout the year as we provide monthly donations to the local hospice home and make weekly deliveries to the oncology infusion unit at the hospital, offering encouragement and small acts of kindness to patients and their families during difficult times. Thank you so much to all who come out once a month (first Monday of the month at 10am, typically) and help put labels on each item and pray over them before they are delivered, your help, love and prayer means more than you could know!

Our biggest outreach project this summer is our School Supply Backpack Drive, and your generosity has been incredible! As of June 28th, donations have provided enough school supplies for 534 students—just over halfway to our goal of 1,000 backpacks. With only **four weeks remaining**, we're asking everyone to prayerfully consider helping us reach the finish line.

Why is this project so important? These backpacks of school supplies are handed out during open house at Roberta Road Middle School as well as Pitts School Road Elementary. As many of you know all of the neighborhoods that surround Roberta Church feed into these two schools. Roberta Road Middle quite literally sits in our back yard and serves more than 1,300 students. Pitts School Road Elementary, serves nearly 1,000 students. If we reach our goal of 1,000 backpacks, we have the opportunity to provide school supplies to **nearly half of these students**, helping our neighborhood children begin the school year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed.

Thank you for every donation you've made so far. Your generosity is making a real difference in the lives of local families.

We will also need LOTS of helping hands to *assemble* backpacks and distribute them during school open houses during the first week of August. Specific dates will be in your bulletin and Monday emails shortly.

If you're available to volunteer in any capacity, please let Kirby in the church office know. We'd love and greatly appreciate your help to join us as we put our faith into motion and serve our community together!





Kids & Youth



The Director's Chair

Dear Parents,

Summer is flying by and July is here! Our ministry does not have a lot happening in July, so please enjoy this time and stay safe in this HEAT. It's hard to move forward without reflecting on this past month. June was filled with celebrations and exciting events, including Vacation Bible School! What an amazing time we had. We learned so much and stepped back into Rome during the time of the Apostle Paul while he was under house arrest. For those who were not able to attend, here's what we learned: Paul's Passion.

One day while Paul was praying, God told him to go and preach the good news about Jesus. Paul travelled around the Mediterranean Sea, telling people how their sins could be forgiven. He loved seeing people become Christians! Paul was a missionary with passion. Traveling and telling people about Jesus were what Paul loved more than anything. He would go from town to town visiting churches, and if a town didn't have a church, he would start one. Well, Paul visited our church, and he shared exciting stories of his journeys and all of the mockery and abuse he received while preaching about Jesus.

Jesus commanded us to tell people in our world the good news of God's love. Your world is the school you attend, the grocery store you shop at, the neighborhood you live in, your teammates and coworkers, and your church. Ask God to give you passion like Paul to share the love of Jesus with your world! Our daily Bible points from VBS may help you remember why it's so important that we share Jesus with others.

- **Day 1: God's love is a gift** (Romans 6:23)
- **Day 2: God's love changes us** (Romans 12:2)
- **Day 3: God's love is always with us** (Romans 8:38)
- **Day 4: God's love saves us** (Romans 5:8)
- **Day 5: God's love is worth sharing** (Romans 10:15)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

(2 Timothy 4: 7-8)

Mari Brooks

Upcoming Dates:

7/26 Youth Retreat Huddle & Briefing
For Registered Youth & Adults Attending Retreat
 (3:00pm - 4:30pm)

Save the Date!

Hole-In-One Challenge: Kids & Youth
 Families invited!
July 25 (12:00pm)
 @ Monster Mini-Golf, Charlotte

Blessing of Backpacks
August 16
 (10:00am Worship)

Holy Motion Workshop for Christmas Production: "A Night At The Manger"
 All Kids and Youth who want to be in the Christmas Production should attend!
August 16 (3:00pm-5:00pm)

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VBS 2026
ROME
Paul and the
Underground Church





-Music – Sharon Wooten

The Roberta Church Adult Choir, along with some of our children and youth, will help us celebrate our nation's 250th birthday by bringing patriotic music and movement to our worship service on July 5th. Our focus will be on giving thanks for God's faithfulness and the many blessings He has poured out on our nation

throughout these 250 years. We hope this special service will be a meaningful celebration for everyone.

Throughout the Sundays in July, you will enjoy music presented by soloists and small groups during worship. We are grateful to these individuals for sharing their gifts and allowing our choir members a brief opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved summer rest.

As you have heard by now, July 5th will be my last Sunday physically at Roberta as your music director and organist, I will be taking the rest of the month as vacation with my official effective last day, July 31st. It has been a blessing to serve you for 13 years and I wish Roberta the best as you move into the future.

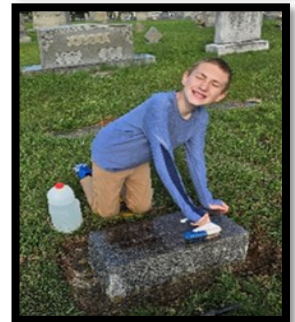


- Corinne Smith

For the past 4 years, I have been cleaning headstones and re-searching our cemetery. This summer, I am blessed to have some of our children and youth help with the documentation. Our goal is to update Find-a-Grave for Roberta Cemetery, so that the names listed are accurate, and reflects the plot location and GPS location. This is slightly larger of a challenge than we first anticipated, so there are some kinks to work out. We are working on this in hopes that it will allow all church members and guests

to easily find the location of their loved ones and ancestors. Check out the photos of Selah, Kalli, and Shilo helping load the GPS locations and clean headstones.

But, **NEED YOUR HELP!** The battle to edge the headstones so the creepy-crawly grass doesn't cover and hide it, well, I'm beginning to lose that battle, considering we have over 814 to maintain. (To date, I have found 8 flat headstones that were buried under grass). If you have any time and enjoy working outdoors in a peaceful area, you are welcome to join me in edging and recleaning these headstones. Or any time convenient for you. Please give me a call at 704-652-2593 or email me at csmith7254@gmail.com and we can discuss. Blessings, Corinne Smith



- Cathy Thompson

The Lydia Group met in June to discuss several exciting upcoming ministries and events. Members shared plans for the Hot Dog Sale and looked ahead to the many activities planned for the fall season.

The group will take a brief break during July and will resume meeting in August.

The evening concluded with a special surprise baby shower celebrating Pastor Chad and Annemarie as they welcome their FIRST grandchild. It was a joyful time of fellowship and celebration for everyone in attendance.

Lydia looks forward to serving through missions, fellowship, and ministry in the months ahead.

Please join us ! We would LOVE to have more of our Roberta Ladies!





– Dale & Sharon Wooten

The Forward in Faith Committee is thankful for the faithful generosity of our Roberta Church family .
Upcoming Fundraisers

- July 18 – Hot Dog Sale hosted by the Parent's Class and the Promised Land Sunday School Class. All proceeds will benefit the Forward in Faith Building Fund.
- September 19 – Forward in Faith Hot Dog Sale. Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

ReRefresh Project Progress *(as of May 31, 2026)*

Original ReRefresh Loan	\$450,000.00
Current Balance	\$322,303.18
Paid Off So Far	\$127,696.82 (28%)

Beginning Refresh Balance \$450,000.00
 2025 Building Fund Collections: \$51,054.96
 2026 Beginning Refresh Balance \$398,945.04
 Building fund Collections: \$32,968.37
 Cans: \$3,792.63
 Bake Sale/Sunday Sale Desserts: \$1,533.00
 Manger Scene: \$725.00
 Hot Dog Sale \$2,815.00
 Walk A Thon \$2,410.00
 2026 Total Collections: (\$44,244.00)
 Balance after BF Collections: \$354,701.04
 Collections thru Interest/Tax Refund (\$32,397.86)
 2026 Balance as of May 31, 2026 \$322,303.18



CAIUS MOOR	7/1	LOREN KOERNER	7/17
SAMANTHA D. AUSTIN	7/2	DORIS BURRIS	7/19
KEN LANE	7/2	JUNE FURR	7/19
JOHN WAYNE GOODMAN	7/4	LARRY PIGG	7/19
MARC AUSTIN	7/8	JODY FURR SMITH	7/20
ERIC STIREWALT	7/8	CATHY THOMPSON	7/21
KALLI HATTAWAY	7/9	CHARLES STRICKLAND	7/26
COLBY COCHRAN	7/9	KOLBY FELKER	7/28
MICHELLE LAVINE	7/9	RANDI WILSON	7/29
KATHY TAYLOR	7/16	NELSON HARDISTER	7/29



MIKE & CONNIE MOSS	7/2
BUCK & MELISSA LITTLE	7/3
J.R. & PAMELA FURR	7/5
KARI & MICHAEL THOMPSON	7/10
CHARLES & SHERRY STRICKLAND	7/11
RONNIE & REGINA HINSON	7/21
PHIL & PAT DAVIS	7/23



July Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday, July 1, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	SPRC Meeting	1st Floor Conf Room	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Sunday, July 5, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Communion & Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Meal for Sharon's Last Day	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
Monday, July 6, 2026	Comfort Blessings	1st Floor Conf Rm	3:00 PM
Tuesday, July 7, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
Wednesday, July 8, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
Thursday, July 9, 2026	RCFG Lunch	Cracker Barrell/Bruton Smith	12:30 PM
	Leadership Team Mtg	1st Floor Conf Rm	6:00 PM
	LIFE LINE SCREENING	Fellowship Hall	ALL DAY
Saturday, July 11, 2026	Quilting and Crafts Club	2B	3-Sep
Sunday, July 12, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Lemonade on the Lawn	Front Lawn	11:00 AM
Tuesday, July 14, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
	No Lydia Meeting		
Wednesday, July 15, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
Saturday, July 18, 2026	Hot Dog Sale	Fellowship Hall	10:30 am - 1:30 PM
Sunday, July 19, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Lemonade on the Lawn	Front Lawn	11:00 AM
Monday, July 20, 2026	No Men's Meeting		
Tuesday, July 21, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
	RCFG Breakfast	Parkway on 29	9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
Saturday, July 25, 2026	Quilting and Crafts Club	2B	9:00 am - 3:00 PM
	Hole-in-One Challenge - Kid's & Youth	Monster Mini Golf, Charlotte	12:00 PM
Sunday, July 26, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Lemonade on the Lawn	Front Lawn	11:00 AM
	Youth Retreat Huddle & Briefing	2B Classroom	3:00 - 4:30 PM
Tuesday, July 28, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
Wednesday, July 29, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM

* If you see any corrections, additions, subtractions etc. Please let Kirby in the office know as soon as possible

