



Roberta Church Family,

May is a month that overflows with appreciation. It gives us space to say "thank you" to the mothers and mother-figures who have loved us so well, to the graduates who've worked hard and are stepping into a new season, and to the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

Gratitude is more than a moment. It's a way of life for those who follow Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us to "give thanks in all circumstances." That's not always easy, but it's always right. Thankfulness shifts our focus from what we lack to what God has already provided. It humbles us. It softens our hearts. And it helps us see God's fingerprints in everyday blessings.

So this May, take time to reflect. Write a note to a mom who made a difference. Celebrate a student chasing their dreams. Say a prayer for a family remembering a loved one who served. And above all, let's give thanks to the Lord who walks with us in every season.

You are deeply loved and appreciated. May your heart be full of gratitude this month and always.

In Christ,

Pastor Chad

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
— 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



Broccoli Salad

Submitted by:
Brenda Phillips

- 1 head broccoli, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 - 2 cups raisins
- 1 1/2 - 2 cups pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 9-12 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar

Mix first 5 ingredients.

In separate bowl, mix mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar. Pour over salad ingredients, mixing well. Refrigerate overnight.



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

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

CONTRIBUTIONS

You can designate a gift for a special purpose. Please mark it on your check or envelope. Also, if you would like to place funds in honor or memory of anyone please put the name and designation on your envelope and it will be listed in the monthly Reporter.

General Fund – Daily work of the church, payroll and upkeep, Donations for Maddie's trip

Building Fund/Forward in Faith - Church building projects, ReFRESH Project

Cemetery Fund – Upkeep of cemetery grounds

Community Outreach Mission – Assist anyone within the church/community with a financial need

Capital Fund – please designate which cause you want your funds applied:

- **Multi-Media**
- **Music for Children/Youth**
- **Music-Choir, Hand bells**

Church Fund Balances — March 31, 2025

General Fund Operating Budget Checking Acct.	\$133,727.75
General Fund CD	\$101,330.09
Total General Fund	\$235,057.84

Capital Fund / General Fund	\$11,030.12
Capital Fund / Music - Children / Youth	\$2,662.26
Capital Fund / Multi - Media	\$960.68
Capital Fund / Adult Choir - Hand bells	\$1,351.97
Capital Fund / Disaffiliation	\$6,587.98
Total Capital Fund	\$22,293.01

Parsonage Fund	\$281,917.13
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Building Fund Checking Account	\$6,405.49
Building Fund Money Market	\$73,056.30
Building Fund CD	\$81,319.60
Total Building Fund	\$160,781.39

Missions Community Outreach Fund	\$5,891.16
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Cemetery Fund Checking	\$10,963.42
Cemetery Fund CD– 1	\$22,220.06
Cemetery Fund CD– 2	\$31,268.66
Total Cemetery Fund	\$64,452.14

Educational Fund CD	90,000.00
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Year to Date:

January 1, 2025 thru March 31, 2025

General Fund Income: \$88,138.35

Expenses: \$70,654.74

MEMORIALS

A Gift was given to the Building Fund

in Memory of Judy White by:

Lisa Linker & Shirley Hudson

Eddie & Kathy Taylor

Dean & Camie Hooks

Robert & Leslie Foley

Sally White Hines & Family

Dick & Linda Dodge

Robert & Bruna Palmatier

A Gift was given to the Cemetery Fund

in memory of Judy White by:

Vivian Bennick

Gifts were given to the Building Fund

in memory of John Lineberry by:

Mike & Doris Burris

A Gift was given to the Capital Fund - Adult Choir

in honor of Sharon Wooten by:

Colby Cochran



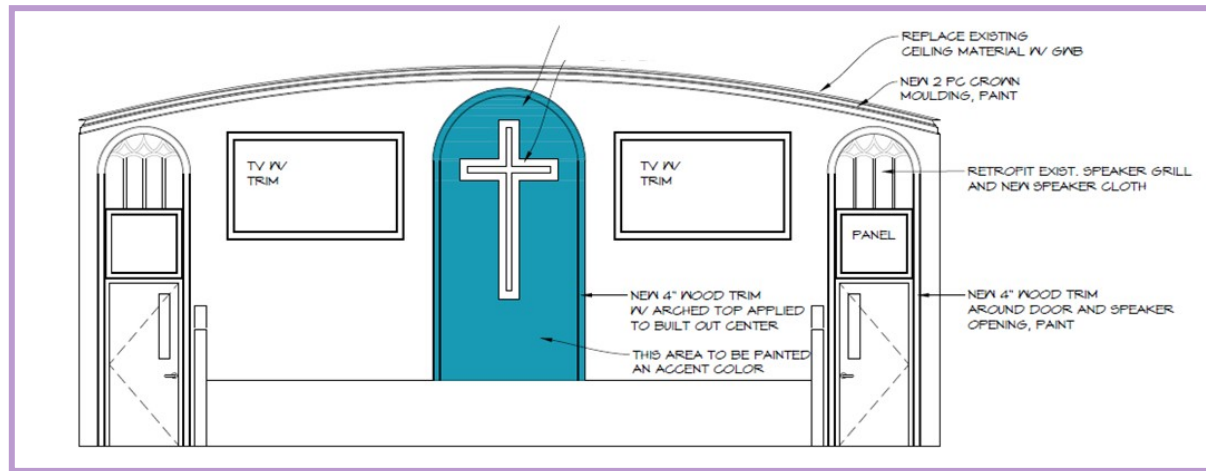
CAN IN EACH HAND
Fourth Sunday

"We Can Do It Campaign" / "A Can in Each Hand"

We continue to gather coins for our "Can in Each Hand" and the funds go into our building fund for future projects. A total of **\$486.89** was collected in March for a total of **\$1,981.64** for 2025. Thank you for your contribution.

Remember to bring in your cans of food for the needy in Cabarrus County. These go to Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry food bank to help those who need food. Also, bring food for Esther's Heart, Backpacks for Hope. This helps feed hungry children in our community.





ReFRESH Update – Sanctuary & Narthex

Here's a quick summary of what you're viewing:

- A **rounded top design**, giving a gentle, uplifting shape to the focal wall
- A **cross-centered frame**, reminding us that everything we do is grounded in Christ
- A subtle **accent color behind the cross**, creating warmth and focus without distraction
- Lighting behind or within the frame**, illuminating the cross as a symbol of hope
- Speaker grids** modified to fit within the arched shape, honoring the traditional feel many of us cherish

We're currently working closely with Church Interiors to receive the final cost estimates. Once those are available, we will present them to you so you're fully informed of the path ahead.

We want you to know—this isn't change for the sake of change. It's a faithful step in keeping Roberta Church a welcoming, worship-filled place where God's presence is felt, His Word is preached, and His people are equipped to serve.

Just as God refreshes our hearts and renews our spirits, we believe now is the time to refresh the sanctuary and narthex so we can continue to serve our community well—both for those who call Roberta home and for those who will walk through our doors for the very first time.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with someone about the design, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the ReFRESH team.

Thank you for walking with us in faith, in prayer, and in purpose. God's not finished with Roberta Church—and this next step is just one more way He's preparing us for what's next.

Enjoy Rita Furr's testimony regarding her memories of growing up at Roberta and response to the ReFRESH initiative...

Looks amazing and brings excitement. You know while this church was being built, those of us that were here at Roberta then were filled with happiness and anxiousness. I was probably in 2nd or 3rd grade then. Each Sunday after Sunday School us kids as well as adults would walk inside the church after the flooring was down. We wanted to see how much had been completed since the week before.

Even as a child; I was so excited that soon we would have a new building to worship God in. After the completion it was so exciting to walk to each floor and smell that smell of new and clean and to think now; how many lives have walked into this church and came out a new person and a new beginning as a Christian.

At that time; I had started taking piano lessons at school and had no piano (my parents could not afford to get me one at the time.) I was given permission from the church leaders to practice there. I would walk from Roberta Mill Community 2 to 3 times a week to the church. Finally, I made it through my first piano recital.

Yes, we can worship God anywhere. Inside, outside in an old building or a new building or no building. Isn't it a great feeling to be able to say" God we present this house; your house, everyone's house to worship you in.

It is our responsibility as Christians to keep God's house clean, updated and a place we proudly welcome others to come and worship (not as a showoff) but the love and honor we all have for God's House. Thank you Team.....for your time and dedication to this new project. Hopefully this project can be completed with our prayers and God's help in the near future.



MINISTRY NEWS

Cemetery Update and Research – Corinne Smith

Cemetery Research Help!

According to our church cemetery records, **Charles Hubert Linker**, born Jan 30, 1914 and died Dec 30, 1985, is buried in our cemetery, but there is no plot number listed. I have not been able to find any information for a Charles Hubert Linker in any genealogical records. Does anyone have any information, either location of his burial, or anything about him to help me further my research? If so, please contact Corinne Smith, 704-652-2593 or csmith7254@gmail.com



– Fran Brown

Happy May Everyone!!! May the God of hope fill you with all JOY! Romans 15:13 NIV

What a wonderful Lent and Easter Season we are having at Roberta Church. My hope and prayer is that Everyone has received a "Blessing or 2" during the past couple of months. I know I definitely have!!! A lot of people took part in planning and participated in these activities and a HUGE THANK YOU to you all!!!

The ReFRESH Team has been hard at work. Please continue your prayers for them as they work to help us step out in faith and Roberta Church to Grow and reach more families.

Lemonade on the Lawn will be starting up soon. If you are willing to host a Sunday please let me know.

Worship Committee Members, mark your calendars for our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Building. We will be discussing ideas about how we will handle worship during our Refresh Time. If you would like to be part of our committee we would love to have you. Please join us!

Next Men's Fellowship Meeting – May 19th

We are excited to invite all the men of the church to our upcoming Men's Fellowship Meeting on Monday, May 19th. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and grow together in faith and fellowship.

We also want to take a moment to celebrate the success of our Easter Sunday breakfast, which was a joyful and heartwarming event. Nearly 80 people attended, and the meal was lovingly prepared by a dedicated group of men—many of whom have been faithfully serving for years. Their commitment is a shining example of servant leadership in action.

Whether you've been involved for years or are just thinking about joining in, we encourage all men to attend the meeting. A delicious dinner will be served, and your presence will make it even more meaningful.

Let's continue building a strong and supportive community together. See you there!



**ROBERTA
MEN**

PROVERBS 27:17

Sharon Wooten — Cathy Thompson

Lydia will meet again on May 13th at 6:30 pm. We will continue our look at the Right Now media study "Unexpected: A Study about Courage." If you have not attended in a while, we invite you to please join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and January) at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Our June meeting is scheduled for June 10th.

On June 29th, Lydia will be working with the men to host a summer time cookout following our patriotic music at our 10 am service. The men will grill the hamburgers and hotdogs, the ladies of the church will bring the sides and Lydia will handle getting the food ready to serve in the fellowship hall. Please join us for a great time of summer fun and fellowship.



MINISTRY NEWS



Music – Sharon Wooten

I am so very grateful to everyone who gave time and effort to our production of "Is It I" on Maundy Thursday. This includes those who helped set up (more than one time), break down, feed the cast members, those who worked behind the scene with lighting, stage hand work etc. those who prayed us through, and anything else I have failed to mention. It takes each and every one of you to make things like this come together and I thank you for a great job. We had a very large congregation that night with many visitors, so we hope they were moved by our efforts.

In May **Roberta Adults** will sing special anthems to celebrate Mother's Day and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day weekend. On June 29th, we will celebrate our Nation's birthday with patriotic music and enjoy our church-wide summer cookout following that service. Come enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs grilled by our men's group. Ladies of our church will provide sides for this time of fellowship together.

On May 18th, **Roberta Ringers** will be performing their last piece for this choir year, "Praise." Please come hear them on this day and they continue to learn new ringing techniques. Thanks to those of you who have been gracious and flexible with your meeting place since the bells had to set up in the conference room in light of the leak in the ceiling in the third- floor bell room. This is another example of the love and grace from the people of Roberta Church.

Joyful Noise will sing a special song for Mother's Day on May 11th. This will conclude their choir year. Joyful Noise will resume in the fall.



EVANGELISM

– Rob Sossamon

Cruise-Into Summer: Join us on Saturday, June 7th, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm for an afternoon of fun! We'll have a cruise-in, food trucks (dogs & burgers), carnival games & corn hole, LIVE DJ, 21 foot inflatable slide, inflatable obstacle course and more!

The committee is also planning ice cream treat events for our local neighborhoods in June and July. Mark your calendars for these events and volunteer to help make them a success!

We are in need of more committee members, if you feel God calling you to volunteer, we'd love to have you join us. As Always, your prayers are appreciated.

Acolytes

5/4	Kalli Hattaway
5/11	Aurora Cochran
5/18	Mitch Kanady
5/25	Gage Simpson

Ushers

5/4	Dale Furr & George Brown
5/11	Larry Pigg & Jewel Williamson
5/18	Lane Harmon & Emma Thompson
5/25	Doug Conner & Ronnie Hinson

Greeters

5/4	Helena Kopczynski & Brenda Koerner
5/11	Camie Hooks & Larry Taylor
5/18	Tammy Weddington & Sharon Straub
5/25	Wendy Stirewalt & Susan Rosinski

Children's Moment

5/4	Sharon Wooten
5/11	Joyful Noise Performance
5/18	Graduation Sunday
5/25	Doug Conner

Children's Church

5/4	Mari Brooks & Sharon Straub
5/11	Mari Books & Terri Killian
5/18	No Children's Church
5/25	Mari Brooks & Kelly Almond

Nursery

5/4	Kari Thompson & Connie Moss
5/11	Annemarie Irons & Shawn Marble
5/18	Kelly Pacious & Kelly Almond
5/25	Kari Thompson & Connie Moss

Multi-Media

5/4	Soundboard: Regina Hinson
	Computer: Sue Ridenhour
	Camera: Jim Killian
5/11	Soundboard: Sue Ridenhour
	Computer: Regina Hinson
	Camera: Larry Taylor
5/18	Soundboard: Don Smith
	Computer: Jim Killian
	Camera: Loren Koerner
5/25	Soundboard: Rob Sossamon
	Computer: Loren Koerner
	Camera: Susan Ferguson

Opening/Closing Church—May

Eric Howie



Missions News: April Update – Camie & Dean Hooks

April Highlights:

- **Backpacks of Hope with Esther's Heart:** In April, our Missions team partnered with Esther's Heart to pack 220 backpacks filled with food for children in need. These backpacks ensure that kids have meals to take home over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this vital mission.
- **Soap Sack Ministry:** A talented member of our congregation crocheted 100 soap sack crosses, which were donated to Esther's Heart. These soap sacks, each containing a bar of soap, serve as both a washcloth and a symbol of care. They will be distributed to the homeless and to women transitioning out of prison. If you have the skills to crochet or knit and would like to participate in this meaningful project, please reach out to the Missions team.
- **Lifeline Meal Packing:** Our congregation came together to serve at Lifeline, where we packed over 5,000 meals for local food banks. Since 2022, Lifeline has provided over 400,000 meals to our community. Mark your calendars for October 25th, when Roberta Church will join Lifeline's ambitious goal of packing 500,000 meals.
- **Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry Food Pantry:** In April, we focused on supporting the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry Food Pantry by collecting peanut butter and jelly. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make a significant contribution to families in need.



May Mission Focus:

- **Wings of Eagles Ranch:** This month, we are collecting bottled water and Gatorade for Wings of Eagles Ranch to support their summer camps. These camps serve children with special needs and their typically developing peers, providing a nurturing environment for growth and fun. Please place your donations in the designated bins on the Missions wall. Our Goal is 400+ bottles, this will hydrate the campers and staff for 1 of the 3 weeks of summer camp. Let's see if we can do more!

Get Involved:

Our Missions team is always looking for volunteers and contributions. Whether it's participating in events, donating items, or sharing your talents, your involvement makes a difference.

For more information on our missions and how you can help, please visit the Missions wall or contact the church office.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS – Mari Brooks

Summer is almost here! So much was celebrated and reflected upon in April, and we are excited for what's coming. Our youth have been working hard and organizing a Student-Led Worship. This special service will be held on Sunday, May 18th, along with a Graduation Recognition for all of our 2025 High School and College graduates. This is sure to be a Sunday you don't want to miss! Children will not have Children's Church that day so that they can be upstairs to support and watch our older students lead worship.

But wait, it gets better. Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Students in grades Pre-K through 5th can register for FREE at Roberta Church. Our theme for VBS this year is "Magnified!" This year's VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God! Check out our church website or Facebook page for more information and VBS dates.

Take a look at some of the fun we had last month in Children & Youth Programs. I continue to enjoy all these special moments with your kids and teaching them about Jesus. We're always working on being the best version of ourselves we can be as disciples of Jesus.



Roberta Fellowship Group—Camie Hooks & Barbara Anderson May Update!



Our Roberta Seniors group continues to enjoy fellowship, good food, and meaningful connections—even though our numbers have been smaller lately. We meet twice each month and would love to welcome new faces to join us!

In April, we had a great lunch at Señor Agave and shared stories and laughter. At our breakfast gatherings, we always enjoy a short devotional and continue to support various church ministries and community charities. Occasionally, we take day trips together—and we're always open to ideas for new adventures!

Our group is all about good fellowship, encouraging one another, and staying connected. If you've been thinking about joining us, we'd love to have you come try it out!

May's lunch will be at Johnny's Farmhouse 8th at 12:30 PM
May's breakfast will be at Parkway House on Union Street the 20th at 9 AM
 Come join us this month! We have a lot of fun!



May 2025 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time	Date	Event	Location	Time
Sat, May 3rd	Craft Club	Fellowship Hall	9 AM - 3 PM	Sun, May 18th	Connections/Sunday School		9:00 AM
Sun, May 4th	Connections/Sunday School		9:00 AM		Student-Led Worship & Graduation Sunday	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Communion Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM		Roberta Ringers Performance	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Bell Room - 3rd Floor	11:00 AM	Mon, May 19th	Men's Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
	Private Event	Fellowship Hall	1PM - 5PM	Tues, May 20th	Senior Breakfast	Parkway on Union	9:00 AM
	NO Children/Youth Clubs			Wed, May 21st	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM		Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Wed, May 7th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM	Fri, May 23rd	Private Event	Fellowship Hall	12pm - 9pm
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM	Sat, May 24th	Craft Club	Fellowship Hall	9 AM - 3 PM
Thurs, May 8th	Senior Lunch	Johnny's Farmhouse	12:30 PM	Mon, May 26th	Connections/Sunday School		9:00 AM
Sat, May 10th	Craft Club	Fellowship Hall	9 AM - 3 PM		Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
Sun, May 11th	Connections/Sunday School		9:00 AM	Tues, May 27th	VBS Decoration & Set-up	Sanctuary/2B/Fellowship	
	Worship & Mother's Day Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM	Wed, May 28th	VBS Decoration & Set-up	Sanctuary/2B/Fellowship	
	LAST - Roberta Ringers Practice	Sanctuary	11:00 AM		Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM
	NO CLUBS - MOTHERS DAY				Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM	Thurs, May 29th	VBS Decoration & Set-up	Sanctuary/2B/Fellowship	
Tues, May 13th	Lydia Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM	Fri, May 30th	VBS Decoration & Set-up	Sanctuary/2B/Fellowship	
Wed, May 14th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM	Sat, May 31st	VBS Decoration & Set-up	Sanctuary/2B/Fellowship	
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM		Craft Club	Conference Room	9 AM - 3 PM
Sat, May 17th	Craft Club	2B	9AM - 3PM				
	Private Event	Fellowship Hall	ALL DAY				
	Student-Led Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary	10 AM - 11 AM				



David Keller	5th	Barbara Anderson	15th
Don Smith	6th	Sharon Wooten	15th
Jamie Boykin	6th	Rudy Lavine	22nd
Robin Clark	7th	Melissa May	24th
Wendy Stirewalt	8th	Paul Pacious	25th
Tim Natole	8th	Kitty Kinard	25th
Dean Hooks	11th		



Bill & Brenda Phillips	11th
Josh & Mari Brooks	12th
David & Helena Kopczynski	22nd

