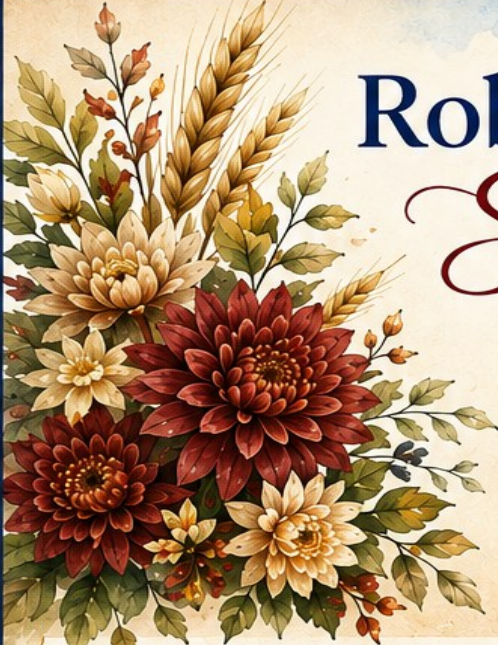




Roberta Church

September Newsletter



*But seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things will be provided for you.*

MATTHEW 6:33 (CSB)



Dear Church Family,

September has a way of changing the rhythm of life.

Summer vacations wind down, school begins, and our calendars quickly fill with practices, meetings, appointments, church activities, football games, and all the other pieces of everyday life. Before long, we may find ourselves wondering how life became so busy again.

Perhaps September gives us an opportunity to ask an important question:

As we return to our routines, are we returning to what really matters?



Jesus said, ***“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.” – Matthew 6:33 (CSB)***

We often think of this as a priority list: God first, family second, work third, and everything else below that. But what if Jesus is calling us to something deeper?

What if seeking God’s Kingdom first means allowing God to shape the entire list?

Following Jesus is not about giving God one scheduled portion of our lives. Our relationship with Christ should influence how we love our families, do our work, spend our money, use our time, treat others, serve our community, and fill our calendars.



**God is not looking for
a place in our lives.
He wants to be at the
center of them.**



That becomes especially important when life gets busy. If we are not intentional, urgent things can crowd out the things that matter most. We can become incredibly busy doing good things while slowly neglecting what matters eternally.

As September begins, look at your calendar – and your heart.

Where are worship, prayer, and Scripture in the rhythm of your week? Where is time to serve someone who needs you? Where is time for the people God has entrusted to your care?

And perhaps the hardest question:

What has found its way into your life that is taking time away from something God says matters more?



We have only so many hours and days. Let’s not spend them simply being busy. Let’s spend them becoming the people Jesus has called us to be.



This September, do not simply return to school, work, meetings, practices, or routines.

***Let’s get back to
what matters.***



When we seek His Kingdom first, everything else begins to find its proper place.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Chad



Serving Christ ♥ Loving Others ♥ Making Disciples



Faithful Stewardship

Grateful Hearts • Generous Lives

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (CSB)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Balances as of July 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

General Fund Operating Budget Checking	\$119,393.84
General Fund Checking	\$50.00
General Fund CD	\$106,719.16
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$226,163.00

CAPITAL FUND

Capital Fund/General Fund	\$11,044.13
Capital Fund/Music—Children/Youth	\$2,602.45
Capital Fund/Multi-Media	\$1,210.68
Capital Fund/Adult Choir—Hand bells	\$2,039.26
Capital Fund/Disaffiliation	\$5,387.98
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$22,284.50

BUILDING FUND

Building Fund Checking	\$39,649.15
Building Fund CD #1	\$75,736.17
Building Fund CD #2	\$10,067.32
TOTAL BUILDING FUND	\$125,452.64

COMMUNITY MISSIONS OUTREACH

Community Missions Outreach Money Market	\$1,330.25
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CEMETERY FUND

Cemetery Checking	\$17,115.64
Cemetery CD—1	\$23,224.97
Cemetery CD—2	\$20,721.48
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$61,062.09

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Educational Fund CD	\$84,762.85
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Year to Date Snapshot

Jan 1 – July 31, 2026

General Fund Income:	\$190,755.71
Total Expenses:	\$187,146.43
Surplus:	\$3,609.28

CAN IN EACH HAND

Thank you for continuing to bring food and donations each Sunday. Your generosity makes a real difference in our community!

July Total

\$597.60

2026 Total

\$5,559.30

IN LOVING MEMORY & HONOR

IN HONOR

In honor of **Larry & Carolyn Pigg**,
Building Fund, given by **Rob Sossamon**.

IN MEMORY

In memory of **Susan Stafford**,
General Fund, given by **Jim & Terri Killian**.

In memory of **Mike Moss**,
Building Fund, given by:

Georgia F. Roberson; Brian & Debbie Owens;
Jerry & Donna Stockwell; Clarence & Kristin Peurifoy;
Buck & Melissa Little.

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (CSB)

Church Life

Growing Together in Christ at Roberta Church

We were never meant to walk this journey alone. At Roberta Church, we do life together—encouraging one another, serving side by side, and building friendships that last.

There's a place for you here!

MEN'S MINISTRY



There's something special about sharing a meal, laughing together, opening God's Word, and encouraging one another.

Whether you've been at Roberta for years or you're brand new, we'd love to have you join us.



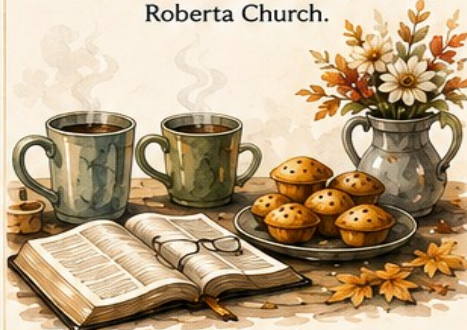
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring a side or dessert to share.

ROBERTA FELLOWSHIP GROUP



We meet simply to enjoy one another's company. Around the table you'll find conversation, laughter, prayer, and good food. It's one of the easiest ways to get to know people at Roberta Church.



LUNCH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
12:30 PM
CRACK OF DAWN



BREAKFAST
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
9:00 AM
PARKWAY HOUSE
HIGHWAY 29

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
ACTS 2:46 (CSB)

LYDIA LADIES



SEPTEMBER GATHERING

This month we'll welcome a representative from **HopeKids**, a ministry that serves children with life-threatening medical conditions and their families. Come enjoy fellowship, a delicious meal, and learn about a ministry that is bringing hope to families every day.



HopeKids
INTERNATIONAL

Thank you to Judy Yandle for blessing us in August with chair yoga and encouragement!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All ladies are invited!

Returning to What Matters

Life is busy. But God designed us to walk together.
There is always a place for you at Roberta Church.

BELONG

BELIEVE

BECOME

BUILD

Preparing Hearts for Worship

Music • Worship • Bible Study • Growing Together

WELCOME TO OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

A New Season of Worship Begins

This fall marks an exciting new chapter in the music ministry at Roberta Church.

We are delighted to welcome **Maria Guild** as our new Music Ministry Director and **Linda Rickenbacker** as our new Accompanist. We are grateful that God has brought them to our church family and look forward to serving alongside them in worship.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more about Maria and Linda—including their stories, passions, and heart for ministry—in *upcoming bulletins*, *on our website*, and *through the Roberta Church app*.

Until then, please join us in praying for them as they begin this new season of ministry at Roberta Church.



GROW TOGETHER THIS FALL

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Pastor Chad's Bible Study

The CHOSEN

WATCH • REFLECT • DISCUSS • GROW



Beginning Wednesday,
SEPTEMBER 30
6:00 PM

Open to everyone!

Join Pastor Chad as we journey together through *The Chosen*, exploring the life of Jesus and the impact He has on our lives today.

Diane Ezzell's Bible Study

EXPERIENCING GOD

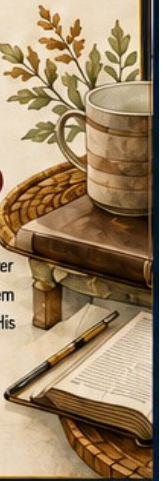
Knowing and Doing the Will of God

by Henry T. Blackaby
& Claude V. King

Beginning Wednesday,
SEPTEMBER 30
6:00 PM

This study invites participants to discover how God is actively working around them and how to recognize His voice, follow His leading, and experience a deeper daily walk with Christ.

Books are available for purchase.



Both studies are open to all!

Lift Your Voice!

CHOIR INTEREST MEETING



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20



11:00 AM



SANCTUARY

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Whether you've sung for years or only in the pews on Sunday mornings, we invite you to come discover what our choir is all about!

As Maria Guild begins leading our Music Ministry, this is the perfect time to become part of a growing ministry that helps lead our congregation in worship each week.

*No pressure.
No auditions.
Just come, meet Maria,
ask questions, and see if choir
might be where God is calling
you to serve.*

*There is always
room for another voice.*



Missions & Outreach

Serving Beyond Ourselves

When we serve others, we reflect the heart of Jesus
and bring hope to our community and beyond.

A CAN IN EACH HAND ♥

A Fresh Beginning for a Familiar Ministry

For more than fifteen years, our church family has faithfully supported A Can in Each Hand. **Beginning Sunday, September 6**, we're refreshing this ministry with an updated process for collecting Building Fund donations and food for the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Mission Food Pantry.

During worship we'll explain the new process and how everyone can participate. Thank you for continuing to bless our community through your generosity.



LIFELINE CHRISTIAN MISSION

Meal Packing

Every meal packed is a reminder that God's love
reaches beyond our walls.

 **SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17**

 **10:00 – 12:00 PM**

 **CABARRUS EVENTS CENTER
and Arena on Highway 49**



Roberta has committed to
TWO MEAL PACKING TABLES.
We need 20 volunteers!

ESTHER'S HEART

Meal Meal Packing for Children

Helping provide weekend meals
for children in our community.

 **TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3**



ANGEL TREE 2026

HELP US CHOOSE WHO TO SUPPORT

Do you know an organization that would be
a **meaningful** partner for this year's Angel Tree?

♥ Please share your suggestions with
Jewel Williamson, project coordinator.

|  packdan@ctc.net

|  704-794-2681



*Faith is more than something we believe.
It is something we live by serving others.*

GALATIANS 5:13

Growing in Faith

Children • Youth • Families



Let the
little
children
come to
me.

MATTHEW 19:14



Dear Parents,

As another school year begins, we know many families are setting back into familiar routines filled with homework, activities, practices, and busy schedules. During this season of transition, our church family is praying for every student, teacher, school staff member, and parent. We pray for a safe and healthy school year, and that each day provides opportunities to recognize God's presence and faithfulness.

With the pace of everyday life, it's easy to become busy and overlook the many blessings God places before us. Our prayer is that every child and every family will continue to grow in faith while discovering God's purpose in every season.

Our Children & Youth Ministry is off to a wonderful start, and we're excited for everything God has planned this year. Whether your family has been here for years or you're just getting connected, we invite you to join us as we learn, worship, serve, and grow together.

OUR MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sundays • 9:00 AM
2B Classroom

Growing together
through Bible stories,
activities, and
friendships.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sundays • 9:00 AM
3rd Floor

Real conversations.
Growing faith.
Building friendships.

NURSERY



Sundays
9:45 – 11:00 AM
1st Floor
Nursery Rooms

A safe, loving place
for our littlest
ones to grow.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



During Sunday
Worship

Fun, Bible-based
teaching for kids
during the service.

HOLY MOTION



Performing
Arts Program

See schedule for
rehearsal dates.

KIDS' CLUB



Grades K-5th

Laid back club time
filled with games,
Bible lessons,
snacks, and fun!

UPCOMING DATES

SEP
6

Holy Motion Rehearsal
3:30 – 5:00 PM

SEP
13

Kids' Club & Youth Social
4:00 – 5:00 PM

SEP
20

Holy Motion Rehearsal
3:30 – 5:00 PM

SEP
23

Youth Confirmation Huddle
with Parents
6:00 – 7:00 PM

SEP
27

Kids' Club & Youth Social
4:00 – 5:00 PM

FIELDS OF FAITH: CABARRUS COUNTY FCA

Hosted by FCA @
Cannon Ballers Stadium

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
@ 5:30 PM

Community event with
worship, fellowship,
food, and more!



YOUTH SOCIAL



Grades 6-12th

Laid back club time
for youth to connect,
have fun, and grow
in their faith!



YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2027

Deadline to receive
packet info is
September 13th, 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT & SPOOK HOUSE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
6:00 – 7:00 PM

We're turning the Fellowship Hall
into a spooky maze for everyone
to enjoy! Keep an eye out for
candy donation requests and
sign-up sheets.

We'll need vehicles for Trunk-or-Treat
and helpers to set up our Spook House
and run it!



Our greatest privilege isn't simply teaching children about Jesus...
it's walking beside families as they grow together in Him.



Serving Our Community

Faith in Motion • Cemetery Ministry • Leaving a Legacy

At Roberta Church, outreach isn't just something we do—it's part of who we are. Whether we're serving a meal, welcoming neighbors at a community yard sale, or feeding local students, every act of kindness becomes another opportunity to share the love of Christ.

FAITH IN MOTION

Neighbors Becoming Friends



YARD SALE & BBQ PLANNING MEETING

Monday, September 14
6:30 PM

Join us as we prepare for a day of community outreach and fellowship!



JM ROBINSON FOOTBALL TEAM MEAL

Friday, September 18
Time TBD

A second football meal is planned for October 16.



LEGENDARY HOT DOG SALE

Saturday, September 19
10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Volunteers and homemade desserts are still needed.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE & BBQ

Saturday, November 7

Our Community Yard Sale is an opportunity to welcome neighbors, build new friendships, and support the **ReFresh Building Fund** through our BBQ lunch.

CEMETERY MINISTRY

Honoring Those Who Came Before Us

Every headstone tells a story. Every family name represents generations of faith, sacrifice, and love. Through our Cemetery Ministry, we honor those who came before us while preserving their stories for future generations.



FALL CEMETERY CLEANUP

SATURDAY
OCTOBER
3

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Come join us in cleaning up the church cemetery!

- Replace worn flags on veteran graves
- Remove faded floral arrangements
- Weed-whack around flat headstones
- General cleanup throughout the cemetery

Many hands make light work!



CHURCH FAMILY RESEARCH

If you are related to any of the following families and wish to have a copy of the genealogy research conducted on these families who are buried in our church cemetery, please contact Corinne Smith, csmith7254@gmail.com and it will be emailed back to you.

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| ★ Aldridge | ★ Barbee | ★ Brown |
| ★ Alexander | ★ Benton | ★ Burris |
| ★ Allman/Almond | ★ Biggers | ★ Byrd |
| ★ Austin | ★ Blackley | ★ Carter |
| ★ Auten | ★ Blackwelder | ★ Clay |
| ★ Bailey | ★ Brafford | ★ Cline |



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if we do not give up.*

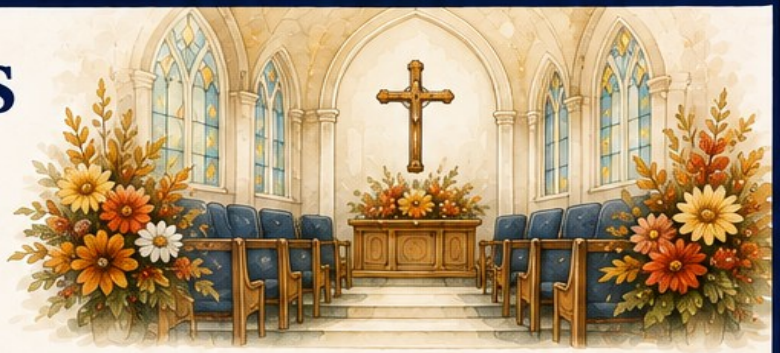
GALATIANS 6:9



Worship Servers

• Serving Together in His Love •

Thank you to all who faithfully serve each week.
Your gifts of time and talent help create a welcoming
space where we can worship, grow, and be
transformed by God.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

	ACOLYTE	Aurora Cochran
	USHERS	Ronnie Hinson & Doug Conner
	GREETERS	Doris Burris, Brenda Koerner & Ronnie Hinson
	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Doug Conner
	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Mari Brooks & Doris Burris
	NURSERY	Shawn Marble & Jewel Williamson

MULTIMEDIA

	SOUND		COMPUTER		CAMERA
	Michael Kanady		Sue Ridenhour		Susan Ferguson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

	ACOLYTE	Maddie Pacious
	USHERS	Paul Pacious & Mike Kanady
	GREETERS	Camie Hooks, Larry Taylor & Mike Kanady
	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Mari Brooks
	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Mari Brooks & Lisa Linker
	NURSERY	Kari Thompson & Kelly Pacious

MULTIMEDIA

	SOUND		COMPUTER		CAMERA
	Regina Hinson		Jewel Williamson		Alex Hattaway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

	ACOLYTE	Kalli Hattaway
	USHERS	Darrell Ridenhour & Louise Green
	GREETERS	Tammy Weddington, Kevin Dunham & William Green
	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Pastor Chad Irons
	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Mari Brooks & Kelly Almond
	NURSERY	Annemarie Irons & Jewel Williamson

MULTIMEDIA

	SOUND		COMPUTER		CAMERA
	Rob Sossamon		Regina Hinson		Jim Killian

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

	ACOLYTE	Maddie Hudson
	USHERS	Eric Howie & Josh Brooks
	GREETERS	Ed Anderson, Doris Burris & Eric Howie
	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Travis Eudy
	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Mari Brooks & Robin Kanady
	NURSERY	Kelly Pacious & Kelly Almond

MULTIMEDIA

	SOUND		COMPUTER		CAMERA
	Jim Killian		Loren Koerner		Susan Ferguson

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/1	Skyler Cromer	9/15	Fran Brown
9/1	Rilynn Shepard	9/16	Dale Furr, Sr.
9/2	Elaine Coutier	9/19	Jamie B. Stirewalt
9/3	Margaret Rhinehardt	9/20	Dylan Pettigrew
9/3	Danny Williamson, Jr.	9/21	Mysun Doudle
9/3	Nancy Anderson	9/24	R. Keith Turner
9/3	Faye Foster	9/27	Mitch Kanady
9/4	John Mains	9/28	Emma Thompson
9/7	Pam Sossamon	9/30	Ronnie Hinson
9/7	Ed Wisecarver		
9/10	Debbie Cochran		
9/11	Roy Anderson		
9/11	Lora Miller		
9/12	Catherine Marble		



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



9/3	Wayne & Debbie Goodman
9/6	Eric & Amy Pettigrew
9/8	David & Crecia Keller
9/10	Mark & Debbie Cochran
9/11	Bruce & Mary Ann Bonifant
9/27	Dean & Camie Hooks



"Serve one another humbly in love."

GALATIANS 5:13

September at Roberta

Mark your calendar and join us as we worship,
learn, serve, and grow together in faith.



WEEK OF SEPT. 6 - SEPT. 12



Sunday School

Sunday, September 6 • 9:00 AM • Various



Worship Service & Communion

Sunday, September 6 • 10:00 AM • Sanctuary



Holy Motion Rehearsal (NATM)

Sunday, September 6 • 3:30 – 5:00 PM • 2B & Sanctuary



Lydia Group

Tuesday, September 8 • 6:30 PM • Fellowship Hall



Faith Forward (Weekly Lunch)

Wednesday, September 9 • 12:00 PM • Facebook



RCFG Lunch

Thursday, September 10 • 12:30 PM
Crack of Dawn (Green St off Roberta)



Quilting & Crafts Club

Saturday, September 12 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM • 2B

WEEK OF SEPT. 13 - SEPT. 19



Sunday School

Sunday, September 13 • 9:00 AM • Various



Worship Service

Sunday, September 13 • 10:00 AM • Sanctuary



Kids' Club & Youth Social

Sunday, September 13 • 4:00 – 5:00 PM • 2B/Youth Lounge



Faith in Motion Meeting

Monday, September 14 • 6:30 PM
Planning for Community Yard Sale & BBQ



RCFG Breakfast

Tuesday, September 15 • 9:00 AM • Parkway on 29



Chair Yoga

Tuesday, September 15 • 10:30 AM • Fellowship Hall



Faith Forward (Weekly Lunch)

Wednesday, September 16 • 12:00 PM • Facebook



Football Team Supper

Friday, September 18 • Time TBD • JM Robinson



Legendary Hot Dog Sale

Saturday, September 19 • 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Volunteers and desserts needed.

WEEK OF SEPT. 20 - SEPT. 26



Interest Meeting for Choir

Saturday, September 20 • 11:00 AM • Sanctuary



Sunday School

Sunday, September 20 • 9:00 AM • Various



Worship Service

Sunday, September 20 • 10:00 AM • Sanctuary



Holy Motion Rehearsal (NATM)

Sunday, September 20 • 3:30 – 5:00 PM • 2B & Sanctuary



Men's Meeting

Monday, September 21 • 6:30 PM • Fellowship Hall



Chair Yoga

Tuesday, September 23 • 10:30 AM • Fellowship Hall



Faith Forward (Weekly Lunch)

Wednesday, September 23 • 12:00 PM • Facebook



Youth Confirmation 2027 Huddle

Wednesday, September 23 • 6:00 – 7:00 PM
(w/ Parents)

WEEK OF SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3



Quilting & Crafts Club

Saturday, September 26 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM • 2B



Sunday School

Sunday, September 27 • 9:00 AM • Various



Worship Service

Sunday, September 27 • 10:00 AM • Sanctuary



Kids' Club & Youth Social

Sunday, September 27 • 4:00 – 5:00 PM • 2B/Youth Lounge



Faith Forward (Weekly Lunch)

Wednesday, September 30 • 12:00 PM • Facebook



Bible Study – The Chosen

Wednesday, September 30 • 6:00 PM



Bible Study – Experiencing God

Wednesday, September 30 • 6:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD



October 3 Cemetery Cleanup • 8:00 AM



October 7 Fields of Faith • 6:30 PM



October 16 Football Team Meal



October 17 Lifeline Meal Packing



October 30 Trunk-or-Treat & Spook House
6:00–8:00 PM



November 3 Esther's Heart Meal Packing
9:00 AM



November 7 Community Yard Sale & BBQ

*Commit to the Lord
whatever you do,
and He will
establish your plans.*

PROVERBS 16:3

*Let us not grow weary of doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.*

GALATIANS 6:9