

April



NEWSLETTER

Dear Church family,

April is one of my favorite times of the year.

The chill of winter begins to fade, the days grow longer, and suddenly life starts appearing everywhere. Trees that looked lifeless just a few weeks ago begin to bud. Flowers push through the soil. Lawns turn green again. Everywhere you look, creation reminds us that life has a way of returning.

Spring is God's quiet sermon about **new life**.

And it comes at just the right time in the Christian calendar. As we move toward Easter, we are reminded that the resurrection of Jesus is the greatest picture of new life the world has ever seen. What looked like the end on Good Friday became the beginning of something entirely new on Easter morning.

Because of Jesus, new life is not just something we observe in nature, it's something we experience in our hearts.

Scripture reminds us that when we are in Christ, we become a **new creation**. That doesn't mean life suddenly becomes perfect or that we never struggle again. It means that Jesus begins a transforming work within us. Old patterns start giving way to new ones. Old fears begin to loosen their grip. Old burdens slowly give way to hope.

That kind of transformation doesn't happen overnight. It happens through a steady walk with Jesus.

Over the past few weeks in our **STEADFAST: Standing Strong in a Shifting World** series, we've been talking about developing a rhythm of faith. Just like the seasons follow a rhythm; winter giving way to spring, spring leading to summer, our spiritual lives grow when we walk with Jesus in a steady, faithful rhythm.

Time with God in Scripture. Prayer that keeps our hearts open. Worship that reminds us who is truly in control. Serving others in love.

These rhythms may seem simple, but over time they shape us in powerful ways. They root us deeper in Christ so that when life's storms come, we remain steadfast.

Spring reminds us that growth often begins quietly beneath the surface. Seeds planted months ago begin to break through the soil. In the same way, the small steps of faith we take each day are often doing more than we realize.

God is always at work, bringing new life where we least expect it.

My prayer for you this month is that you would lean into the rhythm of walking with Jesus. Spend time with Him. Listen for His voice. Trust that He is growing something beautiful in your life.

And remember this: no matter the season you're walking through, **God is always in the business of making things new**.

You are deeply loved by God, and it is a joy to walk this journey of faith together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Chad

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here!"

– 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)



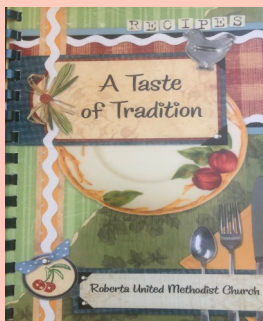
Apple Salad

Submitted by:
Kathy Taylor

- 8 cups chopped unpeeled apples
- 1 large can pineapple chunks or tidbits, drained, juice reserved
- 1 tsp poppy seeds
- 1 1/2 cups toasted pecans or peanuts
- 2 cups golden raisins
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar or Splenda
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- 2 tbs cornstarch
- 2 tbs water
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/ cup plain yogurt

Combine reserved pineapple juice, butter, sugar and lemon juice in small pan. Heat to boiling. Combine cornstarch and water to make a paste. Add to hot mixture and cook until thick and smooth. Cool completely before adding mayonnaise and yogurt. Combine the apples, pineapple, raisins and poppy seeds in a bowl. Add the chilled mixture over fruit and refrigerate until completely chilled or ready to serve. Stir in pecans before serving.

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



Church Fund Balances — February 28, 2026

General Fund Operating Budget Checking Acct.	\$98,798.24
General Fund Checking	\$50.00
General Fund CD	\$105,273.23
Total General Fund	\$204,121.47
Capital Fund / General Fund	\$11,042.34
Capital Fund / Music - Children / Youth	\$2,602.45
Capital Fund / Multi - Media	\$1,210.68
Capital Fund / Adult Choir - Hand bells	\$1,689.26
Capital Fund / Disaffiliation	\$5,387.98
Total Capital Fund	\$21,932.71
Building Fund Checking Account	\$14,977.07
Building Fund Money Market	\$9,288.61
Total Building Fund	\$24,265.68
Community Missions	\$1,104.85
Missions Community Outreach Fund	\$1,104.85
Cemetery Fund Checking	\$955.44
Cemetery Fund CD- 1	\$22,231.57
Cemetery Fund CD- 2	\$32,537.20
Total Cemetery Fund	\$55,724.21
Educational Fund CD	\$83,730.44
Year to Date: 1/1/2026 thru 2/28/2026	
General Fund Income:	\$42,726.00
Expenses:	\$51,675.21
Current Budget Shortfall:	(\$8,949.21)

A gift was given to the Building Fund
in memory of **Vernon Burris**

By: Patsy Burris

A gift was given to the Building Fund
in memory of **Larry Jones**

By: Jessie Jones





– Fran Brown

Easter is a powerful reminder of what Jesus has done for each of us. We are so grateful for everyone who helped make this season so meaningful at Roberta Church. Thank you for the heart, dedication, and energy you brought throughout Lent and Holy Week.

As we step into April, let us continue to live in the joy and reality of the resurrection—not just on Easter Sunday, but every day.

We have several special events coming up in April and May, so be sure to keep an eye on the announcements in the bulletin—you won't want to miss them!

It is exciting to see what lies ahead as we continue to grow together and point others to Jesus.

–Music – Sharon Wooten



Easter is quickly approaching, and there are many exciting things happening with our Roberta musicians. Everyone has been working hard to make Easter 2026 a truly special and meaningful experience. Here are some highlights you won't want to miss:

Good Friday – April 3 at 6:30 PM

Join us for the long-awaited *Stations of the Cross*. This powerful, outdoor experience will guide you along the path Jesus walked—from His condemnation by Pilate to His crucifixion. Members of our church family will portray biblical characters, bringing this sacred journey to life.

Please be prepared to walk around the church campus. Thanks to our set design team, the scenery is complete and beautifully done. To make the most of your experience, please follow the instructions provided in the handout so you can move through each station in a meaningful way.

Pastor Chad will lead the group from station to station. As black is the liturgical color for Good Friday, he will carry a black flag—please remain behind the flag as we move together.

Easter Sunday Morning

On Easter morning, our sanctuary will come alive during the prelude in a moving and unforgettable way. The Roberta Choir will present *"No One's in the Tomb,"* as we celebrate and rejoice together, proclaiming, *"Hallelujah! He is risen!"* Come be a part of this joyful Resurrection service.

Please note that the Roberta Choir will not meet on **Wednesday, April 8** for spring break. Rehearsals will resume on **April 15 at 7:00 PM.**

The Roberta Ringers next performance will be on April 19th.





The Director's Chair

Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air and new life is everywhere. The resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered sin and death for us. Salvation is a free gift received through faith and belief in Him. This new life marks a transition from a broken state to a restored relationship with God, enabling a life of new purpose.

Our Roberta students did an incredible job delivering this message of Easter through a beautiful Student-Led Worship and an Easter Cantata on March 22nd. I am so proud of these young disciples and all that they're doing within the church. We're learning so much about scripture, God's Word, and what that means for us.

We're seeing the needs of families and their hunger for spiritual growth. Knowing the importance of this, I'm starting to build new ways within our Children & Youth Ministry to engage more with parents, grandparents, and other adult family members. Keep an eye out for all of the upcoming opportunities that you can take part in.

In Christ's love,
Mari Brooks

[Vacation Bible School this year will be designed for kids and adults to register!](#)

Join Our Team!

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE THIS MINISTRY?

- Teach and lead in the classrooms
- Assist and help in the classrooms
- Deliver 'Children's Moment' messages
- Chaperone retreats and volunteer at events
- Preschool and Nursery caregiver

There is a strong need for adults and families to serve in these areas. This ministry is designed to help nurture and lead the children and youth into discipleship and building their relationship with Jesus.

Contact me to get connected and join our team!

Upcoming Dates:

- 4/5 No Afternoon Clubs
Easter Sunday
- 4/19 Afternoon Clubs & Holy Motion
(3:30pm – 5:00pm)

Save the Date!

**FAMILY VBS
Vacation Bible
School for Kids
And Adults!**

June 22-25, 2026
(6:00 – 8:00pm)

Registration details coming soon!

CONTACT US

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– Colby Cochran

Spring and Easter remind us of new life and renew our commitment to follow Jesus' example by serving others. There are many opportunities to serve here at Roberta, and we invite you to join us in fulfilling our mission in the following ways during the month of April:

Esther's Heart – Backpack Ministry for Children

Our first backpack packing event of the year will be held on **Tuesday, April 28 from 6:00–8:00 PM**. Volunteers are needed to help prepare backpacks filled with weekend snacks and meals for food-insecure children in our community. It's a meaningful way to serve while enjoying fellowship together—join us!

To volunteer, contact Camie Hooks at 704-784-1139, 980-621-2570, or camiehooks@gmail.com.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

April is *Peanut Butter and Jelly Month* for the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry. Our goal is to collect **400 jars!** Please bring a jar each Sunday in April. Donation bins will be located in the first-floor elevator foyer and in the Narthex.

Wings of Eagles Summer Camp Project

Please continue saving your empty, regular 15-ounce food cans. These will be collected in early June to support the Wings of Eagles Summer Camp.

A Can in Each Hand

Don't forget our ongoing project—bring a can of change and a can of food on the **4th Sunday of each month**. Upcoming collection dates are **April 26** and **May 24**.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ through your service!



– Susan Ferguson

The Evangelism Team is thankful for the continued support of our church family as we serve our community in simple, meaningful ways.

We are continuing to provide food for the Tucker Hospice House, offering comfort to families during difficult times. We are also faithfully supplying weekly snacks to the Oncology Infusion Center, sharing encouragement with patients as they receive treatment. Thank you to everyone who has helped with these ministries—these small acts make a big impact.

We're also excited to share that a new outreach opportunity will be announced on April 12th—you won't want to miss it! Join us as we sow seeds of hope in our community and watch what God brings to life.

Looking ahead, plans are underway for a special end-of-school-year event where we will bless the teachers at PSRES with a meal hopefully prepared by our church family. Members will have the opportunity to cook, serve, and spend time encouraging these hardworking educators as the school year comes to a close. More details will be coming soon—we hope many of you will take part!

In addition, we are planning to host an ice cream truck in the community twice this summer as another fun and welcoming way to connect with those around us.

As always, these ministries are built on faithfulness in the small things. Thank you for being a church that continues to love, serve, and reach beyond our walls.

If you would like to get involved, we would love to connect with you!





Roberta Fellowship Group Camie Hooks & Barbara Anderson

Hallelujah! Our Savior has risen!

The Roberta Fellowship Group warmly invites our entire church family to join us this month for breakfast, lunch—or both! We would love to see some new faces.

It's a wonderful way to connect, build friendships, and enjoy time together.

We meet twice each month—once for breakfast and once for lunch—to share good food and even better fellowship. We are always looking to grow our circle and welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us for a meal and meaningful fellowship, we would be delighted to have you!

April Schedule:

- **Lunch:** April 9 at 12:30 PM Concord Family House (formerly Johnny's Farmhouse) – Copperfield Blvd, Concord
- **Breakfast:** April 21 at 9:00 AM Parkway House – Highway 29, Concord

We are a group that enjoys getting to know one another, sharing laughter, praying together, and of course—enjoying great food! We even plan a few day trips throughout the year.

For your convenience, we meet regularly on the **second Thursday of each month for lunch** and the **third Tuesday for breakfast**. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out. We look forward to welcoming some new faces!



– Cathy Thompson & Sharon Wooten

Lydia will meet again on **April 14 at 6:30 PM** in the fellowship hall. We gather on the **second Tuesday of each month**, and we've been blessed with several new ladies joining our group—we are so glad you're here!

If you're looking for a small group to get connected and involved, we would love for you to come and give Lydia a try. Our evenings include dinner, a devotion, a program, and planning meaningful ways to serve our community.

We stay joyfully busy, and there's a place for everyone to serve. Come join us—we'd love to welcome you!

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CEMETERY RESEARCH – Corinne Smith

This year, the Cemetery Team is committed to accurately documenting our cemetery in order to create a current map of burial locations. This effort will help us—and future generations—locate and honor our loved ones and ancestors.

We held our first meeting on March 14, and we welcome anyone who would like to be involved. There are many ways to help, including researching records, entering data into the computer, and walking the cemetery to map GPS locations. No experience is necessary, and all ages are encouraged to participate!

If you are interested in helping, please contact **George Brown** or **Corinne Smith**.

Our next meeting will be **April 11, 2026, from 10:00–11:30 AM**.

Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

Our Spring Cemetery Clean-Up is scheduled for **May 2, 2026, from 10:00–11:30 AM**. Please consider joining us as we care for our cemetery grounds by removing old or faded flowers, replacing veteran flags, and helping with general cleanup.





– Dale & Sharon Wooten

Hot Dog Sale: Forward in Faith is excited to bring back our *legendary Hot Dog Sale* on **April 18th, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM!** This fundraiser supports our building fund, and we would love your help in making it a success. There are many ways to get involved—from baking homemade desserts, helping in the kitchen, serving drinks, assisting with cleanup, or even helping spread the word. There truly is a place for everyone!

Be sure to check out the flyer in this week's bulletin and let **George Brown** know how you'd like to help. It's been a while, so come enjoy great fellowship—and of course, a delicious Roberta hot dog!

Walk-a-Thon: Looking ahead, join us on **Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 AM** for our *Walk-a-Thon*, our final scheduled fundraiser before summer. We'll be walking around the church while a bake sale takes place in the fellowship hall.

Did you know?

- 6 laps around the church = 1 mile
- 9 laps = 1½ miles

Come walk with us in our *Walk for Jesus!* Baked goods will be available before, during, and after the walk. Any remaining items will be sold in the Welcome Center after church on **Sunday, May 17.**

How can you help?

- Donate baked goods
 - Participate as a walker
 - Sponsor a walker
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Our **Manger Scenes** continue to be popular! If you're interested in purchasing one, please check the Welcome Center (on the credenza near the front entrance).

- Suggested donation: **\$15.00 minimum**
- Make checks payable to **Roberta Church**

Please write "*Manger Scene*" in the memo line

You may place your check in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. If none are available, please let **Debbie Cochran** know so more can be prepared.

Can in Each Hand: Finally, please remember to participate in our *Can-in-Each-Hand Program* on the **4th Sunday of each month.** Every coin truly makes a difference! We have collected \$1,068.80 through the end of February.

We kindly ask that you note the updated donation process:

- **Green barrel (black sign):** Monetary donations (coins, cash, or checks)

Orange barrel: Canned food items

This system helps our finance office greatly. Also, please remember to put your name on your can so you can receive proper credit for your donation.



MINISTRY NEWS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Bible Study -Last	1st Floor Conf. Room	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 2, 2026	Seder Meal	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Friday, April 3, 2026	Stations of the Cross	Church Grounds	6:30 PM
Sunday, April 5, 2026	Sunrise Service	Cemetery Side	7:00 AM
	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	
	No Sunday School		
	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	NO Roberta Ringers Practice		
	NO CLUBS - Easter Sunday		
Monday, April 6, 2026	No Comfort Blessings until further notice		
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	NO CHOIR PRACTICE		
Thursday, April 9, 2026	RC Fellowship Group Lunch	Concord Family House	12:30 PM
	Team Leaders Quarterly Meeting	1st Floor Conference Room	6:00 PM
Friday, April 10, 2026	Life Line Screening	Fellowship Hall	All Day
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Cemetery Meeting	1st Floor Conf Room	10:00 AM
Sunday, April 12, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Communion & Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Bell Room	11:00 AM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 14, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
	Lydia Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026	Legendary HOT DOG Sale	Fellowship Hall	10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Sunday, April 19, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Play (Prelude & Offeratory)	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Bell Room	11:00 AM
	Afternoon Clubs / Holy Motion	2B / Welcome Center	3:30 - 5:00 PM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
Monday, April 20, 2026	Men's Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Friday, April 24, 2026	Private Event	Sanctuary	All Day
Sunday, April 26, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Bell Room	11:00 AM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
Monday, April 27, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	Esther's Heart Packing	Esther's Heart	6:00 PM
	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM

Acolyte	
4/5	Millie Pacious
4/12	Caius Moor
4/19	Kalli Hattaway
4/26	Ethan Darnell
Ushers	
4/5	Eric Howie & Ed Anderson
4/12	Larry Pigg & Jewel Williamson
4/19	Dale Furr & George Brown
4/26	Mike Kanady & Paul Pacious
Greeters	
	Wendy Stirewalt & Kari Thompson
4/5	Thompson
4/12	Carolyn Pigg & Vicky Furr
4/19	Doris Burris & Brenda Koerner
4/26	Camie Hooks & Larry Taylor
Children's Moment	
3/29	No Children's Moment
4/5	Colby Cochran
4/12	Kirby Eudy
4/19	
4/26	
Children's Church	
4/5	No Children's Church
4/12	Doris Burris
4/19	Kari Thompson
4/26	Kelly Almond
Nursery	
4/5	Jewel Williamson & Kelly Pacious
4/12	Kelly Pacious & Kelly Almond
4/19	Annemarie Irons & Paul Pacious
4/26	Kari Thompson & Shawn Marble
Multi-Media	
4/5	Soundboard: Rob Sossamon Computer: Jim Killian Camera: Susan Ferguson
4/12	Soundboard: Regina Hinson Computer: Loren Koerner Camera: Jim Killian
4/19	Soundboard: Michael Kanady Computer: Sue Ridenhour Camera: Alex Hattaway
4/26	Soundboard: Don Smith Computer: Regina Hinson Camera: Loren Koerner
Opening/Closing Church - April	
	Larry Pigg



CHRIS REBBERT	4/1	CADE SHEPARD	4/14
DIANE EZZELL	4/2	ERIC HOWIE	4/16
DARLA WALKER NATOLE	4/2	DEBBIE GOODMAN	4/19
TERRY FURR	4/5	PHIL DAVIS	4/20
TOM PARR	4/5	JIM EZZELL	4/21
MARYLOU KOHUT	4/8	TRAVIS EUDY	4/24
TAMMY WEDDINGTON	4/9	MARK COCHRAN	4/25
JIM BOYKIN	4/10	SHERRY STRICKLAND	4/26
MILLIE PACIOUS	4/10	HUNTER ALLEY	4/26
ROBIN KANADY	4/11	ETHAN DARNELL	4/27



Larry & Bonnie Taylor	4/3
Travis & Kirby Eudy	4/11
Jim & Diane Ezzell	4/12
Doug & Julie Conner	4/18
Don & Corinne Smith	4/28

