



Dear Roberta Church Family,

There's something about October that makes you pause. The air turns crisp. The trees put on their fiery display. The sun sets a little earlier. Everything starts to slow down... and yet something new begins.

Fall reminds us that **change is constant**, but so is the faithfulness of God. And in this season of shifting leaves and cooler mornings, we are invited to lean into something deeper: **a bold and courageous faith**.

Paul reminded young Timothy that God's Spirit isn't timid—it's powerful. It doesn't shrink back—it steps forward. It doesn't stay silent—it speaks truth in love. And in a world that's often too loud with fear or too quiet with conviction, bold faith stands out.

So what does that look like in real life?

As you go about your fall routines—sipping coffee, raking leaves, attending football games—challenge you to take one step outside your comfort zone:

- Speak the name of Jesus in your workplace.
- Invite someone to church who may be longing for connection.
- Forgive someone you've been holding back from.
- Pray like you believe God still moves mountains.

Boldness isn't about volume—it's about conviction. It's about living like Jesus is real, present, and still transforming lives today. And I believe God is calling Roberta to shine brightly in this season, not just inside our sanctuary, but out in our neighborhoods, families, and schools.

So as the seasons change, don't retreat—**rise**. Let the world see your faith in action. Let your boldness be rooted in His power, guided by His love, and shaped by His Spirit. He's not finished with you. He's just getting started.

With boldness and grace,

Pastor Chad

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." - 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)



Pumpkin Pudding

Submitted by:

Juanita Honeycutt

- 2 cups pumpkin
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup self-rising flour, sifted
- 3 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups canned milk, undiluted
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 stick margarine, melted

Heat oven to 450

Beat pumpkin until well blended.

Add sugar and flour. Blend, then add eggs, blending well. Add spices and milk. Stir in the melted margarine and mix. Pour into a glass 9x13 dish. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Serve with Cool Whip.



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

Church Fund Balances — August 31, 2025

MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Building Fund

in memory of Mike Burris by:

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General Fund Operating Budget	
Checking Acct.	\$116,648.50
General Fund Checking	\$50.00
General Fund CD	\$102,942.07
Total General Fund	\$219,640.57
Capital Fund / General Fund	\$11,037.86
Capital Fund / Music - Children / Youth	\$2,602.45
Capital Fund / Multi - Media	\$1,210.68
Capital Fund / Adult Choir - Hand bells	\$1,903.26
Capital Fund / Disaffiliation	\$6,387.98
Total Capital Fund	\$23,142.23
Building Fund Checking Account	\$29,387.33
Building Fund Money Market	\$339,145.12
Total Building Fund	\$369,279.27
Community Missions	\$1,664.85
Feed the Children	\$986.00
Missions Community Outreach Fund	\$2,650.85
Cemetery Fund Checking	\$5,283.42
Cemetery Fund CD- 1	\$22,231.57
Cemetery Fund CD- 2	\$32,524.11
Total Cemetery Fund	\$60,042.10
Educational Fund CD	91,460.96
Year to Date: 1/1/2025 thru 8/31/2025	
General Fund Income:	\$202,667.35
Expenses:	\$204,347.98
Difference:	\$1,670.63



Please don't forget that we continue to gather coins for our "Can in Each Hand" on the last Sunday of each month. The funds go into the building fund to pay back what we borrowed for the ReFresh Project on our Sanctuary. A total of **\$566.43** was collected in **August** for a total of **\$11,526.17** for **2025**. Remember to bring in your cans of food for the needy in Cabarrus County. This goes to CCM to help those who need food. Also, bring food for Esther's Heart, Backpacks for Hope. This helps feed hungry children in our community.



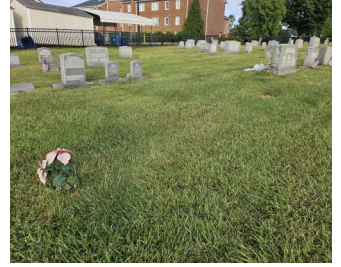
MINISTRY NEWS

Cemetery Update and Research – Corinne Smith

Please **Save the Date of Oct 4, 2025**, and join us in our **Fall Cemetery Clean-up**. Many headstones can use some general cleaning, removing the moss that builds up. Maybe it is a relative of yours! What a nice way to remember those who have gone before us.

RESEARCH HELP:

In Section D-6, there is a pot of plastic poinsettia flowers where there is no headstone. Which should mean that someone is buried here. Please look at the picture and if you know who is buried here, please contact Corinne Smith, so our church cemetery records can be updated. Thank you!



Worship Committee

– Fran Brown

As the crisp autumn air settles in and the trees burst into shades of amber, gold and deep red we are reminded of God's abundant grace and the beauty of his creation. This month, as we gather in worship, let us be mindful of the vibrant colors that surround us—the deep Oranges and rich Reds reminding us of “the fire of God's Love”, the soft Browns of the earth grounding us in “His Steadfast Presence”, and the Golden hues inspiring “Hearts filled with Gratitude”. As we come together, I hope the beauty of fall, both in nature and in our worship, will nourish our souls and lead us to a deeper sense of Thankfulness and Joy!

Upcoming dates of Importance which you don't want to miss!!!

Joyful Noise will perform on October 5th

Roberta Ringers will perform on October 12th

Holy Motion will have their Debut Performance on October 26th

All Saints Sunday will be on November 2nd

Fellowship Building Sunday Snack Time will continue through October and November. We have set up a space by the kitchen to sit a while and visit with each other. Please come and fellowship since we aren't able to have any other form of meals, etc. during our ReFresh Time.

Continue your prayers for The ReFresh Team, Worker and Carolina Interiors as we go forward and get closer to being back in our new Sanctuary. The Lord is Blessing Roberta Church in so many ways. Thanks be to the Lord!!!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” - 1 Chronicles 16:34

LYDIA

Sharon Wooten — Cathy Thompson

Lydia will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 PM in Room 2B. Please bring a light finger food to help with the meal. We will conclude the study on “The Unexpected.”

Lydia will hold a Bake Sale on October 19th following the worship service. If you have a request for a baked good, please let any Lydia lady know what it is and we will try to have it for you. We will do this from the kitchen window in the lobby of the fellowship hall. Proceeds will help us help the less fortunate during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Corrine Smith is ordering flavoring. Please watch the bulletin for an announcement on the details of how to place your order for this.

The Senior Christmas luncheon will be on December 6th at 1:00 at the Lion's Club on Patricia Ave. in Harrisburg. A big Thank You to the individual who paid the fee so we could use this venue for the lunch this year. Seniors, get ready for some delicious food and fun fellowship at this event. Next year when the ReFresh project is behind us, we will look forward to having it in our fellowship hall again.

Our November meeting will be on November 11th, location to be determined.





Music – Sharon Wooten

Adults continue to work to provide music for worship at Roberta. Please

continue to keep us in your prayers as we work towards this goal. We have started working on the Christmas cantata. We welcome you to join us if you would like to sing for the Christmas season. Come to the fellowship hall on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. We would love to see you.

Roberta Ringers has two new members: Maddie Hudson and Kalli Hattaway! We are thrilled to have them and are looking forward to their debut in bell ringing on October 12th.

Joyful Noise will perform for you for the last time as Joyful Noise on October 5th. In teaching the song “Be Strong,” we have had some good lessons and discussion concerning the Armor of God. You will be amazed at what they have learned when you see their performance. After this date, I will be stepping down from leadership of this group to help facilitate more time for new things coming up for children and youth. It has been my pleasure to work with your children since 2019. We look forward to what’s in store for our youngest members in the future.

If any of you (children or youth included) want to perform any special music for worship, please let me know and I will get you on the schedule, help you select a song and work with you to get it ready to perform.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Roberta Men gathered on Monday, September 15th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall with 13 in attendance. We are grateful to those who prepared the delicious meal that began our evening together. Eddie Taylor offered the opening prayer, asking God’s blessing on both the food and our time of fellowship. Scott Farris led the meeting, and Wayne Goodman shared a devotion that reminded us of God’s steady presence in our lives. Ed Anderson gave the treasury report, and the group spent time discussing future plans and opportunities for service.

Our men’s fellowship is more than a meeting—it’s a time to share a meal, grow in God’s Word, and encourage one another in faith and service. If you’re looking for good fellowship, meaningful conversation, and of course a good meal, we invite you to join us on the **third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

*As God’s Word reminds us, He is our constant source of **trust, faith, and hope**—always ready to guide us forward.*

Bell Ringer

10/5 Mitch Kanady
10/12 Millie Pacious
10/19 Kalli Hattaway
10/26 Aurora Cochran

Acolyte

10/5 Millie Pacious
10/12 Maddie Pacious
10/19 Caius Moor
10/26 Maddie Hudson

Ushers

10/5 Darrell Ridenhour & Josh Brooks
10/12 Eric Howie & Ed Anderson
10/19 Larry Pigg & Jewel Williamson
10/26 Dale Furr & George Brown

Greeters

10/5 Ed Anderson & Kari Thompson
10/12 Carolyn Pigg & Vicky Furr
10/19 Doris Burris & Brenda Koerner
10/26 Camie Hooks & Larry Taylor

Children's Church

10/5 Mari Brooks & Doris Burris
10/12 Mari Brooks & Kelly Almond
10/19 Mari Brooks & Lisa Linker
10/26 Mari Brooks & Brenda Phillips

Nursery

10/5 Paul Pacious & Annemarie Irons
10/12 Kelly Pacious & Shawn Marble
10/19 Kari Thompson & Kelly Almond
10/26 Paul Pacious & Annemarie Irons

Multi-Media

10/5 Soundboard: Don Smith
Computer: Regina Hinson
Camera: Jim Killian
10/12 Soundboard: Rob Sossamon
Computer: Loren Koerner
Camera: Susan Ferguson
10/19 Soundboard: Regina Hinson
Computer: Jewel Williamson
Camera: Larry Taylor
10/26 Soundboard: Sue Ridenhour
Computer: Jim Killian
Camera: Alex Hattaway

Opening/Closing Church - October

George Brown



Missions News: August Update – Camie & Dean Hooks

In September we collected money so that the Church of God could go for a long week-end at the beach! They had a wonderful time! (Some of the children had never been to the beach! Here are some pictures of the fun they had!) I especially would like to thank all the donations that we received to help them make this trip. A special thank you to the Lydia Ladies group and the Methodist Men's group for their donations. A special thank you to a member who made a special trip to the Children's Home with their donation.

Also, in September we said Farewell to our former Mission Chairs, Corky and Jim Robinette. We will miss you, but we wish you well in your new home! Thank you both for all you have done for Missions and Roberta Church!



million meals tour!

We have some very exciting news for October! This is the first time that Lifeline has done something like this. Roberta is a proud sponsor of Lifeline Christian Ministry's "Million Meal Tour" at Atrium Health Ballpark, and together we have the opportunity to help pack 500,000 meals for families in need locally and globally. Volunteers are needed (30 in total), come out to a fun filled afternoon at the Cannon Baller Stadium to pack!

Date: Saturday, October 25th, Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Location: Cannon Baller Stadium

In the pictures below are some of the beautiful creations the Comfort Blessing Mission has done and they are ready to be given. Let Camie or the church office know if you have someone in mind!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive will be going on until collection week in November. Look for signs, shoe boxes to be picked up and filled, and also to be able to fill a shoebox on line. More detailed information will be made available. To fill a shoebox is a \$10 donation to help with shipping costs and to put in the literature to teach them about Jesus. The literature that is placed in the shoebox will be in that child's own language! We will also have information on how to fill a shoebox online. The cost for an online box this year is \$35. More detailed information will be made to the congregation!

We will continue to collect and deliver any donations we receive to Esther's Heart, Church of God, Harrisburg Food Bank—and don't forget about the can in each hand campaign! Bring a can of food and your can of money on the fourth Sunday of every month!

As always Missions is extremely grateful for everything Roberta does for Missions! Your willingness to give and support all of our Missions is very gratifying!



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS – Mari Brooks

It may not be sweater weather yet, but Fall is here!!

Fall programs are back and we are having so much fun. There are lots of events coming up this season and lots of ways for students to serve and be a part of something special. Our new 'Holy Motion' program has hit the ground spinning and our Roberta kids & youth are finding new and exciting ways to use their gifts and talents to share Jesus through performing arts and expression. This program holds a huge benefit to your child in so many ways. By building confidence and exploring different things, we're igniting Jesus' light within us that we didn't even know we could, and young disciples are being molded with care. Read below for more details on this new enrichment program.

Remember to share our church with friends and neighbors and invite them to join us at Roberta. We have so much to offer in our classrooms and in the community. I thank you for your dedication and ongoing support for our kids and youth, in all that they do.

Check out our Fall Schedule for more information, or contact me directly with any questions or if you would like to get involved.

We need Volunteers!!

Contact Mari Brooks for more details

[Annual Registration Form for your kids & youth](#)

Remember to turn in a 2025-2026 Registration Form is required for all children or youth who plan to participate in ANY Roberta Church Children & Youth Ministry programs and events this school year. We have a lot of exciting things coming up and lots of opportunities for them to take part in.

What is Holy Motion?

'Holy Motion'

This new program is open for all children and youth. Combining performing arts and worship, Holy Motion is designed to help kids and teens understand that their God given body is a vessel for the Spirit. Utilizing many areas of performing arts, students will learn and explore all of the ways that they can serve as a disciple and share Bible stories through movement, sound, and even puppets! This is a fun environment where your child or teen will find (some) of their gifts and talents. Through these gifts, we can express our love for Jesus in only the way that we know how, because we're all uniquely and wonderfully made. Bringing performing arts into our classrooms will help students build confidence and develop skills that will benefit them in other areas of life. Holy Motion will showcase what we've learned through scheduled performances during Worship, Holiday programs and productions, and other performances for our community.



Pumpkin Prayer



Cut off the top:
Lord, open my mind and fill me
with Your wisdom and guidance.

Scoop out the yuckies:
Lord, take out all my fussies and
frownies and fill me with Your love.

Carve out the eyes:
Lord, open my eyes to see all of the
beautiful things You have made.

Carve out the nose:
Lord, help me to be a sweet
fragrance for You.

Carve out the mouth:
Lord, help me to always speak
Your words of love and kindness.

Place in a candle:
Lord, let me be a light to others
For You have filled me with Your light.





Roberta Fellowship Group Camie Hooks & Barbara Anderson

What a wonderful time of fellowship we had at Captain Steve's in September! We were even blessed to welcome a few new faces. Our breakfast at Parkway House was filled with laughter, a meaningful devotional, good food, and time to take care of a little business.

It is with grateful but heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Corky and Jim Robinette. For many years, they have faithfully attended our lunches and breakfasts. Corky served as our Secretary, always bringing a thoughtful devotional to share and keeping cards ready to send when someone was ill. Jim blessed us by sharing gospel songs on his guitar and often leading us in heartfelt prayer. We thank you both for your years of service, friendship, and fellowship. May God bless you as you begin this new chapter in your new home!

Please consider joining us for fellowship in October. We'd love to see you there!

Lunch – Thursday, October 9th at R&R Barbecue

Breakfast – Tuesday, October 21st at Parkway House

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:25



- Sharon Wooten

Forward in Faith met on September 16th to begin our work raising funds for our ReFresh project.

Be on the lookout for some ways you can help raise funds. In the immediate future we have the following planned: a ReFresh Giving Tree, (October), Bake Sale (November/December), and a hotdog sale (first

quarter of 2026). Details of these will be available very soon in the bulletin, the weekly email as well as verbal announcements in worship on Sunday.

Since the ReFresh Giving Tree is coming up quickly here are the details for how to participate in that one:

Envelopes will be placed on the wall in fellowship hall. Folks will choose an envelope and place that amount of money in the envelope. Envelopes will be returned to a designated place. There will be a way to record who gave the funds so it can be used for tax purposes. Kick-off will begin September 28th. It will last the full month of October and end on November 2nd. Report to the congregation will be given on November 8th. Contributions may be dropped off in the church office. You may also call the office and we will pull an envelope off the wall for you.

For the bake sale we need to get the order form ready, so – if you are willing to do some baking, please call, text (704-202-2535) or email Sharon Wooten sharon.p.wooten@gmail.com with what you wish to bake for us. We plan to put these order forms in the bulletin on Nov. 16. We already have about four folks telling us they will bake something. Yum, yum – can't wait!

We will also keep working to fill up the cans for Can-in Each Hand. We have taken in \$11,526 in those cans this year so far! Keep up the great work! Please don't forget the other can (canned food good) for the food drive.



September 2025 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time	Date	Event	Location	Time
Wed, Oct 1st	Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM	Thurs, Oct 16th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM	Sat, Oct 18th	Craft Club	2B	9:00 AM
Thurs, Oct 2nd	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM	Sun, Oct 19th	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
Fri, Oct 3rd	Youth Retreat	Crossroads Church	5-7:00 PM		Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Sat, Oct 4th	Youth Retreat	Crossroads Church	5-7:00 PM		Lydia Bake Sale	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
	Craft Club	2B	9:00 AM		Roberta Ringers Practice	Bell Room - 3rd Floor	11:00 AM
Sun, Oct 5th	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM		Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM
	Joyful Noise Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall	9:00 AM		Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
	Communion Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM	Mon, Oct 20th	Men's Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
	Joyful Noise Performs	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM	Tues, Oct 21st	RFG Breakfast	Parkaway on Union	9:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM		The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM
	Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM	Wed, Oct 22nd	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM		Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM
Mon, Oct 6th	Comfort Blessings Meeting	2B	3-6:00 PM		Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
Tues, Oct 7th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM	Thurs, Oct 23rd	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 8th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM	Sat, Oct 25th	Craft Club	2B	9:00 AM
	Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM		Lifeline - Trunk or Treat	Cannonballers Stadium	2:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM	Sun, Oct 26th	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
Thurs, Oct 9th	RFG - Lunch	R&R/Jakes BBQ	12:30 PM		Holy Motion Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall	9:00 AM
	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM		Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
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Sun, Oct 12th	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM		Roberta Ringers Practice	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
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Mon, Oct 13th	Finance Meeting	1st Floor Conf. Rm	6:30 PM	Wed, Oct 29th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM
Tues, Oct 14th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM		Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM
Wed, Oct 15th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM		Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
	Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM	Thurs, Oct 30th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM				



Ben Wilson	1 st	Nancy Smith	13 th
Ciera Williamson	2 nd	Donna Martin	15 th
Amanda Baker	3 rd	Gary Horton	16 th
Helena Kopczynski	4 th	Kelsey Kanady	16 th
Dan Williamson Sr.	8 th	Brody Koerner	17 th
Katie Dahl	8 th	Fletchel Little	19 th
Pat Davis	11 th	Hannah Crytser	20 th
Corky Robinette	11 th	Easton Horkey	20 th
Shirley Penninger	12 th	MaryAnn Bonifant	21 st



Nelson & Joyce Hardister	1 st
Mike & Shannon Walko	7 th
Scott & Chris Fair	20 th

