

RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER
GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPITIVE PURPOSE
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*He
leadeth
me beside
the still
waters.*





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"Nurturing Our Congregation Through Our Relationship with GOD"

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Dear God, I thank You for this blessing of a brand new day; You touched me with a finger of love and allowed me to wake up in my right mind. Thank You for the blessing of life, health, and strength.

I ask You for a blessing over all our senior citizens. God, cover them with the blood of Jesus. I asked for Your blessing, guidance, and strength today. Protect our family, lift my spirit, and fill my heart with faith, gratitude, joy, and love. Most of all, I ask for the comfort in knowing that You have the power to change anything that You are not pleased with.

Father, I pray and ask for You to bless those who are fighting this war, all those that are in harm's way, and all

civilians that are caught up in this war. I pray for comfort and peace for the parents of the young men and women. I also pray for peace on all sides of this war. in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Sis. Bonnett Nash



MONDAY'S PRAYER

Lord, as we gather this morning to praise You once again, we humble ourselves in Your glorious presence, and thank You for Your continued grace.

Lord, I ask for strength to run this race; for when I look around, there is trouble everywhere. Lord, we continue to place our trust in You. For in You, it is a trust like no other, an undying trust. *For when we trust Him, we must also obey him. There is no other way.*

Father, we've all done things that we should not have and said and thought things that were not befitting in Your sight. But because of Your love for us, You've given us forgiveness time and time again. I thank You, praise You, and glorify You for all the forgiveness that You have granted to all of us everywhere.

Lord, if we would only "Seek ye the kingdom of heaven first," and move self out of the way in all our endeavors. Doing this means we could be a better people.

Lord, we lift up holy hands in partition to You for strength throughout this day in doing Your will. Strengthen us in love for one another—for love is the key. Matthew 22 tells us to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' (vv. 37-39).

*Keep your hand in the winding chain!
Keep your hand in the hand of the man
from Galilee, Jesus Christ.*

I pray this prayer in His holy name,
amen.

Deacon Wallace E. Dinkins

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT AUGUST

NUMBER OF DAYS

Poor August, the number of days in August has changed quite a few times over the years. First it had 30 days, then it got an extra one to make it 31. When January and February came into the calendar in 700 BC August got reduced to 29 days. Finally, Julius Caesar changed it back to 31. Thankfully it has stayed at 31 ever since because it means we get longer school holidays!

YOU ARE GOD'S AUGUST

Ah-h-h!! Isn't this wonderful news! You are God's August! You were created to flourish just like all of creation is doing at this very moment!

God made you to flourish and to inexhaustibly thrive. He did not make you to die on the vine of life. He spiritually designed you for emotional and spiritual abundance in every season of your life.

His plan was never that you would be shriveled up emotionally and trampled upon by anger and depression and worry. God's intent was that you would not live a brittle life but would live a life that flourishes.

"I HAVE A DREAM"

On the 28th August 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his speech "I have a dream" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

250,000 people showed up to listen to the speech which called for the end of racial discrimination and equal rights for all. This is undeniably one of the most famous speeches in history.

Sis. Julia M. Dinkins

BACK TO school

SAFETY

"Back to school safety for county schools encompasses various measures, including safe transportation, school zone driving, and personal safety practices for students and drivers. Key areas of focus include obeying traffic laws, particularly in school zones, being mindful of pedestrians and cyclists, and ensuring proper use of school buses.

Additionally, schools implement comprehensive safety plans addressing physical security, cybersecurity, and social-emotional learning."

BACK TO school

A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Gracious Father,

We are so thankful that You are a Father that sees, hears, and meets the needs of Your beloved children.

As the blissful summer days come to a close and we come into another school year, we invite You to be ever-present and walk alongside our children.

Please keep them safe and in Your loving care by removing excess stress and anxiety that generally come with the first day of school and replacing it with excitement, anticipation, and an eagerness to learn and grow.

Father, please open our children's hearts and minds, giving them wisdom and discernment to make good choices that honor You and help them ultimately remember who they are (1 Peter 2:9). Guard them from the pressures of fitting in where they were born to stand out

. . . . We trust You and thank You for another school year to watch our children grow. . . . Let this first day, school, and the rest of this year be a way for us to connect more deeply as a family and grow closer to You. We ask all this in your Holy Name. Amen.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/back-to-school/a-poem-and-prayer-for-the-first-day-of-school.html>



BACK TO school

RESOURCES



pbs.org



healthychildren.org

A New School
Year. A New
Promise of
Success.



Scholastic.com





Happy Birthday

***May God guide you
and keep you.
May He fill your life
with gladness and
your heart with joy.
May He make your
days bright and
all your burdens light.
May He turn
each morning into a
gift of happiness.***



MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

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Morning Prayer

Monday–Friday, 6:30am

Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

Inspirational Choir

Wednesday, 6pm

Tuesday Bible Study

6pm, via Zoom & Conference Call

Ministers & Deacons Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

Scriptural Presentations

Thursday, 6pm

Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

Trustee Ministry

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, TBA

Public Relations Ministry

1st Tuesday, 7pm, Zoom

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