

A close-up photograph of a tree branch with several leaves in various shades of orange, red, and yellow. The leaves are slightly out of focus, creating a soft, bokeh effect in the background. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunny day in autumn.

RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER
GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE

September 2026

**"Worthy are you, our Lord
and God, to receive glory
and honor and power, for
you created all things"
(Revelation 4:11).**



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"Nurturing Our Congregation Through Our Relationship with GOD"



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, Our Sovereign God,
thank You for all that You have done,
for all You do, and for all that You will
do.

I adore and praise You, Heavenly
Father. I thank You for giving me
another chance when you wake me up.
Thank You also for Your new grace and
mercy every morning.

Heavenly Father, You are always with
us whatever choices we make. Dear
Lord, please open my eyes and my
heart to the path you want me to take.
Remove confusion, fear, and doubt
from my mind. Give me strength and
courage to take the next right step,
even when the future is unclear. Align
my choices with Your will and let your
peace lead the way.

Thank you for always being present to
guide my steps.

You are worthy to be praised. God, I
praise You for being a God who is
worthy to be worshiped. For “The fear
of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom; all who follow his precepts
have good understanding. To him
belongs eternal praise” (Psalm 111:10
NIV).

Lord, with everything we do, we
should look to You—thanking, praising,
and worshiping you. If we would put
You first, everything else would fall
into place.

Thank You, Heavenly Father. In Jesus'
name, I pray. Amen.

Sis. Bonnett Nash



MONDAY'S PRAYER

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God,
maker of heaven and earth, I come
before thee this morning, lifting holy
hands, praising and thanking You for
life, and thanking You for the days that
are past and gone. Lord, if we're not
for You, Your everlasting presence in
our lives, in the lives of all mankind,
where would we be?

Thank You, Lord, for giving us Your
love, grace, justice, mercy, and hope
for tomorrow. Lord, none of us knows
what the day will bring. We trust in
You.

Your word lets us know that it is Your
rod and staff that guide, protect, and
keep us. Lord, it's only You who can
strengthen us in our weakness.

Lord, forgive us of our sins and show
us the pathway to eternal life: salvation
that can only be given by Your Son and
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lord, forgive us of our selfishness,
arrogance, injustices, and egotistical
ways. Cause us to see the errors of our
ways, to learn how to forgive those
that have trespassed against us, and to
become better servants to Your people.
Lord, as this world continues in its
sinful ways, let us choose to be on
Your side and to live.

Lord, as we move about this day, let us
resolve to put You first in all things
that we do (big and small).

Let us not forget to pray for the ones
experiencing trials and the
uncertainties that life brings as we
travel through a land that is not our
home.

It is in the name of Jesus that we pray
and claim the victory. Amen.

Deacon Wallace E. Dinkins

HEALTHY AGING MONTH

This year's theme of Healthy Aging Month —“Curiosity Has No Age Limit”—celebrates the role curiosity can have in helping us stay engaged, keep learning, discover new interests, and continue exploring what comes next. The 2026 theme recognizes curiosity as fuller and more engaged learning, exploring a different perspective, trying a new activity, traveling to an unfamiliar destination, or simply asking more questions. Curiosity helps keep us connected to the world around us.



Ways to Celebrate "Curiosity Has No Age Limit"

Learn something new.

Explore your community.

Try a new physical activity.

Read outside your comfort zone.

Connect with people of different generations.

Embrace technology.

Pursue a creative interest.

Ask more questions.

Revisit an old dream.

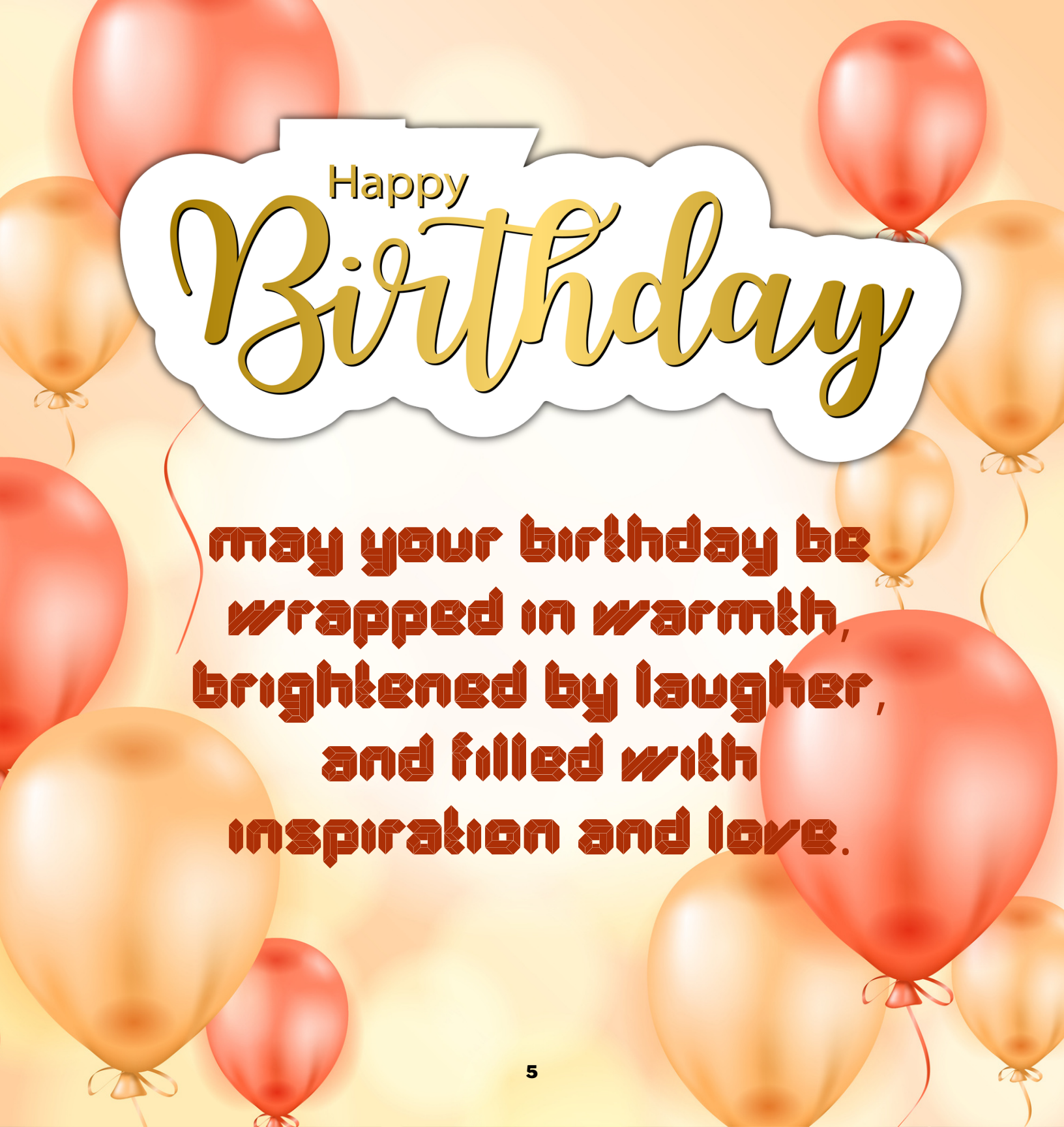
Say yes to a new experience.

SCENES FROM THE WBALD TEA

MEMBERS OF RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP AT THE WATEREE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LOWER DIVISION'S RAINBOW TEA.

***Saturday August 22, 2026
Union Baptist Church
Rembert SC***





Happy Birthday

**may your birthday be
wrapped in warmth,
brightened by laughter,
and filled with
inspiration and love.**



CHRISTIAN LIVING

What is the Christian Life?

How would you define the Christian life? What would you say to an inquisitive elementary-age child or an unsaved adult who is searching for answers? What is the effect the gospel has on our lives?

To what extent are we growing in our

- Knowledge of the word.
- Relationship to the triune God.
- Relationship with other people, specifically in the family, churches, and world.
- Character, so that we become more and more like Christ.

Below are some thoughts of the Rev. Billy Graham (1918–2018), American evangelist.

Read your Bible daily. Do not be content to skim through a chapter merely to satisfy your conscience. Hide the Word of God in your heart. It comforts, guides, corrects, encourages – all we need is there.

Learn the secret of prayer. Prayer is communicating. Every prayer that you pray will be answered. Sometimes that answer may be “Yes” and sometimes “No,” and sometimes it is “Wait,” but nevertheless it will be answered.

Rely constantly on the Holy Spirit. We know that the Holy Spirit prays for us (Romans 8), and what a comfort that should be to the weakest of us. Stand aside and let Him take over all the choices and decisions of your life.

Attend church regularly. The visible church is Christ’s organization upon earth. Christians need one another; we need to gather together to worship God and nothing can take the place of church attendance.

Be a witnessing Christian. We witness in two ways: by life and by word – and the two, where possible, should go hand in hand.

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CHRISTIAN LIVING

What is the Christian Life? (continued)

Be an obedient Christian. Let Christ have first place in all the choices of your life.

Learn how to meet temptation. Temptation is not sin. It is *yielding* that is sin. Let Christ through the Holy Spirit do the fighting for you.

Be a wholesome Christian. Our lives and appearance should commend the Gospel and make it attractive to others.

Live above your circumstances. Don't let your circumstances get you down. Learn to live graciously within them, realizing the Lord Himself is with you.

10 Guidelines for Christian Living

Christian living means conducting your day-to-day life, choices, and relationships in alignment with the teachings and character of Jesus Christ.

Core Principles

- **Christ-likeness:** Striving to speak, act, and love the way Jesus did in everyday situations.
- **Love for God and Others:** Prioritizing genuine love, kindness, and service toward family, neighbors, and strangers
- **Faith in Action:** Allowing internal religious faith to naturally produce good works, honesty, and moral integrity.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Regularly engaging in prayer, studying the Bible, and participating in a church community.

MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

Meetings and Rehearsals

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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