



RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPITIVE PURPOSE

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162 YEARS OF
Ministry

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Church

**ANNIVERSARY
RECOGNITION**

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

THE LORD IS OUR STRONG FOUNDATION

LORD, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate this 162nd church anniversary. We thank You for being our firm foundation, keeping this congregation through every season, and pouring out Your unearned mercy upon us.

Lord, You tell us that “One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts (Psalm 145:4). We honor the faithful servants who built this church, and we celebrate every milestone, triumph, and life transformed within these walls. Your Word tells us, “For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; [Your] faithfulness continues through all generations” (Psalm 100:5). We acknowledge that unless You build the house, the builders labor in vain. It is only by Your grace that we stand strong today.

As we look back on our history, we ask for Your continued guidance. Strengthen our pastor, ministers, deacons, trustees, ministry leaders, and other workers and members in this vineyard. Thank You for the leaders who served, the members who prayed, and the lives that were changed by Your Word. Knit us together in unity and love; empower us to be a beacon of hope and light in our community.

We will continue to give praise to You, proclaiming Your name; and make known among the nations what You have done (Isaiah 12:4).

In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Sis. Bonnett Nash

MONDAY'S PRAYER

A PRAYER-ANSWERING AND AN ON-TIME GOD

LORD, as I come before Your most Glorious and everlasting presence, I give You all praises and honor.

LORD, as we believers assemble, we come to prepare ourselves for what the day may bring. We understand what prayer can do and from where our help comes. We look to the hills from whence cometh our help. All our help comes from You. For You are able to move mountains, calm raging seas, and make crooked things straight. You are our ever-present help that walks with us, talks with us, and tells us that we are the sheep of Your pasture.

LORD, we give You all praises and honor for the loving touch this morning that raised us from our slumber. You protect us, building a fence all around as we travel through this land that is not our home. For we are pilgrim travelers moving toward our eternal home where all injustices and evil do not exist. No more dying days.

Lord, I pray for the ones that may need a prayer answered, for the community of believers, the sick, the incarcerated, and all mankind. You are a pray-answering God. You are the on-time God.

Now, LORD, I pray for this entire land: from east to west, and from north to south. I pray that You open eyes—the eyes of the hearts of man—so that mankind will see Your glory and cease in its wicked ways.

Now, LORD, the dawning of a new day is upon us. We thank you for Your grace and mercy that strengthen us in doing Your will. Thank You, for hope and mercy that are found only in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank You, Father, for what You've done, and thank You for what the future holds. In the name of Jesus Christ, let all God's children say Amen.

Deacon Wallace E. Dinkins

Men's Health Month Theme, 2026

Partners in Care: Advancing Men's Health
Through Connection, Education, & Advocacy
Across the Lifespan — for Better Lifespans

Men's Health Month (MHM) 2026 builds on previous calls to *Bring Empathy Back* by building empathy into action through **care partnerships**.

Men's health is not experienced in isolation:

Health behaviors, access to care, and long-term outcomes are shaped by **relationships with partners, families, caregivers, friends, and communities**. When men are supported through shared advocacy, education, empathy, and connection, outcomes improve not only for men, but for everyone connected to them.

Men's health challenges have long been overlooked, contributing to delayed care, limited education, and preventable early death. These gaps are reflected in the **Lifespan Gender Gap**, where men die an average of 6 years earlier than women, often from preventable or manageable disease.



MHM 2026 emphasizes:

- Caregiving & advocacy as **shared responsibilities**
- Education that meets men & boys at **every phase of life**
- Community health that starts with **one relationship** & expands

A HEALTHY YOU

WAYS YOU CAN CELEBRATE NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

WEEKLY SAFETY TOPICS

Moving Safety Forward

Advance a culture of safety with forward-thinking strategies and tools.

Promoting Holistic Worker Health

Support total worker well-being with insights on mental, physical and emotional health.

Staying Safe on the Roads

Help reduce crashes with practical guidance for drivers, pedestrians, and fleets.

Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls

Reduce common workplace and home hazards with targeted prevention resources.

Conduct fire drills.

Precautionary measures can prevent severe damage. And what better time than National Safety Month to practice a fire drill. Select a safety point that's close to your house. Test your fire alarms and perform the drill.

Update your first-aid kit.

Keeping an updated professional first aid kit is a simple yet effective way to keep yourself prepared for unforeseen emergencies. Make sure to stock it with dressings, bandages, tape, ointments, wipes, aspirin, gloves, scissors, and gauze pads. Check your first-aid kit regularly and remove ointments and medications that have reached their expiration dates.

Practice highway safety.

Practicing highway safety means maintaining a safe following distance, eliminating all distractions, and anticipating the actions of other drivers and pedestrians. Always buckle up, stay out of large-truck blind spots, and match your speed to the flow of traffic while respecting the speed limit.

SNAPSHOTS

WATEREE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP AND RECOGNITION



Rafting Creek Baptist Church members Sis. Thelma Laborn, Sis. Emma Dinkins Jackson, the Rev. Lillian Reynolds, Trustee Dianne W. Herrington, and Sis. Bonnett Nash (inset) attended the tri-associational tea of Black River, Sumter E&M, and the Wateree Baptist Association.



Congratulations!

Trustee John E. Perry was recognized for dedicated work as the financial secretary for the Wateree Baptist Association Lower Division Brotherhood for the State of South Carolina.

A collage background featuring a blue and white striped necktie, a light blue gift box with a striped ribbon, and several small blue heart cutouts on a light beige background. The text 'HAPPY Father's DAY' is overlaid on the collage.

HAPPY
Father's
DAY



Happy Birthday

For through wisdom
your days will be
many, and years will
be added to your
life." —Proverbs 9:11



*You
did
it!*



WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY
JUNE 12, 2026

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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