

The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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Birthdays

August 04	Betty Brodie
August 08	Kip Boatwright
August 09	Linda Privette
August 10	Winnie Peoples
August 18	Logan Baynard
August 18	Stan Cobb
August 19	Sonja Estes
August 24	Hailey Rose
August 25	Sharolyn Stephens
August 28	Susan Hunnicutt

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035.

Homebound Members

Maria Sanchez — Her birthday is May 30

Betty Brodie — Her birthday is August 4.

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Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2025

August 03
12:15 pm

Sept 07
12:15 pm

Oct 05
12:15 pm



Tuesday, August 19 at 9:00 am

Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe

Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Elaine Barham	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Monica Joseph	Healing/Strength
Andy Munday	Strength
Debbie Sherrill	Strength
Debbie Strickland	Healing/Strength
Elaine Turner	Healing/Strength
Joe Vela	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner August 2025

Dear Samaria Family,
Have you ever wondered about the first Baptists in America? When, from where, and why did the first Baptists come to North America? Several years ago, Karen and I took a course offered by Truett Seminary at Baylor University on Baptist History. One of the textbooks was *The History of Baptists in the United States* by Pamela Durso and Keith Durso. It is a fascinating, informative, inspiring, and interesting book. The first Baptists were of English origin and moved to Holland to escape religious persecution in late 1608 or early 1609 and then moved back to England in 1611. These early Baptists were baptized as infants in the Church of England. All English citizens were required to be members of the Church of England, have their babies baptized, and give a tithe. Members were required to interpret the Bible in accordance with the state church's theology. Opposition to the requirements resulted in fines, whippings, and imprisonments for men and women. A small group of Christians, considered radicals, strongly disagreed. Their leader was John Smyth (c. 1570-1612). He enrolled at Cambridge's Christ's College in 1586 and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in 1593. While in college, Smyth studied with a well-known Puritan named Francis Johnson. Amazingly, later he practiced medicine in 1606. At the time, one could practice medicine after only a few weeks of study! Smyth baptized himself first and then baptized the other believers. This act was the beginning of the first Baptist church in history in Amsterdam, Holland.

Smyth later joined a group known as the Separatists, who were a part of the Puritan movement. However, the Separatists around 1580 completely separated from the Church of England, forming their own congregation. These actions were in violation of the law. Two Separatist leaders, Henry Barrowe and John Greenwood were executed. Other Separatists left for America.

Their leader was Roger Williams (1603-1684). In England, Williams worked in a law office. He graduated from Cambridge University's Pembroke College in 1627. Williams and his wife, Mary, set sail for America on December 1, 1630. Williams began to preach to the Indians and studied several Native American languages. Soon conflicts developed between Williams and the Puritans over Williams' Separatist ideas, his belief that the Native Americans should be compensated for their land and required church attendance. The Massachusetts Bay's General Court summoned Williams to appear before the court. In 1635, the General Court gave Williams a final warning to recount his controversial ideas. Smyth continued preaching his ideas. The court ordered Williams to be sent back to England. Instead, Williams fled into the wilderness and lived with the Native Americans. Eventually, Williams purchased land from the Native Americans and settled in a place he named Providence in present day Rhode Island. He established the first Baptist church in America in 1639 consisting of seven women and twelve men. Interestingly, theological difference among early Baptists in America were prevalent. Between 1639 and 1750, eleven Baptist groups organized.



Check out our Website **Samariabaptist.org**

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service. Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Deacon of Week in August

August 03— Jenny Kirby
August 10— Gilbert Barbosa
August 17— Jerry Narron
August 24— Sharon Pegram
August 31— Brantley Peoples

Ministry Fair

Ministry Fair tables are now set up in the connector ~~

There are many categories available so hope you will sign up for the many positions. We need you!