

*Sunday, August 6*  
 9:30 a.m. CTM Library Open  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Church-wide Cookout

*Wednesday, August 9*  
 No Wednesday Night Activities

*Sunday, August 13*  
 9:30 a.m. CTM Library Open  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth

*Wednesday, August 16*  
 No Wednesday Night Activities

*Sunday, August 20*  
 9:30 a.m. CTM Library Open  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth

*Wednesday, August 23*  
 No Wednesday Night Activities

*Sunday, August 27*  
 9:30 a.m. CTM Library Open  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth

*Wednesday, August 30*  
 No Wednesday Night Activities

*Sunday, September 3*  
 9:30 a.m. CTM Library Open  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth

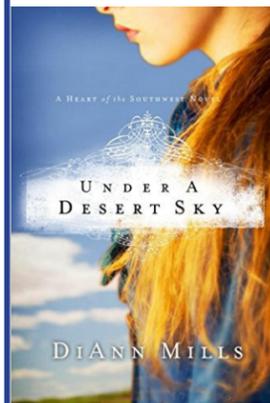
*Wednesday, September 6*  
*\*Wednesday Night Activities are Back!*  
 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
 Men's Bible Study  
 CIAs  
 Mission Friends  
 Youth Activities  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir  
 Rehearsal

*Sunday, September 10*  
 9:30 a.m. CTM Library Open  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth



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# Church Newsletter

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Dear Royston Baptist Church Family:

This is the most difficult letter I have written during my time at Royston Baptist Church. Yesterday I accepted a call to First Baptist Church of Dalton, GA to be their next Senior Pastor.

Susan and I want the congregation to know our time at Royston Baptist has been an incredible journey filled with laughter, love, tears of joy, the joy of seeing new babies born, the heartache of burying beloved congregants, and true friendships. The last seven years have been a blessing to our family. Royston Baptist Church opened their hearts to us and cared for us in ways we could have never imagined. The Barlow Bunch has never lived anywhere else besides Pine Valley, our boys only know Royston Baptist as their church, and as this time draws to an end know we are leaving a piece of our heart here in Royston.

I tenured my resignation to the Personnel Committee on July 31 and our last Sunday will be August 20. I will be in town until that time, however school starts on August 3 in Dalton, therefore Susan and the boys will be in Dalton Monday- Friday and in Royston on the weekends through August 20th.

We are grateful to be departing on good terms; everything at Royston Baptist is going so well. We are leaving because we believe God is calling us to Dalton. There are not adequate words to express our gratitude, love, and sadness at saying goodbye. Maybe the best way is the simplest, thank you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We love you.

On the Journey,

Rev. Jonathan Barlow

## WEEKLY MINISTRY LEADERS

August 6  
Deacon of the Week Kyle Westbrook  
Nursery Volunteers Susan Barlow  
Amy Thomas  
Taylor Thomas

August 13  
Deacon of the Week Robert Hillis  
Nursery Volunteers Jina Harris  
Kristen Harris  
Ginny Swails

August 20  
Deacon of the Week Jerry Gaines  
Nursery Volunteers Jodi Davison  
Brittany Myers  
Jean Davison

Up Next for Bereavement Delores Lindsey

### Happy Birthday

Henry Rice	8/01
Teresa Phillips	8/02
Dana Esco	8/06
Kristen R. Harris	8/08
Lauren Lunsford	8/08
Larry Phillips	8/09
Dot Jones	8/15
Tyler Hill	8/17
Alfred Pearson	8/18
Henry Myers	8/18
Collin Bryant	8/19
Johnny Esco	8/19
Jean Davison	8/20
Jerry L. Gaines	8/21
Mary Catherine Burrell	8/22
Shelby L. Rice	8/23
Kyle Westbrook	8/24
Allie Phillips Bohannon	8/26
Joanne Lindsey	8/27
Kevin M. Harris	8/29

### Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Phillips	8/07
Dr. & Mrs. David Harris	8/28
Mr. & Mrs. Kane Berryman	8/29

### Worship Team

August 6	David- guitar	Ryan - bass
	Ashleigh - guitar/ alto	Jonathan - lead
		Judi- Alto
		Deb - keys/sop

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RBC Kids

Rbc kids will have a back to school splash party at ms. Teresa's pool on Sunday, August 6 from 3-5pm.

RBC kids are moving on up! Promotion Sunday will be August 27th, 2017.

RBC kids Wednesday night activities will begin September 6. There will be preschool activities as well as Mission Friends for Kindergarten-1st grade and CIA's for 2-6 grades. The excitement begins at 6pm each Wednesday night.

### Deacon Nominations

Deacon nomination ballots are ready. These are located outside the church office and as you enter the sanctuary. Ballots will be available until August 20. Please place your ballot in box outside church office.

### Tech Team Volunteer Need

Our church is in need of 2 or 3 people to work with audio & visual on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to serve, please contact Jonathan.

### Save the date!

Royston Baptist Church 135 anniversary celebration on October 1st. Be on the lookout for more details as we celebrate together in joy God's faithfulness through the years.

### Pregnancy Center Donations

We collected \$467 in May for Franklin Life Pregnancy Center! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. Your consistent participation and passion for missions are such a blessing. -Kristen

### Operation Christmas Child is Coming Soon!



*Jonathan Barlow*  
Rev. Jonathan Barlow

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Paul knew how to end a letter! I imagine when Paul said his final goodbyes to the Church of Ephesus, the Church of Corinth, or the Church of Thessalonica the Christians in those communities of faith were emboldened to share the love of Christ at any cost.

RBC family, my time with you is short. The words I can share with you are precious and laced with the sadness of leaving. They are not different however from any of the words I have preached, taught, shared in hospital rooms or on living room couches. I want you to preach the gospel through your actions and through your words. I want to love recklessly. I want you to expand the word family as wide as you can. I want you to forgive quickly. I want you to welcome the stranger in your midst. I want you to have fun. I want people to know you are a member of Royston Baptist Church by the way you care for everyone you meet. I don't want Royston Baptist to be the best kept secret in town anymore.

Paul gives some good advice, rejoice always. Please rejoice alongside us. Rejoice that God is in control of your future as a church,. Even though you may be sad, rejoice.

Pray without ceasing. The Barlows covet your prayers—for our boys as they begin life in a new place., for Susan as she considers taking a new job, for me as I transition to a new place of service. Pray also for RBC—for the new pastor God is calling, for the transition, for the pastor search committee, and for all the staff that must pick up more responsibility.

Give thanks in all circumstances. I know you can, and I am praying you will!

I love you! I have been honored to call myself Pastor of Royston Baptist Church. I can't wait to see what God has next for you and I am praying for you as you discern,

Love,

Jonathan

## FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER



Teresa Phillips

Hot dogs, watermelon and ice cream! VBS, camps and flashlights! Summer of 2017, what a blur of amazing events! It's hard to believe how fast it has gone, but what fun we have had. We began with Maker Fun Factory VBS and it was one of the best ever! The games, the snacks and the kids, wow!!

We played at Rush and had a family fun evening with flashlights and ice cream and pizza.

We had a fun week of camp with our special needs friends at Jammin Jubilee and then off to Student Life Kids camp where we became treasure hunters seeking Jesus! We topped it all off with a church wide picnic and fun at the park.

Thanks to all of those who volunteered and worked hard to make all of this possible! We have truly been blessed with the best church family!

*For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. - Romans 12:4-5*