

# **the Randolph Bulletin**

## **The Ghost Stage Coach of Ramseur, North Carolina**

By Mary Murkin

Picture this, it's 1786 and you need to travel from Lexington to Raleigh. There are no cars, no trains, no bus lines. What's left? Horse and carriage? Not everyone was financially solvent enough to own a carriage and a team of horses, but thank goodness that a few entrepreneurs created transportation service companies. These companies were the stage coach lines which provided long distance transportation for hire. These companies created regularly scheduled stage coach stops that connected different towns and states to each other.

First and foremost, these stage coach lines usually won the United States mail contracts and then passengers were added for extra revenue. Some stage coach owners also built and owned hotels at each end of a transportation route to cater to their travelers.

The stopping places of these transportation coaches began to be referred to as "stages," and eventually the name was applied to the vehicles themselves and soon were called stage coaches.



In the early days of North Carolina stage coach lines, a couple of the initial routes were started in the late 1700s. In an 1824 clipping, an ad in a North Carolina newspaper outlined that the 110 mile stage coach ride from Petersburg, North Carolina to Tarboro, North Carolina would leave Petersburg on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4 AM and arrive in Tarboro the following day by 3 PM. This 23 hour, one-way trip cost \$9. A stage coach traveled at a pace of 4 to 5 mph they were typically attended by a driver and a helper who often carried a shotgun. The helper assisted with the passengers and the team of 2 to 6 horses.

Even at the best of times, North Carolina stage coach passenger's tickets did not buy comfort. Personal comfort was a stranger to stage coach travel, especially in the early days. In colonial times, coaches

were simply heavy wagons with crude or nonexistent suspension. Passengers road from dawn to evening on backless, unpadded wooden benches. In inclement weather, passengers received minimal protection from a flat roof mounted on simple support posts with roll-down leather curtains. In fair weather, the side curtains were left open for ventilation and a view, but that meant passengers were subjected to clouds of dust kicked up by the team of horses and by the coach wheels. Whether the curtains were up or down, the inside of a stage coach tended to be freezing in cold weather and stifling in hot weather.

Stage coaches improved over the years, becoming more enclosed as in the egg shaped box car that we are more used to seeing. Also, padding was at last added to the seats to provide some cushioning. In the early 1800s, they were beginning to try to add a little more comfort to the stage coaches by installing cushioned suspensions (shock absorbers) which were usually made with leather straps. Even with the incremental improvements made to the stage coach, keep in mind

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Community Calendar

November 2022

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Date	Event	Time	Location
11/5/22	Apple Cider 5K/10K	9:00am	506 Parks Crossroad Church Rd, Ramseur
11/11/22	Field of Honor	12:00pm	South Asheboro Middle School
11/12/22	Holiday Craft Fair	9:00am	YMCA, Asheboro
11/12/22	First Christian Church Vendor Fest	9:00am	1381 Church St. Ramseur
11/18/22	Faith Christian Fall Festival	10:00am	Hwy 22 South, Ramseur

**Next Deadline: November 15th    Next Print Date: November 24st**

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that the smell of 2 to 6 horses, unkempt/unbathed passengers riding together for a number of days, cramped seating, fear of breakdowns, hostiles and stage coach robberies added to the anxiety of traveling this way.

After a long day on the coach, travelers had more to fear at their accommodation stop overs. Following spending a long dusty day being jostled about in the coach, the traveler was unlikely to find healthy food and a restful night at a stage stop over. North Carolina accommodations were notoriously difficult. Women travelers were often crammed into one room, while males slept two to a bed. Personal hygiene was accomplished, to the extent possible, at a horse trough in the stage yard. The food was commonly described as unpalatable.

The “roads” (a misnomer) generally followed the most easily accessed natural contours of the land with a few rocks pushed out of the way by hand here and there. The quality and speed of travel in our state improved greatly for the stage coach when newly constructed plank roads started emerging across North Carolina in the 1840s.

**Even with all of the inconveniences outlined above about this mode of travel, it was still considered quite a benefit to have this kind of transportation available.**

Travelers who came here from England had quite a noticeably different experience riding our stage coaches versus their stage coaches in their home country. The road systems in England had been worked on and had witnessed many upgrades in their quality long before we had that here in the “New World” of America.

In the spring of 2015, I had a very interesting experience that really peaked my interest in stage coaches in the early days here in North Carolina.

That spring my oldest brother and his wife came up for a visit from Florida. One of the afternoons while they were visiting, I asked them if they would like to ride with me and my two kids out to rural Ramseur to search for a very historic little cemetery that dated back to the 1700s. They were very willing to go on this adventure with us as they loved historic cemeteries as much as I did.



For the life of me, I cannot remember who I had learned about the cemetery from, nor do I currently even remember the directions or location of this cemetery.

The further we drove, and the more turns and lanes and gravel driveways we went down, we began to realize that we were now on private property. Still feeling a sense of adventure, we decided to forge forward in a very careful and respectful manner.

We finally found the little cemetery and got out of my car to begin looking around at the headstones. Some of the dates we could make out were from the late 1700s and early 1800s. Some of the headstones were so old, that the dates were unreadable.

While we were looking at these interesting markers, a lady approached us from out of nowhere and began talking to us. She told us that she lived nearby. After a few minutes of visiting, she shared with us a story of something that she experienced quite often up there in this location. She told us that occasionally, late at night, when all was quiet, she could hear from far away the sound of horses hooves galloping and the sound of old wooden wheels rolling across ground. She described that the sound would come closer and closer while getting louder and louder and eventually proceed on past her with the sound getting quieter and quieter until eventually she could hear it no more.

She had shared with us that in the research that she had been able to do, she learned that there had once been a stage coach trail out there in that part of the county. She said that some area old-timers who had also heard this same phenomenon explained to her that what they were hearing was a ghost stage coach.

That means the energy of that thing that was happening was held in time, or rather recorded in time where that energy would play over and over again like a recorded loop.

If you are ever out in rural Ramseur late at night, somewhere before the Chatham County line, listen closely to see if you can hear the sound of that old ghost stage coach making its regular ride through that area.

~The End





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First Christian Church Vendor Fest – Sat. November 12  
 Family Life Center  
 1381 Church St. Ramseur, 27316  
 9am-2pm

See or text Renee 336-523-4479, Alisa 336-549-0557 or Taylor 336-543-4819 if you would like to be a vendor. We would like to also create some family/kid friendly booths. You can volunteer to help with this or set up your own booth. Please let us know ASAP.



Ramseur Public Library  
 1512 Main Street

[www.randolphlibrary.org](http://www.randolphlibrary.org)

November 3 – "Owl Babies"



November 10 – "Duck at The Door"



November 17 – "Turkey Trouble"



Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 AM!

The library will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and on Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

## Field of Honor

November 11-13, 2022

Friday, November 11th  
 12:00 noon-Opening Ceremony

Sunday, November 13th  
 3pm-Closing Ceremony

The baseball field at South Asheboro Middle School will be transformed into a Field of Honor® with 500 U.S. flags posted in perfect rows and columns in tribute to Veterans, Active Military, First Responders, Educational, Humanitarian and "Home Town" Heroes.

Each flag represents an individual and tells a story. Flags may be sponsored to honor individuals or groups.

The event is the perfect opportunity for all of us to remember and honor those who served to protect our nation and communities, as well as those who make us better human beings. The funds raised will benefit the charitable programs of Asheboro Rotary Club and the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber Foundation. It is an experience hard to describe, but never to be forgotten.

Join us as we welcome visitors from near and far to the Field of Honor® as they honor their heroes. Call our office for more information: 336-626-2626.



# BUTTERBALL BLOOPERS!

If you've seen a ghost, you call the Ghostbusters. If you're terrified of putting a dry turkey on your holiday table, you call the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line, which is available to help concerned cooks through December 24. Many of the questions remain the same: How long does my turkey need to defrost? How often should I baste? But the methods with which those in turkey turmoil get in touch with Butterball's experts has expanded. For example, users can simply say, "Alexa, ask Butterball..." to enable the Butterball Skill for Amazon Alexa. And there's even a text option (844-877-3456). Of course, the tried and true way to get help is to call 1-800-BUTTERBALL (1-800-288-8372). If you're afraid your question will sound silly, get a load of these hilarious stories from the Talk-Line's frontline.

A call came into the Talk-Line from a senior home in Pennsylvania. On the other end of the line was a gentleman who had won a turkey at the casino. Thrilled with his prize he brought it home on the bus. He wanted to know if the turkey was still safe to eat even though it had thawed out a bit on the ride.

A father in charge of thawing the turkey and bathing his toddler twins decided to hit two birds with one stone. "We could hear water splashing in the background, and turns out he has his kids and the turkey in the tub all at the same time," says Nicole Johnson, Talk-Line co-director. The man was calling to find out if the bath water would be an acceptable method for thawing the turkey.

Another gentleman called to tell the operator he cut his turkey in half with a chainsaw and wanted to know if the oil from the chain would adversely affect the turkey.

A disappointed woman called wondering why her turkey had no breast meat. After a conversation with a Talk-Line operator, it became apparent that the woman's turkey was lying on the table upside down.

A lady from Colorado called the Butterball hotline about



"how to thaw" her frozen Butterball. She proudly shared the fact that her turkey was stored in a snow bank outside! It had snowed the night before and it then dawned on her that she didn't have a clue which snow bank her turkey was in. At that point, the conversation was really over because she was now on a mission to go find her turkey.

A proud gentleman called to tell the staff how he wrapped his turkey in a towel and stomped on it several times, breaking the bones so it would fit in his pan.

"How do I make gravy?" asked one man. The question wouldn't be so strange if it hadn't been for the suitcase he was rolling down the sidewalk. Inside was a fresh-out-of-the-oven turkey that he was bringing to his mom's house.

A 16-pound turkey can take longer than expected to thaw, so one caller put the frozen bird in the hot tub and called to ask how long until it was ready to eat. The answer: never. Letting it defrost in cold water—without heat and jacuzzi chemicals—is the way to go.

A Kentucky mother had followed Butterball's instructions for roasting a turkey, and everything seemed to be going smoothly. The bird came out of the oven golden-brown, but there was a strange, bright red color when she started to carve it. Turns out her son had helped her "season" the turkey with Legos, and she wanted to know if it was still safe to eat.





**Fall Festival**  
 Friday, November 18, 2022  
**Faith Christian School**  
 Hwy 22 South, Ramseur

- Take-out plates for lunch, 10 am-1 pm
- Dinner plates in house or take-out, 4-7 pm
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**Holiday Craft Fair**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2022**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Mark your calendars for the Randolph-Asheboro YMCA Holiday Craft Fair. Held the 2nd Saturday of November each year**

Stop by to check out all the great holiday gift options from over 80 vendor tables throughout our gymnasium.

Register for door prizes!

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# GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS

Debra B Vernon

**T**he holiday season is approaching! Preparations are already underway for many families, as they plan travel, dinners or perhaps even a family vacation. Many think of the “holiday season” as solely a Christmas event. And while Christmas is a major holiday in which we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, we sometimes tend to overlook another holiday our nation celebrates: Thanksgiving.

The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.” And Ephesians 5:20 states, “giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” They are many more scripture references dealing with thanks, but these are the two I most often come to when I need a reminder, such as when the giving of thanks is hard.

I grew up in a small country church and learned so much under the tutelage of Mrs. Virginia Brower. She was a loving and kind soul with the patience of Job to tackle and teach a bunch of us rowdy kids! But teach us she did, and she instilled in us at an early age the love of Jesus and explained in simple terms how to make Him our savior. She has walked in the presence of God Himself for many years now, and it will be so good to see her again someday.

One of the many lessons she taught and lived daily was to give thanks. I am sure she referenced the same verses as I did above, which planted the seed in our little hearts of why it was important to do so.

Now, those of you with children know we must model the behavior we want our children to follow. I am sure you encountered the dilemma of trying to get your small children to say “thank you” when someone gave them something. My daughter was no exception. Though she could (and still can) talk the brass horns off a billy goat, just let someone give her something, and her lips were sealed tight. I would gently prompt with, “what must you say?” and still nothing would come forth. It was a battle fought many times over the years. I am glad to say she outgrew the zipped-lip stage.

But I knew I had to model the same behavior when it was hard to find something to be thankful for. When my husband left, we had just built and moved into a new house, complete with a 30-year mortgage. My daughter was in kindergarten. I was distraught to say the least. But after sitting down and getting my emotions in check, I remembered the words of Ms. Virginia, “give thanks in all things.” So, I dug deep and gave thanks for my daughter. I would not have had her without my relationship with my husband. I also gave thanks for a good job to provide for our needs. And I thanked Him for the close proximity of family, on whom I could rely.

A few years later my dad passed away. While standing in the hospital hallway, I desperately needed to find the good among the sad. I was thankful he was no longer suffering. I was thankful he spent his last days in a small community hospital that was just a 15 min drive from home, and not over an hour away in a place with burgeoning big-city



traffic. And I was thankful to know I would see him again!

Not long after his death, a medical condition requiring surgery put me out of work for several months. Though I had some income from disability insurance, it was not enough to pay all the bills.

However, I had to give thanks for so much: groceries would just show up on the doorstep, with no knowledge of who brought them. My church family provided me with a love offering to help me out. And money would arrive in cards in the mail, sometimes naming the giver, sometimes not. A few years passed, and I was laid off from my job. I was a single mom, and by now, my daughter was a teenager. It was five weeks before Christmas. What in the world could I give thanks for? Again, I had to get alone with God and in those quiet times, He helped me to see my blessings. I

was thankful I could have some income due to unemployment insurance. I had never been one to overdo at Christmas, and I was thankful all shopping was done and paid for; no credit card debt. I was thankful the car was paid for, as it would allow me to go and search for work. I was thankful my family was providing support both emotionally and financially. Christmas somehow seemed more meaningful that year, as my heart was filled so completely with His love.



And there have been other smaller instances of things gone wrong, but there were still reasons to give thanks. Car troubles, but in the confines of the driveway and not on the side of the road. I had COVID, but a case not so severe as to require hospitalization. The ability to work from home during the pandemic, and not miss a paycheck.

Health issues last year which required a few special medical procedures, but insurance covered the biggest portion of the costs. His care for me is immense!

A wonderful pastor used to say, "a Christian is either going into a storm, is in the storm, or coming out of a storm." I have found this to be true on more than one occasion. There will be other storms in my life that I must endure. Some more painful than others, but they will come just the same. It is during those storms when I must remember what Ms. Virginia, as well as the Bible says, "In every thing give

thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." I also know that sometimes He calms the storm, but sometimes He allows the storm to rage and He just calms me.

May we always remember our many blessings during this Thanksgiving season and all throughout the year. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

## Cook's Corner

### Cranberry Jell-O Salad

the perfect dish to serve with turkey and more.

-1 (3 oz) package cherry or raspberry

Jell-O

-1 c boiling water

-½ c cold water

-1 small orange (or 2 clementines)

peeled and diced

-½ c crushed pineapple, well drained

-1 (14 oz) can whole cranberry sauce

-½ c chopped pecans

In a large bowl, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water, whisking for 2 minutes. Whisk in the cold water. Cool in the refrigerator just until slightly thickened (about 45 min – 1 hour). Gently skim off any foam or bubbles on top of the Jell-O. Stir in oranges, pineapple, cranberry sauce and pecans. Pour into an 8-inch square dish that has been lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Chill in the refrigerator until completely set (at least 4 hours or overnight). Slice into square and garnish with whipped cream if desired.



**Do you like to cook? Do you like sharing your recipes with others?**

Submit your recipes via email to [info@randolphbulletin.com](mailto:info@randolphbulletin.com). We will share as many as we can each month. So send them in, and remember to include your name!





## New Years Eve Concert

At the Sunset Theatre

234 Sunset Ave, Ashboro, NC

Dec. 31st

Doors open: 7:00 Showtime: 8:00

Tickets: \$10.00

Can be purchased at Brightside Gallery in Ashboro  
& Silver Dollar Pawn in Ramsur or contact us.

For more info call 336-302-2274 or  
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Wow!! That is all I can say. What "A Day on Main Street" we had today. I am wanting to thank everyone that had a part in the festival. Thank to everyone that help with set up last night and this morning. Thank you to my fellow Chamber Members that where helping this week and during the event. Thank you to our vendors. With that many I expected many issues but we got it work out. To the visitors thank you. Big thank to the Ramseur Police Dept and Ramseur Fire Dept. for keeping our festival safe. Thank you to our Towns Office staff for fielding many calls prior to the festival. Thank for the Ramseur Public Works Dept., I have never seen so much trash. Thank to the bands and the magic show. Estimate crowds of 15000 plus was downtown today. Big thank you to all our sponsors. Thank to Ms. Brower for the welcome speech, Marcus Lowery for National Anthem and ER JROTC. Thank to Lou Stout for the ferns. If I have missed anyone I thank you. Again we see you soon. It was a blessing to see al the smiles today.

Sincerely,  
J.C. Parrish,  
Festival Director  
Ramseur ER Area Chamber of Commerce  
Ramseur Town Commissioner

Everything went great. We estimated crowds were close to 20,000 people. With 275 vendors. We are looking forward to Christmas on Main on Saturday December 3, 2022 from 11am - 7pm on Main Street and Liberty. Parade at 5pm with 1st Place Float \$300 2nd Place Float \$200 and 3rd Place \$100. After Parade we will hold the Tree Lighting on Town Hall Lawn with Santa Visits.







# The Power of a Simple Yard Decoration

Debra B Vernon

If you drove by James and Cheryl Rank's house a few years ago, you would have seen a sleigh sitting in the front yard, as if it were just waiting on Santa himself to come and take it home to the North Pole. James is a transplant from Detroit, MI and is an engineer. Cheryl is a Ramseur native and quite creative, so the sleigh was a whimsical item they collaborated on just for fun. Neither of them knew at that time just how much that simple yard decoration would turn into a labor of love.

After seeing the sleigh just sitting there, they decided to mount it on a trailer the following year and pull it behind their truck in the Ramseur Christmas parade, and it was a big hit! It was then they pondered, "wouldn't it be great to load this thing up with presents from Santa for local kids in need?" And that is when Santa's Sleigh and Christmas Events was born.

The sole purpose of this outreach is to show love and care to underprivileged children and their families, as well as offer hope and a smile to those in desperate need of it. And it is succeeding beyond their wildest dreams! Since 2018, a host of volunteers and sponsors have helped children and families identified by local



pastors, social workers and local school counselors as needing a bit of extra help during the Christmas season. The first year, the group provided gifts for 15 children. This year, they hope to have gifts for 50 children. And it is more than just gifts out of Santa's sack! There are also personalized stockings stuffed with treats and toys, and enough food to complete an entire holiday meal, complete with pies and cookies!



But perhaps the most fabulous part of all? Santa himself, along with help from his wife Mrs. Claus, arrives in his sleigh at the home of each child on Christmas Eve, and provides wrapped gifts with their name on them from their wish list (more on that in a bit). Yes, it's true – Santa comes to THEIR house! In his big red SLEIGH! And he is not there to just "meet and greet" and then move on. Santa can hang around for ½ hour or more as he passes out the gifts and talks to each child individually. He even poses for pictures! Can you imagine the excitement of the kids as Santa calls their name and hands out their wrapped gifts with their name on them from his big red sack? It is Christmas Magic for sure! Several of Santa's elves assist with refilling the sleigh with gifts as it moves from house to house. It is logistics at its best!



Now, we know Santa has his own magical way of knowing what is needed. But Santa's Sleigh and Christmas Events helps with that. Once the children and families are identified, parents are provided with a form to list clothing and shoe sizes for each child, along with their needs and wants. Santa's Sleigh strives to provide at least one outfit, one coat and a pair of shoes for each child as a need. And then the wants are identified and oftentimes met in full by the generosity of the sponsors who provide the funds to make it all happen.

All of this would not be possible without many wonderful and caring people. James and Cheryl knew their friends Tre and Cammie Lee had a "very close" relationship with Santa and knew how to get in touch with him at his North Pole workshop. The Lee's are able to "coordinate" with Mr. and Mrs. Claus to be available during the day and early evening hours of Christmas Eve, before they must return to the North Pole to start their work delivering toys to other boys and girls around the world.

The Ramseur Ministerial Association (RMA) is also an important part of Santa's Sleigh and Christmas Events. Since RMA is a 501(c) organization, they can accept donations on behalf of Santa's Sleigh, which means

individuals and businesses can donate funds and it be considered a tax-deductible donation. RMA also assists with identifying some of the underprivileged children.

Jordan Memorial Church offers up their fellowship hall for a community wide Christmas dinner for these families, as well as the surrounding community. The meal this year will take place on Tuesday, December 20th at 6 pm. An additional shout out to Mountaire Farms, who is donating 480 lbs of chicken for the meal this year, and many thanks is also due to the Ramseur Food Pantry for providing additional food items to make this dinner a success!

Mt. Nebo church has committed to providing 30 boxes of food to provide the individual meals to the families on Christmas Eve! And Millstone Creek Orchard is providing fresh-baked pies for the family meals as well! We are so thankful for their support!

And Santa and Mrs. Claus are visiting Ramseur on more than one occasion this year. On Saturday, December 17th you will find them in the parking lot of Silver Dollar Gun and Pawn in Ramseur. Bring your kids and let them sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wishes! Pictures will be made and provided to



**6th ANNUAL MILLSTONE CREEK APPLE CIDER 5K/10K**

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parents! As mentioned in the beginning, this outreach is a labor of love. 100% of any funds raised go right to the children and their families. If you are interested in becoming a Santa's Sleigh and Christmas Events sponsor by making a monetary donation, please make your check payable to RMA/Santa Sleigh Project and mail it to:

RMA/Santa Sleigh Project  
Jordan Memorial Church  
PO Box 848  
Ramseur NC 27316

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the events, contact Cheryl Rank at 336-653-7080. If you would like to donate food or other presents, you can bring them to Jordan Memorial Church or call the number listed previously and Santa's Sleigh volunteers will gladly come and pick them up.

Christmas is a magical time when for just a little while, differences are overlooked and the love of mankind shines through. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year. We are all truly blessed to live in a community that shows love throughout the year in the many kind ways in which we share with others.

And last but not least: Santa's Sleigh and Christmas Events has a wish list too. Before next Christmas, James wants to build a drivable Santa's sleigh! If you have an old truck just sitting around being overcome by kudzu and you want to do something really awesome with it, give James a call. This whole wonderful project started out due to the power behind a yard decoration. Your dusty old pickup truck sitting in your yard could very well be Santa's new ride next Christmas!











*It's Time to Get Ready for*  
**Fall**

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Captain Tom's Seafood Restaurant will be closed until further notice due to a damaged roof that occurred during the storm of August 6th. Heavy rainfall caused the roof over the kitchen area to give way and the kitchen portion of the restaurant was damaged. Fortunately no one was hurt because of the collapse, but the restaurant's roof and kitchen will need extensive repair before the restaurant can re-open. Owner Jimmy Anagnostopoulos stated that his hope is that they can re-open soon as possible. No timetable has been given as yet. The staff of Captain Tom's Restaurant and the Anagnostopoulos family appreciate the prayers and support from the Community and hope to re-open soon.



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# OBITUARIES

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We at the Randolph Bulletin send out our thoughts and prayers to the families who recently lost loved ones.

William Ernie Whitehead, 71, of Liberty, died Friday, September 16, 2022 at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro.

William Gray Dobbins, 81, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at his residence.

Lucille Reaves McMasters, 89, of Ramseur, died Friday, September 23, 2022 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Alan Dale "Charlie" Sessoms, 65, of High Falls, died Friday, September 23, 2022 at his residence.

Jason Antony Caviness, 47, of Robbins, died Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

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Dannie Jackson, 71, of Staley, died Sunday, September 11, 2022 at his residence.

Marie Edna Lineberry Stanley, 92, of Fuquay-Varina, died Monday, October 3, 2022 at Siler City Center.

Gilbert Leroy Walker, 84, of Franklinville, died Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at his residence.

Mildred Leonard Snow, age 87, of Asheboro passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at the home of her daughter.

Paul Edward Moody, Sr., 86, of Fayetteville, died Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at The Addison of Fayetteville.

Helen Garner Yates, 79, of Denton, passed away Thursday, October 13, 2022 at her residence.

Lela Gale Ritter Hussey, 71, of Robbins, died Thursday, October 13, 2022 at her residence.

Linda Sue Berry King, 73, of Staley, passed away on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Helen Dixon Sledge, age 84, of Franklinville passed away on Friday, October 14, 2022 at the home of her daughter.

Shirley Ritchie Waisner, 85, of Ramseur, went to be with her Lord on Friday, October 14, 2022 at Siler City Center.

Aaron Reid Scott, age 32, of Asheboro passed away on Friday, October 14, 2022 at his home.

November 2, 1941 - October 16, 2022  
Margie Delene Lowe Copland, age 80, of Liberty passed away on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Randolph Hospital.

Rita Craven Chaney Poole, 81, of Asheboro, died Monday, October 17, 2022 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Mr. Milford "Zeke" Cleon Farlow, 81, resident of Archdale, died October 21, 2022 at his home.

Dr. Ranbir Singh passed away peacefully on 10/21/22 in Asheboro, NC at the age of 83, surrounded by his family.

Calvin Edison Powers, 94, of Bennett, passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Autumn Care in Biscoe.

Robert "Whit" Edward Whitfield, 75 of Asheboro passed away on Monday, October 24, 2022.

LeRoy Hinesley passed away at his home on Monday, October 24, 2022 surrounded by his family.

Ahylea Willard, passed from this earthly life into eternal life on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Leonard Overman formerly of Liberty passed from his earthly life into eternal life on Monday, October 24, 2022.

If you would like more information about our obituaries, please email us at [info@randolphbulletin.com](mailto:info@randolphbulletin.com) or call at 336-824-4488.

Options are available if you would like to have a picture and/or longer obituaries for your loved one.

# Church Directory

## Clear View Baptist Church

Dr. Bruce W. Dickerson  
2723 Cedar Falls Road Franklinville, NC 27248  
Sunday School - 10:00am  
Morning Worship - 11:00am  
Family Night - 6:00pm  
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study - 7 PM

## Faith Baptist Church

(336) 824-4156  
www.faithramseur.org  
1382 Greenfield St, Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sunday: 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Morning Worship  
6 pm Evening Worship  
Wednesday: 7pm Adult Prayer & Youth Ministries

## First Baptist Church

Pastor Wayne Dunn - (336) 824-8667  
731 Liberty St. (P.O. Box 544)  
Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sundays: 10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service

## First Christian Church

Gary Arnett - (336) 824-4066  
www.fccramseur.org  
1381 Church St Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship Service

## Franklinville United Methodist Church

Jeff Martin  
227 West Main St. Franklinville NC, 27248  
Facebook: Franklinville-Rehobeth Umc Charge  
Service Time: Sunday 11:00am

## Grace Community Fellowship Baptist Church

Shaun Greene - (336) 824-2300  
www.gcfbaptist.org  
7500 US Hwy 64E Ramseur NC 27316  
Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday Worship at 10:30am, Sunday Evening Service at 6:00pm, Wednesday Night Service at 7:00pm

## Holly Springs Friends

Todd Brown - (336) 879-3136  
www.hollyspring.org  
2938 Holly Spring Rd Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sundays: 9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Morning Worship

## Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church

Chris Smith - (336) 824-2252  
1511 Main St. Ramseur NC 27316  
www.jordanmemorial.org  
Service Time: Sunday 11:00am

## Lakeside Park Church of God

153 Lakeside Park Rd  
Franklinville, NC 27248

## Maple Springs Community Church

Ed Carter - (336) 953-2435  
6231 NC Hwy 22/42 Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sunday School at 10:00am  
Worship Service at 11:00am  
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m

## McCrary Chapel United Methodist Church

Montez Allen - (336) 824-3022  
327 NC 49 Ramseur NC, 27316  
Facebook: McCrary Chapel  
Service Time: Sunday 10:00am

## Parks Crossroad Church

Todd Nance - (336) 824-6622  
www.parkscrossroads.com  
2057 Parks Crossroads Church Rd Ramseur NC 27316  
Sunday School at 9:30 am  
Morning Worship at 10:30am  
Evening Worship(1st & 3rd Sundays) at 6:00pm  
Parks Kids at 6:30pm

## Patterson Grove Christian Church

Brian Pierce - (336) 824-2497  
1921 Patterson Grove Road  
Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sunday School: 10:00 am, Worship Service: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm, Youth Bible Study: 7:00pm

## Pleasant Ridge Christian Church

Mark Beane - (336) 824-2046  
Facebook: Pleasant Ridge Church  
1426 Pleasant Ridge Road  
Ramseur, NC 27316  
Worship Service 11:00

## Ramseur Wesleyan Church

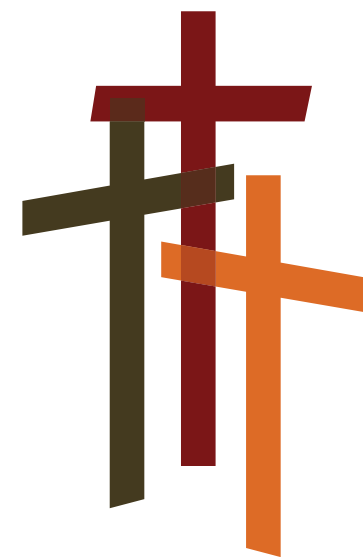
Jason Baker - (336) 824-2451  
www.ramseurwesleyan.com  
2038 Leonard Park Street (PO Box 501)  
Ramseur, NC 27316  
Sundays: 9:30am School - Worship: 10:30 am,  
Children's Church 10:30am - Sunday evening service 6pm  
Wednesday night Adult Bible Study: 7pm  
Children and Youth Wednesday nights meet @ 6:45pm during school term

## Rehobeth United Methodist Church

Jeff Martin - (336) 824-4013  
850 Kildee Church Rd Ramseur NC, 27316  
Service Time: Sunday 9:30am

## Whites Chapel Community Church

Michael Mills - (336) 834-7331  
1843 Low Bridge Road Liberty NC 27298  
Sunday Service: 11:00am  
Breakfast Served



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