

### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On January 12th, Safer Communities in Indian Trail had a ribbon cutting ceremony.

For over 35 years Safer Communities Ministry has invested in the lives of incarcerated individuals, ex-offenders, addicts, and their families to help promote spiritual growth and healing. It has been immensely successful and continues to impact communities with the reduction of recidivism, reuniting broken families, and transforming lives in Union and Stanly Counties.



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## MEN'S BRKFST

8am-10am  
Saturday, January 28th  
"Answering the Call"

### Men's Breakfast

Hosted by Provision Church at Oakland Baptist on Saturday, January 28th.

Sign up through the link on OBC's public Facebook page or call the church office.

### Backpacks for Hope Cards

If you are interested in sending the 10 middle schoolers who receive food backpacks Valentine's cards or encouraging cards, please drop them off in the church office.



January 22, 2023



**God**  
has said,  
"You shall **not eat** it,  
nor shall you **touch** it,  
lest **you die**."

-Genesis 3:1-3

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## Sunday, January 23, 2023

Does It Agree with the Bible? (Genesis 3:1-6)

**The Point:** The voice of God never contradicts the Bible.

**The Bible Meets Life:** My mother recently received a disturbing phone call. The person said, "Grandma! I'm so glad you answered!" He identified himself as Mike, her oldest grandson. He said he had been in a car accident in which the other driver was injured. The police had arrested him and taken him to jail. He needed her to send money so he could be released on bail.

My mother loves her grandson, but something didn't seem right. She told the caller he didn't sound like her grandson. After all, she had known Mike all his life. He had even lived at her house for a time when he first moved to her city. The caller insisted that he was her grandson and surely she didn't want him to spend a night in jail. He began to cry and plead with her to help him. Yet my mother knew her grandson's voice, and this wasn't it. She hung up.

The world is filled with false and deceptive voices today, and many of them even claim to speak for God. The Bible shows us how we can distinguish between what's valid and what's not.

**Live It Out: Evaluate.** List the most common ways the world rejects God's Word today. Consider why people choose to reject God and His Word in these ways. **List.** Write down some decisions you need to make and note the different "voices" that are advising you how to decide. Consider if those voices line up with God's Word. Pray for wisdom and discernment to do that which does not go against God's commands recorded in Scripture. **Study.** Develop a plan of Bible study for the next twelve months where you will intentionally learn God's Word better. Identify books and Bible studies you can do that will deepen your understanding of God's Word.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### How to Discern the Voice of God

Sunday, January 29 Does It Bring Conviction?  
(Acts 2:36-41)

Sunday, February 5 Does It Call You to Trust God?  
(Hebrews 11:1-6, 13-16)

BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE

## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

### Thursday

Jail Ministry

## Help Pregnancy Center

We raised \$278.83 for the 2022  
Baby Bottle fundraiser for the



Help Pregnancy  
Center in Monroe.

## Service Attendance

Sunday, January 15

Indoor: 45

Online: 96



Wednesday, January 18

Online: 57

Youth: 9

## Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

January Offering

To Date:

\$10,252.54

## Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Terry Cox

Mike Helms

The Hillman Family

Christine Hinson

Gabe Horne

Rich Majewski

Norma Kilgore

The Stewart Family

Global Missions

Local & NAMB

Area Schools/Admin

1st Responders

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students



## Youth Hot Dog Night



Come hungry this  
Wednesday night.  
We're having hot  
dogs and chili!

## Offering Envelopes

There has been a delay in the  
shipment of our 2023 offering  
envelopes.

Generic offering envelopes will  
be available in the Sunday School  
classrooms and vestibule until the  
shipment arrives.