



FROM THE PASTOR

Thanks for being in God’s house today. We may not realize the value of being faithful in God’s house to us and our family.

Today, Brother Tony will preach God’s Word to our hearts. It is more joy than words can describe to have godly men here who are instant in season and out of season. God has been better to Tabernacle than anyone ever dreamed or imagined. We should praise Him every day.

Brother Tony will baptize Brother Nathan Hines today who was saved about a month ago. Brother Tony was preaching that morning, so it is good he can baptize him.

I am through with my 35-day heart treatment. It has taken a big part of my day in Charlotte on Carmel Road. I may learn soon if I received any help from this treatment. Thanks so much for so many prayers.

May we be a giving people. Let our staff, mainly Brother Scott, know the needs of our faithful folk, and we will all stand by them. Most of us have NO DESIRE TO HELP FOLKS WHO MAKE NO EFFORT TO SERVE OUR LORD AND HIS CHURCH.

Christmas Eve Service Change

Christmas is upon us. We will have our midweek service that week on Tuesday, December 23, and will have no service on Wednesday, December 24. We will announce soon if there will be a change in our midweek service after New Year’s.

Pastor Eddie Zimmerman

I pray we can give Brother Eddie and Pat a liberal Christmas gift. He is in bad health. They took him to the hospital by ambulance on Thursday of this past week. He is 86 years of age and has been such a great friend to us all. Please pray about your gift to him and his wife.

Brother Dave Clemmer

Brother Dave flew back to Columbia, South America, on Monday. He is always such a great blessing when he speaks to us during one of our services. Let’s pray for him and his ministry daily.

TCS

The TCS ball teams will have just one game this week as they travel to Rockwell to take on our friends there on Tuesday. The only other school event this week is the Christmas play. The young people of BBT and TCS would love to have you come enjoy the music and events of the program.

The school will host the Alumni basketball game for all TCS graduates (ladies and men) on Friday, January 30. We will promote this throughout the holidays. If you are a TCS graduate or know one, please come and enjoy the fellowship and games that Friday.

Prayer Meetings

Prayer has always been the foundation of everything we desire God to do in our church. God honors prayer because prayer honors God! We encourage every person to take advantage of our weekly prayer opportunities and make them a priority.

We gather for prayer on Friday nights at 9:00 and Saturday evenings at 6:00. We also have prayer rooms open on Sunday and Wednesday nights before each service. These times are set aside to seek the Lord together, prepare our hearts for worship, and pray for our church, our families, and our friends.

In addition to your private prayer (which is critical), if you can come, please come pray—there is no stronger preparation for service than time spent in prayer. A church will never rise above its emphasis placed on prayer!

Ladies’ Corner

People have so many Christmas traditions. This becomes a problem when they feel they must do everything or it is NOT Christmas. When we keep CHRIST in Christmas and keep HIM first, it is amazing how everything comes together. Let me remind you that it is okay if you do not get the Christmas cards done, take the family pictures, have fewer gifts, a simple menu, or you do not get a Christmas tree up. Last year, I did away with stockings and did games with my family instead that incorporated door prizes such as candy, gift cards, etc., and my kids had more fun with this than they ever did with stockings. There is such a lull after you eat and open gifts on Christmas Day. It almost feels sad. That is why **making an itinerary with your family** to keep the excitement going on Christmas Day is important. Fun memories are made with the reading of the Christmas story, singing some songs, playing games, drinking hot chocolate or apple cider, and just **being TOGETHER**. We have way more than any other country. Our kids are tripping over the toys in their rooms. That is why they cannot keep their rooms organized. Moms and Dads have drawers filled with so many clothes that they could never wear them all. **Why not simplify your life with LESS?** We live in a time where we can easily buy online if we need anything, and it is delivered to our doors, but our homes are chaotic with so much stuff. **Let Christmas be simple this year, and you will have more fun and more time with those you love.**

Ladies’ Winter Party

The ladies will have a winter party on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 11:00 am. This will be held in the vestibule of the church. We hope all our ladies will make plans to attend.

Sunday School Teachers

On **Sunday, December 21**, Ethan Leonard will teach Brother Mark Boyce’s Sunday school class. The high school classes and all the adult classes will meet in the auditorium to hear Brother Ken Harbin. Please pray for them as they prepare.

Special Services

Lord willing, several special days planned for us to use to compel people to come to hear the Word of God! Please use these services as leverage to help us compel people to come to God’s house so they can hear words whereby, them and ALL their house can be saved. (Acts 11:14)

It is the GOSPEL, not the particular preacher, that is the power unto salvation. Compel folks to come and beseech God to speak to the lost when they are here.

**Merry Christmas Sunday**  
(December 20)

**Fresh Start Sunday**  
(January 4)

**Youth Night** [a youth led service]  
(January 18)

**Don’t Break My Heart Sunday**  
(February 15)

Sunday Ushers for December

Colin Griffin, Larry Langston, John Lipe, Jonathan Purser, Jeff Seibel, and Chris Hill  
Substitutes: Mark Jenkins, Sr. and Michael Leonard

Wednesday Ushers for December

Jack Griffin, Gideon Howard, Samuel Mills, Adam Minter, River Ratliff, and Ryder Ratliff

Upcoming Events

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December 21 am	Christmas Service
pm	Special Christmas Singing
December 23	Midweek Service (no service on Wed)
December 28 am	Brother Scott Couick
January 4 am	Brother Gene Parker
January 10 (Saturday) @ 11:00 am	Ladies’ Winter Party
January 18 pm	Youth Night
February 15	Don’t Break My Heart Sunday

Birthdays

**December 15** Crystal Harpe  
**December 18** Barbara Hayes

Nursery

December 14 am Crystal Harpe  
pm Eden Mangum

Toddler Church

December 14 am Elizabeth Rached  
pm Kloey Martin  
December 17 Beverly Griffin

Prayer List

<b>Pastor &amp; Mrs. Leonard</b> <b>Bible Baptist Tabernacle</b> <b>Larry &amp; Lucy Langston</b> Elaine Baucom <b>Beverly DeWeese</b> <b>Taylor &amp; Titus Boyce</b> <b>Sam Caudle</b> <b>Terry &amp; Susan Helms</b> <b>Trish Williams</b>	<b>THE UNSAVED</b> <b>Judy Pressley</b> <b>Sam McCaskill</b> <b>Jacob Maye</b> <b>Judy Rae Harbin</b> <b>Tommy Mangum</b> <b>Curtis Ciampo</b> Eddie & Pat Zimmerman	<b>Gary &amp; Helen Howard</b> <b>Ken &amp; Michelle Harbin</b> Joe Morgan Tommy Munroe Arnold & Janice Jackson Bettina Decker Dawn Creech <b>John and Tammy Kelly</b>	<b>Jay &amp; Becky Shannon</b> <b>Barbara Hayes</b> Kay Jordan John Hawkins Pastor Bobby Helms <b>Our Elderly</b> <b>Mary Jo Sumner</b> Ronnie Morton
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