

# BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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## FROM THE PASTOR

May God be pleased to bless each one today. He can make this the greatest or one of the greatest days in our lives. Oh, what God's presence, blessings, and joy is to us! There is nothing like His presence being real in our lives. I thank Him for these 67 years and the great joys He has given to us.

I only preached one camp meeting in my long ministry. Several years ago, Brother Benny Green invited me to preach in a large camp meeting in Lenoir, NC. Brother Benny and I were both out of Wayside Baptist Church in Lexington. He was a very humble brother and was used by God for years in the mountains of Tennessee and the Lenoir area. I had tried to reach him for some time, but I learned yesterday that he had passed away December 24, 2025, at 88 years of age. He preached here once many years ago. Our friends are gathering home. The only way we can see our departed loved ones and friends is by the coming of our Lord or our passing. It will not be death because Jesus said we would not die (John 11:26). He said, "Believest thou this" knowing we would talk of death so often and may have trouble believing Him. He cannot lie.

Try to make someone's day today for Jesus' sake. Do the same every day by love, texts, or calls.

## Welcome, Holyfields

We are honored to have Preacher Mike Holyfield and his wife Bobbie with us today. No preacher has been better to us than Brother Mike and his wife. He had most of our preacher boys preach at their church in Robbins. They gave gifts to every young person that went to their meeting, and his wife headed up a 50-75 course meal for everyone. Let's be good to them for our Lord's sake this morning and tonight.

## Special Days

Please help us labor to compel folks to come in that God's house may once again be filled. God is certainly able to exceed what we ask or think. God could use US to get so many people that we meet under the sound of the Gospel.

**Mother's Day Sunday** [May 10] - Mother's Day is historically just behind Christmas and Easter for church attendance. That tells us SO MUCH about the power of mothers and the influence they have in the lives of their children. Please invite, compel, and plead with folks to come. We are planning some very special things for Mother's Day that we will let you know about over the next couple of weeks. We will celebrate Mother's Day Sunday morning and Sunday night.

**Memorial Day** [May 24] - We will remember those who have died while fighting for our freedom. Although only a few of us know anyone personally who died in the service, we need to keep it fresh in our minds and hearts that freedom did not come cheap, and it certainly was not free. Ronald Regan stated, "We owe them a debt we can never repay. All we can do is remember them and what they did and why they had to be brave for us." Memorial Day was initially started to remember those who had fallen in the Civil War. The Civil War itself accounted for over half of the 1.2 million soldiers who died while serving our country since the Revolutionary War began in 1775.

## Treasured Saints

This Tuesday, the men will meet at 9 am at Gus's restaurant on Walkup Avenue for a fellowship breakfast. The ladies will take a trip to Hamrick's in Gaffney, South Carolina, and will leave at 8 am on the same day. If you did not sign up but would like to go, please see Brother Terry this morning.

## Who Have You Told?

May the Lord stir our hearts to tell the "everlasting gospel" to everyone we meet. It is a shame that we tell far fewer people than we meet about Jesus Christ and His love for them. It is the GOSPEL! We are telling the "good news" (THE BEST NEWS) that "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners!" Always try to have a gospel tract with you and a word for Jesus Christ in your heart ready to aim at the heart of those God opens a door for you to talk to. May we be about our Father's business everywhere we go!

## Ladies' Corner

This was written on a cellar wall during the Holocaust:

"I believe in the sun even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when I cannot feel it. I believe in God even when He is silent."

## Deaths

Mr. Cecil Brooks was our neighbor on Broome Street for many years. He passed on this week at 86 years of age.

Mr. Charles Smith, a local Primitive Baptist preacher, passed away this week. His daughter Robin married one of our young men and was here for a few years before they parted.

## God's Staff

For 55 of our 56 years, we have had godly staff members in the daycare, church, or school. It seems as if God has added some excellent, godly, humble staff to our school, daycare, and church. The pastor said he has not remembered to thank God as much as he should, and he wants to do better in the future. God gave us the Jordans before they went with their dad. He added Job, and gave Job Jesse. God has added some wonderful staff for the school and preschool, several right out of our church. They are humble, godly, and brilliant. Please remember to thank God and pray for Tabernacle Christian School and Bible Baptist Tabernacle.

## Ladies' Meeting in Columbia

Please plan to support Sister Judy and Anchor Baptist for their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual ladies' meeting on Saturday, April 25, from 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. We plan to take a van for our ladies.

## Preacher Boys

In God's GREAT MERCY and GRACE our pastor does not know of any church with more saved, called to preach, or called out than God has done here. Let's thank Him and ask Him to not let us have EVIL PRIDE because it has been ALL GOD these 56 years. Oh, that God would not stop until our Lord comes. Let's pray for these brethren. Tom Baucom, Mike Bridwell, Richard Doherty, and others have already moved to Glory.

## TCS

The students return this week from Spring Break and start preparing for the end of the school year. They will be excited as summer break is just over a month away! Teachers are finishing lessons and helping students get ready for those final exams. Wow! What mixed emotions both teachers and students must have. They are excited that summer is in sight but anxious for those last tests. Teachers look forward to seeing students show what they have learned throughout the year, yet a sadness to see another group leave their classroom and take that step away from their teacher. Some of our teachers have been a part of this cycle for decades and now have children's children and even grandchildren as their pupils. What a blessing to be a part of this ministry and the lives of so many!

This coming week, the baseball team plays a double header at home Tuesday and then plays their final regular season home game on Thursday. The ladies will play away in Statesville Monday and finish up their last home game at Parks Williams Park on Tuesday. Just as the school year starts winding down, the ball season does as well.

## Revival

There will be a revival at Temple Baptist Church in Kannapolis this week. Brother Tony Finney will preach Monday and Tuesday nights, and Brother Barry Rackley will preach Wednesday--Friday nights. Services begin at 7 pm.

## New Babies

**Ryan and Courtney** have 4 wonderful, lovely children, 3 boys and 1 girl. They have announced they are expecting a new baby later this year. **The pastor** had three new grandbabies. Joshua Cruse had a boy, Hope had a girl, and Caroline had a girl, giving Tim and Rebekah 22 grandchildren. Also, **Philip and India Mangum** announced they have a new baby on the way making their third into a family with a lovely mother and a great Christian dad.

## Visitation

Brother Tim really appreciates the folks that are visiting. We would love to have more get involved while our window of opportunity is open! If you can help, please see Brother Tim.

## Upcoming Events

April 12	Brother Mike Holyfield
April 19 am pm	Brother Greg Pierce Brother Scott Couick
April 25 10 am -2 pm	Ladies' Meeting Anchor Baptist Church
May 31	Brother Terry Stevens

## Sunday Ushers for April

Robert Baker, Chris Hill, Ben Hood, Philip Mangum, Craig Mills, and Rolf Storz  
Substitutes: Derek Burnette and Mark Jenkins, Jr.

## Wednesday Ushers for April

Elliot Howard, Gideon Howard, Zach Kiker, Rhett Ratliff, Lincoln Richardson, and John Royal

## Birthdays

<b>April 13</b>	<b>Larry Langston</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Madison Howard Wesley Jordan</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Tommy Mangum</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Mary Ann Helms</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Curtis Ciampo</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Reagan Griffin</b>

## Nursery

April 12	am Crystal Harpe pm Maria Morris
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## Toddler Church

April 12	am Laura Burnette pm Wren Richardson Phebe Royal
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## Prayer List

**Pastor & Mrs. Leonard**  
**Bible Baptist Tabernacle**  
**Larry & Lucy Langston**  
Elaine Baucom  
**Beverly DeWeese**  
**Taylor & Titus Boyce**  
**Tommy & Lorraine Mangum**  
**Susan Helms**  
Grace Parton  
**Harold Millican**

**THE UNSAVED**  
**Judy Pressley**  
**Sam McCaskill**  
**Jacob Maye**  
**Judy Rae Harbin**  
**Sam Caudle**  
**Curtis Ciampo**  
Eddie & Pat Zimmerman  
Brian Gurley

**Gary & Helen Howard**  
**Ken & Michelle Harbin**  
Joe Morgan  
Tommy Munroe  
Arnold & Janice Jackson  
Bettina Decker  
Dawn Creech  
**John and Tammy Kelly**  
Dale Grimmet

**Jay & Becky Shannon**  
**Barbara Hayes**  
Kay Jordan  
John Hawkins  
**Trish Williams**  
**Our Elderly**  
**Mary Jo Sumner**  
Ronnie Morton  
**Dave Clemmer**