

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

I was only 20 years and 3 weeks old when God broke me over the fear of Hell, the goodness of God, and thinking about how God had spared my life while many of my close friends had already died and met God just as lost as I was. Oh, I went down the aisle of Wayside Baptist Tabernacle on Friday night, weeping openly with sorrow. The church was full. My parents and my future wife (whom I had never met) were there when GOD SAVED MY SOUL. I never dreamed or imagined that God saw my heart for Him or that He would use me because I gave Him my ALL from that night until now. My wife and I rejoice with tears of joy nearly every day for HIS GREAT AND GLORIOUS MIRACLES HE has done in my life and family FOR HIS GLORY. May our wicked heart give God all the glory.

This month, God called another grandson to pastor in Winston-Salem from the staff of Shepherd Church in Cary, NC. God is good to fleas and worms if they will give their ALL to HIM. He is SO WORTHY OF OUR ALL. It is not too late to give Him your all as long as you have breath. You will NEVER regret it.

May God be pleased with our pastor, staff, and church every hour and every day. May He be glorified in every service!

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 in regards to 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. Brother Scott is 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. Brother Stephen will head up our remembrance of Memorial Day.

Father's Day [June 21] - "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." (Proverbs 17:6) Join Brother Tim Griffin as he heads up this wonderful day to honor the men who have sacrificed for their families and are the primary determining factor of how the family turns out for Christ. Being a father possesses an influence of such magnitude that it literally impacts families for three and four generations.

Unreached Homes

There are hundreds and thousands of homes and PEOPLE almost next door to us. Only a few of them have ever been witnessed to or had someone try to reach them for the Lord. Jesus CHRIST died for every person. Most church people in Union County waste hours, days, and weeks and let their neighbors die without Jesus Christ and burn forever. Two of these were our next-door neighbors. Their son died during our church service. "Come over and help us" was the Macedonian Bible call.

Barry Spears Family

How it makes our hearts ache when one of the brethren goes through deep sorrows. Brother Barry Spears's son, Cody (31), passed away from cardiac arrest this past Monday. He had a wife (Ali), 2 children, and another baby on the way that is due in September. His funeral will be today. Please pray for this family.

Ladies' Corner

The more we dwell in the past, the more it will hinder us as Christians to move forward for God. I heard this quote recently, "**Rehearsing past offences is demonic.**" We should not keep going over in our minds how we have been hurt. It will just keep tormenting us and make us bitter. It is a tool used by the enemy to keep us from forgiving one another. Paul said in Philippians 3:13, "*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.*"

Ladies' Meeting in Columbia

Please plan to support Sister Judy and Anchor Baptist for their 33rd annual ladies' meeting THIS Saturday, April 25, from 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to ride the van with us, please let Beverly know.

Teens

Next Sunday, April 26, there will be a meal provided for all the youth and their families immediately following the evening service. Please plan to stay for a time of food and fellowship.

God's Staff

GOD has now given us about 50 godly, humble brethren and sisters on the BBT/TCS staff. GOD has paid for all the property. It is such a beautiful property that it will sometimes bring tears to our eyes as we drive around the block. Oh, may God help us have no EVIL PRIDE but HUMILITY. The new elementary building is so nice. A new high school building may be in God's mind for us in the near future. The pastor's home and the entire block is GOD'S. It has been GOD'S for 56 years and 67 years in the pastor's life. Many in BBT and out of our church feel the same. HALLELUJAH!!!

Godly, Humble Harpes

Brother Chuck Harpe has mowed the parsonage's big yard for years and will never accept any money. His wife Crystal takes care of the Lord's Supper the same way. Thank God for sending people to BBT like the Harpes!

TCS

The Tabernacle boys' baseball team has one remaining regular season state game against Rockwell this coming week. They will play at Rockwell on Tuesday. The girls' soccer season ended this past week. As we come to the close of the high school athletic season, we want to say thank you to every volunteer that helped coach or worked with our young people in some way.

Visit Us

We welcome you to visit our school buildings any time. As you walk through them, thank God for what He has given us. WE HAVE A HUMBLE, GODLY, KIND STAFF WHO GIVE GOD THEIR ALL. We even see some working here late at night. Thank God for them. Let's pray for them and their families often.

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!

Revival

Please help the staff pray concerning a revival we want to have here soon. We want God to send us the right preacher. Please pray earnestly. God will bless you for helping us pray.

College Kids

This summer looks to be one of the first summers in memory that hardly any of our young people who are away in college will come home for the summer. Although we wish they could all be here, it is a blessing that almost all of them will be working within a Christian ministry somewhere. Please keep them in your prayers and love on them when they come in to visit. We are discussing taking the singles to the Wilds for their weekend singles retreat. If we do so, it will be a Friday through Saturday night. We will give you more information as it becomes available.

Upcoming Events

April 19 am	Brother Greg Pierce
pm	Brother Scott Couick
April 25	Ladies' Meeting
10 am -2 pm	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

April 17 oops	Ada Sellers
April 19	Gary Griffin Jared Griffin
April 22	Pam Howard
April 23	Susan Sumner Jamithon Howard
April 25	Derek Burnette Maggie Stegall

Nursery

April 19	am Sharon Mangum
	pm Faith Mangum

Toddler Church

April 19	am Mia Griffin Emma Griffin
	pm Loraine Horne

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