

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

May God bless here today as Brother Tim Griffin and Brother Dennis Royal feed us the Word of the Lord. Many of us have been made aware by God of the godly humility of Brother Dennis for some time. God speaks much in His Word of blessing the humble. Let's pray that we will humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord.

I am preaching today at Morning Star Baptist Church in Shelby. Pastor Keith Linzy was at Pine Level Baptist Church in Starke, Florida, when I preached there several times. God also let me moderate camp meetings there. Brother Linzy went to Ambassador Bible College nearby and has pastored more than one church in that area. His dear godly son was at Wingate one year and sat on our front row every time he was here as well as sang in our choir. Please pray for me as I preach at 11 am and 6 pm.

Brother Eddie and Pat are with my wife and me. Pastor Linzy has a motel room reserved for us to rest before the night service.

We will be praying for services here today. I already miss you as I write this.

Invite People for Easter Sunday

Easter is in just two weeks (April 2). It has been reported that 93% of pastors say that Easter is the Sunday when they have the highest attendance of the year. This lets us know that people are inclined to attend church on this special day. May the Lord give us diligence to INVITE and COMPEL people to come that HIS HOUSE might be filled! Please labor with us!

"Quench Not the Spirit" (I Thessalonians 5:19)

The Bible meaning of this is "do not suppress, stifle, or extinguish the Holy Spirit's work in your life." Also, we should not put out the fire of God's emotions within ourselves. Our men and women are some of God's choice servants. Some used to lift hands or even shout when God touched us with His Holy Spirit. May we not let satan stop us nor stifle us, for Christ's sake.

Treasured Saints

There will be a men's fellowship and breakfast on April 14 at 9 am. We will meet at Gus's restaurant on Walkup Avenue. The ladies will take a trip to Hamrick's in Gaffney, South Carolina, and will leave at 8 am on the same day. Please be sure to sign up in the church foyer so we will know how to plan the transportation for the ladies and how much seating to reserve for the men.

Brother Brian Gurley

Please continue to pray for Brother Brian Gurley. He will go back to the hospital this Tuesday to have another biopsy taken from the lower part of his brain. He had one done several weeks ago, but now they must do a more in-depth biopsy. Please pray for Brother Brian and for his family as well.

Deaths

Brother Charles Cooley graduated to Heaven this past week and was buried yesterday. Brother Scott had a part in the funeral and did a great job honoring his life. Brother Cooley was a blessing here and served our people in many ways for several years. He and his wife joined Shining Light, and the pastor's daughter Rebekah (the pastor's wife) said Mrs. Cooley is a great friend and a blessing to her. Brother Cooley was a great Bible teacher and preacher, but he was also extremely skillful with woodworking! He made the two rails ascending to the top of the pulpit platform while he was here. He also made many instruments (particularly harps) in his lifetime that we were able to enjoy hearing. Please pray for Sister Cooley as she adjusts to being without him. They were married for 50 years.

Also, Jody Mull died this week. Jody went to TCS for some time. We all loved Jody, his stepmother, and his family.

Ladies' Corner

The definition of integrity is "maintaining strong moral principles even when no one is watching." God told satan in Job 2:3, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and he still holdeth fast his **integrity**." The enemy had taken everything from Job including his most precious thing—his children. But what about Mrs. Job? She also lost everything. When she sees Job hurting physically and emotionally, I believe the enemy used her to try to get Job to curse. Satan probably thought, "I got Eve to make Adam fall, surely Job will fall if his wife asks him." Have you ever noticed that she used the same word God said to satan? She said, "Dost thou still retain thine **integrity**? curse God, and die." The enemy whispered the same words to Mrs. Job. She was being used by the enemy because, like always, he wanted to get back at God. He still wants to be God. In our worse state, the enemy wants us to blame God and lose our **integrity**. How are you when you think no one is watching when difficult things come into your life? Do you blame God? Do you accuse Him?

Ladies' Meetings

We will have our **BBT ladies' meeting** on Saturday, March 28, at **11 am** in the foyer. Our theme is "Fun in the Son!" Please plan to come.

Also, on Saturday, April 25, from 10 am – 2 pm, Sister Judy Kirchinger and Anchor Baptist Church will hold their 33rd annual ladies' meeting. Please plan to go and support Sister Judy and the ladies of Anchor Baptist. Lunch will be provided.

New Baby on the Way!

Ryan and Courtney Ratliff have announced that they are expecting another baby around October. We are excited for them. They said they will be waiting until the baby is born to see what it is. All they know is that they will carry on the tradition that Robert, Sr. (great grandpa) began of the first name starting with the letter R. So far, they have Robert Sr., Robert, Jr. (grandpa), Ryan, Rhett, Ryder, River, and Rachel.

TCS Athletics

The ball teams of TCS played some exciting games this past week, winning their first baseball game against their cross-town rival Shining Light, and just barely falling short against Oak Level. The girls' soccer team lost two games due to weather but enjoyed competing on Thursday against Maranatha from Florence. This coming week, the baseball team plays at home against Rockwell on Monday and Shining Light again on Thursday. The girls will play on Tuesday against Southview at the Parks Williams complex across from Walmart.

Singles

Elias and Summer Griffin both plan to stay in Pensacola this summer and work at the college. Ethan Leonard is lined up to do a youth ministry internship in Greenville. It looks as if we may have most of our distance college students remaining away during the summer. Please keep them in your prayers and love on them when they come back for short visits.

Little League Basketball

Our little league basketball season ended yesterday. A special thanks to Jamithon Howard and everyone who helped him. Our next season will be baseball. Please come out and join the fun!

School Rock

We have several families who have had the rock outside the gymnasium painted to celebrate their child's birthday. Some of these are expensive and very impressive. Take time to look at them each week. We think you will enjoy seeing them. Some weeks, the rock does not change; however, some weeks, it changes a couple times.

Upcoming Events

March 20-21	Glory Land Baptist Hartsville, SC
March 29 pm	Brother Cory Joplin
April 12 am and pm	Brother Mike Holyfield
April 19 am	Brother Greg Pierce
April 25 10 am -2 pm	Ladies' Meeting Anchor Baptist Church
May 31	Brother Terry Stevens

Sunday Ushers for March

Tommy Hinson, Daniel Jordan, Larry Langston, John Lipe, Job Mangum, and Jonathan Purser
Substitutes: Colin Griffin and John Minter

Wednesday Ushers for March

Jack Griffin, Reagan Griffin, Benjamin Hood, Wesley Jordan, Adam Minter, and River Ratliff

Birthdays

March 26 Beverly Griffin

Nursery

March 22 am Crystal Harpe
pm Faith Mangum

Toddler Church

March 22 am Mia Griffin
Emma Griffin
pm Amanda Minter

You haven't lost anything when you know where it is. Death can hide but not divide.

(Vance Havner)

Prayer List

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

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