

# BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

(The Digital Edition)



## e-News and Notes

December 21, 2025

### FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you for being in your church every time the doors are open. God said, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." The whole world (the lost world and God's children) can see the day approaching. Several good, renowned men of God who are known across America, recently said, "The next thing happening at any time is our Lord's coming." All God's men and laymen feel the same.

We are to "love His appearing" and we will be given a "Crown of Righteousness" for this. It is one of the five major crowns so easily received from our Lord.

May God use us today and until Heaven to be a witness and send more treasures to our Lord and Heaven's bank.

May you and your family enjoy being together this week as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Today

We hear so much about our godly Sunday school teachers. Many of us are looking forward to hearing from Brother Ken Harbin in the auditorium at 10 am today. Also, Brother Ethan Leonard studies the Word all week, and he will teach Brother Mark Boyce's class today.

### Tonight

We will have coffee, hot chocolate, and cake following the evening service in the foyer. Please plan to stay and enjoy this brief time of fellowship.

### Christmas Eve Service Change

Remember, we will have our midweek service this week on Tuesday, December 23, Lord will, 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. Let's try this year more than ever to always add "Lord willing" to any plans we announce.

### Enjoyable Church News

Please prepare your hearts and pray over some godly things you would like to hear from our staff. The pastor and men on staff will meet with our church men in early January to get their ideas for 2026 and answer any godly questions.

### Brother Eddie Zimmerman's Gift

The \$1,250 given to Brother Eddie and his wife was desperately needed. Many of you gave sacrificially for them. Thank you very much. The Lord will always repay a giving heart.

### Brother Harold Millican and Kids

We will receive an offering for humble, quiet, godly Harold Millican today. He has been a man with a clean, spotless testimony for many years. Please give liberally as if he were your dad with sweet Morgan and Zach who are both faithful here.

### Calabash This Week

The pastor and his wife went to Calabash Boundary House Restaurant this past Monday. They have very good fish and clam chowder soup. They planned to stay there through Thursday morning, but Mrs. Leonard was sick and in bed all day Tuesday and Wednesday, so they headed home about 6 pm on Wednesday. They arrived home about 9:30 pm when most had already left church. This is probably the first time they came home on Wednesday.

### Ladies' Corner

Recently, my husband Gary spoke on the **missing character of Christmas**, and it was great. He said that when the Christmas story is read, no one hardly ever speaks of John the Baptist, but he was the forerunner for Christ. The book of John was written by the Apostle John, and he extensively discusses John the Baptist in John 1 as "a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was **not** that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light." John the Baptist did exactly what he was created to do. He was mentioned in the Old Testament in Isaiah 40:3, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." This verse is also in John 1:23. Can you imagine living in that time and hearing this man crying these words in the wilderness? When John speaks to the people about the LORD, he says, "whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." John the Baptist's whole existence was to prepare the way for the LORD to come. As we celebrate Christmas this year, and we go over the Christmas story with our families, do not forget the missing character John the Baptist. May it encourage us to be more of a witness for our LORD as HE IS COMING.

### 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.

### Special Services

Please remember the special services we have planned to help us compel people to come to hear the Word of God.

Merry Christmas Sunday December 21

Fresh Start Sunday January 4

Youth Night (led by youth) 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

### Fresh Start Sunday

We all need a Fresh Start at times. We start getting weary and sometimes that leads us to getting "slack" at doing critical things in our life! Just the idea of having a "Fresh Start" is comfort and encouragement to our hearts. On Sunday, January 4, Brother Scott will head up "Fresh Start Sunday!" This will be a GREAT Sunday to get a fresh start for inviting and compelling folks to come to God's house regularly, a fresh start to your prayer life, a fresh start to your Bible reading, a fresh start in giving, a fresh start with family altar, and a fresh start with your marriage! God is a God of FRESH STARTS!

### Treasured Saints

Please take time over the holidays to visit or call our Treasured Saints. Many of them are sick or lonely and cannot do what they could at one time. Please let them know how much they are loved here at Tabernacle. If you find out that any of them need anything, please let Brother Scott know.

### TCS

School closed for Christmas break on Friday with much excitement. There were class parties, gifts, food, the Christmas shoebox parade, and SNOW! Even the Grinch made an appearance. It thrills our hearts to see the children having so much fun. We hope the students and teachers all have a wonderful Christmas break!

### Upcoming Events

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December 21 am pm	Christmas Service 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 23 Jennifer Martin  
Philip Mangum  
Job Mangum

December 27 Lorraine Mangum

### Nursery

December 21 am Cindy Malone  
pm Sharon Mangum

### Toddler Church

December 21 am Wren Richardson  
Phebe Royal  
pm Kloey Martin

December 23 Tracy Rodriguez

### Prayer List

Pastor & Mrs. Leonard  
Bible Baptist Tabernacle  
Larry & Lucy Langston  
Elaine Baucom  
Beverly DeWeese  
Taylor & Titus Boyce  
Sam Caudle  
Terry & Susan Helms  
Trish Williams

THE UNSAVED  
Judy Pressley  
Sam McCaskill  
Jacob Maye  
Judy Rae Harbin  
Tommy Mangum  
Curtis Ciampo  
Eddie & Pat Zimmerman

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

Jay & Becky Shannon  
Barbara Hayes  
Kay Jordan  
John Hawkins  
Pastor Bobby Helms  
Our Elderly  
Mary Jo Sumner  
Ronnie Morton