

# BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

(The Digital Edition)



## e-News and Notes

December 28, 2025

### FROM THE PASTOR

May God give us a blessed day in the Lord's house this last Sunday of 2025. Oh, that He will do ETERNAL business. He did an ETERNAL work in our lives even though we may not have realized it at the time as we do now.

Please remind me and each other throughout the new year that we must help with ETERNAL SOULS. I often think of Charlie Kirk saying that the most important thing and the second most important thing is getting a person to Jesus Christ.

I know preachers' sons who committed suicide in their lost condition. I know at least three pastor's wives who left their husbands and kids and went off into sin.

Oh, there is so much ETERNAL work to be done! This church has done some, but there is SO MUCH STILL TO BE DONE. May we remind each other monthly or even more often of our ETERNAL work to be done.

We all forget, get slack, or get slothful. Do not hesitate to remind us all publicly. God wants me reminded.

### Preaching Today

Brother Scott will preach to our souls this morning, and Brother Tony will preach to our souls tonight. Oh, that every preacher would try to reach the souls of their hearers. Next Sunday, Brother Tony will preach in the morning service, and Brother Scott will preach during the evening service. Please pray for these brethren as there will be ETERNAL SOULS listening.

### New Year's Resolutions

We realize that very few new plans for the New Year are kept, but please do not hesitate to make those resolutions (plans). If you fail, ignore it and start again. God is pleased with our attempts for Him, successful or not. May we plan on PRAYING MORE, READING GOD'S WORD MORE, WITNESSING MORE, AND DOING MORE ETERNAL THINGS.

### An Eternal Hell

The pastor asked his wife this week what brought her to God at 23 years of age. The pastor thought she was saved. She did not curse, smoke, go to movies, wear the wrong clothing, and went to church three times each week. She told him, "It was the fear of Hell." The good changes shocked our pastor.

The only ones who will warn friends, foes, or acquaintances of Hell fire are godly folks. Godly FRIENDS are the best ones. We probably have dear friends we have never told about our Savior and the eternal fire of HELL. May we correct this in our lives.

Of over 60 of our TCS students who have died, over 50 of them died suddenly with no warning. Over 50 of them died without a testimony for God. Only God knows the few who died after committing "the sin unto death." (I John 5:16)

### Bible Checklists

As we approach the first day of 2026, it would be great for you to determine, "I will read the Bible through in 2026 by God's grace!" It only takes about 15-20 minutes to read 4 chapters per day. Several years ago, we were talking to Mrs. Ruth Thompson who was nearing her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, and noticed her well-worn Bible. She reached for a booklet on top of her Bible and said, "Do you remember this? I had never read my Bible through until we had these available at church. Since then, I have read my Bible through every year for a total of 14 times." Without a doubt, reading the Word of God is STILL as needful today as it was 2,000 years ago! It is that ONE THING that is NEEDFUL! (Luke 10:42)

### We have two resources available for you this morning in the foyer:

- A Bible Checklist that enables you to check off the chapters you read. You can read through the Bible in various ways with this tool.
- The M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan helps you systematically read the Bible through with specific chapters per day to read.

### Ladies' Corner

Are happiness and sadness a choice? YES! As a Christian, we battle against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness, but in all this, we battle with the assurance that **GOD IS WITH US**. He lives within us. He walks with us and talks with us. NO CHRISTIAN should walk around defeated all the time. We can choose to be happy in Him, or we can choose to be sad. We can choose to represent HIM with a smile on our face and kindness in our tongues. Have you ever noticed that when you are sad, you have no energy, no strength, and no joy. When we choose to be HAPPY IN HIM, we have strength just like the Bible says, "**for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**" (Nehemiah 8:10) Yes, we do have times in our lives when it is natural to be sad such as loss of a loved one or disappointment, but even in all this, our LORD is nigh to us, and He can bring JOY even in the hardest of situations. **A Christian MUST choose happiness** to help himself and others but to also further the kingdom of Christ. The year 2026 is quickly approaching. Are you going to choose to be happy or sad?

### 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. If you have more ideas for special services, please give them to one of the men.

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

### TCS Alumni Game

The TCS alumni game was scheduled for Friday, January 30. Although this worked very well for the school with an open Friday, it seems as if it was hard for some of the alumni. We are now looking at Friday, February 20. We will let everyone know more information in the next week or two.

### Brother Jack Tripp

Pray for Brother Jack Tripp. He will be going to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem Monday morning at 8:30 for a heart catheterization. His CT scan showed at least two arteries that are 70 percent blocked. He reached out to us to have our church pray for him.

### Pastor Bobby Helms

Please continue to pray for our dear pastor friend, Bobby Helms. The past several months have been extremely difficult for him as he has been in and out of the hospital almost non-stop. When he comes home, it is only for a couple of days before he must go back to the hospital. He is in immense pain. Please pray for him earnestly.

### Singles

Our college age singles are such a blessing and cannot know how much they mean to our congregation. We have perhaps more than ever that attend college too far away to be here regularly. May we all make them feel so loved that no matter how far they go, they always long for home!

### Grady Hill (1938-2025)

Kind Grady Hill put two daughters and two sons in TCS. Grady nor his wife were ever anything but cooperative and a blessing to us. He passed away this past Wednesday, Christmas Eve, at 87 years of age. His funeral is Tuesday at 11 am at Gordon Funeral Home. Pray for this family.

### 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!

### Upcoming Events

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December 28 am pm	Brother Scott Couick Brother Tony Mangum
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January 10 (Saturday) @ 11:00 am	Ladies' Winter Party
January 18 pm	Youth Night
February 15	Terry Stevens Don't Break My Heart Sunday

### Birthdays

December 28 Rachel Ratliff

December 31 Chuck Harpe

### Nursery

December 28 am Faith Mangum

pm Maria Morris

### Toddler Church

December 28 am Mia Griffin

pm Loraine Horne

December 31 Beverly Griffin