



FROM THE PASTOR

May God meet with us today. We SO NEED His presence working and convicting in hearts. It seems as if God may be working some in our hearts even now. That is our need, and our prayer life will bring that to pass.

May God keep love and unity in our church family until the rapture and homegoing of each of us. We can grieve the Holy Spirit, and I believe that is dangerous. Oh, may God keep my heart pure and free from any sin, large or minute.

I never imagined I would go down so suddenly. God gave me 85 great years, and then it seemed as if I were hit with a sledge hammer in my mind and ability. God knew this, so He placed great staff here in the right positions who do such a good work for God. So many help each other with pure hearts. At 87, I cannot take care of this big ministry, but God knew that and put humble, brilliant men and women in the positions just in time. Pray for them, especially Brother Tony as he leads and takes so much on himself.

We want God's perfect will here until the end, by God's grace. May God greatly bless His church today.

Don't Break My Heart Sunday—February 15

"Don't Break My Heart Sunday" is **NEXT Sunday, February 15**. Please use the commitment cards that were printed to personally invite others and ask them to make a commitment to attend. There is great power in both *invitation* and *commitment*. When we earnestly tell someone that we truly want them to come—and then ask them to commit to being here—it greatly strengthens the likelihood that they will attend. While people are sometimes hesitant to commit to *next* week, they are usually very willing to commit to something a little further out. That makes this the perfect time to ask.

Let us labor, pray, and expect together what God is going to do on "**Don't Break My Heart Sunday**." May the Lord use our unity, faith, and our invitations to touch hearts and draw many to His house.

Please Support Our Dear Friends

Brother Jeff Lindsay has Brother Tony Finney this Monday and Tuesday beginning at 7 pm. Also, Brother Rick Baker has Brother Crofts on the same days. Perhaps you could go to one each night. Both these men and their churches always support our meetings. Please back them up, if possible.

Brother Kitral and Carolyn Benton have a ladies' meeting on February 28. We hope you can keep that day clear so you can back up their meeting. Please pray about this.

A Word from Our Pastor

I have SO ENJOYED the work of our great God. God made every day, from 5 am until 11 pm, full of peace and joy. I do not know when He will call me home, but I honestly have no complaint. I am starting 35 more treatments to bypass a blockage on Monday, February 16. The treatments are an hour each day from 11 am until 12 noon, Lord will. The doctor recommended these procedures, and they called me this week and set up the time. I feel good for an old man, but I am an old man. Thanks so much for loving me and my wife. We have lived in the parsonage since September, 1974, and pastored here since May, 1970. We have had TCS since June, 1972. GOD HAS BEEN SOOOO GOOD TO THIS WORM, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS PEOPLE.

Funeral for Pastor Bobby Helms

Brother Helms's funeral was this past Saturday from 11 am-2 pm. The place was filled with people from the choir to the balcony. Several men from Bright Spot Baptist Church shared memories and precious thoughts about him along with Brother Scott, Brother Bobby's daughter, son-in-law, and sister. Brother Roger Nance preached the funeral and did a great job! He made such an impact on the lives of many people. Please continue to pray for his wife, children, the rest of his family, and Bright Spot Baptist.

Ladies' Bible Study

The ladies will meet this Thursday night, February 12, for their ladies' Bible study at the home of Mary Jo Sumner. Mrs. Crystal Harpe will be teaching from II Samuel 20. Please join us at 7 pm as we study the life of David from God's Word.

Treasured Saints

The Treasured Saints will have their Valentine's breakfast this Saturday, February 14, at 9:00 am. They will meet at the Golden Corral in Monroe. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please sign up this morning so the right amount of space can be reserved. Terry and Debbie and Scott and Ginger always go all out for our Treasured Saints!

Laborers Together with God

We thank God that we have had people call here and others send us messages about places our tracts have been distributed. Brother Ken Harbin started a Back-to-the-Basics campaign to help folks in Brother Tony's class get a fresh start with reading, praying, witnessing, compelling people to come to God's house, giving, and doing good things for people. We thank God that it is making a difference. May all our hearts be charged to go aggressively forward for God! We have ONLY A LITTLE WHILE to do something for God!

We thank God for the many folks who have made calls, texts, and visits to people this week. May many more hearts be charged to do what they can to lay up treasures in Heaven! In just a little while, the ONLY THING that will matter is if you gave your heart to Jesus and if you served Him!

Jeremy Collins

Sam and Virginia Collins's oldest son, Jeremy, had open-heart surgery this past Friday. His heart function had gone from 35% when he was in Monroe, to 25% when he went to Pineville. As they were performing the surgery, it dropped to 15%. The surgeon replaced one of his heart valves and said the surgery went well. He will be in ICU for a couple days and then go back to the 6th floor for about 2 weeks. Pray for him and the Collins family.

Brother Tommy Baucom

Brother Tommy was buried in the cemetery behind the lovely church building that God used him to build and change the old building to a beautiful church. His wife, Elaine, now has her oldest daughter, Melissa, living with her in Simcoe, 12 miles away from his church. Their son, John, married a girl from Six Nations, and they now have 2 children. Their youngest daughter, Mary, lives with her husband and 1 child in Carlisle, Arkansas. It is a little hard to get in our minds that Tommy or Sister Jean Caudle is gone. We are thankful, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Jean Caudle

Sister Jean was saved here on December 19, 1971. She was one of the greatest Christian ladies we have ever met. Her grave is in our cemetery. We wish you would go by it sometime and ask God to tell her we still remember her with fond memories. Jean's husband, Sam, is in a home in Thomasville, NC, and has Alzheimer's.

TCS Athletics

The TCS basketball season is ending. This was the smallest season in the history of the school, but no doubt, it was God's perfect will as almost all teams were in rebuilding stages. By the third week of February, baseball and girls' soccer will likely be underway with practices, and the school will be preparing for the annual BBQ! Year after year, time marches on and children who seemed to have just graduated kindergarten, are stepping across the stage to receive a high school diploma, and then off to college. And as they do, many former Tabernacle students receive degrees from college, get married, have children, and the cycle continues. May we not let time march by us without making an impact and impression on these young people with our love and support.

Teens

The Teen Valentine's party will be this Saturday, February 14, at 6:00 pm in the gym. Please plan to be there.

The teens plan to go to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, this spring. Please plan to go with us. This trip will open the Bible to you. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Gary or Mrs. Beverly.

Choir Practice

The pastor has heard some remarks about us not singing any new songs. He wishes we could meet about 4:45 or 5:00 on Sunday evenings again and learn some new songs for the choir. Scott, Keith, or Daniel would be happy to help.

Upcoming Events

January 15-17 am/pm	Brother Terry Stevens <i>Don't Break My Heart Sunday</i>
February 22 pm	Brother Clint Lewey
February 28	Whispering Pines Ladies' 10 am – 1 pm Meeting (Hartsville)
March 7 10 am	Hillcrest Baptist Church Ladies' Meeting (Mrs. Charity Richardson will be one of the speakers.) Register at hillcrestbaptistmonroe.com
March 20-21	Glory Land Baptist Hartsville, SC

Sunday Ushers for February

Ben Hood, Rich Howell, Michael Leonard, Ryan Ratliff, Freddy Rodriguez, and Jeff Seibel
Substitutes: Chris Hill and Philip Mangum

Wednesday Ushers for February

Gideon Howard, Zach Kiker, Jameson Little, Samuel Mills, Ryder Ratliff, and Judson Seibel

Birthdays

February 8	Rob Baker
February 10	Crystal Boyce
February 12	Malachi Martin

Nursery

February 8	am Faith Mangum
	pm Eden Mangum

Toddler Church

February 8	am Laura Burnette
	pm Wren Richardson Phebe Royal

DISCIPLINE SAYS,
"I NEED TO."

DUTY SAYS,
"I OUGHT TO."

DEVOTION SAYS,
"I WANT TO."

- Adrian Rogers