

# BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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## FROM THE PASTOR

May God be pleased with our WORSHIP TO HIM today. He is worthy a million times and more of all we can give Him. It is not impossible that God will lengthen our days if we worship Him as He desires. "With long life will I satisfy him." (Psalm 91:16) "For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." (Proverbs 3:2)

I have heard preachers tell how they never went down the halls of their schools but leaves it all to be taken care of by others. I never dreamed that would ever be my lot, but with my new responsibilities at home, it is. I cannot say I like it much, but God gives grace to His own.

Tony and Sharon Mangum, Susan Boulton, Susan Sumner, Virginia Collins, and our entire staff do a better job here than has ever been done. Thanks a million! God brought these dear saints here knowing all the time that this day was coming.

Please join us in love and prayers for these. Daily prayer would be so appreciated.

## Youth Night

We have a special service planned this evening led completely by our youth. There will be a surprise musical special that everyone will enjoy, a gift bag for all the young people, and a special meal in the gym for the youth and their families following the service. Brother Gary Griffin will preach the message this evening. Please support the service tonight by inviting others and praying for our youth as they are the next church.

## Back to the Basics

Brother Tony has received multiple texts and calls about how this is helping people step up their actions for the Lord and give them a renewed excitement for the things of God. Just getting back to the basics of the Christian life affords joy unspeakable. Brother Ken Harbin did this 17 years ago for his Sunday school class. It helped then, and it seems to be helping people even more now! How we need to be exhorting and provoking one another to good works. This is a good thing for you to participate in if you have gotten lax in the basics of the Christian life. Satan will battle us to keep us from prayer, Bible reading, witnessing, encouraging fellow believers, giving to missions, and compelling people to come to God's house.

Being part of this is all within the spirit of what the Lord said through Solomon: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

If this is something you want to be part of, let Brother Ken Harbin know. We want to see our church folks GROWING in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Deaths

Brother Gene Plott who graduated with our pastor in 1957 passed away Thursday in Clemmons, North Carolina. He was a very outgoing man. He was 86 years old.

Pastor Mark Burford who preached in our annual Fellowship passed away Thursday morning in Morristown, Tennessee, at 75 years old. The pastor preached his first revival after going to Open Door Baptist Church there.

Brother Phil Howell passed away Wednesday around noon after falling backward at his home. Brother Scott and Pastor Don Thompson preached his funeral yesterday. Brother Phil was 81 years old.

"And It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." We heard of someone who once said that he did not fear death but feared the judgment.

## Wednesday and Sunday Night

Lord will, our dear preacher friend, Brother Eddie Zimmerman and his wife Pat, will celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with us. He will preach Wednesday night and next Sunday night, Lord will. He will give Pat her annual, once-a-year kiss on the pulpit next Sunday night. Love them while they are here the way that they love us.

## Ladies' Corner

God told Nehemiah to build back the walls of Jerusalem; however, the people got discouraged, fatigued, and fearful. He told them in Nehemiah 4:14, "And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: **remember the Lord**, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." Three words that have really helped me are "**REMEMBER THE LORD**." We are all faced with problems, but during any situation, **REMEMBER THE LORD**. Turn to God in EVERY situation because He never fails. I told my children this past week, "No matter what situation you face, Remember the LORD." There are three ways to **Remember the LORD**:

- Focus on past answered prayers. This will automatically give you hope.
- Focus on His presence where you are at currently. God is not impressed with our outward emotions. His work is deeper, and He communicates with us through our minds. Remember, even when you do not feel, HE is omnipresent. That means He is not limited by time or space, and He is constantly aware of us. He is closer than you realize.
- Focus on remembering the LORD for your future. If you give up today, you will miss out on future opportunities and blessings.

## Teens

The teens plan to go to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, on April 9-11. 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.

## Pray for Friends

We have many dear ones who are unsaved and presently not very concerned about their soul. Prayer can change that and give them a hunger to be saved more than a desire for food. Oh, our hearts would break if those dear to us die away from God! Please pray! Make out a prayer list and pray over it every day. It will surprise us what God can and will do.

## Mrs. Elaine Baucom

Please continue to pray for Brother Tommy Baucom's wife Elaine. She seems to be doing well after the death of Brother Tommy, but she would surely love to hear from some of you. Her number in Canada is 289-439-1663.

## Mrs. Grace Parton

Mrs. Grace Parton gets \$200 each month from one of our families. Brother Ed gave all they had away to missions. If any of you wish to help her, Susan or Helen can get it to her or give you her address. She told the pastor Friday that she had been in the hospital twice due to breathing problems and almost did not make it, but God raised her up.

## Special Services

Please help Brother Tony as he plans special days to encourage eternal lives to the house of God. God has brought many dear ones here during these years through special days.

## TCS Athletics

Tabernacle basketball teams will face Shining Light across town tomorrow and then face Matthews Christian on Tuesday. Homecoming games will be this coming Friday, followed by the homecoming court. Many people from the church have come out to support the school this year, and the students really appreciate it. We hope you can make it this Friday as well.

## Ladies' Winter Party

The ladies' winter party has been postponed for a few weeks due to so much sickness among our people. We will give you a new date soon.

## Sunday Ushers for January

Robert Baker, Derek Burnette, Tommy Hinson, Mark Jenkins, Jr., John Minter, and Rolf Storz  
Substitutes: Job Mangum and Craig Mills

## Wednesday Ushers for January

Reagan Griffin, Benjamin Hood, Elliot Howard, Rhett Ratliff, Lincoln Richardson, and John Royal

## Upcoming Events

January 18 am pm	Brother Tim Griffin Youth Night
January 25 pm	Brother Eddie Zimmerman (67 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
January 15-17 am/am	Brother Terry Stevens <i>Don't Break My Heart Sunday</i>
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 <a href="http://hillcrestbaptistmonroe.com">hillcrestbaptistmonroe.com</a>

## Birthdays

January 21	Gary Howard
January 23	Charity Rodriguez Margie Chambers David Leonard
January 24	Missy Baker

## Nursery

January 18 am pm	Cindy Malone Maria Morris
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## Toddler Church

January 18 am pm	Mia Griffin Emma Griffin Amanda Minter
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THERE IS A PLACE IN GOD'S SERVICE FOR YOU!

## Prayer List

Pastor & Mrs. Leonard	THE UNSAVED	Gary & Helen Howard	Jay & Becky Shannon
Bible Baptist Tabernacle	Judy Pressley	Ken & Michelle Harbin	Barbara Hayes
Larry & Lucy Langston	Sam McCaskill	Joe Morgan	Kay Jordan
Elaine Baucom	Jacob Maye	Tommy Munroe	John Hawkins
Beverly DeWeese	Judy Rae Harbin	Arnold & Janice Jackson	Trish Williams
Taylor & Titus Boyce	Sam Caudle	Bettina Decker	Our Elderly
Tommy & Lorraine Mangum	Curtis Ciampo	Dawn Creech	Mary Jo Sumner
Terry & Susan Helms	Eddie & Pat Zimmerman	John and Tammy Kelly	Ronnie Morton