

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to God’s house today. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate how God has blessed our country. May our Lord make this special summer Sunday GREAT for each of you today.

The GREATEST DAY in my 87½ years was November 14, 1958, during a Friday night revival, when I sobbed my way out of my back pew and down the aisle of Wayside Baptist Tabernacle after Brother J. Townley Davis preached. God saved my wretched soul that night and totally changed me for these nearly 68 years. He gave me JOY UNSPEAKABLE and PEACE that passeth understanding that is still with me day and night. Oh, what a GREAT, BIG, WONDERFUL GOD it is who will do that for any man, woman, boy, or girl.

Let’s love each other, lost souls, and our Lord. “By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 13:35

The world has little or no love for each other. I have found it SO EASY to love God’s people these years. God’s people are wonderful!

250th Anniversary of America!

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the greatest country on earth—the United States of America! We have several special things planned for our services today, and we also have a small gift for you to take home as a remembrance of this special day.

The Bible (KJV) was the most quoted and most familiar book in America in 1776. Dr. Donald Lutz, a political scientist professor at the University of Houston, did an extensive study on the literature of America between 1760 and 1805. He found that the King James Bible was the most cited book among political writings of the Founding Fathers. Over one third of all citations came directly from the Bible. The most cited book from the Bible was Deuteronomy.

Our Founding Fathers FORGED our country's constitution immersed in God's PERFECT Word! While the average country in the world (some being thousands of years old) has a constitution lasting only between 17-19 years, OUR CONSTITUTION is the longest surviving written constitution of ANY COUNTRY in the world having been in operation since 1789! We thank God for America!

It is ironic that the most barred book (NOW) was once the most read book in our nation! May the Lord help us Christians keep the BIBLE as our most referenced book! “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89) Thank God our country was FOUNDED on THE ROCK of God's Word.

Wednesday Night

Sweet Home Baptist Church in Albemarle has asked us to join them this Wednesday night at 26130 Newt Road in Albemarle for the celebration service of our 250th year of religious liberty. Pastor Preston Young has invited Congressman Mark Harris to speak at 7 pm. We are asked to bring lawn chairs. The temperature may be nearly 90 degrees and there may possibly be some rain, so come prepared. There will be no service here on Wednesday, July 8.

Men’s Softball

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time at the ballfield this past Tuesday as the men played softball, the children enjoyed the waterslide, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship over the hamburgers and hotdogs. There were cupcakes, ice cream, and ice-cold drinks, along with glow sticks and sparklers for the children. It was a relaxed time of Independence Day recognition. If you have not come out yet to fellowship with everyone around a softball game on a Tuesday night, you should join us. If the weather holds, we will play again this coming Tuesday at 6:30 pm. We generally start with a small devotion from one of the men and prayer. We want to please the Lord even with our entertainment and activities.

Ladies’ Bible Study

The ladies will meet this Thursday, July 9, at 7 pm for their monthly Bible study. Lord willing, this month will conclude our study on the life of David. Please join us at the home of Mary Jo Sumner, if possible.

Ladies’ Corner

This weekend, we are celebrating 250 years of our country’s birth. John Adams (the second US President and Founding Father) passed away on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and Thomas Jefferson (third President) also died on July 4th. **Both men died within hours of each other on the same date.** Some of Thomas Jefferson’s last words were, “Is it the Fourth?” Both men were instrumental in the Declaration of Independence as Thomas Jefferson was known as the draftsman (author) and John Adams as a strategist and delegator. We are thankful for what both contributed to our independence, but it would not have even been possible if it had not been for the LORD. May God bless AMERICA!

Church Prayer Day

We will have another Church Prayer Day on Saturday, July 18. There will be 1-hour time slots from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please let Beverly Griffin know which time you would like to come to the church and pray. A prayer list will be provided.

VBS Workers’ Meeting

There will be a VBS workers’ meeting Sunday afternoon, July 12, at 4:30 pm in the church foyer. If you plan to help in any way, please plan to come. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, see Brother Terry or Beverly.

Special Offering

Next Sunday, we will receive a special offering for Brother Brian Gurley. He was one of our missionaries for a while in Sri Lanka for a while. He now has cancer with many medical expenses. Please pray about helping this dear brother and his family.

Bridal Shower

The ladies will have a bridal shower for Mary Mangum on Thursday, July 16, at 6:30 pm in the church foyer. Mary and Ben plan to marry in September and then move to Maryland. Please mark this date on your calendar so you will not miss showing Mary how much we love and support her. She is registered at Walmart, Target, and Amazon.

Faithful Folks who have Passed

Our cemetery has about 70 graves that have been dug since 1974. This may surprise you if you were not here Sunday night or Wednesday night. Out of 60 graves, we remember that 40 people were unfaithful to church, and only 20 were faithful. Most of the faithful people lived until their 80s. Out of the 40 unfaithful people, most of them died under the age of 50. It is shocking, but it is all in God’s hands. Let’s fall in love with our Lord!

Hebrews 10:25, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

College Students

Please pray for all of our college students. We understand that Elias may get to come in for VBS this summer. He is serving the Lord at the day camp of Pensacola Christian College. With many of our young men and women serving in some ministry this summer, we want to lift them up in prayer that God would use them in the lives of others but also help them to grow and mature more and more in Christ.

Upcoming Events

July 8 7:00 pm	Join Sweet Home Baptist Congressman Mark Harris
July 16 6:30 pm	Mary Mangum’s shower (Walmart, Target, Amazon)
July 27-29	VBS
September 17 6:30 pm	Rory Hood’s shower (Amazon and Walmart)

Sunday Ushers for July

Robert Baker, Chris Hill, Ben Hood, Philip Mangum, Jeff Seibel, and Rolf Storz
Substitutes: Colin Griffin and Freddy Rodriguez

Wednesday Ushers for July

Reagan Griffin, Benjamin Hood, Elliot Howard, Zach Kiker, Rhett Ratliff, and Judson Seibel

Birthdays

July 3 (oops)	Harper Stegall
July 8	Jett Aldridge
July 9	Debbie Howell
July 11	Dennis Royal

Nursery

July 5 am Faith Mangum

Toddler Church

July 5 am Madison Howard
pm Tracy Rodriguez

Prayer List

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