

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

(The Digital Edition)



e-News and Notes

July 6, 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to Bible Baptist Tabernacle! I hope everyone feels welcome here this morning. If you are here today, then you have been given a special blessing above the vast majority of the world. You are in America, the greatest nation of our time! No nation, outside of ancient Israel, was founded with so much emphasis on the Word of God and reliance upon HIM! Oh, that we would praise HIM for letting us be born in America! May we acknowledge those who were prudent enough to acknowledge HIM at its founding (Proverbs 3:6).

Brother Scott Couick will preach for us again this morning, and Brother Tony will preach tonight. Please pray for them and support them as they preach. We know of no better Christian men who love the Lord and study His Word than these two men. You will surely receive something from God during both services today. We are thankful the Lord has given us godly men to fill the pulpit when I am unable to do so.

May the Lord bless you and your family as you serve Him this week!

New Baby

Jaycee and Maggie Stegall welcomed **Harper Dawn** into their lives at 9:58 am on Thursday, July 3. She weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long. Both Maggie and Harper are doing well. Please pray for this precious young family. If you missed the opportunity to give to them when the gift table was set up, it is not too late. Also, be sure to congratulate the proud grandparents Chuck and Crystal Harpe!

Terry and Debbie Stevens Sunday

On July 13, Brother Terry Stevens will preach during our morning service. We will take time during the service to honor him and Sister Debbie. They have been with us for 20 years now and have been servants to all our people but especially to our senior saints. They have their fingerprints in so many areas from VBS to Senior Saints' trips. It is our privilege to honor them. If you think of folks who are lost or unchurched that you believe would want to come for this service, please invite them to come.

Singles

The singles' group inflates during the summer when college students are home. This is an opportunity for each of our young adults to get excited about doing things for Christ! Visiting, calling, texting, working in VBS, fellowshiping, forming quarters, trips, playing instruments, short excursions, meals after church—the possibilities are as endless as your imagination! Get busy! Your youth will pass too fast. Do ALL you can, especially for Christ, and HE will GREATLY reward you!

New Elementary Building

We are thrilled to see the daily progress on the new building. The handicap parking lot has been poured which completes all the concrete work. The bathroom partitions, the sinks, and the quartz countertops have been installed. Lord willing, we will be able to start hanging the whiteboards and bulletin boards the week of July 14. The teachers' desks arrived this past week. We are waiting on the Certificate of Occupancy from the inspection department before they can be put in the classes. In the next couple weeks, the landscaping should be finished, and we should be able to have total access to the building and allow the teachers to get in their rooms. Please continue to pray.



Ladies' Bible Study

Lord willing, the ladies will meet at Mary Jo Sumner's house for their monthly Bible study this Thursday, July 10, at 7 pm. It would be great to see some new faces as we study the life of David together. Please join us, if possible.

Ladies' Corner

In Matthew 14, Peter makes a request to Jesus. He said, **“Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.”** The disciples faced a lot in this chapter. This would have been stressful for any Christian. John the Baptist had been killed. They were serving multitudes, and Christ provided supper for the 5,000. While they were probably very tired, Jesus told them to get in a ship, and then He went into the mountain to pray, so they were all alone. While on the water, the winds started to be contrary, and they were being tossed by the waves. In the darkest part of any night (fourth watch), Jesus went to them. When they first saw Him on the water, they were fearful as they thought it was a spirit. But Jesus spoke to them and said, **“Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.”** There are two things from this story that I love. First, no matter what circumstances we are in, Jesus is there in the midst with us. Secondly, I love how Peter wanted to get closer to the LORD **in the storm**. When we are in trials, our flesh wants to quit and pull away, but we should move in closer to the LORD and not run from HIM. I have little sticky notes on my desk at the office that say SEEK THE LORD or LEAN IN (meaning to lean in to what is hard and scary). I see these notes every day, and they remind me to pray and trust HIM with whatever the day holds.

Special Offerings

Last week, over \$800 was given to our sweet, godly servant Beverly DeWeese. Thank you so very much!

We will receive a special offering today for Susan Helms as her husband Terry has been out of work with his heart trouble for some time and will soon have surgery.

Someone asked this week to take an offering next for Reverend Eddie Zimmerman and his wife. We know of no one who needs this more than them.

What a joy it is to give! Please ask God what He would have you give.

Nursery Workers Needed

We need a few more workers in the infant nursery. This is such an important ministry as it allows mothers to sit in the service and hear the message without being distracted. If you can help, see Sharon Mangum.

Summer Ball

We took a welcomed break this past week from some of the ballfield fellowship time to let everyone enjoy some time with their families over the July 4th weekend. This coming Monday, the men will play again, Lord willing, at 6:30 pm. It is such a joy to have many of you come out and just fellowship as the young men play softball. Brother Keith made some condiments as Brother Tim cooked the burgers and hotdogs. Come make some precious memories with us.

The elementary and middle school young people will play t-ball and baseball, weather permitting, on Tuesday at 6:30 pm and Saturday at 8:30 am. May we invest in the youth of our church all we can. They will not forget that investment, and more importantly, God will not! Parents, lay aside those personal things and your relaxation time to get involved in your child's life.

Family Pictures

Today we have beautiful pictures on the table in the vestibule of Gary and Beverly Griffin's family. We need more families to join with us in this enjoyable effort. If you are interested in doing this, please let the pastor know.

Deaths

Our plumber friend and brother, Dwayne Crook, passed away Thursday at 55 years old. He went to Bright Spot Baptist Church and owned Carolina Plumbing for many years.

Reverend Buddy Fox passed away in High Point, NC, this week at 93 years of age. He and his wife Gladys have been here as he preached and she sang. The pastor preached some revivals for him at Pine Grove Baptist Church where he pastored 35 years. He was a dear, humble, great man of God.

Judy Kirchinger

Sister Judy was able to go home after spending time recovering from the accident she had while she was on vacation. Please continue to pray for her as she still has a long road of recovery ahead of her.

Upcoming Events

July 13	Brother Terry Stevens
July 21-23	Vacation Bible School
July 27 a.m.	Tim Griffin
July 30-August 2	Ladies' Retreat to Pigeon Forge

This Week's Ushers

Sunday Ushers for July

Robert Baker, Tommy Hinson, Ben Hood, John Lipe, Ryan Ratliff, and Jeff Seibel

Substitutes: Job Mangum and Freddy Rodriguez

Wednesday Ushers for July

Jack Griffin, Samuel Mills, River Ratliff, Ryder Ratliff, Lincoln Richardson, and John Royal

Birthday

July 6	Jean Nasr
	Johnny Helms
July 8	Jett Aldridge
July 9	Debbie Howell
July 11	Dennis Royal

Spiritual Birthdays

Faith Mangum	July 10, 2016
Candace Jordan	July 11, 2017

Nursery

July 6	am	Crystal Harpe
	pm	Sharon Mangum

Toddler Church

July 6	am	Mia Griffin
	pm	Ginger Couick
July 9		Madison Howard

Prayer List

Pastor & Mrs. Leonard
Bible Baptist Tabernacle
Larry & Lucy Langston
Tommy & Elaine Baucom
Beverly DeWeese
Taylor & Titus Boyce
Sam & Jean Caudle
Joe Morgan
Jerry Couick

Terry & Susan Helms
Judy Pressley
Sam McCaskill
Jacob Maye
Judy Rae Harbin
Tommy Mangum
Curtis Ciampo
Dawn Creech
Eddie & Pat Zimmerman

Trish Williams
Gary & Helen Howard
Ken & Michelle Harbin
Cilia Mull
Dink Haynes
Mark Mull
Arnold & Janice Jackson
Pastor Bobby Helms

Steve Morris
Jay & Becky Shannon
Barbara Hayes
Kay Jordan
Tommy Munroe
Carmen Walker
John Hawkins