

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

May our Lord be pleased with all that goes on here every day at His daycare, school, and church. He deserves our EVERYTHING.

I drove Suzanne's golf cart around the property Friday and wept as I thanked God for how He has blessed us and this place. Job and Jesse keep the property very nice. I hope the day comes soon when many of you godly folks will do the same and ride around the property with a tender heart thanking God for all He has done these 56 years.

We started this church for 13 weeks in May of 1970 with no daycare, no school, no building, no song books, and only a few (22) people—Mrs. Langston, Mrs. Bonner, Gertie Langston, Gary and Helen Howard, Sam and Virginia Collins, my family of 6, and a few more who have passed on now.

Today, all the property is paid for, we have beautiful buildings, and a new commercially built elementary building. We have many converts and many preachers (some pastoring) across America. GOD, GOD, GOD, ONLY GOD did this for His worms and fleas. May we do our best to give Him ALL THE GLORY!

WHAT A MIGHTY GOD HE IS TO EVERY CHILD OF HIS!

Today—Brother Steve and Sister Debbie Morris

This ministry owes so much to the Morris family. They taught at TCS for seven years before going to Tucson, Arizona, to pastor for decades and build a great church for our Lord. They will be with us for both our services today. Debbie will teach our ladies in the auditorium, and Steve will preach this morning and tonight. Love them while they are here because they so deserve our love.

Wednesday

Brother Elias Griffin will preach before going back to Pensacola Christian College. Elias was saved a few years ago, and God is working in his life. Please pray for him.

Upcoming Special Services

Memorial Day [May 24] – Next Monday is Memorial Day, and BBT will acknowledge this special day for Americans next Sunday. Most special days of recognition are considered holidays with all types of joyful celebration, but when correctly recognized, Memorial Day is unique in its somber reflection of men and women who could never be present to be a participant in the events of the day. Those who are remembered on this special day are gone. They are people who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom. We will take a portion of the service next week to honor them through a couple videos (one by a D-day survivor), decorations, and a few words. Please come and invite others. Too many recipients of this sacrifice never give thought to what was given up by others.

Father's Day [June 21] - "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." (Proverbs 17:6) Join Brother Tim Griffin as he heads up this wonderful day to honor the men who have sacrificed for their families and are the primary determining factor of how the family turns out for Christ. Being a father possesses an influence of such magnitude that it literally impacts families for three and four generations.

BBT—56th Anniversary

On Sunday, May 31, 1970, four or five men gathered at our pastor's home on East Main Street in Marshville to officially start and name their little group of believers. After one suggested, "Monroe Baptist Tabernacle," they finally agreed on "Bible Baptist Tabernacle." This church has had the name "Bible Baptist Tabernacle" for 56 years as of May 31. It amazes all of us to think about what God has kindly done for His glory. Let's not forget to thank Him and give Him praise. He will not be finished here until the rapture. No one ever imagined, dreamed, or prayed this way. BUT GOD! As with all our lives and our families, this church has been BUT GOD!

Ladies' Corner

I am so thankful for my mother Loraine Horne. She gave birth to me and prayed for my soul to be birthed into God's family. I will never forget the night that I came home really late, and I heard her talking to Someone in her bedroom with the lights off. I opened the door, peeked inside, and heard her say, "God save Beverly." Immediately, the fear of death and Hell hit me. For the next week, I was miserable. The following Saturday night, I went to the church, got on the altar, and cried out to God to save me. Praise God for mothers who will cry out to our God for the souls of their children!

Day of Prayer

The church will have a Day of Prayer on Saturday, June 13. We would like our members to sign up for a 30-minute or 1-hour time slot from **6:00 am to 9:00 pm**. That means our requests will be prayed over in the church auditorium for a solid 15 hours before the LORD. Many have already signed up, but we have a few time slots left. You will be given a list of requests. **We need your prayer requests.** If you would like to pray and/or have a request, please let Beverly Griffin know.

Melissa Baucom

Tommy and Elaine Baucom's oldest child, Melissa, has been told by her doctor that she has a slow type of Leukemia. He does not think this will take her life, but please pray for her. She lives with her mother in Simcoe about 12-15 miles from the church Tommy pastored for over 30 years. He is buried in the cemetery of his home church, Garlow Line Baptist Church, in Hagersville, Ontario.

Move-up Sunday

For several years now, we have used the Sunday after Memorial Day for "move-up" Sunday in Sunday school for children in elementary through the high school graduates. This allows each class three months to get to know each other through summer activities. It also allows the high school graduates to get involved with the singles class before everyone goes back to college. Move-up Sunday for those groups will be May 31. Thanks to all the teachers who give it their all every week.

Graduates

Let's remember all our graduates with gifts, if possible. It is a special day for these young folks and their parents. We want to make over ALL our folks, especially our young folks. Those graduating from our church are Kloe Martin, Ethan Leonard (college), Mary Mangum (college), Jason Rached, Ramiro Sandoval, and Audrey Seibel.

TCS

TCS will conclude final exams Monday, with K-5 graduation on Tuesday and high school graduation on Friday. Brother Tony has been deeply involved in leading the staff as they push to keep improving TCS. Fine arts, athletics, field trips, and so many more things have been fine-tuned this past year. Thank the Lord for the wonderful ministry of education that God has given us.

Our K-5 graduation will be on Tuesday at 7 pm followed by high school graduation on Friday at 7 pm. Please support our TCS graduates, if possible.

Treasured Saints

The Treasured Saints will be going to a fellowship meeting at Teays Valley Baptist Church in Hurricane, West Virginia. They will leave Monday, June 15, and will return on Wednesday, June 17. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone who is interested in going with us. We need to know if you plan to go as soon as possible so we can reserve hotel rooms. We hope you can join us.

College Students

Today is the last Sunday for several weeks, if not months, that some of our college group will be with us. David Leonard leaves Saturday for the Wilds Christian Camp for the summer. Elias Griffin and Ethan Leonard will be with us for another week or so, but both will be gone for the summer by June. Summer Griffin will return home for a few weeks before heading back to PCC. Reina Rached and Mary Mangum are hopefully here for the summer. Please love on all these all you can while the opportunity presents itself.

Upcoming Events

May 24 pm	Brother Wayne Coleman
May 31	Brother Terry Stevens
June 2	Midweek service changed to Tuesday
June 3-5	Youth trip to the Ark
June 7	Brother Terrell Rose
June 15-17	Treasured Saints Trip
June 18	Midweek service changed to Thursday

Sunday Ushers for May

Colin Griffin, Rich Howell, Mark Jenkins, Sr., John Minter, Ryan Ratliff, and Freddy Rodriguez
Substitutes: Tommy Hinson and Jeff Seibel

Wednesday Ushers for May

Reagan Griffin, Benjamin Hood, Jameson Little, Samuel Mills, Ryder Ratliff, and Judson Seibel

Birthdays

If your birthday has not been listed in the News & Notes, or if you have a have had a baby recently, please let us know. We do not want to miss any birthdays.

Nursery

May 17 am Sharon Mangum

Toddler Church

May 17 am Mia Griffin
Emma Griffin
pm Amanda Minter

Prayer List

Pastor & Mrs. Leonard
Bible Baptist Tabernacle
Larry & Lucy Langston
Elaine Baucom
Beverly DeWeese
Taylor & Titus Boyce
Tommy & Lorraine Mangum
Susan Helms
Grace Parton
Harold Millican

THE UNSAVED
Judy Pressley
Sam McCaskill
Jacob Maye
Judy Rae Harbin
Sam Caudle
Curtis Ciampo
Eddie & Pat Zimmerman
Brian Gurley
Mark Jenkins

Gary & Helen Howard
Ken & Michelle Harbin
Joe Morgan
Tommy Munroe
Arnold & Janice Jackson
Bettina Decker
Dawn Creech
John and Tammy Kelly
Dale Grimmet

Jay & Becky Shannon
Barbara Hayes
Kay Jordan
John Hawkins
Trish Williams
Our Elderly
Mary Jo Sumner
Ronnie Morton
Dave Clemmer