

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

I am always SO HAPPY to have Brother Jerry Sumner with us. He was with us this past Wednesday night. He flew in that afternoon from Colorado and will fly home on Tuesday. He is a lawyer in the Denver area now. We would be perfectly happy to have him back leading TCS, if God is pleased, if and when Mrs. Boulton must retire. She has the position as long as she will keep it. What a great job she has done all these years!

God has so blessed our dear godly men until some who have means are as godly as anyone we know. I wish we would all pray about helping in new things here. The cement in front of our church needs to be moved and the front enhanced. The rough place (Cindy Malone fixed it 25 years ago) can possibly be improved now. We could use an awning over the door and porch on the Broome Street side of the Sumner building. There may be other improvements that could help the looks of God's property.

Oh, how we desire God's presence and blessings in our services! We want to see dear, precious lost souls saved by God's grace. After one in a family is saved, many more will be saved. Please pray!

Thank you for being with us in God's house today!

Memorial Day

Today we remember the fallen soldiers of our nation who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom! Tomorrow is our nation's official Memorial Day, and although we enjoy the holiday, it is a somber reflection that is demanded of us. As we take a few minutes of the morning service to honor these heroes, we hope that the videos you see, the remarks you hear, and the symbols of this day will stay with you through the moments of pleasure you enjoy tomorrow. Remember, freedom has NEVER been free!

Brother Wayne Coleman—Tonight

Brother Coleman is Brother Bill Tucker's son-in-law and the husband of Elsie, a great Christian lady. He has filled in for Pastor Ken Young during Brother Young's struggle with ALS. He is such a great brother. We will enjoy hearing him tonight, Lord will.

Ladies' Corner

Today (Sunday, May 24), we celebrate **Ms. Mary Jo Sumner's 90th birthday**. There are roses on the Remembrance Table in honor of this great GODLY lady. Like a beautiful quilt stitched over time, Mrs. Mary Jo's life is woven with love, faith, courage, and unforgettable memories. When we think about 90 years, we realize it is more than just a number. It is a lifetime filled with stories, memories, lessons, and moments that have shaped generations. It is decades of witnessing history change, families grow, traditions continue, and love deepen. Through it all, she has been a steady light in the lives of those blessed enough to know her. She is known for knocking on every door in her neighborhood sharing the gospel. She has worn many titles throughout her life—daughter, friend, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor, mentor, and confidante. Yet no title could fully capture the kindness and strength she has carried so naturally. She has been the voice of wisdom during difficult times and the comforting presence that made people feel safe, loved, and understood. A woman does not reach 90 years without experiencing both joy and hardship. Along the way, there have been celebrations and challenges, victories and losses, easy days and difficult ones, but what stands out most is not simply what she lived through—it is how she lived through it. She has lived with courage, dignity, perseverance, and always with love. **Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mary Jo!**

Upcoming Service—Father's Day

Join Brother Tim Griffin as he heads up our special Father's Day service on Sunday, June 21. Please invite your fathers, grandfathers, children, and grandchildren to help celebrate this day by coming to church with you. Please pray for this service.

Wednesday

Brother Mark Boyce will speak during the Wednesday evening service. Brother Mark has been such a faithful servant to all here at Bible Baptist Tabernacle for many years. We always enjoy hearing whatever God puts on his heart.

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.

God's Property

This property belongs to God ONLY. Not one inch belongs to the pastor, trustees, deacons, or any human. As the pastor rode around this block yesterday morning, God melted his heart with appreciation to God for giving us 5 playgrounds, a gym with school classrooms, a beautiful new elementary building, a large auditorium, over 15 acres, a ballfield, and a parsonage that is all debt free. GOD, GOD, GOD. Beg God that none of the leaders here have any EVIL, SINFUL PRIDE. During the time that He gave us all this, He saved many, souls and called and sent many men and women out into ministry. Oh, ride around the block thanking God, giving Him glory, and even weeping with joy and appreciation to Him.

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.

Graduation

Tabernacle Christian School finished its 54th year Friday. Commencement was celebrated by students, their parents, and their friends. Ramiro Sandavol and Audrey Siebel of BBT were among those graduating. Please celebrate with them, congratulate them, and bless them from your heart. Along with these TCS graduates, we have Jason Rached and Kloey Martin also graduating from high school while Mary Mangum graduated from Pensacola Christian College and Ethan Leonard graduated from Bob Jones University. May God richly bless these young people as they embark upon their next adventure!

Graduation Sunday

We will have Graduation Sunday on June 10 when we will honor all our graduates. Parents, please bring your pictures to Mrs. Beverly in order for her to prepare a table of recognition for our seniors. They will also receive a Bible from the church that day.

God Wants This

God would have us have a better asphalt parking lot with no broken pieces or dips in it. We have the money in the pockets of God's people here.

We also need to build on to the back of our main church for a high school, large fellowship room, and Sunday school classrooms. Again, the money is here. Please pray about this. GOD HAS DONE SO MUCH HERE. GIVE HIM PRAISE!

David Leonard

David Leonard is officially moved in at the Wilds Christian Camp for the summer. They have a requirement of no cell phone usage during the week as the counselors and campers focus on their walk with Christ and getting closer to HIM. This is something that we could all probably use. How much fellowship with Jesus we must be missing due to the "worldly care" of these devices.

Upcoming Events

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
July 27-29	VBS

Birthdays

May 24	Mary Jo Sumner (The big 90!) 😊
May 28	Brent Royal
May 29	David Rached
May 30	Kloey Martin Caleb Harpe

Nursery

May 24 am Faith Mangum

Toddler Church

May 24 am Madison Howard
pm Ginger Couick

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

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