

# BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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## FROM THE PASTOR

May God be pleased to bless His church family today! There is nothing that compares to His presence. Even the joy, glory, and lifting of our spirits have no comparison to His presence.

May we remember to pray for the preachers and their wives who are out of our church. They have been dear to us in the past and are still dear to us. My wife and I remember to pray for them most nights as we prepare to retire for another night. As she lays her head on my right shoulder, we pray for all our older dear ones, those who are not well, the preachers, and many others by name. Of course, we pray for our family—20 grandchildren by name, 12 preachers in the family by name, and our 4 precious children and their mates by name. We often weep as we approach our dear, wonderful Lord. How vital it is to pray for our unsaved family and acquaintances. Please do not forget.

We are praying about which preachers we should ask to come on a Sunday or for a revival soon. Please help us pray. Give the staff some of your desires.

Thanks for loving your Lord and His church

## Special Days

Please remember our upcoming special days and help us invite others to come to the house of God. God could use these special days to get many people under the sound of the gospel.

**Mother's Day Sunday [NEXT SUNDAY, May 10]** - Mother's Day is historically just behind Christmas and Easter in regards to church attendance. That tells us SO MUCH about the power of mothers and the influence they have in the lives of their children. Please invite, compel, and plead with folks to come. Brother Scott is planning some very special things for Mother's Day that we will let you know about over the next couple of weeks. We will celebrate Mother's Day Sunday morning and Sunday night.

**Memorial Day [May 24]** - We will remember those who have died while fighting for our freedom. Although only a few of us know anyone personally who died in the service, we need to keep it fresh in our minds and hearts that freedom did not come cheap, and it certainly was not free. Ronald Regan stated, "We owe them a debt we can never repay. All we can do is remember them and what they did and why they had to be brave for us." Memorial Day was initially started to remember those who had fallen in the Civil War. The Civil War itself accounted for over half of the 1.2 million soldiers who died while serving our country since the Revolutionary War began in 1775. Brother Stephen will head up our remembrance of Memorial Day.

**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.

## God Helps

Our pastor and his wife have gone to Carmel Road in Charlotte for 35 weekdays for a 1-hour "FLOW" treatment. This past Friday was the last day of the 35 Monday through Friday treatments. The fatigue was somewhat bad, but the 1-hour drive on I-485 was worse. We are so thankful God protected them during these trips. The pastor is so thankful the treatments are over. We all hope God will use them in his body. Please pray to that end.

## Reverend Brian Gurley

May we feel the burden to pray for our dear friend, Brother Brian Gurley. He has been a real blessing to us here at Tabernacle. He was at Faith Baptist in Mint Hill, then he pastored Old Paths in Peachland, and then served on the mission field in Sri Lanka. He has some type of problem that seems to have the medical professionals stumped. Plead with God for him and his family.

## Ladies' Bible Study Date Change

The ladies' Bible study for the month of May will be changed to **Tuesday, May 12, at 7 pm**. We hope you will be able to join us as we are nearing the end of our study on the life of David. Crystal Harpe will be teaching this month.

## Ladies' Corner

This past Sunday, we were in Wilmington at my father-in-law's (Arnold Griffin) church. He preached on the **Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ**. Here are his thoughts:

He preached from John 17:11 and 24. Christ prayed these words to His Father in the garden just before the crucifixion: John 17:11 "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17:24 "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

The LORD loves us so much that even in his last hours, He prayed for others because He wants us to be with HIM in Heaven. We all remember the old song, "I want us to be together in Heaven." We want those that we love to be with us in Heaven, also. Do not forget God loves to be LOVED. Do you love Him?

## TCS

The Tabernacle Rams boys' baseball team will play a home baseball game this coming Tuesday for the state playoffs. They finished the season as the number one seed in the west and will face the number four seed from the east in the quarterfinals of the state tournament on Tuesday. If you are able to come out and support them, they would greatly appreciate it.

Tabernacle will soon conclude the 54<sup>th</sup> school year. We have been amazingly blessed of God and have seen generations of young people walk the halls and graduate from TCS. As brother Tony and the staff look forward to the next year, may we keep the education ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle continually in our prayers.

## Door-to-Door Visitation

Lord willing, this coming Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 - 8:00, Brother Tony will be going from door to door in neighborhoods telling people about the Lord Jesus Christ and inviting them to come to church. With daylight extending until about 8:15 pm now, the reception is far better than in the winter months. If you would like to join him in this effort to continue covering our Jerusalem, he would love for you to do so.

## Weekly Visitation

There is nothing more important than sharing the gospel and inviting others to our church. Brother Tim would so appreciate any help, ideas, and most of all prayers that our Lord will help restore our visitation efforts.

## Mary Mangum

Mary Mangum will graduate from Pensacola Christian College this coming Friday. Her nurse "pinning" will be this Thursday afternoon. Thanks to those who joined the Mangums in praying for the Lord to allow her to pass her nursing exam. She was allowed 6 hours to take the exam and was able to complete and pass it in 4.5 hours.

## Departed Members and Friends

So many of our members and friends have gone on to Heaven in the last little while. Our church is now 56 years old, and many of these were here from our early days. James and Nell Russell, Jean Caudle, Phil and Nell Howell, Lib Couick, Russell and Ruth Thompson, Jimmy Mullis, and more have left us. Let's love each other and pray for each other often. There are so many still with us who are now nearing the shore. Oh, how the ones gone on are missed by our pastor and our members.

*"Behold, he cometh!"* (Rev. 1:7)

## Upcoming Events

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| May 3 pm  | Brother Larry Langston |
| May 10 pm | Brother Ben Mayo       |
| May 17    | Steve Morris           |
| May 24 pm | Brother Wayne Coleman  |
| May 31    | Brother Terry Stevens  |
| June 7    | Brother Terrell Rose   |

## 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

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|-------|------------------|
| May 3 | Virginia Collins |
| May 4 | Jason Rached     |
| May 6 | Daniel Jordan    |

## Nursery

May 3 am Eden Mangum

## Toddler Church

May 3 am Madison Howard  
pm Ginger Couick

## 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

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