

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you for being in your place in God's house today. God's true believers want to be in His house when the doors are open. I have seen some come in on stretchers laid on the floor. I have seen many come with oxygen during services. Some come with broken hearts. Some come with casts on broken limbs. However, I can never remember seeing a true believer deliberately be unfaithful or cause church trouble in the church. May God feed our hungry souls with meat from His Word today.

This week, I read that a dear preacher passed away, Reverend Arval Rushing, at 83 years of age. He was a respected man of God and had pastored several Methodist churches in our area.

Thank God often for filling all the positions here with godly men and women. Be sure to thank them, also.

God will not forget us when we put our heart and soul in His work and ministry. He has perfect memory.

Thanksgiving Revival

This coming Monday and Tuesday nights (November 24 - 25 at 7:00), we will join Shining Light, Old Paths, and Faith Baptist Churches for our combined annual Thanksgiving Revival. This year, it will be at Shining Light Baptist Church located at **2541 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe, NC 28110**. Brother Tom Sexton of Gulf Coast Baptist Church of Cape Coral, Florida, will preach this meeting. Brother Sexton is the brother of the late Clarence Sexton of Powell, Tennessee.

Pastor Cruse wants one of our special singing groups to sing on Monday night and one to sing on Tuesday night. He also wants to have a combined choir comprised of all the churches to sing a song from our choir book each night led by Brother Scott. We hope you will do your best to attend this meeting.

WE WILL HAVE NO SERVICE HERE THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Brother Dave Clemmer

Brother Dave will have the service on Sunday night, December 7. He is flying back to the country of Columbia soon to meet with his wife before going back to Peru. Dave and his family are so loved here and a blessing to us as a missionary to Peru. Madison, Maisie, and Davy so love their dad and vice versa.

Sunday School Teachers—December 21

On **Sunday, December 21**, Ethan Leonard will teach Brother Mark Boyce's Sunday school class. The high school classes and all the adult classes will meet in the auditorium to hear Brother Ken Harbin. Please pray for them as they prepare.

Ladies' Corner

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that **wait upon the Lord** shall renew **their strength**; they shall **mount up with wings as eagles**; they shall **run, and not be weary**; and they **shall walk, and not faint**." This verse has so many promises. If we wait on the LORD, no matter what the circumstances are, we will move forward. We wait for answered prayers, but we should wait like a waiter or waitress and serve HIM while we wait. We have the promise to have renewed strength, to soar like eagles, to run, to not be weary IF WE WAIT ON HIM. Are you waiting on HIM or have you given up? Are you serving Him or serving yourself? Are you moving forward or do you feel like you are moving backwards? We all FALL, but we need to GET BACK UP WITH HIM.

Treasured Saints

The Treasured Saints will have their Christmas party on Saturday, December 6, at 12:00 noon in the gym. It is sure to be a wonderful time of food, fellowship, games, and a brief devotion. Sister Debbie and Sister Ginger always do an amazing job planning for this day as well as with everything they do. Please sign up in the foyer to let us know you are coming.

Brother Daniel Jordan Family

Brother Daniel is preaching this morning in Lincolnton at Glory Land Baptist Church. Tonight, he will preach at New Hope Baptist Church where Tony Finney and Roscoe Bowden came out of years ago. Please pray for this dear family who has meant more to us than words can tell.

Brother Tommy Baucom

Brother Tommy has been hospitalized for nearly three weeks. He is so weak that he cannot stand up. He is not eating. This is very hard on Elaine. Please pray for this brother who was saved here many years ago. We will keep you informed on how he is doing.

Brother Eddie Zimmerman

Brother Eddie is having trouble with his dreams in his sleep. This past Friday, Brother Eddie dreamed men were chasing him, and he fell while fleeing from them in his dreams. He hit the side of his head as he fell and is now in poor condition. Please pray for him.

Ben Hood's Mother

Please continue to pray for Brother Ben Hood's family. His mother had a stroke a few weeks ago and passed away around 2:30 p.m. yesterday [Saturday, Nov. 22]. She had suffered a couple strokes in the last couple years that have left her debilitated and unable to communicate with the family. Pray earnestly for the family!

Thanksgiving Time

Please take time this coming Thursday (of all days) to reflect on the manifold blessings God has given to you. Indeed, as the pastor sings, "Count your blessings, name them tons by tons" is appropriate. We have been so abundantly blessed over and over again by our God. Then, there are an infinite number of blessings nestled inside blessings. God has been so good to us. May we THANK HIM and PRAISE HIM for His abundant mercy and grace that He has shown towards us.

TCS Athletics

The TCS ball teams had a busy week, playing three days and ending with a five-game night on Friday. This coming week, they will take a break from all sports to enjoy the joint church revival and then spend some quality time with family during Thanksgiving! We hope everyone enjoys the break and looks back over the past year with much thanksgiving to God for all His blessings!

Visitation

We will not have visitation this Thursday night due to Thanksgiving. Please do go out sometime this week to compel people to come into God's house.

College Students

Our college students from BJU, PCC, UNCC, and possibly others should be here today and possibly next weekend. Please let them all know how much they are loved and missed around BBT.

Upcoming Events

November 24 – 25	Thanksgiving Revival (at Shining Light) Tom Sexton
December 6 12 noon	Treasured Saints Christmas Party (Gym)
December 7 pm	Dave Clemmer

Sunday Ushers for November

Ben Hood, Rich Howell, Job Mangum, Philip Mangum, Ryan Ratliff, and Freddy Rodriguez
Substitutes: John Minter and Rolf Storz

Wednesday Ushers for November

Reagan Griffin, Benjamin Hood, Elliot Howard, Wesley Jordan, Zach Kiker, and Judson Seibel

Birthdays

November 23 Sam McCaskill

Nursery

November 23 am Maria Morris
pm Eden Mangum

Toddler Church

November 23 am Laura Burnette
pm Amanda Minter

TAKE TIME TO BE THANKFUL!

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
Pastor Benny Helms
Tommy Munroe
Mark Mull
Arnold & Janice Jackson
Pastor Bobby Helms
Mary Jo Sumner

Steve Morris
Jay & Becky Shannon
Barbara Hayes
Kay Jordan
Betinna Decker
Ronnie Morton
John Hawkins
Our Elderly

