

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

Our church is honored to have Pastor I.E. McGowan and his daughter with us in both of our services today. Pastor McGowan is 93 years of age and has been in the Lord's ministry for many years. Our pastor preached two revivals for him several years ago. The beautiful Naples Baptist Temple is in the very wealthy city of Naples on the Gulf of America in West Florida. We only had one other preacher, Brother J.F. Akers (108 years old), close to his age who preached in our school and maybe in our church. Brother Akers, from Pulaski, Virginia, was a man who openly stood for truth. He passed away at 114 years of age. Brother McGowan's daughter will teach our ladies in the auditorium, and Brother Tony will teach our men in his class this morning, God will.

This is the first time in nearly 50 years that I have stepped away from the daily responsibilities of the school and every day operation here. There is good and bad in it. I have stayed busy these 50 years, and I have loved every day. I am now busy with my dear wife and home. I have never kept house, bought groceries, or the many other things I am doing now. God helps me daily. I have no complaint, but I do miss the seven-day job that I have enjoyed for decades. Please pray for my wife and me.

Thank you for being here today. May God bless you through the services today.

Pastor Leonard's 87th Birthday Celebration

We will have an 87th birthday celebration for our pastor next Sunday night, October 19, following the evening service. Brother Greg Pierce will preach the Sunday night message. ANYONE who comes will love to hear him. Please take this OPPORTUNITY to invite friends or former members you know who love Pastor Leonard and may not currently attend a Sunday night service, to come be with us. Brother Tony has a list of names that he will be asking many of you to contact to try to get them here. If you would like to help get people here for this special time, let Brother Tony know. May we strive together to see things go forward. There will be hot dogs (his second favorite food), chips, and birthday cake for everyone to enjoy. There will also be a gift table set up in the gym. Please plan to stay and show our pastor how much you love and appreciate his service to the Lord and to his church family. Ladies, please bring a drink and dessert.

Ladies' Corner

How many times have the Lord's people had their backs against the wall and God came through for them? When the Israelites were being pursued by Pharaoh's army, their only hope of deliverance was GOD. Exodus 14:15-16 says, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground **through the midst of the sea.**" You may be in a situation today where you feel there is no hope and that God cannot come through for you. **The same God who parted the Red Sea, made the sun stand still in Joshua's day, and shut the lions' mouths for Daniel is STILL THE SAME GOD who can do miracles today.** Trust HIM. He is big enough to carry all our problems.

Sunday School

Please PRAY daily for our Sunday school teachers as God has done many eternal things through Sunday school classes. Our teachers are well versed in the Bible, and they study and come prepared. There is GREAT potential in hearts in our Sunday school classes.

May God bless those who are faithful for Sunday school each week. There are many great stories of those who are faithful in Sunday school and many sad stories in the lives of those who are unfaithful to Sunday school and church.

Ladies' Thursday Bible Time

The pastor and his wife drove by Mary Jo's house this past Thursday night about dark to see her Bible study. Cars were everywhere, and her house was full. She does this monthly, and our ladies love it. Thank you, Sister Mary Jo. May God keep blessing and helping you in this GREAT MINISTRY.

Save the Date—Fall Festival

Our fall festival will be on Saturday, November 8, starting at 3 pm, for all our families to enjoy. There will be a pie baking contest, inflatables, door prizes, contests, and lots of food. There will also be special singing by the King James Boys. You will not want to miss this! Please use this to try to get people to come. We believe we will have a great crowd as we involve the school and our childcare center. We want EVERYTHING we have to help us get people to Jesus. Opportunities for us to exercise hospitality and let our light shine are critical to reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come and join in on the fun! If you can help in any way, please see Candace Jordan.

Special Sunday Nights

We have a few Sunday night promotions planned to help us build our Sunday night attendance. If everyone would try to participate by just inviting ONE PERSON, we are confident it would be AMAZING what God would do. If we do not SOW, then we surely WILL NOT REAP; however, we are promised that "in due season, we shall reap if we faint not!" May the Lord help us all to compel people to come to God's house! Below are a couple special nights we have planned and will add more, by God's grace.

- Pastor Leonard's Birthday Celebration (October 19)
- Bring a Friend Night (October 26) Please invite anyone you know who does not regularly attend Sunday night services.
- Tony Finney Revival (November 2-4)
- Veteran's Night (November 9)

College Students

Our out-of-town college students can use texts, cards and even monetary or just friendly gifts from us back home. Elias Griffin, Kennedy Richardson, Mary Mangum, Reina Rached, Charity Rodriguez, and Ethan Leonard are the six undergrad students who likely have the least income while attending college. The four in Pensacola see us the least. Please reach out to them when God lays it on your heart. Also, please let Josiah know how much he means to us. He plans to be in Greenville, at BJU for the master's program before next Sunday. The Leonard guys are looking forward to having him there with them.

Junior Soccer

We want to say a special thank you to Jamithon Howard and those who help him continue to have junior soccer, basketball, and baseball leagues. These ball leagues are GREAT for our church and school! These junior leagues have been going on for over 20 years. It is great to see the NEXT GENERATION benefit because someone "took the baton" and ran with it. We understand these things take a lot of thought, preparation, and work! As we go into the Thanksgiving season, may the Lord help us to say, "THANKS."

Treasured Saints

The Treasured Saints will go to NarroWay to see Lord of Light on Saturday, October 25. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am. We need to know who plans to go as soon as possible so tickets can be ordered, so PLEASE sign up in the vestibule today.

Local Rest Home

Brother Sam McCaskill is in a rest home in Matthews, and it seems as if he is not far from crossing over into eternity. Brother Scott can tell you how to get to his rest home.

Sister Jean Caudle, saved here December 19, 1971, is in Brookdale and failing now. Her husband Sam is in Thomasville. Both have dementia.

Please pray for these and go by and see them when you can.

Brother Dave Clemmer

It is a blessing for Brother Dave Clemmer to be back in town! He and Cristy have given their lives to "the least of these" (as he calls it) of Peru and Columbia. While millions are seeking the American Dream, Dave and Cristy have abandoned that to lay up treasures in Heaven by serving people who cannot possibly repay them! Brother Dave was able to speak in our elementary chapel yesterday and did a great job! The kids and staff enjoyed listening to him.

TCS Athletics

The TCS soccer and volleyball teams will play their final regular season home game this Monday against Matthews Christian. These promise to be very high intensity competitions as state rankings hang in the balance. We are certain the young people would love your support!

Upcoming Events

October 19 am	Brother Daniel Jordan
pm	Brother Greg Pierce
November 2 – 4	Brother Tony Finney
November 3-7	Faith Baptist Church
	Pastor Rick Baker
	Evangelist James Knox
November 5	Wednesday night church service will be
	at Faith Baptist in Mint Hill
November 24 – 25	Thanksgiving Revival
	(at Shining Light)

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Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School Class	November 2
Mark Boyce's class	Michael Leonard
High school girls	Heather Jordan
High school boys	Daniel Jordan
Singles' class	Josiah Couick
Mary Jo Sumner's class	Crystal Harpe
Scott Couick's class	Daniel Richardson
Tony Mangum's class	Philip Mangum
Keith Howard's class	Rolf Storz

Birthdays

October 14 Elisabeth Howard

Spiritual Birthdays

Jeff Seibal	Oct., 2000
Lorraine Mangum	Oct. 12, 1958
Rolf Storz	Oct. 18, 1962

Nursery

October 12 am	Cindy Malone
pm	Eden Mangum

Toddler Church

October 12 am	Reina Rached
	Elizabeth Rached
pm	Kloey Martin
October 15	Beverly Griffin

Sunday Ushers for October

Robert Baker, Tommy Hinson, Mark Jenkins, Jr., Daniel Jordan, Michael Leonard, and Craig Mills
Substitutes: John Lipe and Jeff Seibel

Wednesday Ushers for October

Benjamin Hood, Wesley Jordan, Rhett Ratliff, River Ratliff, Lincoln Richardson, and John Royal

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
Tommy Munroe
Mark Mull
Arnold & Janice Jackson
Pastor Bobby Helms

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