

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

May God do an eternal work in all of our hearts today. He saves, revives, forgives, and restores. Oh, He works up to right now and in thousands of lives every day. Oh, may we plead with Him to work in our hearts, homes, and church. He would not require much pleading because that is His will for each of us.

My wife and I rode by the empty church and empty parking lot Friday night. Oh, how beautiful everything is now. Tony, Terry, Chuck, and others have all had a part in making our church parking lot SO MUCH MORE LIKE GOD WANTS FOR HIS GLORY. Encourage them to do more as you see needs.

Today, Brother Rob and Bettina Decker are with us. Bettina was almost ten years old when this church began. She has been Pastor Rob's wife for nearly 43 years. They have one daughter and three sons who are all in the ministry within a few miles of them. Rob has pastored for 36 years. Bettina is our first daughter and the matriarch of our family. We are thankful for God saving our children and using them.

Thank God

Brother Terry Stevens and Brother Ken Harbin told our pastor after a meeting here some time ago to let his son Stephen just be a helper for his parents from that night forward. Only the Lord knew how that would be needed. At ten days from his 88th birthday, our pastor is not what he was these 56 years here. The pastor's wife had to be in Charlotte on Thursday and Friday this past week for doctors' appointments, and Stephen drove them in all that traffic to downtown Novant. Thank you, dear brethren, for caring about our pastor and pastor's wife.

Baby Gift Table

The gift table set up in the foyer for Courtney will remain up through this evening. She is registered at Target and also needs diapers (size 2+), wipes, and gift cards. Please be sure to show your love and appreciation to this dear family by blessing them at this time.

Church Film and Supper

We will show the film "Great Awakening" on **Saturday, October 17**. This is about the life of George Whitfield. This film was made by Sight & Sound. It will show the unlikely relationship between Whitfield and Benjamin Franklin. Supper will be provided at 4:00 pm, and the film will be shown in the church following the meal. Please do not miss this event as it is a very inspiring film. **PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN PLAN FOR THE FOOD.**

Preschool Day—Next Sunday

We plan to have Preschool Day next **Sunday, October 18**, for children 2-4 years of age. They do not have to be in a preschool program. This day always affords us some moments of laughter and joy as the children sing, and then we introduce them and their parents. If you know any children in this age group, please invite them to come.

Veterans Day

Lord willing, we will have Veterans Day invitation cards for your military friends and those you meet before our Sunday recognition service on November 8. We believe these will be here this week and available next Sunday and possibly Wednesday. These are business card style invitations you can carry in a wallet or pocket. What a great way to celebrate and invite men and women who served our great nation to come to church for this special service. May the Lord be pleased with our efforts in bringing in people who need Christ Jesus, and may HE get all the glory through all we do.

Ladies' Corner

Recently, my son Jack asked me. "**Mom, out of all your children, which one is your favorite?**" I immediately said, "That is very easy. All my children are my favorite." He laughed and then said, "**No, really, Mom, which one is your absolute favorite? You can tell me.**" Again, I replied with the same answer. You know, I am glad that I do not have to do certain things to earn God's love. He already loves me. I can fail Him, and He still loves me. Sometimes I play the vibraharp in the church, and this past Wednesday night, I looked out on the audience and thought, "We are all His children, and He loves us all the same." You may feel insignificant or not of value to anyone, but we matter to HIM, and that is all that really matters. There is nothing that will ever pluck us out of the Father's hands. **We are all His favorites.**

TCS

The TCS ball teams will have a state playoff game this coming week, unless any of them receive a bye due to other districts having too few teams. Winners will proceed to the next round of playoffs the following week. We will try to update you on outcomes next Sunday.

Special Christmas Program

We are discussing a Christmas play to accompany Mrs. Charity's Christmas musical on December 20. Some have already been approached about helping, and we hope to have a more definitive decision this week. If we are going to do this, we will need to have LOTS of participation and lots of flexibility from those who help develop it. We would need to begin immediately in order to have something that pleases the Lord.

Prayer

Please have a daily prayer time and Bible time. God will reward those who do, and it will help keep your focus right and your heart cheerful. Our church is so desperate for a movement by God, and prayer brings it.

Surprise Birthday Party

Next Sunday, October 18, we plan to have a "surprise" birthday party for the pastor after the evening service. Please plan to stay and celebrate with us, and let our pastor know how much he is loved here at Tabernacle.

Pastor's Apology

On October 27, our News & Notes had an article I wrote for "Friend Day." I did not mean it like it sounded. Brother Dallas Billington did say, "A man has only six friends in his lifetime," BUT NOT TO BE A SUPPORT WHEN HE IS WRONG. I do not know where I got that statement. I have been a friend to many when they are wrong, but God will not allow me to support their wrong or when in wrong. Oh, NEVER support WRONG, for Christ's sake. Never be on the side with wrong folks. You can usually tell who is right by watching who is on their side.

Visitation

Lord willing, we will meet again this Saturday morning from 10:30 am – 12 noon for visitation. Please come 15 minutes early so we can get instructions and leave on time. We would really appreciate it if many of our young people would join us. We will also meet on Thursday evening, as usual.

Please pray daily for TCS Students and the TCS Staff

Upcoming Events

October 10	Prayer Day
October 11	Brother Rob Decker
October 17 (4 pm)	Church Film & Supper
October 18	Preschool Day
pm	Surprise birthday party for the pastor
October 25 am	Brother Max Alderman
November 1-3	Brother Tony Finney
November 8	Veterans Day Sunday
November 15	Brother I.E. McGowan
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Revival at Shining Light
Nov. 29 (pm)–Dec. 2	Brother Larry Winkler
December 13	Brother Grady Gregory
February 15-17	Brother Daniel Buchanan

Birthdays

October 11	Phebe Royal
October 14	Elisabeth Howard Esther Mangum

Nursery

Oct. 11	am	Faith Mangum
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Toddler Church

Oct. 11	am	Laura Burnette
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Sunday Ushers for October

Derek Burnette, Tommy Hinson, Rich Howell, Daniel Jordan, John Lipe, and Job Mangum
Substitutes: Mark Jenkins, Jr., and Craig Mills

Wednesday Ushers for October

Elliot Howard, Gideon Howard, Zack Kiker, Samuel Mills, Ryder Ratliff, and Judson Seibel

Prayer List

Pastor & Mrs. Leonard Bible Baptist Tabernacle	THE UNSAVED	Gary & Helen Howard	Jay & Becky Shannon
Larry & Lucy Langston	Judy Pressley	Ken & Michelle Harbin	Barbara Hayes
Elaine Baucom	Sam McCaskill	Joe Morgan	Kay Jordan
Beverly DeWeese	Jacob Maye	Tommy Munroe	John Hawkins
Taylor & Titus Boyce	Judy Rae Harbin	Arnold & Janice Jackson	Judy Pressley
Tommy & Lorraine Mangum	Mark Jenkins	Bettina Decker	Our Elderly
Susan Helms	Curtis Ciampo	Dawn Creech	Mary Jo Sumner
Grace Parton	Eddie & Pat Zimmerman	John and Tammy Kelly	Ronnie Morton
Harold Millican	Brian Gurley	Dale Grimmet	Dave Clemmer
	Vickie Little	Lou Rodgers	