

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

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e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

We want to thank each person for coming to the house of the Lord this morning. We pray the Lord will do according to His Word in both services today by doing "great and mighty things" which we know not (Jeremiah 33:3). Our prayer is for Christ to be uplifted and for all men to come to HIM!

Today, I will be preaching for Brother Jim Green in Lansing, Michigan. I was a close friend with his dad (Brother Don Green) for decades until he passed away in 2022 at the age of 93. Brother Don would call me daily and pray with me about my wife while she was battling COVID. Brother Jim has preached here twice in the last few years. The entire Green family is a blessing with many Baptist preachers as part of Brother Don's legacy. Please pray for me while I preach.

Lord willing, Brother Scott will preach this morning, and Brother Tony will preach tonight. Please pray for both men as they deliver their hearts to us.

Our "Engine Room"

Back in the late 1800s, Charles Spurgeon was giving a group of young ministers a tour of the church he pastored. The men asked him what the secret of his ministry was. Spurgeon showed them around the grand sanctuary that held a little over 6,000 people [the largest sanctuary in the world at that time], his study, etc., then took them to the basement to a large empty room. He said, "Brethren, this is the engine room. This is the room that is most responsible for the fruitfulness of the ministry here." The men looked confused because there was nothing in that room. Spurgeon then told them that over 500 men would gather in this room to pray for him every service as he preached. He stated, "The prayer-meeting must be maintained at all cost. If you visit a factory, you will find it's the engine room that keeps it running! If you stop that engine, every wheel will stand still." He went on to say, "It is only prayer meetings we are having? Just so. It is only the engine, but that is everything."

May the Lord burn it deep in our hearts to realize that without prayer EVERYTHING will come to a screeching halt! We want to encourage you (as our Lord did) to pray! We want to encourage you to join us in the prayer meetings on Sunday evening at 5:30 for our men and ladies, every day at noon, every Wednesday at 7:15, every Friday night at 9:00, and every Saturday evening at 6:00. Prayer is not easy work, but it is necessary work. It is also JOYFUL work! May our hearts cry out as the disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray!"

Treasure Exchange

We will be having a **Treasure Exchange** THIS Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the gymnasium. This will be a fun way to bring our extra things and bless someone else. It will work like a yard sale except everything will be FREE. **There will also be a table set up for Tabernacle spirit-wear, so please bring anything with Tabernacle's name on it to donate.** We will have a coffee table set up, and lunch will be provided. This will be a time for shopping, food, and fellowship. The goal of this event is to help our brothers and sisters in the LORD with things they may need. This is only available for Tabernacle people. Please plan to come and "shop" with us. If you have any questions, please see Beverly Griffin.

Kenny Baldwin at TCS

Lord willing, Brother Kenny Baldwin will preach in our school chapel on Thursday, October 2. Please pray for this service. Brother Baldwin has been greatly used by God to see the eternities and lives of thousands of young people changed. You are welcome to join us. Chapel will begin at 8:30 am.

Ladies' Corner

I read recently that researchers have shown that **loneliness is more negatively powerful in our lives than smoking 15 cigarettes a day**. Children can make friends easier than adults as children do everything in groups (playing on the playground, playing on a team, singing together etc.). This generation has more technology than ever before, and adults are using Facebook to connect, but it is not working. Even our churches are filled with lonely church members. I recently asked the ladies in the prayer room, "Do you ever feel like you don't belong or fit in?" Many heads nodded in answer to the question. My heart hurt when I saw this and thought, "Churches today are not growing in faith with ONE ANOTHER." Our church generation is becoming more like surface level acquaintances. God says in Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." As Christians, we know we are never alone as we have HIM, but when Christ was on this earth, He was always with the people until times of prayer. He did not ignore people. We need one another more as times are growing darker. We should work for the night is coming, but let us work TOGETHER. John 13:34-35 says, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also **love one another**. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have **love one to another**."

Old Paths Baptist Church Revival

Brother Jeff Lindsay will have Brother Stephen Aldridge on Monday and Tuesday, September 29-30, and Brother Kenny Baldwin on Wednesday and Thursday, October 1-2. Please plan to go support these men and the people of Old Paths Baptist. May our people back up these men with prayer and attendance.

God can use you!

Brother Rawley "Dink" Haynes

Brother Dink Haynes preached here a couple years ago and did a great job. He has been battling cancer for a few years. He has been taken to Hopice House in Mt. Airy and given a shot. The doctors have told the family that it will not be very long before he passes. We praise the Lord for the blessedness that we do not sorrow as others which have no hope! By simply placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are ready for the inevitable. As one man stated not long ago, "You cannot avoid eternity forever." Please pray for his family.

Little League Soccer

Little league soccer practice began yesterday morning. All children in K5 – 6th grades are encouraged to join in on the fun. There is no cost to play other than to purchase a reversible jersey (\$20) if you do not have one. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please text Jamithon Howard at 704-254-6326.

Internet Safety

A recent news article alerted parents and young adults to the influence of internet gaming, social media, and the effects the internet is having on the minds of the users. The Charlie Kirk's shooter had been highly involved in the darkest part of this activity. As a reminder to the parents sitting with us today that feel their child is only playing innocent games, or perhaps does not know how to access such things yet, you will likely not see it coming. Each generation becomes more adept at using this new technology than the previous one. We dare not let some foolish pride tell us that we are different, that we will see it coming, or that we will be able to safely direct our children in the way to handle the internet correctly when we ourselves struggle to control it. Vigilance is mandatory! We must guard not only ourselves, but our children, as though we were walking them through a pit of vipers!

TCS Athletics

The TCS teams played multiple games this past week and had a mixed bag of success and opportunities to grow. This Monday and Tuesday they play away before taking a break until next week. Keep them in your prayers as they travel.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 27	Treasure Exchange (11 am – 1 pm)
Sept. 29 – Oct. 3	Old Paths Baptist Church Stephen Aldridge (Mon – Tues) Kenney Baldwin (Wed – Thurs)
November 2 – 4	Brother Tony Finney
November 24 – 25	Thanksgiving Revival at Shining Light

Sunday Ushers for September

Derek Burnette, Colin Griffin, Chris Hill, Mark Jenkins, Sr.,
Larry Langston, and Jonathan Purser
Substitutes: Ben Hood and Ryan Ratliff

Wednesday Ushers for September

Jack Griffin, Elliot Howard, Gideon Howard, Samuel Mills,
Adam Minter, and Ryder Ratliff

Birthdays

September 21	Jeff Seibel
September 22	Jean Leonard
September 23	Terry Stevens
September 24	River Ratliff

Nursery

September 21	am Debbie Stevens
	pm Eden Mangum

Toddler Church

September 21	am Wren Richardson
	Phebe Royal
	pm Tracy Rodriguez
September 24	Beverly Griffin

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
Dink Haynes
Mark Mull
Arnold & Janice Jackson
Pastor Bobby Helms
Ronnie Morton

Steve Morris
Jay & Becky Shannon
Barbara Hayes
Kay Jordan
Tommy Munroe
Carmen Walker
John Hawkins
Our Elderly
Betinna Decker