

BIBLE BAPTIST TABERNACLE

(The Digital Edition)



e-News and Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you for choosing our church today. Whether you are a member or a visitor, we are happy you are here. God has put this place here for over 56 years and has saved hundreds of souls, called many to preach, and sent out many to pastor or serve on the mission field. Oh, may God keep us from sinful pride over His blessings to this unworthy pastor and church.

Since school has started, this place is busy! It seems as if our block changes for the better every day. All of this is paid for, by God's grace. The front porch and front of the building is so much improved. All of this has been redone by godly leaders, and we pray God will use it all for His honor and glory.

Brother Tony will preach this morning, and I hope to be able to preach tonight, Lord willing. I have been struggling some since I had surgery on my forehead two weeks ago. Please pray for me.

Pray daily for BBT, TCS, and all our staff. Pray for our young people. They have such GREAT potential. Pray for each other often, and love each other.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Leonard!

The beautiful flowers on the Remembrance Table were placed there in honor of Mrs. Leonard for her upcoming birthday on Tuesday. We are so thankful for our pastor's wife! Please be sure to wish her a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Friend Day

Next Sunday, September 27, is Friend Day. We will use both services to invite our friends to join us in God's house. Please go out of your way to invite someone to come with you. It has been said that approximately 83% of people attend church because they were invited by a friend or relative. The average Christian can easily name at least seven people they know personally who do not go to church. An astounding 96% of unchurched adults say they would be likely to attend church if they were personally invited. That should be enough of an encouragement for us to ask someone to come. Please pray and invite. **There will be coffee and cake in the foyer following the evening service.**

Treasured Saints

The Treasured Saints will go on a day trip to the mountains on Tuesday, October 13. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and hope to be back around 6:00 pm. We will eat at the restaurant at the Daniel Boone Inn and do some shopping on King Street and at the Mast General Store. We will shop for apples and other seasonal fruits. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please sign up and plan to go with us, if possible.

Ladies' Corner

The summer season is almost over, and we will head into the winter months soon. Even though it is still very hot outside, you can tell there is something in the air that tells us the fall season will soon be here. We also go through seasons in our lives spiritually, physically and emotionally. We change all the time, but aren't you so very thankful that we serve a God who never changes? The immutability of God means that God is completely unchanging. Being unchangeable is in His divine essence, character, purposes, and promises. We change all the time and are always influenced by our environment or others, but He does not. His love, holiness, and mercy never waver, but ours does. God does not fade or deteriorate as He is already perfect, but we do. He never tires or gets overwhelmed, but we do. With all this, we have a constant in our lives, and that is Him. I fall a lot, but I can always run to Him and say, "God, I messed up again. Will you restore me?" He always does. You know, sometimes I can be in the mood to love or forgive, but other times, I am not in the mood. He always loves and is always ready to forgive. Sometimes my prayer life can just be, "LORD, I am so tired. Refresh me," and He does. Or sometimes, I will say, "LORD, lead me to the rock that is higher than I," and He does. **The God we serve never changes and is always constant.**

Gift Table

There is a gift table set up in the foyer for **India Mangum** and her baby boy. She needs Millie Moon diapers & wipes. Shower her with your love and gifts.

Church Film Day 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.

Prayer Day

Our next Prayer Day is Saturday, October 10. This will be the third day that we have had where our church members have prayed straight through for twelve hours. Please see Beverly to sign up for a time slot. Also, be sure to give her any requests you would like to add to the list.

Special Days

As we prepare for the special Friend Day and the special Sundays around October, we want to encourage you to keep Veterans Day Sunday (November 8) in mind. We desire to honor those who have served and let them know that they deserve honor for their willing sacrifice for us all. We would love to get military photos (in a digital format) of all our soldiers, but especially those who have outpaced us into eternity. If you are able to help us with this by contacting their families, we would be so grateful. Pictures of Jim Harbin, Jimmy Mullis, Elbert Smith, Nick Jordan, James Griffin, Sam Caudle, Mrs. Pressley's grandfather, Jermerick Rushing, and countless others would help us make the day special. If you have any other ideas of ways to honor them, please let Stephen Leonard know. Also, please send all digital photos to him.

Deaths

So many have passed who were dear to us. Nearly 70 TCS students, dear church members, and MANY PREACHERS who preached here in our pulpit. May we be reminded to put our hearts in God's work every day. The devil wants us to be SO SLACK.

Teens

There will be a youth meeting this Saturday, September 26, at 3:30 pm. Please plan to join us.

Brother Eddie Zimmerman

The doctors are not sure that Brother Eddie is strong enough to have surgery on his facial (nose) cancer. He has trouble thinking as his dementia is worse according to his family. God has given him a long life and many great days. Please pray for him and his wife Pat.

The Pastor's Family

God has put many of the pastor's family into the ministry. He and his wife pray for them every night. They are thankful God is using them and hope they will all end up being full of God's Spirit and obedient to the Lord.

Matt Smith (Alison) pastors Lebanon Baptist, and Nick Decker pastors Gospel Baptist, both in Greensboro. Zach Decker (Griffith Baptist) and Caleb Cruse (Vienna Baptist) are both in Winston-Salem. Austin Decker preaches out for the Baptist Mills Home in Thomasville. Andrew Cruse is on staff at Lighthouse Baptist in Jackson, Georgia. Aaron Cruse is going to Washington as a missionary. Tim Cruse pastors here in Monroe, and Rob Decker pastors in Kernersville. Please pray for this family. A sin from satan can ruin their life.

TCS

The TCS teams came away with some exciting wins this past week along with some disappointing losses. This coming week brings three home games as the Rams host Shining Light Monday and then Abundant Life on Tuesday and Friday. Friday will also be senior night, and the soccer game will be played at Parks Williams Park at 7 pm. Come support the TCS Rams!

Upcoming Events

October 4	Brother I.E. McGowan
October 25 am pm	Brother Max Alderman Surprise birthday party for the pastor
November 1-3	Brother Tony Finney
November 15	Brother Grady Gregory
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Revival
November 29 (pm)–December 2	Brother Larry Winkler
December 13	Brother Grady Gregory
February 15	Brother Daniel Buchanan

Birthdays

September 20	Addison Griffin Sam Collins
September 21	Jeff Seibel
September 22	Jean Leonard
September 23	Terry Stevens
September 24	River Ratliff

Nursery

Sept. 20	am	Debbie Stevens
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Toddler Church

Sept. 20	am	Morgan Kiker Emma Griffin
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Sunday Ushers for September

Colin Griffin, Ben Hood, Philip Mangum, Freddy Rodriguez, Jeff Seibel, and Rolf Storz
Substitutes: Rob Baker and Daniel Jordan

Wednesday Ushers for September

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

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
Mark Jenkins
Curtis Ciampo
Eddie & Pat Zimmerman
Brian Gurley
Vickie Little

Gary & Helen Howard
Ken & Michelle Harbin
Joe Morgan
Tommy Munroe
Arnold & Janice Jackson
Bettina Decker
Dawn Creech
John and Tammy Kelly
Dale Grimmet
Lou Rodgers

Jay & Becky Shannon
Barbara Hayes
Kay Jordan
John Hawkins
Judy Pressley
Our Elderly
Mary Jo Sumner
Ronnie Morton
Dave Clemmer