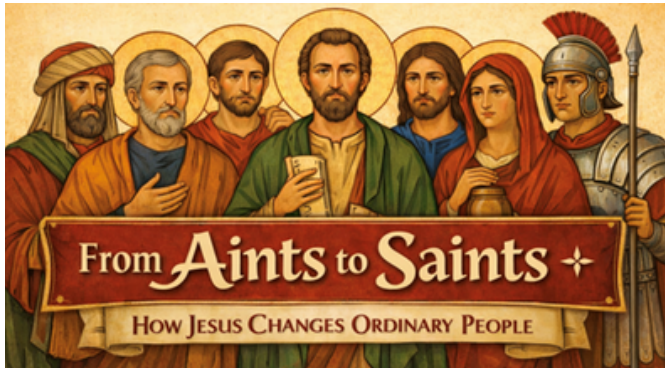




March 2026

Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter



One of the surprising discoveries in our *From Aints to Saints* series is this: God has never required perfect people—only willing ones. Which is encouraging, because perfection is not exactly our spiritual gift.

Over the past few weeks, we’ve spent time with Peter, Joseph of Arimathea, and Nicodemus. And if their stories share anything in common, it’s that faith rarely looks neat in the moment.

Peter reminds us that passion and failure can live in the same heart. He was bold, loyal, impulsive, and—at one painful point—afraid enough to deny even knowing Jesus. Yet failure wasn’t the end of Peter’s story. Jesus met him in the aftermath and quietly turned regret into restoration. Apparently, grace is stronger than our worst moment.

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus show us a different kind of faith—the quiet, cautious kind that grows slowly. They weren’t first in line or loud in the crowd. But when the moment mattered most, they stepped forward with courage and devotion. Which is a helpful reminder: God isn’t nearly as rushed as we are. He works patiently in hearts that are still figuring things out.

And maybe that’s why these stories feel so familiar. Because some days we’re confident like Peter. Some days we’re questioning like Nicodemus. And some days we’re quietly hoping, like Joseph, that faith is real enough to risk something for.

Wherever we find ourselves, Jesus keeps meeting people there.

As we move closer to Holy Week, this becomes more than an interesting theme—it becomes deeply personal. Easter isn’t just the celebration of something that happened long ago. It’s the announcement that Jesus still restores, still calls, still forgives, and still transforms ordinary lives. He is still turning “aints” into saints—usually more slowly and gently than we expected.

So if you’ve missed part of the series, don’t worry. You’re not behind. Grace doesn’t keep attendance records. Just step back in. The journey toward Easter was never meant to be walked perfectly—only honestly.

And here’s the good news about the middle of the story:

It’s often where we begin to notice that God has been working all along.

~ Pastor Matt

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Stewardship Report: February 2026

Operating Budget - Giving Support & Expenses

\$	63,309.97	Feb 2026 Beginning balance in General Fund
\$	53,782.95	Feb Giving/Revenue to support operating budget
\$	(61,284.22)	Feb Expenses disbursed for operating budget
\$	55,808.70	Feb 2026 Ending balance in General Fund

For February 2026, the church budget (General Fund) had Expenses exceeding Giving by **\$7,501.27**

CLC Building Loan- Giving Support & Expenses

\$	115,031.52	2026 Beginning Building Fund balance
\$	7,122.91	Giving/Revenue to support Building Fund and CLC Loan
\$	(18,190.92)	2026 Payments/Disbursement from the Building Fund
\$	103,963.51	2026 Current Building Fund balance
\$	1,058,442.50	CLC Bank Loan Balance at end of February 2026

Designated Funds- Giving Support Through February 2026

(Funds received by the church for a designated purpose)

Missions	\$ 2,160.00	OCC Shoebox	\$ 75.67
Youth Fund	\$ 80.00	Methodist Men	\$ 80.00
Meals 4 Kids	\$ 280.00	Chapel Restoration	\$ 325.00
Music	\$ 50.50		

Thank You for Your Faithful Generosity

"Thank you Tabernacle family for your support of our church and ministry. Recently, winter storms led to the cancelation of in-person worship services on two consecutive Sundays. Through February*, our giving is below budget. We have had giving support for the operating budget year to date in the amount of \$85,857 and expenses totaling \$117,318. This leaves us with a year to date deficit in the amount of \$31,461. If you are in a position to give, or give a little more, your generosity helps sustain our shared mission and enables us to continue the work God has entrusted to us.

Together, we can overcome this deficit and thrive! Every gift makes a difference. Please consider Realm as a safe and convenient way to automate your giving."

*Totals available at time of publication may exclude some electronic giving in process at month end.

Upcoming Events at Tabernacle Methodist Church



March

- 1 "A Whole New You", MW Host Jennifer Berg: 2:30pm FH
- Boy Scout Troop 429 Chili Fundraiser: Between Worships - CLC
- 8 **Daylight Savings Begins - Don't forget to "Spring Forward"**
Church Council Dinner & Prayer: 5:30pm FH
- 14 **Church CleanUp: 8-11am Outside CLC**
- 15 TWDS Family Fun Day: 3pm Greensboro Coliseum
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 20 Newsletter Content Due
- 22 **Easter Egg Hunt: 2-3pm CLC & Ballfield**
- 24 **Festival of Tables Committee Meeting: 5:30-6:30p Rm 138**
- 20 Newsletter Content Due
- 25 Mt. Pisgah Church Lunch & Learn:
Our Table @ Tabernacle: 5 - 6:30 pm CLC
- 29 **Palm Sunday**
Bring a Friend to Church & Brunch
3/30-4/6 GCSNC-Spring Break: No School

Monthly

- Kids Choir Practice - **Sundays 11 am Rm132**
- Alive Praise Band practice - **Sundays 7pm CLC**
- A "Good Start" Bible Study - **Mondays 6am CLC**
- Women's Fitness Fellowship - **Mondays 5:30 pm CLC**
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts - **Mondays 6:30 / 7:30 pm FH**
- Sunshine Circle - **3rd Monday 7pm Rm 130**
- Men's Basketball Fellowship - **Tues/Thurs 6:30 pm CLC**
- Kids' Tumbling - **Tuesdays 4:15 pm CLC**
- Backpack Ministry - **Wednesdays Basement**
- Quilt Ministry - **2nd Wednesday 10 am Basement**
- Youth Group - **Wednesdays 6:30 pm (no summer) CLC**
- Chancel Choir practice - **Wednesday 6:30 pm Sanctuary**
- Our Table @ Tabernacle - **4th Wednesday 5 - 6:30 pm CLC**
- Methodist Men - **2nd Sunday 8 am (no summer) FH**
- Fellowship & Friendship Circle - **2nd Thursday 2 pm Rm 130**

Adult Sunday Classes

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| Rm 130 Adult Disciples | Rm 134 Curiosity Class |
| CLC Men's Bible Study | Rm 126 The Parables Class |
| CLC Women's Bible Study | Parlor The Amor of God |
- ~ Classes Start at 10-10:45am ~

Church Council Meeting 2026

5:30 PM Fellowship Hall - Dinner Served
March 8th | April 12th | May TBA | June TBA



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Loving Memory of Neil Horney by

- Larry & Annette Heath
- Mary Neece
- Glenn Cook
- Alan & Marie Byrd
- Ronnie & Glenda Stout
- Warren & Paula Ginn
- Rumsey & Anne Helms
- Friendship/Fellowship Circle
- Ed & Peggy Christenbury
- Doris Brien
- Linda Fields & family
- Floyd Fogleman
- Loretta Allred
- Adult Disciple SS Class

In Loving Memory of Nancy Royal by

- Larry & Annette Heath
- Glenn Cook
- Ellen Blake
- Ronnie & Glenda Stout
- Floyd Fogleman
- Loretta Allred
- Charlie & Jenny Johnson
- Doris Brien
- Marie Bennett
- Jimmy & Janice Horney

In Loving Memory of Vance Neece by

- Frances Davis

In Loving Memory of Kay Kiger by

- Phyllis Horney
- Fran Griffin
- Bill & Jane Graham

In Honor of Dean & Sandra Kiger Family by Judy Rees

Dear Church Family,

The family of Neil Horney express our deepest thanks for your caring and kindness through calls, cards, visits, food and especially prayers during this time of grief. Your concerns have been greatly appreciated.

-Neil Horney Family