

THE TABERNACLE TIMES

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The Whole Story

I'm stuck in the garden. No, I'm not talking about prepping for a Spring planting. I'm stuck in the Garden of Gethsemane during Jesus' arrest. Armed guards show up and Jesus's disciples jump into the fight. A high priest's slave's ear is slashed off. This is serious stuff. And Jesus puts a stop to the fight with the most preposterous statement, "**Don't you realize** that I could ask the Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?" (Matt 26:53-54)



Huh!?! Jesus could do what? Then why doesn't he? Imagine all the pain and suffering Jesus could have avoided, not just for himself but for so many others. Jesus is crucified. Judas commits suicide. A poor guy loses an ear. The disciples scatter. How many others have been harmed all because Jesus didn't call in his miraculous angel brigade of reinforcements? But Jesus lets the story continue.

In three days the tomb will be empty. The Son of God had died. Everyone witnessed it. Blood mixed with water would pour from his side. There was no mistaking the pain, the brokenness, the loss. On Friday Jesus and his movement was dead. But there was more to the story.

Fifty days later a whole new chapter would start. Jesus had risen from the dead. The stone was rolled away. 500 people witnessed the risen Lord. The resurrected Jesus even makes breakfast for his disciples. Then, after forty days he ascends into heaven and the disciples go into hiding. And when it seems all over, something like a mighty rushing wind bursts in and births the Church. Frightened men and women become emboldened missionaries proclaiming Good News no one would have ever believed... unless it were true. And the story continued.

Maybe I don't realize. I am a man of faith. I dream of all the great and glorious things God could do in and through Tabernacle in our community and world. I pray every day for Revival. I pray for miracles. I pray for healing. Day in and day out I pray that God would send in his miraculous angel brigade of reinforcements to

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TabernacleMethodist.com

Facebook page:

[@Tabernacle MethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TabernacleMethodistChurch)

YouTube channel:

[@TabernacleGreensboro](https://www.youtube.com/@TabernacleGreensboro)

Realm Online Giving:

<https://onrealm.org/tabernaclemethodist/SignIn>

Master Calendar:

(check the church website)
www.tabernaclemethodist.com



The Whole Story —cont.

heal my friends, to end the brokenness, to reveal God's glory, and to cure our community. And as I pray I try so hard to understand why God doesn't send in the angel army. Could there be more to the story?

Its easy to get stuck in the garden. We want the immediate miracle but God is writing a miraculous story. We wonder why God isn't acting when in reality God is continually writing. Maybe there is a story unfolding in our daily lives that we can't see or appreciate right now. We're being asked to stay out of the fight, endure the pain, even grieve the loss all while we move day by day and decision by decision towards the next chapter. What might the next few pages hold if we chose to trust the storyteller and let the story continue?

In April and May we will begin a new message series on the book of Ruth. It is a remarkable story that leads to the birth of David the King and Jesus the Messiah! Yet not once does God speak. Not once does a miracle take place. Not once is tragedy averted. And while Naomi is sure God's fighting against her, in reality God is writing her into the most significant story ever written. Its amazing the story that God is writing even when it seems like God is not at work.

"Don't you realize..." There is so much more to the story. Lets not get stuck in the garden. When its time for the angel army, we can trust that they will be there. Until then, lets walk forward in faith, trusting that God is writing His miraculous story of our redemption through our every moment and minute. We can even read the last chapter now. Its already written and it is amazing! I can't wait to read how God gets us from here to there!

—Pastor Matt

Message from our Finance Ministry Team

Thank you for your ongoing support of Tabernacle Methodist Church. Your prayers, participation, witness, and financial gifts have never been more important as we move forward serving Christ as the "Church for the

un-churched." Over the next few months, we will offer alternative giving strategies to consider, in addition to weekly or monthly tithing.

Have you reached the age where you are taking, or will soon be taking, Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA? If so, please

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Tabernacle. QCDs allow IRA owners aged 70 1/2 or older to transfer up to \$100,000 each year directly to a charity on a tax-free basis. For IRA owners aged 73 and older, a QCD will count toward the RMD for the year. For most of us, making a QCD allows us to meet the annual RMD requirement, without incurring the taxable income, while making a significant gift to Tabernacle. What a win-win-win opportunity!

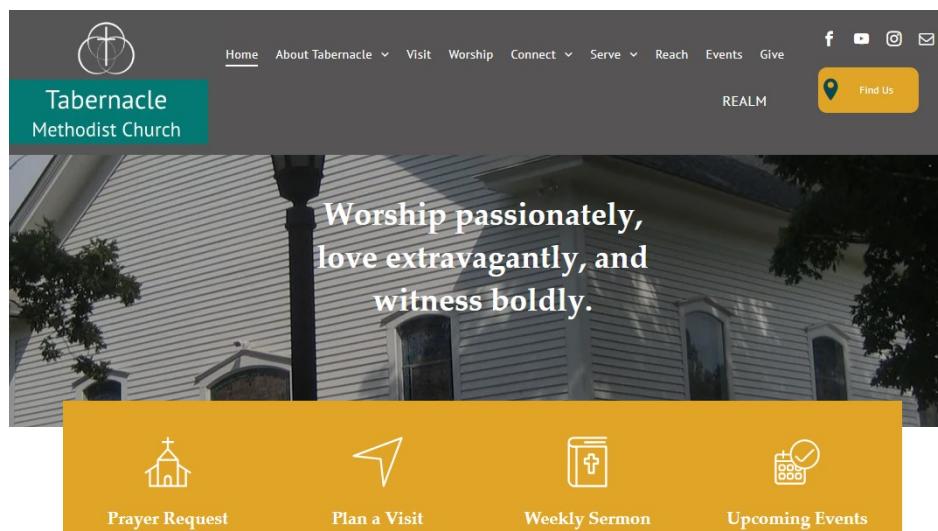
To qualify as a QCD, funds must be paid directly to Tabernacle from the IRA. Additional information is available at www.IRS.gov. Please consult your own tax advisor for guidance prior to implementing a QCD. **Prayerfully consider if a QCD is a way to grow your support of our ministry.**



New Tabernacle Website is up and running!

Check out our new website... same address but new look with links to everything going on. The site is still being tweaked in a few places but will hopefully guide people to discover what they need to know about us. Take some time to explore, scrolling to the bottom of each page and clicking available links. We welcome feedback, suggestions and especially a heads up if something needs correcting.

www.tabernaclemethodist.com



ALL INVITED!



Greensboro District of GMC Training & Leadership Conference

- **Sunday April 21 2:30—5:30 PM**
- **Mount Pisgah Church, 2600 Pisgah Church Road Greensboro**

Join us! Our Greensboro District of the GMC will be hosting a special training & leadership conference on **Sunday, April 21 from 2:30-5:30PM** at Mt. Pisgah Church in Greensboro. Special sessions include best practices for SPRC, Trustees, & Finance. Sessions also include training, practices, and ideas for Men's & Women's Ministry, Family Ministry, Evangelism, Discipleship, and certified lay ministries. Our district is requesting that two representatives each from our SPRC, Trustees, and Finance Committees plan to attend. **We would love for everyone in a leadership position or those who have a passion in these ministries plan to join us as we learn together.** There is no charge. We will worship together, get to know one another, learn together, and share successes as we faithfully grow in Christ and prepare ourselves for the great things Christ will do through us in our community!

Breakout #1 Sessions [SPRC, Finance, Trustees] Certified Lay Ministries, Evangelism and Missions, Discipleship, Worship

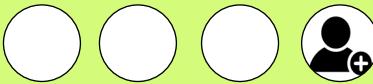
Breakout #2 Sessions [Technology and Communications, Men's and Women's Ministries, Family Ministries] Certified Lay Ministries, Evangelism and Missions, Discipleship, Worship

The conference schedule and detailed descriptions of training sessions is available on the Tabernacle Website and will be posted on the Realm Connect Newsfeed, or click the link here: [GMC Leadership Conference](#)

For more information about the North Carolina GMC Provisional Annual Conference including resources and newsletters visit the GMC North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference website:

<https://www.gmcnccpac.org/>

REACH

Found People
Find PeopleWe Belong In A
Bigger Story

- Tabernacle Women's Annual
- **Festival of Tables**
- April 13 @ 5:30 pm
- Contact Janice Horney to see if seats are still available —\$20
- 336-312-2952 janicehorney@yahoo.com


**MUSIC
THROUGH THE DECADES
of the 20th Century**

**Men's Basketball
Fellowship**

 every Tues and Thurs in
the CLC @ 6:30

Scholarships for High School Seniors DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 15, 2024

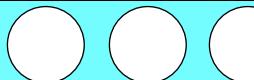
The Methodist Men offer 4 scholarships to graduating seniors from SEHS or members of Tabernacle who may attend other schools.



- Two Stewart Memorial scholarships at \$1000 each, as a need based scholarship.
- The Renie Ledwell-Jefferson scholarship for \$1000 for a student interested in going to a medical field.
- The Aaron Moss scholarship for \$1000 for students interested in going to a vocational school.

Applications for these scholarships are available at the SEHS counselor's office or from the Tabernacle Website at <https://www.tabernaclemethodist.com/methodist-men-scholarships>

WORSHIP

Worship Is A
LifestylePrayer Guides
Every Step
Worship Services Sunday

 Contemporary Alive Service 9:00 am in the CLC
 Traditional Service 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Weekly Worship Groups

 Chancel Choir—Wed 6:30pm
 Kids Choir—Sun 11:00 am
 ALIVE Band Practice—Sun 7:00 pm

Sunday Sermons from the 11:00 service can be viewed on YouTube.

 Access the weekly sermon messages from our website: www.tabernaclemethodist.com/worship

Or click the Weekly Sermon icon on the website home page.



Weekly Sermon



Are you looking for another way to serve our God? Come join our chancel choir! We sing a special song for God each week in the 11:00 am service. We would love to have you! Practice —Weds @ 6:30 PM Only requirement is the desire to worship God in a unique and fun way...Join us! Contact Carla Ely: cely@taberaclemethodist.com



CONNECT

You Can't Do
Life AloneGrowing People
Change

Monthly Ladies' Circle Meetings: Fellowship & Friendship Circle—2nd Mon 2:00 pm Sunshine Circle—3rd Mon 7:00 pm
Hand and Foot Card Group—Every Tues 11:30 **Methodist Men**—2nd Thurs 6:30 pm

Sunday School 10 am—10:45

Nursery for Infants & Toddlers provided 8:45-12 noon

Children: Preschool Rm 143 / K-2nd Rm 146 / 3rd-5th Rm 122**Youth:** Middle School and High School —Basement Rms 03/04Adults Mixed ages, singles & couples:**Adult Disciple**—Room 130

led by Janice Horney & Charlotte Fogleman

Curiosity Class— Room 123 led by Mike Brown**Friendly Bible Study**—Room 134 led by David Helms**Parables**—Room 121 led by Brad EhrhardtWomen: Find Your People—Fellowship Hall led by Kerri MorrisMen: Thrive—CLC after Alive Service led by Pastors Matt and Joe**SERVE**Giving Is
A GiftSaved People
Serve People**SERVE
SUNDAY****Give our Best for the Guests**

We need your help! Our mission is to make our Sunday morning services welcoming for everyone, especially our new guests. To do that, there are several places where you can plug in. We need people to set up chairs, make coffee, greet people at the door, greet people in the main room, manage the video and audio equipment and provide care in our Nursery. On **April 14th**, we are planning a time when folks can sign up for a serving role. Our goal is that no one serves more than once a month. **Please pray about how you might be able to serve.** We will provide details of the roles on April 14th.

**Prayer Quilt
Requests**

Is there someone in our church family or community who needs to feel the warmth and comfort of a Prayer Quilt? Pray Quilt requests can be made using our online form on our website at <https://www.tabernaclemethodist.com/ministries>

Prayer Quilt Ministry meet 2nd Wed of each month at 10 am. ???Paula Ginn 336-908-5019

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY
APRIL 20 8:30-11:00am**

All are invited to help as we beautify our campus. We plan to work on shrubbery, clean gutters, sow grass. Please bring rakes, trimmers, blowers, pruners, etc.

We would love to have you join us.

**April 20 8-10 am****CLC**

We invite all First Responders to stop by and have breakfast on us as a thank you for all that you do.



Church Under the Bridge in need of Tents and Sleeping Bags

Kindly consider supporting **16 Cents Ministry** by donating a tent or sleeping bag for the Homeless. Items should be ordered online and shipped directly to :

New Leaf Graphics Inc
111 Longale Street, Greensboro NC 27409



Examples and links to desired items:

- ♦ [Walmart \\$20.28 Two Person Camping Tent](#)
- ♦ [Walmart \\$22 Wakeman Compact 2-Person Camping Tent with Rain Fly and Carrying Bag \(Red\)](#)
- ♦ [Ozark Trail 50-Degree Rectangular Sleeping Bag, 33"x75" - Walmart.com \\$19.97](#)
- ♦ [Maraawa Sleeping Bags for Adults \\$23.99](#)



DO NOT BRING ITEMS TO TABERNACLE !!! — ORDER TO BE SHIPPED TO ADDRESS ABOVE

Pleasant Garden Youth Basketball

Congratulations to players and coaches of the Tabernacle Girls Youth Team and Senior Boys Team for finishing the season as League Tournament Champions! Extra kudos to our own Frances Stewart who walk away with the Tournament “MVP” award!

Thanks to the coaches for their time and dedication in serving as mentors in training our future generation of leaders: Michael & Sarah Thomas, Robert McKnight, and Dustin Powell.



Methodist Men's COMMUNITY YARD SALE

MAY 4 7am - 12Noon

50 spaces available
— rental \$10/per space,

\$5/additional for a table

7am/biscuits & 10:30am/hotdogs

Bake goods and Chicken Pies for Sale

Contact: Jay Gordon 336-681-2682



Now Enrolling for
the 2024-2025
School Year

**3, 4 & 5
Year Old
Programs**

CONTACT: Ms. June OR Mrs. Jeannine 336.674.0335

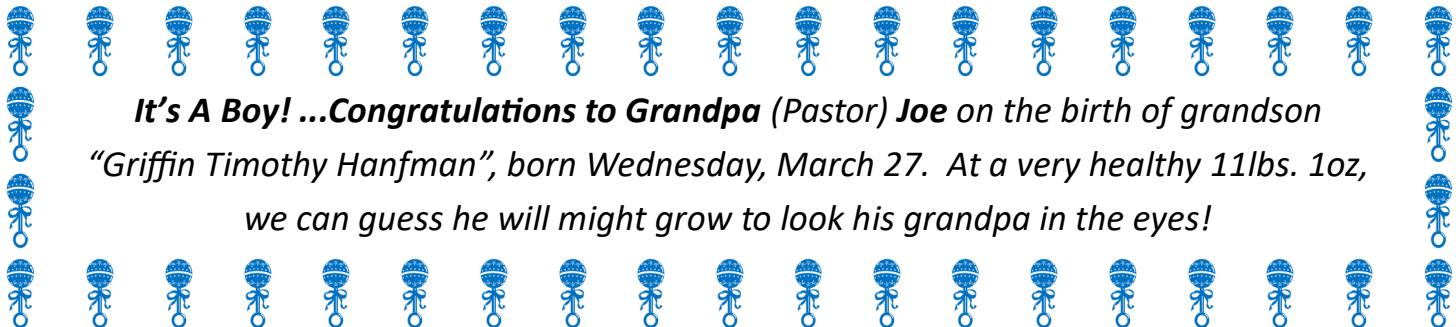
✓ Mark Your Calendars

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 1—Church Office/TWDS Closed
Apr 6—Vance Neece Memorial Service in Chapel
 Boy Scout Eagle Scout Ceremony
Apr 8—Fellowship&Friendship Circle
Apr 11—Methodist Men's Fellowship
Apr 13—Festival of Tables
Apr 15—Sunshine Circle Dinner
Apr 20—First Responders Breakfast
 Church Wide Spring Clean Up
Apr 21—GMC Training & Leadership Conference

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4—Methodist Men Community Yard Sale
May 9—Methodist Men (last meeting til Sept)
May 13—Fellowship&Friendship Circle
May 19—New Member and Memorial Sunday
 Welcome of Confirmation Class and Baptisms
May 20—Sunshine Circle



APRIL DATES TO CELEBRATE!!



April Birthdays

Gil Strader	01	Ambrose Archie	11	Jane Kirby	22
Ruth Winquist	01	Diane Hancock	11	Sophia McKnight	22
Megan Griffin	02	Jimmy Collins	12	Joyce Ensley	23
John Hoskins	02	Mike Lee	12	Nicholas Phillips	25
Linda Zane	02	Eva Lee	12	Jimmy Lyman	26
Owen Shell	03	Rebecca Stewart	12	Nancy Starnes	26
Poochie Neece	06	Jerry Brothers	13	William Stewart	26
Dean Kiger	06	Dan Cockman	13	John Dyson	27
Linda Billings	09	Leo Brown	14	Ron Hedrick	28
Mitzi Brown	09	Bonnie Harris	14	Adam Smith	28
Bailey Dunn	09	Dianne Smith	14	Kristin Golden	29
Jennifer Morrow	10	Debbie Brown	18	Zelia Morris	29
Paul Wheeler	10	Kim Payne	20	Maddie Vaught	30
Matt Jones	10	Brandon Kiger	21		



Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Let us know! office@tabernaclemethodist.com

TABERNACLE PRAYER CONCERNS

NEWER CONCERNS

Roger Johnson, Ophie Timmons, Richie & Ruth Winquist, Leon Brown,
 Kay Kiger, Bobby & Diane Hancock, Warren Ginn, Chris Little,
 Janet & Larry Wagner, John Dyson, Gil Strader, Dee Wolff,
 Helen Wilson, Sandy Jones, Phil Duke, Jimmy Horney

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Joe Brotherton, Mike & Mitzi Brown, Rebecca Collins, Mandy Cox,
 Anita Dyer, Carol Dyson, Joyce Ensley, Gail Giddens, Michelle Griffin,
 Caitlin Little, Phyllis Love, Shirley Pratt,
 Enos & Dianne Smith, Sherry & Larry Proctor, Bob Sosnowski,
 Bob & Linda Zane

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Clint Aydelette, Emily & Isaiah Blankenship, Terry Brothers,
 Emily Brame, Beth Dyson, Darrell Fogleman, Wesley Hall,
 Nelson Ingram, Mark Loy, Adam Orfac, Bob McCaskill, Ricky Ingram,
 Mike Fuller, Edward Brotherton, Jeanette Brown, Catherine Church,
 Jim Gilbert, Clifton Greeson, Kevin Jones, Sydney Wood,
 Jason Stephens, Heather Kelly, Robin Staley, Duane Staley, Jill Miller,
 Christina Holloway, Mary Andrews, Harold Crabtree, Shirley Sharpe,
 Linda Isley, Pat Branson, Elaine Flinchum Billie Ramsey,
 Sarah Haynes, Mona Sartin

In an effort to keep this page up-to-date, please contact the Church Office if you have new information about the prayer needs of our congregation.

Memorials & Honorariums

In Loving Memory of Jean Brown
 Given by: Leon Brown

In Loving Memory of Jan Hancock
 Given by: Shelia Williamson

In Honor of Joyce Sosnowski
 Given By: Pete & Brenda Stephens

Christian Love and Sympathy

*We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of Tabernacle members **Jan Hancock (March 4)** and **Jim Culbertson (March 22)** who went to be with the LORD this past month.*

*Also to **Carolyn and David Lineberry** in the passing of Carolyn's mother and David's sister and **Roger Kendrick** in the loss of his mother.*

Please lift these families in your prayers as they continue to grieve, for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time. May God to pour out His eternal grace and comfort on all who mourn.

HOMEBOUND

(ADDRESSES IN REALM)

Kay Arnold, Linda Billings,
 Linda Bigham, Bill Early,
 Joyce Ensley, Nancy Fisher,
 Mary Sue Laws,
 Fred Morrell, Jean Penry,
 Jean Rankin, Nancy Royal,
 Margaret Sheets, Jewel Shepard

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Alger & Joyce Morris (Cambodia)
 Madison Ehrhardt (Honduras)
 Anup and Darcy Rai (Thailand)
 Greensboro Urban Ministry
 Church Under the Bridge
 Youth for Christ/Campus Life
 Backpack Ministry
 Room at the Inn

MILITARY

Casey Hardie, Nathan Koonts,
 Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods,
 Conner Worthington,
 Trevor Zane Ward