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# THE TABERNACLE TIMES

Worship Passionately ~ Love Extravagantly ~ Witness Boldly



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## Who Do You Serve?

How do I know God's will for my life? For many people, and especially for us as Christ Followers, this is a crucial question. We believe God has a specific plan for our lives and we want to be sure we follow the path he has set for us. I have watched many of my Christian friends through the years wrestle with this as they sought to follow Jesus more closely.

I recently read an article focused on how we determine God's will. While many books have been written and many sermons preached on discerning God's will, this article took a slightly different approach. The author suggested a better question to ask. When Jesus was asked, what is the greatest commandment, he answered "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31) The question the author suggested we ask ourselves to determine God's will is "Who do you serve?" Jesus clearly teaches that our focus as Christ followers should be on loving and worshiping God and loving others. But which others?

Who do you serve? We repeatedly see the command in scripture to care for the widow and the orphan, those who are hungry and thirsty, the prisoner and the foreigner. We also see that Jesus clearly defined His mission as one to seek and save the lost. He was criticized throughout His ministry for hanging out with sinners. After one of these criticisms, Jesus says in Matthew 9:12-13, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." He healed many of their physical illnesses but even more sought to heal their spiritual sickness. He called us as His disciples to do likewise. We should seek to minister to those who are hungry for food and hungry for God.

Who do we serve as the church? Our first response has to be to turn our focus off of ourselves and toward those who we are called to serve. This is no easy task. We are naturally inclined to seek our own comfort and care. We can easily see church as a club where we are members. As members, we have certain rights, privileges and expectations to be met. We have our rituals and practices that must be followed as we always have, because that is what we know and expect. Because of the connotation of this word, I sometimes struggle with membership as the right description of being a part of the church. One church where I was on staff had a much better term. When someone joined that church, they became a "ministry partner". As it was explained in the class for folks joining, up to that point they had been guests who had experienced the hospitality and service from others. Now they were becoming

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## Who Do You Serve?—cont.

a partner who would serve others in the same way. This culture permeated the church and was a primary reason for the significant growth and life change experienced by so many through that church.

What are the opportunities for us at Tabernacle to serve others? Through our Serve Ministry, we have established partnerships with organizations such as Church Under the Bridge and Greensboro Urban Ministry that serve low income and homeless communities throughout Greensboro. We partner with Room at the Inn, which provides care for single moms through pregnancy and childbirth. We have a group that serves families in need of food assistance by partnering with local schools through our backpack ministry. All of these ministries and others offer a hands-on opportunity to serve others locally who have specific, significant needs. We also have international mission partners who share the good news of Jesus with people who have no other way of hearing it.

How do we follow Jesus' lead in serving those far from God? We do what He did. We spend time with them. We get to know them. We focus our attention individually and as a church on welcoming them and creating an environment where they can hear God's truth and respond to it. We give up what we want for what they need. We answer the question of "who do I serve?" with the names of folks in my relational circle who don't know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Then we figure out how God has gifted us and where these gifts can be used to serve others. We need to ask ourselves, who am I passionate about serving? And how does my service show God's love to them?

During this season of Lent, we consider what Jesus did for us through His death and resurrection. We will celebrate Easter, when Jesus sacrificed everything to bring victory over sin and death. He served all of humanity as only God in human form could. Our eternal destiny has been changed because of His death and resurrection. And he calls us to take up our cross and follow Him. As you prepare to celebrate, consider those in your relational circle who don't know or don't accept the freely offered grace that comes through Jesus. How can you serve them? Pray for those in your circle who don't know the saving grace of Christ and consider how you can show them God's love for them. As we have experienced God's love, serve others by sharing that same love.

—Pastor Joe

## Message from our Finance Ministry Team

Worship through giving is a foundation of our Christian discipleship. Gifts to Tabernacle honor the Lord and are a blessing to our ministry. Tithes and offerings are accepted in both the Alive and Traditional services and may be brought to the church office during business hours. Checks and cash are secured and deposited promptly.



If you prefer the convenience of electronic giving, ONLINE GIVING WITH REALM is a safe and easy method to ensure your tithes and offerings are delivered regularly to Tabernacle. You can schedule weekly or monthly gifts, or manually process them through the Connect App. The Tabernacle Church Family should ALWAYS use the Connect App or sign in to Realm on an internet browser to process their online gifts to avoid creating duplicate giving accounts: <https://onrealm.org/tabernaclemethodist/SignIn>. If you have not created a Realm Account and need an invitation sent to your email, contact Kim Strader at 410-991-7719.

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Giving Is  
A Gift

Saved People  
Serve People

## Serve Team News

Tabernacle now enters our third year of partnership with Room at the Inn, a ministry that supports single pregnant women through their pregnancy and childbirth. We are expanding our relationship to partner with their college program. The College Program provides Supportive Community Living Services for graduates of the maternity home programs who want to enter or return to college. In addition to housing, they provide case management, child development services, financial/material assistance and tutoring/life skills education.



**Room At The Inn**

Our serve team has recommended and the trustees and church council have approved the use of our parsonage as housing for a single mom and her family who is pursuing her college degree. We are excited about the opportunity to serve a family through utilizing a house that has been empty for some time. The current plan is that the family will move in at the beginning of June. Please pray for a great start to this new ministry opportunity. We will provide more details once we meet the new family.

## URGENT NEED for Nursery Caregivers...

**WE ARE GROWING!** Infant/Toddler and Pre-school Rooms.  
Can you give one Sunday per Quarter or more so that others can rotate out to attend a worship service?

Call or email church office: [office@tabernaclemethodist.com](mailto:office@tabernaclemethodist.com)



## MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

THANK YOU  
FOR PARTNERING WITH US



**CUB** – Church Under the Bridge  
**GUM** – Greensboro Urban Ministry  
**BPM** – Back Pack Ministry  
**OCC** – Operation Christmas Child  
**RATI** – Room at the Inn  
**Youth for Christ/Campus Life**  
**Alger and Joyce Morris (Cambodia)**  
**Madison Ehrhardt (Honduras)**  
**Anup & Darcy Rai (Thailand)**

## Greensboro Urban Ministry

—Thurs noon

**Quilt Ministry—2nd Wed 10:00 am**

**Back Pack Ministry—Weds**

The Backpack Ministry (Meals 4 Kids) has been a part of Tabernacle's ministry to the community since 2011. Our church currently provides weekend food for approximately 40 children at Alamance Elementary. Each backpack includes food for 2 breakfasts, 2 snacks, and 2 dinners.



*The following ministries at Tabernacle need more hands to help lighten the load of those who fill these roles. Rotations allow serving based on your availability or desired frequency. Please consider helping out one or two Sundays. Full training provided. Contact the church office if you wish to join any of these teams to serve the Kingdom here at Tabernacle.*

**Alive Hospitality Team** Serve by making the coffee, setting up the beverage and snack table and making sure everything is returned to its proper order after the Alive service—or— act as greeters and Kid's Worship Check-in attendants.

**ALIVE SERVICE Setup TEAMS** Placing chairs and tables for worship on Sunday mornings.

**Livestream Camera At 11:00 Worship**—run the camera for livestreaming of the 11:00 am service..



# CONNECT



You Can't Do  
Life Alone

Growing 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 For Children and Youth 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 03/04



**Senior Adult Outing March 14 10:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Sunset Theatre in Asheboro to see  
"All That Heaven Allows"**

Leave Tabernacle at 10:00 AM for late breakfast, early lunch at the Olympia Restaurant, Randleman. The showing is at 1:00 o'clock and should arrive back at Tabernacle by 4:00 PM.



Please let Patsy Phillips know by March 9th (Friday) if you would like to go.

H-336-674-5147 Cell 336-706-1847, may text. Thank you.



Mixed ages, singles & couples

**Adult Disciple**—Room 130 led by Janice Horney & Charlotte Fogleman

**Curiosity Class**—Media Room 123 led by Mike Brown

**Friendly Bible Study**—Room 134 led by David Helms

**Parables**—Room 126 led by Brad Ehrhardt

Women: **Find Your People**—Fellowship Hall led by Kerri Morris

Men: **Thrive**—CLC following Alive Service led by Pastors Matt and Joe



Members of the Sunshine Circle are shown with their February donations for Room at the Inn. The group will be collecting in March as well along with continuing their study of Philippians. Come join this active, mission-focused group at their monthly meetings the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Next meeting is March 18 in Room 130.

**CONVENIENT ONE-STOP  
SHOPPING FOR UPCOMING  
BRIDES AND GRADUATIONS!**

The Sunshine Circle is selling 100% made-in-the-USA kitchen tools, packaged mixes and other items! Every purchase supports Circle mission projects. Please click the link below to shop (you don't even have to leave home).

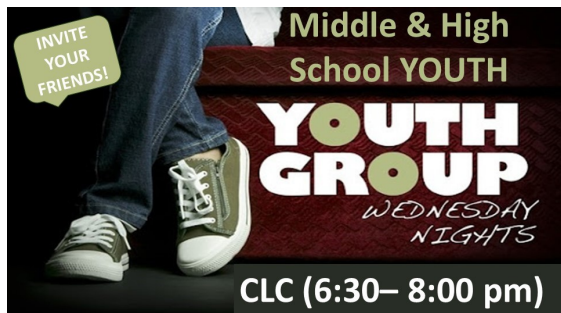
<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5642887.e5eb07>

Contact Vicky Wheeler @336.207.7025 or Paula Ginn @336.908.5019 for questions or assistance. Thank you for your support!





Have you lost a loved one? **GriefShare** is a support group to help you move through the grief process. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Group starts Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and continues through May, 10:00 -11:30am in the Parlor. Contact Margee Wrenn [margeewrenn5@triad.rr.com](mailto:margeewrenn5@triad.rr.com)



### Youth Wednesdays at 6:30PM Start March 6!

Hey Tabernacle youth and youth parents! We are excited to announce that Tabernacle Youth will begin meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the CLC**. We are partnering with Awestruck, a local church that meets on Sundays at SEHS, to lead our youth and reach out to our community. Each Wednesday will begin with dinner, move to great games, and then a relevant Scripture lesson. Our hope is that each Wednesday evening is full of fun and profound truths, preparing our young men and women up for a lifetime of faith in Christ.

**We could use your help!** Our churches share the responsibility to lead and teach. If you are willing to be present to help, observe, or even lead and teach, please contact Pastor Matt in the church office. We are working on a volunteer schedule to assure each church is fully invested and present in the lives of all our youth. Don't hesitate to reach out and ask any questions. We are excited to see how this new partnership works! See you Wednesdays!!!

## WORSHIP



Worship Is A Lifestyle

Prayer 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

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

**March 24 - PALM SUNDAY 9am & 11am**

**March 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION (drop-in)**

**11:30am-1pm & 5-7:30pm (CHAPEL)**

**March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY Worship Service**

**6:30-7:30pm (CLC)**

**MARCH 31 – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**7am (SUNRISE), 9am (ALIVE), 11am (Traditional)**



### INVITATION—JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

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

You don't need to know how to read music....  
You don't even have to have a glorious voice....  
All you need is the desire to worship God in a unique and fun way—Plus we have a lot of fun together...Join us!

Contact Carla Ely: [cely@tabernaclemethodist.com](mailto:cely@tabernaclemethodist.com)



REACH



Found People  
Find People

We Belong In A  
Bigger Story

• Tabernacle Women's Annual

## • Festival of Tables

• April 13 @ 5:30 pm

• Host a decorated table  
—table theme of your choice!

• Contact Janice Horney to host a table  
or purchase a seat at a table - \$20



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



**Men's Basketball**  
**Fellowship**  
every Tues and Thurs in  
the CLC @ 6:30

### IF: Gathering 2024

Over 70 women gathered to participate in IF: 2024 in Tabernacle's CLC on Feb 23-24. What a great weekend spent with new and old Friends... laughing, worshipping, and studying God's Word. "Jesus is the light of the world!" John 8:12

So thankful for a wonderful team of women that helped plan and work to make this happen and for the faithful hard-working group of Methodist men that always step in to serve whenever they are needed.



[#ifgathering2024](https://twitter.com/IFgathering2024)

## ✓ Mark Your Calendars

### MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mar 6— Youth Group Kick Off**

**Mar 10—Daylight Savings Spring Forward**

**Mar 14—Senior Adult Outing / Methodist Men**

**Mar 11—Fellowship & Friendship Circle**

**Mar 18—Sunshine Circle**

**Mar 24—PALM SUNDAY Kid's EGGSTRAVAGANZ @2pm**

— Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Mar 31— EASTER SUNDAY / Sunrise Service @ 7am**

### APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

**Apr 6— Vance Neece Memorial Service in Chapel**

**Apr 13— Festival of Tables**

**Apr 15— Sunshine Circle Meal**



**Church OFFICE & TWDS CLOSED 3/29 & 4/1**

### *Christian Love and Sympathy*

*We offer our deepest sympathy to Mary "Poochie" Neece in the recent passing of their husband, **Vance Neece**. Please lift the family 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.*

Dear Tabernacle Family,

Thank you to everyone for all of the cards, calls, texts, hugs, thoughts, prayers and delicious food we received during my recovery from foot surgery! We have such an Amazing Church Family! Sending you my deepest appreciation and love, — Lynda Gordon

*Thank you* 

## Scholarships for High School Seniors

The Tabernacle 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> **DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 15, 2024**

**Now Enrolling for  
the 2024-2025  
School Year**

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

  
**TABERNACLE  
Weekday School**  
growing in God's love

**CONTACT: Ms. June OR Mrs. Jeannine 336.674.0335**

**TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24 (2-3pm) - CLC**



**KIDS...BRING YOUR EASTER BASKETS, YOUR FRIENDS,  
AND COME JOIN THE FUN!**



## TABERNACLE PRAYER CONCERNS

### NEWER CONCERNS

Roger Johnson, Ophie Timmons, Richie & Ruth Winkquist, Leon Brown, Kay Kiger, Bobby & Diane Hancock, Jan Hancock, Warren Ginn, Chris Little, Alan Byrd, Aaron Barrett, Linda Calhoun, Janet & Larry Wagner, John Dyson, Judy Shoffner, Gil Strader

### CONTINUING CONCERNS

Joe Brotherton, Mike & Mitzi Brown, Rebecca Collins, Mandy Cox, Jim Culbertson, 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

### 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)  
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Greensboro Urban Ministry  
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Backpack Ministry  
Room at the Inn

### MILITARY

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

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.



## MARCH DATES TO CELEBRATE!!



Barbara Haithcock	01	Lilly Atkins	14	Will & Beth Atkins	11
Bryan Newman	01	Wray Watson	14	David & Lavon Helms	12
Eddie Haithcock	03	Frances Stewart	16	Jimmy & Janice Horney	22
Leon Toole	03	Johnny Ely, Jr.	16	Mike & Lisa Lee	24
Jason Carlisle	05	Jonas Deltano	17		
Jeff Greeson	06	Libby Newman	17		
Micah Carlisle	09	Helen Wilson	17		
Lauren Cook	09	Jean Turner	19		
Heather Koonts	09	Kathy Davis	19		
Kerri Morris	09	Sadie Clapp	26		
Addison Eubanks	10	Lisa Lee	26		
Valerie Routh	12	Bran Williamson	27		
Anita Dyer	13	Emily Cox	27		
Don Marlow	13	Fred Morrell	28		

### **Memorials & Honorariums**

*In Loving Memory of  
Vance Neece  
By Sharon & Jackie Neece*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP CHART**

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted in the Church Office. Sign up to place flowers on the retable of the Sanctuary altar in memory or honor of a loved one or special event. Arrangements coordinated through Corum Florist, Pleasant Garden.



Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Let us know!  
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