

October 2026

Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter



The Bible We Already Know

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

There's a quote often attributed to Mark Twain that struck me: "It ain't the parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it's the parts that I do understand."

There are certainly parts of Scripture that are difficult to understand. There are passages that require study, prayer, context, and sometimes the wisdom of people who know far more than we do. But if we're honest, most of us probably have enough Scripture that we *do* understand to keep us busy for quite a while.

Love your neighbor. Forgive those who have hurt you. Pray for your enemies. Speak the truth in love. Care for those in need. Be quick to listen and slow to speak. Don't gossip. Put the interests of others ahead of your own. Seek first the Kingdom of God. Trust God instead of being consumed by worry.

Those aren't particularly difficult to understand. They're just difficult to live. Sometimes our greatest challenge isn't biblical ignorance. It's biblical obedience.

We can easily fall into the habit of treating spiritual growth as primarily learning more. We attend another Bible study, listen to another sermon, read another devotional, or discover something interesting about a passage of Scripture. And all of those things can be wonderful. We should keep learning and growing in our understanding of God's Word. But Jesus didn't simply invite us to learn what He taught. He invited us to follow Him.

That's why I love Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30. He invites those who are weary and burdened to come to Him and find rest. Then He says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." A yoke wasn't something you studied. It was something you put on.

Jesus invites us to walk with Him, learn His way of living, and begin practicing it ourselves. And remarkably, He says that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Maybe obedience isn't another burden Jesus places on our shoulders. Maybe obedience is actually part of how Jesus frees us from the burdens we were never meant to carry.

Forgiveness releases bitterness. Generosity loosens the grip of possessions. Truthfulness frees us from maintaining appearances. Serving others frees us from constantly thinking about ourselves. Trust frees us from believing everything depends on us. The way of Jesus can be difficult, but it is also good. It leads us toward the life God created us to live.

So perhaps the question for us isn't simply, "What do I need to learn next?" Maybe a better question is: What has Jesus already taught me that I need to begin living?

James reminds us not to merely listen to the Word, but to do what it says. Not perfectly. Not all at once. And certainly not through our own strength. We simply take the next faithful step.

Because sometimes the greatest spiritual breakthrough doesn't come when God teaches us something new. Sometimes it comes when we finally begin living what He has already taught us.

— Pastor Matt

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Realm Online Giving



(check the church website)
TMC Google Calendar

A MESSAGE FROM FINANCE

Faithful Stewardship and Support

The Finance Committee has begun reviewing ministry support as we prepare the 2027 operating budget. As we pray and plan for how God will use Tabernacle to further His kingdom in the coming year, we want to be mindful of the financial resources needed to support these opportunities.

Currently, our spending for ministries and operational needs is greater than the financial support we have received. Our ministries, facilities, staff, and other areas of our operating budget are important and need to be fully supported.

The fall season gives us an opportunity to reflect on how God has blessed us and how we can use those blessings to bless others. We can give through our prayers, our presence, our time, our talents, our witness, and our financial gifts.

God has blessed Tabernacle with many opportunities to further His kingdom in 2026, both in our community and around the world. As we enter the final months of the year and prepare for Thanksgiving and Advent, please prayerfully consider whether you are able to make an additional gift to help meet our remaining financial needs.

As we look toward 2027, let us faithfully seek God's direction and consider how each of us can participate in the ministry He has entrusted to Tabernacle. Thank you for your faithful support and willingness to give as God leads. Together, let us finish this year strong and look forward with faith and gratitude to all God will accomplish through Tabernacle.



WHO ARE WE Becoming?
A Discipleship Formation Journey

TWO OPTIONS TO ATTEND:

- SUNDAYS AT 4PM
- WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM

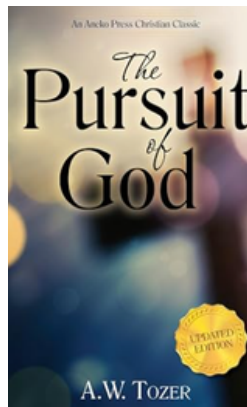
STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

CONTACT PASTOR MATT TO SIGN UP
mmorris@tabernaclemethodist.com

Have questions? Please reach out to Pastor Matt or contact the church office at 336-674-2941

STUDY GUIDE here →

The Pursuit of God



(Updated, Annotated)
by Aiden Wilson Tozer (Author), Ruth Zetek (Editor)
Format: Kindle Edition
Free today!!



Cemetery Plot Price Increase

Effective today, October 1, the price of cemetery plots at Tabernacle Methodist Church has increased from \$300 to \$500 per plot.

Please note that each plot purchase covers one burial. For questions or inquires, please contact the church office at 336-674-2941.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 6 from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the CLC kitchen to put together some freezer meals for our homebound/sick members and friends. If you are interested, please contact either Margee Wrenn or Rebecca Stewart through Realm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Come to Our Table @ Tabernacle Oct 14 & 28

Free Dinner – dine-in or take-out – held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. Bring a dessert to share! For questions or to volunteer, contact Matt or Emily (704) 213-0035

THE TABERNACLE KIDS WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU
TO A SPECIAL SMALL GROUP THAT PROVIDED OUR KIDS WITH BENCHES THAT WE CAN USE DURING CHILDREN'S CHURCH ❤️ YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS MEANS SO MUCH TO US!

CHRIS AND MICHELLE MEYERS HEADED UP THE PROJECT AND PURCHASED THE MATERIALS!! IN ADDITION TO CHRIS AND MICHELLE, THE GROUP CONSISTS OF ERIN AND BRANDON BURKE, MATT AND ELIZABETH ANNHEISER, MIKE AND CHASE JONES, AND REBECCA OLIVER.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY
COMBINED WORSHIP IN THE CLC
SUNDAY, OCT 11 AT 10 AM

OUR GUEST
Justina Reid & Family
with Share the Lamb Ministries

Come a little early and grab a cup of coffee
 and socialize before the service begins.

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

College students and/or parents of college students please send your address for the new year to the church office or to kmoore43@gmail.com.

And don't forget to check your mailbox for uplifting and encouraging mail.

MOTIVATION BY MAIL

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY

Expressing the love of God to people in need in the Greater Greensboro area since 1967

Tabernacle MC Food Drive
October 24
8a-6p

Food Lion at Woody Mill Rd.
 *serve a shift
 *serve with a friend

Contact Pastor Joe
jessick@tabernaclemethodist.com
336-355-0539

THE POWER OF 16 CENTS Gala

The first-ever fundraising gala for 16 Cents Ministry.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 • 7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
Purpose, Impact & Community

Purchase Tickets & Sponsorships
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Held at Tabernacle Methodist Church
 Community Life Center (CLC)
 5721 Methodist Rd. • Greensboro, NC 27406

Please reach out with questions.
info@16centsministry.org • 336.871.6500
 or 336.580.1566

Church Under the Bridge

Volunteer Opportunity – Greensboro

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.”
 – Matthew 25:40

Saturday, October 24 at 3 PM

You are invited to help prepare and/or serve a meal. If you would like to participate, please contact Joe Essick at 336-355-0539.

This is a great opportunity to serve others in our community and share God’s love through a simple meal and a helping hand.



UPCOMING CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Fellowship Hall

- October 18th
- Time: 5:30pm
- Fellowship & Prayer

“MOSAIC”
 (Women’s Bible Study class—
 all ages are welcome.)

New Study: *Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed* by
 Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore, and Kay Arthur
<https://a.co/d/0c92lcZTTh>

Please use this link to purchase your
 copy of the Bible study guide.

We meet in the parlor
 Sundays from 10-10:50am.

Please contact Rebecca Stewart (336.908.5220)
 or Tami Fields (336.558.1418)
 if you need further info.

Mosaic
 LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

CELEBRATING LIFE & LOVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Ashley Timmons | 16 Kellen Rafferty |
| 1 Angela Mackie-Jones | 17 Sharon Neece |
| 1 Berkleigh Wilson | 17 Josh Cook |
| 2 Michelle Griffin | 18 Brad Ehrhardt |
| 2 Sarah Turner | 19 David Wilson |
| 3 Marielle Ely | 20 Sandra Pratt |
| 3 Dan Bissell | 20 Candance Coons |
| 3 Amie Kay | 21 Nicole Younts |
| 4 Chris Wingfield | 21 Dusty Griffin |
| 5 Fran Griffin | 22 Tony Routh |
| 6 Kristy Eubank | 23 Shellia Williamson |
| 8 John Webster | 24 Christian Wingfield |
| 8 June Sofley | 25 Rhonda Branson |
| 11 Sue Hill | 26 Luke Newman |
| 12 Will Eubank | 26 Faye Holt |
| 12 James Lincoln | 29 Jean Rankin |
| 12 Ron Hill | 30 Lynda Gordon |
| 12 Susan Bowers | 31 Ava DiMattio |
| 15 Sandra Ensley Burns | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 02 Jason & Crystal Carlisle
03 Mack & Ingrid Scott
06 Michael & Chase Jones
10 Alex & Dee Bradley
13 Lane & Carol Lambert
14 Dennis & Liz Wyrick
14 Alan & Rhonda Branson
15 Aidan & Claudia Murphy
17 Marie & Dale Sartin
17 Steve & Jessica Nelson
21 Kenneth & Kim Worthington
26 James & Karen Moore

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

(Classes Meet From 10-10:45am)

- Parlor** Mosaic
Rm 126 The Parables Class
Rm 130 Adult Disciples
Rm 134 Curiosity Class
CLC Men's Bible Study
CLC Women's Bible Study

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1 Cemetery Price Increase at TMC
6 Meal Prep, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, CLC
11 Women's Sunday Combined Worship, 10 AM, CLC
11 Churchwide Fellowship, after Women's Sunday Worship
12 Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
14 Our Table @ Tabernacle, 5-6:30 PM, CLC
16 SEHS Homecoming Parade, 6 PM
18 Church Council, 5:30 PM, FH
20 Newsletter content for November due
22 Senior Adult Lunch, Dan'l Boone Inn, Bus leaves at 9 AM
24 GUM Food drive at Woody Mill Food Lion, 8 AM - 6 PM
24 Church Under the Bridge, 3:30 PM
25 Baptism during worship, 11 AM, Chapel
28 Our Table @ Tabernacle, 5-6:30 PM, CLC
30 GCS Teacher Workday - No School
31 Tabernacle's Annual Trunk or Treat, 5-7 PM, Parking Lot

MONTHLY

- Methodist Men* - **2nd Sunday 8 AM FH**
Gather (MS & HS Youth) - **Sunday 10 AM Basement**
Kids Choir Practice* - **Sundays 11 AM Rm 132**
Hangout (aka HS Youth) - **Sundays 6:30 PM CLC**
Alive Praise Band practice - **Sundays 7 PM CLC**
A "Good Start" Bible Study - **Mondays 6 AM CLC**
Fellowship & Friendship Circle* - **2nd Monday 2 PM Rm 130**
Women's Fitness Fellowship* - **Mondays 5:30 PM CLC**
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts - **Mondays 6:30 / 7:30 PM FH**
Sunshine Circle* - **3rd Monday 7 PM Rm 130**
Word @ Wendy's (HS Youth) - **Tuesday 8:30 AM Wendy's**
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**
Midweek (aka MS Youth Night) - **6:30 PM CLC**
Chancel Choir practice - **Wednesday 6:30 PM Sanctuary**
Our Table @ Tabernacle - **2nd & 4th Wednesday 5 PM CLC**
*** No meetings during summer months**

TO HELP KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER CURRENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
IF YOU HAVE UPDATES OR NOTICE ANYTHING WE MAY HAVE MISSED.

Tabernacle

Methodist Church

Community! Fellowship!

Church-wide Fellowship following the "Tabernacle United" Women's Sunday Worship Service

October 11th

Hotdogs and fixings will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Good Food ♥ Great People ♥ Stronger Together

BE THE CHURCH

— Wear Your Faith. Live the Mission. —

NEW TABERNACLE T-SHIRTS!

DESIGN 1
LOGO FRONT — DISTRESSED TEXT BACK
CLASSIC & BOLD!

DESIGN 2
DISTRESSED TEXT FRONT — LOGO BACK AT COLLAR
MAKE A STATEMENT!

DESIGN 3
LOGO FRONT — CURSIVE TEXT BACK
FAITHFUL & TIMELESS!

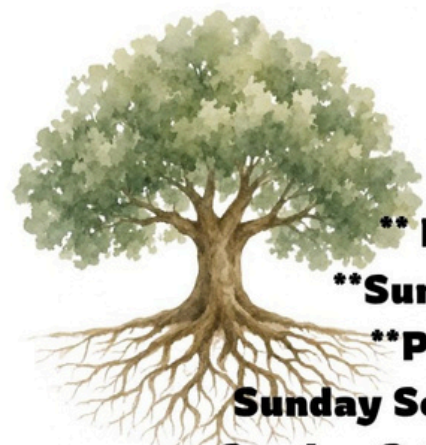
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Tabernacle Kids Team Invites You To Join our Sunday mornings 🙏👐

****Check in Station - 8:40-9:20**

****Nursery - Ages up to 3 years old- 8:45-10:50**

****Sunday school teachers 3/4 year olds - 9:15-10:50**

****Preschool Shepherd 3/4 year olds - 9:15-10:50**

Sunday School Teachers Kindergarten -5th grade- 9:15-10:00

Sunday School Shepherds Kindergarten-5th grade - 9:15-10:00

Shepherds are also needed in children's church 10:00 - 10:50



Sunday School Teacher: You will be provided all tools and lessons in advance. Nothing to reinvent or come up with. We are a team so you will not be alone.

Sunday School Shepherd : Partnering with the teacher to allow another set of hands and eyes in the room to provide safe sanctuary.

We also need help with snacks

There is a QR code attached but also feel free to drop supplies at check in, office or children's church room

Contact Laurie Golden to let us know how you wish to serve or with questions

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Loving Memory of Teresa Ehrhardt by

Stephanie Roach
Adam & Elise Conn
Jay & Lynda Gordon
Tanya Roach
Nate & Allie Roth
Frank & Diana Hairr
Tabernacle Methodist Women
Faye Holt
Bryan & Tami Fields
Adult Disciples SS Class (Janice Horney)

Charlotte Fogleman
Bob & June Coyle
Jerry & Terry Spence
Dee Wolff
David & Carolyn Lineberry
Fred Greeson
Harold & Shirley Kern
Jeannine Duke
Sunshine Circle c/o Betty Hobbs
Andy & Michelle Griffin

Steve & Karen Redmon
Nate & Allie Roth
Linda Fields
Shellia Williamson
Larry & Louise Garrison
Dave & Charlotte Harrington
Jake & Kelly Harrington
John & Casey Patterson
Bill & Jane Graham

In Loving Memory of Gerri Fields & Shannon Fields by

Bryan & Tami Fields

In Honor of Ed & Peggy Christenbury by

David & Carolyn Lineberry

In Loving Memory of Sandy Jones by

Jerry & Terry Spence
Paula Henson

In Honor of Matt & Kerri Morris by

Joelle Kuhman



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The Sunshine Circle is selling 100% made-in-the-USA tools, packaged mixes, and other items by RADA Cutlery! Every purchase supports the Sunshine Circle mission projects.

Please visit <https://rb.gy/7vtgy> or scan the QR code. Contact the Church Office for assistance.

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and check out
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FOR OUR OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES.

EVERY GIFT HELPS!

Student Ministry @ Tabernacle this fall:

We are trying something new! This is an experimental schedule coming out of a fruitful summer:

Welcome New 6th Graders!

We have welcomed 14 new 6th graders this September, which is way beyond what we had on our roster! This means students are inviting their friends to church, and that is always good news! Each student received a swag bag filled with lots of goodies and love. We've welcomed them, prayed over them, and have truly enjoyed getting to know them all! We're so excited to have them as part of our church family and can't wait to see all that God has in store for their lives!

"The Collective"

We have formed a new student ministry leadership team called "The Collective!" This is a team made up of students in grades 7-12 who are ready to bring their enthusiasm, creativity, and unique gifts to our student ministry. The Collective will help provide fresh ideas, participate in planning, and take an active role in serving at future events and opportunities. We're so excited to see these students step into leadership, use the gifts God has given them, and come together to help grow His Kingdom!

Student Ministry New Fall Schedule

(we are OFF Sunday, October 11)

Sunday mornings

October 4, 18, 25

"Gather"

10-11am

We gather downstairs in our student ministry rooms in the main church building. All students and their friends in grades 6-12 are invited to join us between worship services.

Sunday Nights

October 4, 18, 25

"Hangout"

6:30-8pm

Meet @ Tabernacle CLC. These nights are geared towards high school students and their friends. Younger students are welcome to join us when transportation, sibling or other family needs make it helpful for them to attend.

Tuesday Mornings

October 6, 13, 20, 27

"Word @ Wendy's"

8:30-9:15am

Meet @ Wendy's across from the church as we dive into the Word together this semester. Open to all high school guys and their friends in grades 9-12.

Wednesday Nights

October 7, 14, 21, 28

"Midweek"

6:30-8pm

Meet @ Tabernacle CLC. These nights are geared towards middle school students and their friends. Older students are welcome to join us when transportation, sibling or other family needs make it helpful for them to attend.

Please pray for us as we try something new! 🙏 Please continue to pray for all our students and their families too! We can't wait to come alongside everyone in a new season this semester!

Tabernacle Methodist Church

TRUNK or TREAT

Come out for a boo-tiful evening!

Saturday, October 31st
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

FREE
HOT DOGS!

5721 Methodist Road

Questions?
Tabernacle Church Office
336-674-2941

HALLOWEEN Candy Donation

and
Vehicle participation Sign-up!

Bring bags of
Halloween Candy
& place in the bins
in the CLC & Commons
or church office.

To host a space / decorate
your car / Volunteer.

Contact Matt Stevenson at
(704) 213-0035.

We would love to have at least

25 VEHICLES
participating!