

October 2025

Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter

Imagine the Joy!

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."
(Matthew 25:23)

If you could choose the words that would sum up your life, what would they be? Some people long to be remembered as successful, kind, generous, or adventurous. But as followers of Jesus, the words we most want to hear are the ones spoken by the Master in the Parable of the Talents: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In that story, the master entrusts his servants with different amounts of money — or "talents." Two of them invest what they are given. They take risks, put the money to work, and when the master returns, they present him with more than what they started with. The master celebrates them and rewards them with greater responsibility.

The third servant has a different approach. Out of fear, he buries the money. He preserves it, but he doesn't put it to use. And when the master returns, instead of hearing, "Well done," he hears only disappointment.

The heart of the parable is clear: God has entrusted every one of us with gifts, time, opportunities, and resources. He expects us to do something with them. Faithfulness is not about preserving what we've been given; it's about investing it for the Kingdom.

This fall, our church has been exploring what it means to live a FIT Lifestyle — Faithful, Intentional, and Teachable. This parable shows us what that looks like in action.

- Faithful: The servants who were commended didn't waste time, hide what they had, or make excuses. They showed that they were loyal, dependable and true.
- Intentional: They didn't take the easy path and preserve what they had been given. They pressed on, they were proactive and purposeful, knowing their master's return was certain.
- Teachable: They knew what their master desired and they sought to please him. They risked their comfort and sought to grow what they were given for their master's sake.

Living FIT means we don't coast through our spiritual lives or bury our opportunities in fear. We lean into what God has entrusted, trusting that even small steps of faith can multiply into something greater.



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STAFF MEMBERS

Matt Morris - Senior Pastor | **Joe Essick** - Associate Pastor | **Carla Ely** - Minister of Music | **Zach Jones-Ely** - Contemporary Music Director
Allie Roth - Kids Ministry Director | **Joyce Sosnowski** - Financial Administrator | **Christina Nelson** - Campus Administrator
Cindy Odum - Daycare Director | **June Sofley** - Daycare Assistant Director

At Tabernacle, we have pledged ourselves to a set of membership vows that help us stay FIT and faithful: our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. These vows aren't just formalities; they are tools God uses to shape us into faithful servants.

- Prayers: Am I praying regularly, not just for my own needs, but for others, for the church, and for the Kingdom? Prayer is one of the simplest but most powerful ways to invest the talents God has given me.
- Presence: Am I showing up — in worship, in small groups, in the life of the church? My presence strengthens the body of Christ in ways I may not even realize.
- Gifts: Am I sharing generously from what God has entrusted to me, or am I holding back out of fear? Giving is one of the clearest ways we demonstrate trust in our Master.
- Service: Am I offering my time and abilities to build up others, or am I waiting for someone else to step in? Serving multiplies blessing, both for others and for us.
- Witness: Am I speaking about my faith and inviting others into it, or am I keeping silent? A buried witness is like a buried talent — it produces nothing.

These five commitments are the everyday opportunities where faithfulness gets tested and proven. They give us the chance to share in the things that bring joy to Jesus. Notice the reward for faithful servants: joy. "Enter into the joy of your Master," the master says.

Faithfulness is not drudgery. It doesn't mean endless duty or grim determination. It means joy. When we live faithfully, intentionally, and teachably — when we keep our vows and invest our talents — we experience the joy of partnering with God in His work.

And one day, when Christ returns, that joy will be made complete.

So let's pause and ask ourselves: Am I burying what God has entrusted to me, or am I investing it? Am I living FIT — faithful, intentional, teachable — or am I settling for safe and comfortable?

The Master has given us much. And if we live for Him, one day we will hear the words that matter most: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."

~ *Pastor Matt*

Church Council meeting dates for 2025:

October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Please mark your calendars.

We will resume monthly Church Council gatherings in our fellowship hall @ 5:30 pm.

We will share a meal, pray together, learn from one another, and lead as a united team. Dinner will be provided each month. We will prioritize praying for our church and community, open Scripture together, and discuss the essential mission and business of Tabernacle.

Tabernacle's Charge Conference, Sunday, November 16, at 2:30 PM

**OCT 10, 11 & 12
CLC WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR REPAIRS**

WOMEN'S SUNDAY
COMBINED WORSHIP
WORSHIP TOGETHER

OCT 12TH 10:30AM

TABERNACLE METHODIST
REVIVAL

NOV. 2ND - 5TH 6:30 - 7:45PM
IN THE CHAPEL



Brunswick Stew for Sale!

We still have quarts available
for \$10 each.

See Mrs. June at the daycare or
call the church office to get yours today.

Thank you for your continued support!

Come and join us through the Fall while we study the time of Exile and Return of the Israelites.

The Parable class is a mix of women, men, couples and singles of various ages. We meet in **Room 126** each **Sunday from 10-10:45 am.**

If you are interested in an in-depth Bible study with lively discussion, **we would like to have you join us for this study.**

Exile & Return

A TIME TO BUILD



Are you a veteran or a surviving spouse?

Please let us know. Call the office, 336-674-2941 or email us at office@tabernaclemethodist.com



DISCOVER WHERE YOUR
YOUR GIFTS
can make a difference

As members of God's family through Jesus Christ, we are called to serve others. We have multiple ways you can do that on a Sunday morning and beyond. Please click [HERE](#) for opportunities to sign up. Email the church office at office@tabernaclemethodist.com

Share Your Talents & Make a Difference **VOLUNTEER**

- We need volunteers, shepherds, leaders to help with Sunday School classes and kid's worship. please consider signing up and help lead them to Jesus. For more information or questions, please contact Allie Roth at 336-813-2133 or aroth@tabernaclemethodist.com.
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- REMINDER -

Monthly Newsletter deadline is on the 20th of every month. Email or call office.

Need to rent the CLC, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Chapel for your event? Please contact the office at 336-674-2941 or office@tabernaclemethodist.com.

TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH **3RD QUARTER GIVING**

Receipts	\$422,224
Disbursements	\$467,352
Deficit	\$45,128



Reaching out to Greensboro's homeless every Saturday at 6:00PM under the bridge at 300 Spring Garden St. Each meeting includes a hot meal, fellowship, & worship. Please join us. **Saturday, November 1st ~ Meal prep at Tabernacle CLC 3:30 pm ~ Meet at CUB to help serve 5:30 pm** Sign up to help. Click [HERE](#) or visit tabernaclemethodist.com/events





TRAIN Score Card is a tool to help you deepen your walk with Christ through Teaching, Reaching, Accountability, Investment, and Next Steps. It's not about perfection - it's about progress. Please take a moment this week to prayerfully complete your card. Your growth matters - to you, to the church, and to the Kingdom! 🙏 You can access it right [HERE](#) or pick up one in the office or throughout the church. We encourage you to turn in your score card in the offering baskets, plates, or at the church office. You may choose to submit your card anonymously if you wish. Let's keep growing together and stay FIT!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

TAKE A BOOK ♥ SHARE A BOOK



Please feel free to take a book or leave a book. If you would like to donate a book there is a donation bin in the common area. There is a high demand for children's book. Thank you so much! Troop 426



"BOOKS ARE A UNIQUELY PORTABLE
MAGIC". - STEPHEN KING



Food Drive
Saturday, Oct. 25
8a -6p
Food Lion - Woody Mill Rd
To sign up contact
Pastor Joe
336-355-0539

TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Life Center

Pavers Fundraiser

A Great way to HONOR a LOVED
ONE, Group or Cause.

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!

Order forms are available in the office.

For more information, please contact

Lynda Gordon at 336-707-1305





Items needed for Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

<https://bit.ly/TMCOCC>
2025



Men's Basketball

Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:30 pm in the CLC

Mondays in CLC
5:30 - 6:30 pm

**WOMEN'S FITNESS
Fellowship**

Dance / Sculpt / Stretch w/ Lauren Haywood
\$5 / bring mat / light weights optional

SHOP AT
<https://rb.gv/7vtgy>

SCAN ME

WE'RE SELLING
**RADA
CUTLERY**
SHOP NOW TO
SUPPORT OUR GROUP

**Get your Christmas
Shopping done!!**

- **MADE IN THE USA!**
- **HIGH QUALITY**
- **GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL**
- **PERFECT FOR YOURSELF**
- **SHOP AND SUPPORT**

Rada also has soup
and dip mixes which
make wonderful
hostess gifts!

Support Tabernacle
Methodist Women
Missions

**PRAYER QUILT
MINISTRY**

Join us
the 2nd Wednesday
of every Month
(10am-12noon)
REC ROOM
Contact: Paula Ginn
336.908.5019

Food - Fun
Fellowship
Faith building

6th – 12th
grades

Bring a friend!

**Tabernacle
youth**

Wednesday nights!

STARTS BACK SEPT 10TH 6:30-8PM
friends, crazy games & dinner provided

**COME TO
OUR TABLE
@TABERNACLE**

Coming Soon
Wednesday, October 22nd

FREE DINNER
Every 4th Wednesday of each month
5:00-6:30PM
— EVERYONE WELCOME —

**Community
Meal**

Join us to welcome
our community...
...setup, serve, clean
up, and tear down.

Contact Matt & Emily
Stevenson to assist in setup,
serving, and cleanup.
(704)213-0035

Birthday's

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 Angela Mackie-Jones | 18 Brad Ehrhardt |
| 01 Ashley Timmons | 19 David Wilson |
| 02 Michelle Griffin | 20 Sandra Pratt |
| 02 Sarah Turner | 21 Dusty Griffin |
| 03 Marielle Ely | 21 Nicole Younts |
| 04 Chris Wingfield | 22 Tony Routh |
| 05 Fran Griffin | 23 Shellia Williamson |
| 08 June Sofley | 24 Christian Wingfield |
| 08 John Webster | 25 Rhonda Branson |
| 12 James Lincoln | 26 Faye Holt |
| 15 Sandra Ensley Burns | 26 Luke Newman |
| 15 Roger Johnson | 29 Jean Rankin |
| 16 Kellen Rafferty | 30 Lynda Gordon |
| 17 Josh Cook | 31 Ava DiMattio |
| 17 Sharon Neece | |

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

Anniversaries

- 02 Jason & Crystal Carlisle
- 03 Mack & Ingrid Scott
- 10 Alex & Dee Bradley
- 13 Lane & Carol Lambert
- 14 Alan & Rhonda Branson
- 14 Dennis & Liz Wyrick
- 17 Dale & Marie Smith
- 21 Kenneth & Kim Worthington
- 26 James & Karen Moore

Life is Gourd



Upcoming

OCTOBER

- 2 - GCSNC No School - Teacher Workday
- 4 - Campus Life Kick Off
- 10, 11, 12 - CLC Building CLOSED for maintenance
- 10 - GCSNC No School - Teacher Workday
- 11 - TWDS Color Run & Foam Party
- 12 - Women's Sunday Combined Worship @ 10:30am
- 12 - Church Council Meeting @ 5:30pm FH
- 20 - Newsletter deadline to submit content
- 22 - Our Table @ Tabernacle @ 5-6:30pm CLC
- 25 - G.U.M Food Drive at Food Lion @ 8am - 6pm
- 31 - Halloween TMC Trunk Or Treat @ 5:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Church Under the Bridge
- 2 - Daylight Savings End
- 2-5 - Tabernacle Methodist Revival @ 6:30-7:30pm Chapel
- 11 - Veterans' Day (Office & TWDS- Closed)
- 16 - Tabernacle Charge Conference @ 2-5pm CLC
- 20 - Newsletter deadline to submit content
- 27 - Thanksgiving (Office - TWDS Closed)
- 31 - 1st Day of Advent

Monthly

- Kids Choir Practice - **Sundays 11 am**
- The Parables Class - **Sundays 10am Rm126**
- Alive Praise Band practice - **Sundays 7pm**
- A "Good Start" Bible Study - **Mondays 6am CLC**
- Women's Fitness Fellowship - **Mondays 5:30 pm**
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts - **Mondays 6:30 / 7:30 pm**
- Sunshine Circle - **3rd Monday 7pm**
- Men's Basketball Fellowship - **Tues/Thurs 6:30 pm**
- Kids' Tumbling - **Tuesdays 4:15 pm**
- Backpack Ministry - **Wednesdays**
- Quilt Ministry - **2nd Wednesday 10 am**
- Our Table @Tabernacle - **4th Wednesdays 5 pm**
- Youth Group - **Wednesdays 6:30 pm (not in summer)**
- Chancel Choir practice - **Wednesday 6:30 pm**
- Methodist Men - **2nd Thursday 6:30 (not in summer)**
- Fellowship & Friendship Circle - **2nd Thursday 2 pm**
- Campus Life Youth - **Thursdays 4:30 pm**

TABERNACLE'S Annual

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 31 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm



Bring a Friend



Supper Served



Decorate a car



**HALLOWEEN
CANDY
DONATION**

- Bring bags of Halloween Candy & place in the bins in the CLC & Commons.

- To host a space / decorate your car / volunteer,
Contact Matt & Emily
Stevenson 704- 213-0035

We would love to have at least
25 vehicles participating!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Loving Memory of Larry Proctor by

Jay & Lynda Gordon

Jimmy & Janice Horney

Fellowship/Friendship Circles

In Loving Memory of Averil Burke by

Chelsea Kiger

In Loving Memory of Glenn Griffin by

Fellowship/Friendship Circles

TABERNACLE PRAYER CONCERNS

NEWER CONCERNS

Evey Miller, Helen Wilson, Brenda Stephens, Ronnie & Glenda Stout, Jimmy Horney, Sandra Burns, Shirley and Charlie Pratt, Betty Worley, Bob Zane, Sandy Jones, Jean Rankin

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Ophie Timmons, Mike & Mitzi Brown, Kay Kiger, Andy Cox, Warren Ginn, Diane Hancock, Rick Harris, Roger Johnson, Sherry Proctor, Howard Fields, Dianne Smith, Bob Sosnowski, Leon Brown, Rebecca Collins, John Dyson, Richie & Ruth Winquist, Linda Zane, Janet & Larry Wagner, Dale & Bernie Sartin, Joyce Ensley, Phyllis Love, Robert Dunlap

HOMEBOUND

(Addresses found on REALM)

Linda Billings, John and Carol Dyson, Mary Sue Laws, Fred Morrell, Jean Penry, Jean Rankin, Barbara Ross, Nancy Royal, Margaret Sheets, Sadie Clapp, Poochie Neece, Nina Stout

EXTENDED FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Terry Brothers, Emily Brame, Mark Loy, Wesley Hall, Samantha Panzner, Bob McCaskill, Ricky Ingram, Kevin Jones, Dawn Canoy, Jason Stephens, Robin Staley, Duane Staley, Christina Holloway, Dale Atkinson, Pat Branson, Billie Ramsey, Colton Scoggin, Bailey Gaskins, Gary McPherson, Angie Samsel, Sue Oakley, Ruth Carr, Adam Graham, Jill Miller, Paul Brown, Daryl Fogleman, Joe Orsak, Virgil Thomas, Albert Smith, Ricky Cauthren

MILITARY

Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods, Trevor Zane Ward

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Alger & Joyce Morris (Cambodia)

Anup & Darcy Rai (Thailand)

Greensboro Urban Ministry

Church Under the Bridge

Operation Christmas Child

Room at the Inn

Backpack Ministry

Youth for Christ/Campus Life

October 2025 features a wide range of awareness months, including Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, National ADHD Awareness Month, and National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

National Days in October 2025

- National Pumpkin Spice Day- Wednesday, Oct. 1
- National Boyfriend Day- Friday, Oct. 3
- World Smile Day- Friday, Oct. 3
- National Taco Day-Tuesday, Oct. 7
- National Fluffernutter Day- Wednesday, Oct. 8
- National Moldy Cheese Day- Thursday, Oct. 9
- World Mental Health Day- Friday, Oct. 10
- National Kick Butt Day- Monday, Oct. 13
- National Dessert Day-Tuesday, Oct. 14
- Hispanic Heritage Month till Wednesday, Oct. 15
- National Fossil Day- Monday, Oct. 15
- United Nations Day- Friday, Oct. 24
- National Cat Day-Wednesday, Oct. 29
- National Candy Corn Day-Thursday, Oct. 30
- Halloween- Friday, Oct. 31

Full Moon and Other Celestial Events

- Super Harvest Moon- Oct. 6 
- Third Quarter Moon- Oct. 13
- New moon- Oct. 21 
- First Quarter Moon- Oct. 29
- Draconid meteor shower- Oct. 6 to Oct. 10 
- Orionid meteor shower peaks- Oct. 21 



Why did the
tree laugh?

It heard acorn-y
joke.



THE "O" IN OCTOBER IS FOR **OVERFLOW**
The next 31 days will be filled with more peace, good news, answered prayers, miracles, favor, breakthroughs and blessings. Claim it!

Hawaiian Word of the Month

Pono - [POH-noh]

Meaning: In Hawaiian, the word "pono" encompasses a complex concept meaning righteousness, goodness, balance, and doing what is proper in all aspects of life, including relationships, actions, and one's connection to the world. It signifies a state of being in perfect order and harmony, and the act of living in a way that upholds these principles.

Redeeming lives. Restoring hope. Rebuilding families.

LIBERTY THRIFT

Living Free Ministries

Community Partner,

We love the Liberty community and are so thankful to call it home!

We appreciate you and what your business offers to the area.

Please enjoy this sweet treat on us!

Our third thrift store has joined you in Liberty! Please stop by and see us during business hours (Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)! We can't wait to meet you!

Living Free Ministries is a **refuge for men and women battling addiction and other life controlling issues**. Our ministry focus on teaching people how to build a solid relationship with Jesus Christ and discover their true identity so that they may walk in lasting freedom.



Men's Program



Community!



Mary's House

LIVING FREE

Thrift and Redefined

Visit our Liberty Thrift Store Tuesday to

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., located at 208 E.

Swannanoa Ave. We can't wait to see you there!

Check out our thrift stores in **Mebane** and **Haw River**

and our boutique in **Graham**!

Donation pick up!



Volunteer at a store!



Your purchases and donations bring HOPE to
men, women and families!

Follow us!

