

September 2025

Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter

No Matter What!

The Sunday before last, we wrapped up our Summer series on the Psalms. We have thoroughly enjoyed preaching these messages as we opened up some of the different ways the Psalmists expressed their prayers to God. We explored how the Psalms give voice to our choice to delight in the law of the Lord. We looked at Psalms of worship and praise, expressions of faithful witness and offerings of thanksgiving for God's everlasting provision. We also heard voices confessing and repenting of sin and times when the writer called for divine judgment against an enemy. Throughout the Psalms, we see the raw emotions of the writers poured out to the Lord. We see a picture of God who allows us to express our real, raw, true feelings in the midst of our trials, knowing that He will meet us wherever we are.

We see repeatedly in the Psalms that to know God, we are to love and seek to follow God's good and perfect law. And we see the many expressions of the different ways the Psalmists both strive and struggle to do that. But what we see time and again is a willingness to turn to God in every circumstance, knowing that our God is always there, no matter what.

One of my favorite Psalms that we didn't discuss during this series is Psalm 116. I first became familiar with it early in my career as a Pastor when I visited a woman in the hospital. She told me it was her favorite Psalm and asked me to read it to her. Listen to how it starts:

- 1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
- 2 Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
- 3 The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"

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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

- 5 The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- 6 The Lord protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

The woman I visited went home to the Lord a little over a week later. We read this Psalm at her funeral. I have since used it a number of times in similar circumstances, including recently when I visited a dear friend and mentor prior to his passing. I read it to him in the hospital and again to his family during his last day in hospice. It always reminds me that our God meets us in the midst of whatever we go through, including our final days on earth.

As I thought of a God who allows us to turn to him in all circumstances, I was reminded of something my daughter wrote a few years ago. I love the way she sees this truth through the prayers of a child. I leave you with this reminder in her words.

Laura writes:

“Every night as I’m tucking my baby girl into bed, we try to pray together. She likes to pray first and have me pray second.

Tonight, as we settled in to say our prayers, she earnestly looked up at me and asked: “Mommy, can you pray the exact same thing I pray tonight in case God doesn’t hear me?” Her beautiful blue eyes searched mine for an answer, and I confidently assured her that God always hears her and always loves her. She smiled with relief and repeated after me: “No matter what!”

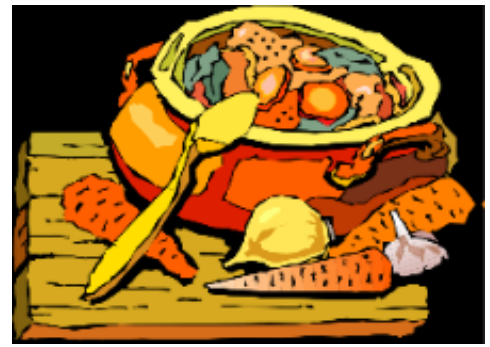
As I snuggled next to her in the quiet several minutes later, the impact of my own words hit me. How often do I feel like God doesn’t hear me or doesn’t actually care? How many times in this season of my life have I wanted to scream towards Heaven just to feel heard? But my heart knew the answer to my little one’s concern without any hesitation: He always hears you. He always loves you. No matter what.

There are so many things about God that I will never fully understand. But not this. I know this. And now I’m realizing that maybe I needed that reminder more than my 4 year old did. Maybe you do, too. So, my friend, may I encourage you: He hears you and He loves you, no matter what.”

-Pastor Joe

ANNUAL BRUNSWICK STEW SALE

SEPTEMBER 27TH



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need each family to donate (at least) one large hen or cut up chicken, pre-cooked, skinned, cut into small pieces, and brought to the church by end-of-day Friday, September 26th by close of daycare or before 6:00am on Saturday, September 27th. Please consider donating a homemade dessert for the bake sale. You can bring it to the church by end-of-day Friday, or by 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Could you help for a little before a soccer game or come after to help clean up? We know families are busy on Saturdays so any amount of time you can help is appreciated! Any amount of time you and your family can assist with this Tabernacle tradition is appreciated. It's a great day of work and fellowship!

We need volunteers

- Thursday, September 25th at 6:00pm to help move and clean pots!

We need workers

- Friday, September 26th at 8am to help peel and cut potatoes & onions

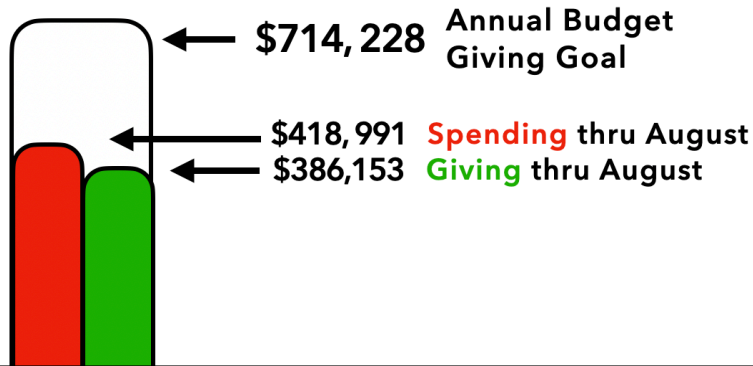
We need workers

- Saturday, September 27th
 - 5am to help prepare and cook stew → Some men are needed at 5:00 a.m. in the stew shed;
 - women needed starting at 6:00 a.m. in the kitchen.

The stew goes on sale at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Could you help for a little before a soccer game or come after to help clean up? We know families are busy on Saturdays so any amount of time you can help is appreciated!

August Financial Well-Check



Prayer Request

Prayer request for **Adam Graham**. He is the brother of one of my coworkers. He had a blood clot in his heart that has affected his brain function and quality of life. His blood pressure is also so high he is on 10 different medications to figure out which one will lower his blood pressure.

- Kristin Golden



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

Church Council meeting dates for 2025:

September 14, 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.

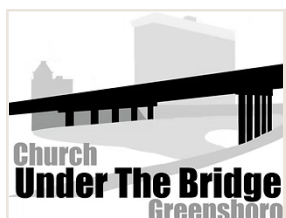
We will share a meal, pray together, learn from one another, and lead as a united team. Dinner will be provided each month. We will prioritize praying for our church and community, open Scripture together, and discuss the essential mission and business of Tabernacle.

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

- 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.



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, September 13th ~ 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



SPRC:

“THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP, JUST AS IN FACT YOU ARE DOING.” — 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

We invite you to join us in prayer for our church leaders—that they may be strengthened, encouraged, and filled with joy as they serve. Along with prayer, one of the best ways we can bless our leaders is through faithful support: offering our gifts in service, giving generously, and showing up with a spirit of encouragement. One example of God’s provision through the gifts of His people is in our music ministry. SPRC is pleased to announce that Billy Summers has joined the Tabernacle worship lineup as pianist accompanist. For many years, Billy has shared his talents in special worship services at Tabernacle, and now he will be available for Sunday mornings, rehearsals, funerals, and other special services. Please give him a warm welcome!

Scouting at Tabernacle:

Troop 426 has had a full summer! We recently held our annual Court of Honor to celebrate scouts for their hard work and advancements, and we’re looking forward to finishing the year strong with even more activities and service projects.

One exciting highlight that I would like to share with you is the work of Tabernacle member, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and Eagle Scout candidate Bryce Whiteside, who is currently building a Free Little Library at the corner of Stewart Memorial Field for his Eagle Scout project. Once complete, we hope this will be a valuable resource for the community—especially for the families of Tabernacle Day Care and Playschool students as they pass by our church.

As the new school year begins, our Cub Scout program will also be back in session. This program, open to children in kindergarten through 5th grade, is a wonderful way to build character and life skills through fun and adventure. Like many ministries, it depends on the support of volunteers which are needed to continue the mission of scouting. Please keep scouting at Tabernacle in your prayers—that we may continue reaching children and families, and making a positive impact in our community by raising up future leaders.

Brandon Burke

Scoutmaster, Troop 426

FIT Lifestyle Series

Main Idea: We understand what it means to be physically fit, but do we know what it means to be spiritually fit? The FIT Lifestyle Series explores spiritual health—how to diagnose our spiritual well-being and build a Faithful, Intentional and Teachable Lifestyle around the practices of Prayer, Presence, Giving, Service, and Witness.



Sept 7 Title: Keep Eternity In Focus

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31, 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Sept 14 Title: My Spiritual Well-Check

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-28, Philippians 2:12-14, 3:7-11, 1 Timothy 4:6-8

Sept 21 Title: Am I Faithful?

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 20:24, Judges 7:1-25

Sept 28 Title: Am I Intentional?

Scripture: Mark 1:35-39, Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 4:25-27, 1 Chronicles 22:1-19

Oct 5 Title: Am I Teachable?

Scripture: John 6:60-69, Luke 18:18-30, Matthew 7:21-27

Oct 12 ***Women's Sunday - Tabernacle Together Service at 10:30 AM***

Oct 19 Title: Our Presence

Scripture: Acts 1:4, 2:1-4, 42-47, 4:32-37

Oct 26 Title: Our Service

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-46

Nov 9 Title: Our Prayers

Scripture: Psalm 27, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Nov 16 Title: Our Giving

Scripture: Genesis 14:17-24, 28:2-22, Malachi 3:8-12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Nov 23 Title: ThanksLiving

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2

**Are you a veteran
or a surviving
spouse?**

**Please let us know.
Call the office, 336-
674-2941 or email
us at
[office@tabernacle
methodist.com](mailto:office@tabernaclemethodist.com)**

The **Parables Class** will be starting a
new study on **Sunday, Sept. 14th**.
This 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



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 September 24th

FREE DINNER

Every 4th Wednesday of each month

5:00-6:30PM

— EVERYONE WELCOME —

**Wednesday
July 23, 2025**

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

Churchwide Picnic

**Sept 21
3-7 p.m.**

5920 Hagan-
Stone Park Rd,
Pleasant
Garden, NC
27313

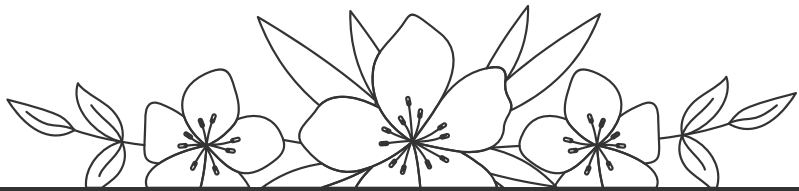
Hagan Stone Park

**Shelter
#5**

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL

Please bring a dessert if you are able.

-Hamburger & Hotdog Dinner - Please bring a side or a dessert - Bring a chair -
We will have fun games for all! Questions or information, contact Allie Roth at
aroth@tabernaclemethodist.com or 336-813-2133



ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP CHART

The Flower Chart for 2025 is kept digitally in the Church Office. Sign up to place flowers on the retablo of the Sanctuary altar in memory or honor of a loved one or special event. Arrangements are coordinated through Corum Florist, Pleasant Garden. If you would like to sign up, please contact Christina in the church office.



Tabernacle Methodist
WE'RE HIRING
YOUTH
DIRECTOR
 More information at
tabernaclemethodist.com

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

THIS SUNDAY 9/7/2025
TMC KIDS CHOIR Kickoff

***ALL KIDS (1st-5th Grades)**
SUNDAYS 11-12NOON
Room 132

NOW HIRING!

APPLY NOW

TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH
DAYCARE 336.674.0335

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Birthday's

01 Frank Hairr	16 Jerry Panzer
02 Dianne Hinson	17 Bryce Whiteside
04 Laura Fogleman	18 Mary Sue Laws
04 Larry Heath, Sr.	18 Astor Vazquez
04 Judah Morris	20 Jonathan Branson
05 Mary Kathryn Smith	20 Abbey Stewart
06 Gail Giddens	20 Gina Sweeney
06 Paula Henson	21 Judy Merrill
07 Sam Andrews	21 Isley Morrow
08 Terry Spence	22 Doris Brien
11 Ben Rafferty	22 Chelsea Griffin
12 Ellen Blake	22 Jay Gordon, Jr.
12 Cami Burke	22 Carson Lee, Jr.
12 Remy San Miguel	22 Lily Morrow
13 Bob Sosnowski	23 Hannah Sweeney
13 Meagan Stewart	25 Bryan Fields
14 Alan Byrd	26 Angela Greeson
15 Justin Greeson	28 Crystal Carlisle
15 Tami Fields	29 Allen Griffin
16 Glenn Cook	30 Jimmy Horney

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

Anniversaries

01 Richard & Cynthia Baker
01 Jerry & Susan Panzer
08 Alan & Marie Byrd
12 Dean & Sandra Kiger
15 Matt & Jamie Jones
17 Joe & Sarah Turner
18 Donald & Anne Marlow
21 Bob & June Coyle
21 Roger & Cheryl Kendrick
27 Brandon & Erin Burke
27 David & Karla Stapleton



Monthly

Kids Choir Practice - **Sundays 11 am**
 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**

Upcoming

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1** - Labor Day (Office & TWDS Closed)
- 7** - Grandparents' Day
- 10** - Tabernacle & Awestruck Youth Night Starts Up
- 13** - Church Council Meeting @ 5:30
- 13** - Church Under the Bridge
- 20** - October Newsletter Deadline
- 21** - TMC Family Cookout at Hagan Stone Park
- 24** - Our Table @ Tabernacle
- 25, 26 & 27** - Brunswick Stew Prep
- 27** - Annual Brunswick Stew Sale

OCTOBER

- 2** - GCSNC No School - Teacher Workday
- 10, 11, 12** - CLC Building CLOSED for maintenance
- 11** - TWDS Color Run & Foam Party
- 12** - Women's Sunday Combined Worship @ 10:30am
- 19** - Eagles Award Reception & Ceremony
- 22** - Our Table @ Tabernacle
- 31** - TMC Trunk Or Treat - **Halloween**

Baby Announcements



Amanda & Dusty Griffin welcomed Eva Michelle Griffin on 8/11/2025

Megan and Tyler Griffin welcomed Ivy Layne Griffin on 7/15/2025

Be a part of something

AH-MAZING: 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.
- 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. Click [HERE](#) for opportunities to sign up.



BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH

6103 Appomattox Road

Climax, NC 27233

BRUNSWICK STEW

And Bake Sale/Country Store



Saturday, October 4, 2025

All Stew Sales 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

\$10.00/quart

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Thank you for
your support



L - R : Pastor Matt, SEMS
principal, author, counselor, Joy

Name: _____

Date: _____

September

Word Search



September's here, and so is a word search packed with seasonal fun! Can you find all the hidden words scattered in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal? Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list.

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S	X	G	H	A	Y	R	I	D	E	D	R	F	R	Q	D	P	M
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ACORNS

APPLES

AUTUMN

BACKPACK

BONFIRE

BREEZY

CIDER

COOLER

CORN

CRISP

EQUINOX

FALLING

FARMERS

FOLIAGE

FOOTBALL

GOURDS

GRAPES

HARVEST

HAYRIDE

LABOR DAY

LEAVES

MIGRATION

ORCHARDS

PUMPKINS

RAKE

SCARECROW

SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

SQUIRREL

SWEATER



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Loving Memory of Gaynell Dunlap by

Alan & Marie Byrd
Floyd Fogleman
Loretta Allred
Faye Holt

In Loving Memory of Glenn Griffin by

Alan & Marie Byrd
Charlotte Fogleman
Steve & Karen Redmon
Floyd Fogleman
Loretta Allred
Mary Sue Laws
Faye Holt
Jimmy & Janice Horney

In Loving Memory of Patricia Fields Ross by

Alan & Marie Byrd
Charlotte Fogleman

In Loving Memory of Larry Proctor by

Charlotte Fogleman
TLC Committee

In Loving Memory of Phyllis O'Daniel by

Floyd Fogleman
Loretta Allred

In Honor of Michelle & Madelaine's birthdays by

Shellia Williamson

In Loving Memory of Patsy Seay by

Faye Holt

In Loving Memory of Renie Jefferson by

Faye Holt

In Honor of Janice Horney & Charlotte Fogleman by

Faye Holt

In Honor of Rev. Joe Essick by

Faye Holt

TABERNACLE PRAYER CONCERNS

NEWER CONCERNS

Evey Miller, Helen Wilson, Ronnie & Glenda Stout,
Jimmy Horney, Sandra Burns, Shirley and Charlie
Pratt, Betty Worley, Bob Zane

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Ophie Timmons, Mike & Mitzi Brown, Kay Kiger,
Mandy 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 FAMILIES

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, Jill Miller, Daryl Fogleman,
Joe Orsak, Virgil Thomas

MILITARY

Casey Hardie, 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