

Baptist Tabernacle Church

April 2021 Newsletter

BTC Updates

Please DO NOT LET DOWN YOUR pandemic GUARD!

When attending services or meetings you will be expected to show your love for others by:

- Wearing a Mask
- Staying 6 feet apart (entering, while seated, and exiting)
- Using Hand Sanitizer

Our Worship Opportunities every week are at 11:00 am in our Sanctuary, Live on Facebook and from our parking lot on FM 87.7 or 87.9 depending on the best reception... and Daily Devotions are also on Facebook. Please join us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

“Find your spot...Take your shot!

The Johnston County Health Department is offering drive-thru clinics for the COVID-19 vaccine and will release the clinic dates as they are scheduled.

One way to assure you receive the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 vaccine and testing is to register to receive COVID-19 information on your phone by texting COVIDJOCO to 888777. General information about COVID-19 can be found online at

www.johnstonnc.com/health or www.johnstonnc.com/covid19.

Note: You do not have to live in Johnston County to take advantage of this opportunity."

Our Memory Verse for

April is:

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4:20 KJV



Baptist Tabernacle Church
Building Re-opening Guidelines 2020
A Safer Way of Gathering *(Revised December 2020)*

- 1) Facebook LIVE Sermons will continue at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning from Strickland's Funeral Home for those members who are not ready to enter the Sanctuary for Worship Services – (Thank you Sean Bannon, Glen Brock, and DJ & Kayla Scott!). *The Leadership Team is working on the capability to do Facebook LIVE from the Sanctuary.*
- 2) Sunday School Classes are currently suspended due to the inability to socially distance within the majority of our classes. In addition, Sunday School teachers are being contacted to determine their level of comfort in returning to teach.
- 3) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary (repeat of Facebook LIVE sermon)
 - a) START DATE – September 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
 - i) Components of the Worship Service will be phased in over several months
 - b) Please come prepared to show your love and care for others by:
 - i) waiting 6 ft apart (entering, while seated, and exiting)
 - ii) wearing a mask
 - iii) washing hands or using hand sanitizer
 - c) Enter through Sanctuary doors ONLY
 - d) Roping will provide seating 6' apart, families will be seated together
 - e) Service: Welcome, Announcements, Special Music, Prayer Concerns, Prayer, Sermon, Closing
 - i) Service should be 20-30 minutes in length, but have been 40-50 minutes
 - ii) Instrumental music and solos can be phased in as of Oct. 18, 2020
 - iii) Congregational singing has been removed to reduce the potential of virus spread via air borne particles
 - iv) Childcare and Children's Church are not available
 - v) Offering plates will not be passed. Offering collection boxes are provided in Vestibule and FMC Breezeway to use as you exit
 - f) At end of service
 - i) Seating on FMC Side: exit through stained glass doors and out the FMC Breezeway doors
 - ii) Seating on Piano Side: exit from BACK row using center aisle, through front doors
 - g) FMC Restrooms will be available
- 4) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on FM 87.7 or 87.9 depending on the best reception each Sunday - in your car - *only on church property* –
 - a) Tune your radio dial to FM station – you may need to turn the knob on the right side of your presets to find this station, it is NOT typically found by using the “seek” or “search” button– you may also need to turn the volume up higher than you might expect
 - b) This service is the actual service as it is happening in the Sanctuary
- 5) The Sanctuary and FMC are open and available for reservations
 - a) Contact the church office to schedule 919-365-5558
 - b) All meeting participants are expected to follow the 3-Ws:
 - i) Wait 6' apart
 - ii) Wear a mask
 - iii) Wash hands or use hand sanitizer
 - c) NC guidelines of 25 inside and CDC guidelines should be observed.
 - d) Leaders of activities/meetings are expected to use OXIVIR (provided) to sanitize surfaces touched by their group
 - i) OXIVIR is stored in FMC piano storage room - above light switch
 - ii) Spray on any surfaces that have been touched by group members prior to departure so the room is ready for the next group – NOT FOR FOOD-PREP AREAS
 - iii) No wiping is needed – just allow the sprayed surfaces to dry for 5 minutes
- 6) Updates to these guidelines will be posted on Facebook, in our monthly Newsletter and on our website: baptisttabernaclechurch.net

Instructions for using Baptist Tabernacle Church facilities during the COVID-19 crisis

When using our church facilities, please remember everyone in your party should:

- wear appropriate face coverings,
- practice social distancing (minimum of 6 ft where practical and safe to do so),
- wash hands often or use hand sanitizer,
- follow the Governor's Executive Order #169 (capacity: 25 indoors, 50 outdoors)
- follow the CDC recommendations and guidelines.

Remember, this virus is spread most effectively by air particles passed from one person to another. Consider this when planning any *SINGING* at your event. It is important that everyone stays safe and healthy so that the church can continue to operate and move forward. Ignoring these precautionary measures may result in closing down the church buildings for an extended period of time.

SELF-SCREENING QUESTIONS:

- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Have you been tested for COVID-19 and have not received the results?
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
- Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

If you answered "**YES**" to any of the screening questions, then you must leave the church **immediately** and seek medical care and/or COVID-19 testing, per CDC guidelines.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS:

You and your party are encouraged to take your/their own temperature prior to arriving at the church. If your/their temperature measures over 100 degrees, please do not come to the church.

LIMIT GROUP GATHERINGS:

During your event, please limit small group gatherings. Keep people moving as much as possible.

BEFORE LEAVING:

After your guests have left the building and the cleaning has been completed according to the reservation paperwork, please heavily spray OXIVIR on tables, chairs, light switches, and any surfaces touched by anyone in your group...but NOT FOR FOOD PREP AREAS. Allow the spray to dry for 5 minutes. OXIVIR spray bottles are located in the FMC piano room above the bookcase beside the light switch.

Thank you!

Baptist Tabernacle Church, Leadership Team

SAVE THE DATE

Every Sunday Morning: Pastor Glen's Facebook Live @ 11:00 am

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 3rd @ 10:00am at the BBQ Shelter

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, April 12th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, April 19th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, April 26th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

O.W.L.S. Meeting: Tuesday, April 27th @ 9:30am in the FMC



April Birthdays

1st	Taylor Cook	23rd	Sarah Ide
2nd	Ginger Preddy		Lenore Strickland
3rd	Josh Hunter	24th	Harrison Hughes
4th	Robert Earp	25th	Wayne Batten
	Hannah Greene		Jason Hayden
	Kathy Smith	27th	Justin O'Neal
	Rose Spencer	30th	Aaron Johnson
	Hannah Ide		Crystal Baker
6th	Natalie Shirley		
7th	Alec Bergeron		
	Samuel Morris		
	Jackson Trippe		
8th	Mike Adams		
	Lauren Lane		
	Christy Moore		
9th	Chris Andrews		
	Spencer Ragan		
	June White		
11th	Dan Gullifer		
	Linda Lee		
	Johnny Mack		
	Mary Padgett		
13th	Amy Lewis		
	Delores Renfrow		
15th	Susan Adams		
	H.E. Edwards		
16th	Lynn Bailey		
	Tina Creech		
18th	Bailey Gilmore		
22nd	Dianne Baggett		
	Hannah Driver		



April Anniversaries

3rd	Scott & Tina Creech
9th	Roy & Rose Pope
10th	Neal & Kathryn Batten Tony & Billie Fay Wilson
12th	Fred & Patsy Coates
15th	Brandon & Sara Peebles
22nd	Christopher & Christin Brown
28th	Chris & Mistie Liles

Monthly Scripture Reading: April

Day 1	Act 1-3	Day 16	Joshua 19-21
Day 2	Acts 4-6	Day 17	Joshua 22-24
Day 3	Acts 7-9	Day 18	Romans 1-3
Day 4	Acts 10-12	Day 19	Romans 4-6
Day 5	Acts 13-15	Day 20	Romans 7-9
Day 6	Acts 16-18	Day 21	Romans 10-12
Day 7	Acts 19-21	Day 22	Romans 13-16
Day 8	Acts 22-24	Day 23	Judges 1-3
Day 9	Acts 25-28	Day 24	Judges 4-6
Day 10	Joshua 1-3	Day 25	Judges 7-9
Day 11	Joshua 4-6	Day 26	Judges 10-12
Day 12	Joshua 7-9	Day 27	Judges 13-15
Day 13	Joshua 10-12	Day 28	Judges 16-18
Day 14	Joshua 13-15	Day 29	Judges 19-21
Day 15	Joshua 16-18	Day 30	Ruth 1-2

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Wayne Batten-Co-Leader)

It's time to make your Deacon nomination(s)! Due to the number of Deacons we would like to have on the ballot this year and the reduction in services and attendance, the Deacons have decided to begin the process earlier than is customary. Therefore, please consider church members you would like to recommend serve as a Deacon for the next 3 years. We will collect nominations from April 15 – May 16. To read about Deacon qualifications and responsibilities, please refer to BTC Constitution and Bylaws Manual on page 39. (Deacons rotating off: Susan Andrews, Lou Carroll, Aaron Johnson, Paul Brown Jr, and Tom Vaughan) (Deacons continuing to serve beyond this year: Wayne Batten, Ricky Andrews, Olivia Cooke, and Sonny Trippe). If you have questions, please contact one of the Deacons. To submit your Deacon nomination(s), please contact: Lou Carroll (919-418-7439), Wayne Batten (910-620-0582), or Ricky Andrews (rhaeco@aol.com)



Administrative Team (Kelly Currie-Team Leader/Ricky Watson-Co-Leader):

WOW! Spring has arrived and 2021 is quickly going by! Once again, we hope everyone is doing well and being safe!

The Administrative Team met via ZOOM for the month with the following items addressed:

- We received a report on Leadership Team items that related to the Administrative Team
- Reviewed the March Monthly Financial Report
- Confirmed that we do not have a Scholarship recipient for 2021 since we do not have any graduating seniors that are members of the Church.
- We currently have a couple of proposed revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws. The following items will be presented to the Leadership Team for approval at the April meeting and, if approved, will be voted on by the Church at the next Church Conference:
 - The Moderator will be the Standing Leader of the Leadership Team. This will provide more consistency to the Leadership Team meetings and reporting Leadership Team activities to the Church during Church Conferences.
 - The Church Secretary will be the Leadership Team Secretary. She will provide consistency on the Church Calendar and maintain the Leadership Team minutes. She will be paid for the time to attend these meetings.
 - The Pastor's job description will be revised to remove the requirement that he/she participate in the Leadership Team meetings but not be the Leadership Team Leader.

We continue to remind everyone to watch your complacency relative to the COVID-19 virus. Please wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash your hands and encourage everyone to get the vaccine when it becomes available to you.

Again, if you have any questions for the Administrative Team, please contact one of us.

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader):

Hope this finds everyone Covid free. Nothing new to report at this time for property management. God Bless Us All!

Mission Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Annette Ragan-Co-Leader):



We are opening up the Missions Flea Market on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm and some Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please stay updated on our Facebook page and our Website about availability for shopping. We do ask that the 3 W's be followed while shopping.

Our annual BBQ Chicken Plate fundraiser is being cancelled again this year, due to the difficulty of implementing the 3 W's for our workers.

We are also still providing assistance to families in our church and our community during this time. Thank you for continuing to support our Mission Team as we support others in God's name.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Leaders Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron):

Spring has sprung and everyone is getting anxious to get outside. We will be planning some day trips for May and June. We have 16 seniors signed up for our trip to Caswell in September.

We will meet again on the last Tuesday of the month, April 27th @ 9:30am in the FMC. All seniors are invited so please join us for fun, food and games.

God Bless,

Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron



Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader):

Children's Church will start back up the first Sunday in May and will continue each week. We will meet at 11:00 in the Auditorium Room of the Education Building. Bring your children over before you go into Church. Meeting there will allow us to practice Social Distancing and still have Church.

We will be asking for volunteers who want to assist with Children's Church. I have found a great program online that includes a Bible Study and crafts and may continue to use it. If you don't feel comfortable with your children attending, we will continue to send out lesson packages each Monday to those not in attendance. Please continue to Pray for our Children's program and our Church as we work to get things back in our lives.

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are hopeful to be back at church meeting on Wednesday nights soon. Until then we are still meeting every other Wednesday at my home at 3260 NC 231 Wendell, NC 27591 at 6:30. Our April meeting dates are April 7th and 21st.

Camp Fundraiser

The youth are selling Krispy Kreme donuts and certificates for \$10 each to help offset some of the cost of camp this year. These will be on sell through April 11th. We need all orders and \$ turned in by this date. We will be picking up our order on Saturday April 17th! Please see any youth or youth leaders to place your order if you would like to help. If you are not interested in doughnuts, but still want to donate you can do flat donations of cash or check to BTC as well. This is the only fundraiser we have been able to have this year so we really appreciate any support you can give!

Camp Caswell Meeting

We will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday May 12th at 6:30** for youth and parents to discuss Camp Caswell details. Please plan to attend to fill out paperwork and have it notarized. Contact me please if you cannot attend so we can arrange for you to get the paperwork.

Discipleship Team (Bobby Sellers-Team Leader/Cynthia Hudson-Co-Leader):

Hello everyone, Sunday School materials are continuing to be mailed to the students. The adult Sunday School materials have been delivered. We hope to be together soon.

We are planning on having VBS this year! VBS will be in late June or early July. We will keep you updated as we know more. Our theme this year will be Concrete & Cranes!





On Hold....

Until we can resume normal Church activities, the following Committees are on hold. We will resume these processes as soon as we can. Please be in prayer for these areas of ministry for our Church:

- *Bus/Van Committee
- *Children's Director Search Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

Addie Batten	Carl Holt	Libby Seagroves
Jacob Briggerman	Jackie Hunter	Ray Smith
Melanie Brock	Joan Hunter	Linda Stevens
Christin Brown	Kenneth Jones	O.K. Strickland
Ann & Russell Capps	Abbi Kennedy	Jack Thompson
Sue Cline	Shirley Lane	Mark Watson
Wendy Cox	Katie Lewis	
George Creech	Beth McNeil	
Wayne Currie	Scarlette Missineo	
Charles Driver	Ricky Narron	
David Driver	Jimmy Peck	
Randy Driver	Vickie Peters	
Mike Himmel	Franceline Price	
Elizabeth Hocutt	Othell Price	
Robert Hocutt	Shaun & Joy Price	
Sue Hocutt	Dolores Renfrow	



New Prayer Needs

Dennis Adkins	Sharon Craven	Milton Parrish	Teresa Wattenbarger
Justin Allison	Greg & Donna Creech	April Poage	June White
Anne Anderson	Peggy Creech	Jon Poole	Mary Lou White
Kathy Ayscue	Judy Davis	Larry Price	Billy Fay Wilson
Fred Bailey	Tiffany Donovan	Joan Privette	Unspoken Requests
Mike Bailey	Greg Driver	Bailey Rhodes	
Natalie Bailey	Rickie Driver	Bert Sellers	
Cub Barrow	Phyllis Edwards	Eli & Jennifer Shipman	
Annette Brock	Linda Hammet	Jamie Stanley	
Carolyn Price Brown	Brian Haynes	George Strickland	
Lori Bunn	Wilbert Lanier	Linda Strickland	
Alma Gay Childers	The McDowell Family	Pam Wall	
Ricky Corbett	Danny Ray Parrish	Nancy Watson	

From the Pastor's Desk:

This is one of my favorite scriptures... Luke 24:1-12 *"Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? "He is not here, but is RISEN! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened." (Luke 24:1-12)*

This world offers so many promises! Promises of sin and pleasure and sex and drugs and money and fame and every conceivable combination, yet, every worldly promise is absolutely empty and, in reality offers nothing! So many of us have been taken in by "empty promises," that we are leery of anything or anyone that tells us we can have something for nothing. THE WORLD SIMPLY DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY! But, you know what – God does – God never made a promise that was too good to be true. The truth of the matter is, the world is full of empty promises. We watch TV, and the advertisements tell us that we can be happy, sexy, rich, thin, or famous, if we only purchase a certain product. It doesn't take long before we have been fooled enough to know that the world's promises are full of emptiness. But, God is different. Instead of promises full of emptiness, on Easter, he gave us emptiness that is full of promise. This morning, I would like us to think about the promises of Easter. There are 3 of them. Each promise is marked by something empty. An empty cross, and empty tomb and empty burial clothes. It is the very fact that each of these is empty that assures us that God's promises are real. Because they couldn't hold Jesus, because he couldn't be contained by the cross, the tomb, or even his burial clothes, we can be sure of the fullness of God's promises in our lives. During this Easter season, let us reaffirm our commitments to God and be grateful for the "Empty" tomb and the glorious promise of "Fullness," because of His Grace! Always Remember This... "HE IS RISEN!" Happy Easter to you and your family!

In His Love,
Pastor Glen

