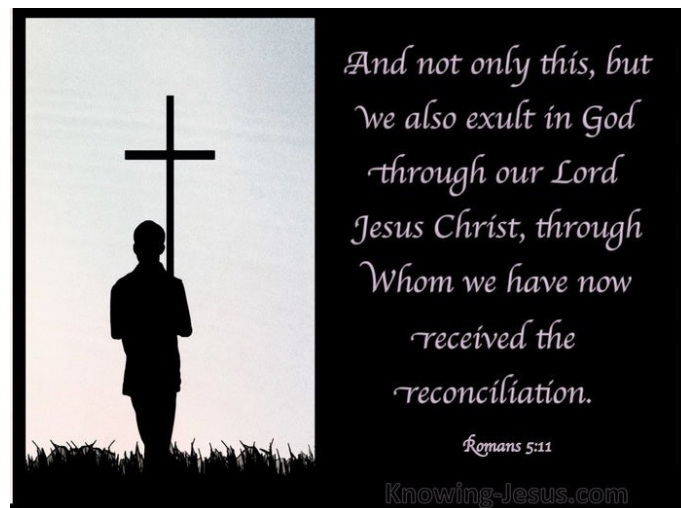


From the Pastor's Desk:

"We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation" (Romans 5:11)

April 2023 has arrived, and we are in another "Easter" season! We have so many things to be thankful for and so many things to Praise God for! God's Love and His Grace for us, is difficult to understand, because we live in a world where we receive what we have earned. When I was "selling" for a living, I was always told and always taught, "Sell More, Earn More!" In this life, when we perform, we prosper, and when we don't, we don't! I used to act as a "Coach" for my sales team, a lot like a sports team, and I would encourage and instruct them to perform at maximum capacity. In the Game of Life, we have a "Coach" called God, and we are now members of a very special team. He lays out the rules by which we will perform, and He has Divine Hopes that we will live better and better! When we stumble or fail to meet expectations, He simply points us to the Cross and says, "Do not worry, I will not drop you. I love you regardless and nothing that you do will make me stop loving and forgiving you!" God loved us enough that He sent His Only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us on that rugged and horrible Cross, to pay the price for our sins and to provide redemption and atonement for our transgressions! This Love, This Great Love, that has provided Salvation and Restoration and atonement, is freely given to us, by God's Amazing Love and Desire that we should be Re-Connected to Him through Jesus Christ! Picture Jesus hanging there on that Cross! Remember: Jesus Died on that Cross! He was buried in a borrowed tomb! The Glorious Truth of Easter 2023 (and every single day) is that the Tomb is EMPTY! HE HAS RISEN! HE IS ALIVE AND HE IS SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER, INTERCEDING FOR US AND OUR HUMAN WEAKNESSES! The wonderful story of Easter is simply this: God Loved Us Enough to Send Jesus to Die for us, to be Raised from the Dead, for us, and to Live so that we too, could live! May we Praise God for His love and reconciliation power to give us a new vision and a new and fresh perspective on living! "We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation" Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

HAPPY EASTER!
Pastor Glen & Annette



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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

April 2023 Bible Reading Schedule

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| Day 1 Act 1-3 | Day 16 Joshua 19-21 |
| Day 2 Acts 4-6 | Day 17 Joshua 22-24 |
| 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 |

SAVE THE DATE

Events this Month:

Saturday, April 8th: Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am

Sunday, April 9th: Sunrise Service @7:00am with breakfast to follow

Wednesday, April 13th-Saturday, April 15th Directory Pictures

Wednesday, April 19th: Church Conference

Thursday, April 20th: Directory Pictures

Sunday, April 30th: Children's Program

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 6th: Youth Fest: Breakfast, Lunch, Bake Sale & Yard Sale

Saturday, May 20th: Evangelism Block Party @ 10:00am



April Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Taylor Cook | 22nd Dianne Baggett |
| 2nd Ginger Preddy | Hannah Driver |
| 3rd Josh Hunter | |
| 4th Robert Earp | 23rd Sarah Ide |
| Hannah Greene | Lenore Strickland |
| Kathy Smith | 24th Harrison Hughes |
| Rose Spencer | 25th Wayne Batten |
| Hannah Ide | Bob Fleming |
| 6th Natalie Shirley | Jason Hayden |
| 7th Alec Bergeron | 27th Justin O'Neal |
| Samuel Morris | 30th Crystal Baker |
| Jackson Trippe | Will Fuller |
| 8th Mike Adams | Aaron Johnson |
| 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 | |
| 20th Landon Gidding | |



April Anniversaries

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| 1st S. Wendell & Joy Whichard |
| 3rd Scott & Tina Creech |
| 9th Roy & Rose Pope |
| 10th Neal & Kathryn Batten |
| 12th Fred & Patsy Coates |
| 15th Brandon & Sara Peebles |
| 22nd Christopher & Christin Brown |
| 28th Chris & Mistie Liles |

Update on the New Church Directory

As mentioned in the March newsletter, we have selected Universal Church Directories (www.ucdir.com) to help us with our new pictorial church directory. We began promoting the directory early in March and the response has been overwhelming! All appointments for the initial dates have been filled and an additional date of Thursday April 20th has been added to schedule more families for their pictures. So, if you haven't scheduled your picture, please call the Church office at 919-365-5558 and schedule your appointment or go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the button that says "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login", on the login page, in the Church Code field, enter nc436; in the Church Password field, enter photos. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. As stated earlier, each family photographed receives a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait to be sent postage free to their home. Plus, they receive a complimentary directory. This is a terrific opportunity for a professional portrait in the comfort of your own church. Schedule your family soon!

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Church Directory Team members: Ricky Watson, Joan Watson, Lou Holland, Jean Hocutt, Carrie Sellers, David Hughes



On Hold....

We will resume this process soon. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church:
*Children's Director Search Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Bradley Allen | David Driver | Shirley Lane | Larry Price |
| Chris Allen | Tom Dunn | June Lanier | Joan Privette |
| Shawn Allen | Lloyd East | Sandra Leonard | Donald Pulley |
| Addie Batten | Phyllis Edwards | Johnny Locklear | Annette Ragan |
| Neal Batten | Tommy Farmer | Landon Mack | Reggie Sanders |
| Rochelle Boswell | Wilma Foster | Sue Cline Mack | Connie Scott |
| Stella Boykin | Will Fuller | Pam Maynor | Linda Stevens |
| Sue Boykin | Sawyer Gay | Kenny Morgan | Lori Stokes |
| Natalie Brock | Randy Hales | Ann Mosley | Mark Stokes |
| Julie Caudle | Beverly Heilig | Brian Munger | Glenn Strickland |
| Barry Chamblee | Carolyn Hicks | John Nowell | Mary Wiley |
| Ashley Coleman | Elizabeth Hocutt | Ricky Nowell | Robert & Betty Williford |
| Wendy Cox | Sue Hocutt | Carol O'Neal | |
| Peggy Creech | Nova Hopkins | Mike O'Neal | |
| JoAnn Daniel | Connie Jones | Eddie Perry | |
| Jane Denton | Kenneth Jones | Vickie Peters | |

New Prayer Needs

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|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Harold Andrews | George Creech | PD Hopkins Family | Bob Richardson |
| Phyllis Andrews | Wayne & Kelly Currie | Joan Hunter | Mary Lou Richardson |
| Elaine Barham | Charles Driver | Billy Knight | Christi Sasser |
| Kathryn Batten | Rickie Driver | Oscar Lane | Donna Smith |
| Pam Batten | Kim Eatmon | Dennis Locklear | Jane Strautnieks |
| Chloe Barbour | Nita Edwards | Vic Pace | Carmel Wall |
| Betty Blanton | Ginny Gay | Aleisha Parr | Melody Watkins |
| Judy Boswell | Taylor Green & Family | Clarice Peterson | Dale Weathers |
| Errol Briggerman | Gayle Haines | Rose Pope | Eddie Wright |
| Melanie Brock | Anita Hales | Franceline Price | Unspoken Requests |
| Jon Carroll | Linda Hammett | Katie Price | |
| Ross Carroll | Dana Hocutt | Frank Pulley | |
| David Clay | JoAnn Hocutt | David Ragan | |
| Sharon Craven | Carl Holt | Dolores Renfrow | |



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

Spring is here and we are on the move. March 4th a group went to see a Broadway Play “The Four Crosses”. It was amazing and we had a great time. We cancelled the March 30th trip to Edenton, but it will be rescheduled. April will be busy with the annual Triangle East Baptist Association Senior Rally. It will be held at Clayton First Baptist Church on April 13th, with a catered meal. April 17th-19th a group will be traveling to Caswell for a Senior Retreat with guest speaker Phyllis Elvington. Sign up sheets are available in the information center for any trips.

Ricky Narron has been busy in March with the Fruit Basket Ministry, which we could not do without the help of the Missions Team.

God Bless, Olivia Cooke, Patsy & Ricky Narron

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

Have you seen the NEW Children’s Church Room? For us old timers it is the Assembly Room in the Educational Building. We placed 2 washable rugs under our tables because our crafts sometimes get a bit messy. Having this larger space has been wonderful. What is more wonderful is the fact that we outgrew our former space. The Nursery can now overflow into our old room. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who bring your children to Church. Our Wednesday night programs continue to grow and if you look at the parking lot you can tell a lot more people are attending Wednesday night programs. We have programs for Mission Friends, Journey Kids, Youth and Prayer Meeting. We recently had to order additional Student Study Books. YEAH!!!! Thanks to all the parents for bringing your children on Wednesday.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8 in the area from the fenced in playground to the BBQ Shelter. We will hold 4 separate “Hunts” for different age groups. If you would like to help, we need LOTS of Easter Eggs.

Please bring any Easter Eggs you would like to donate to the FMC no later than April 5. Be sure they are ready to be hidden. We Need LOTS of eggs. Last year we had around 125 children to participate in our Egg Hunt. We will be giving each child a “Goodie Bag” with some candy, Church Info and Easter Items. Thanks to Stella Boykin and her crew, these are ready to go. Registration will begin around 10:00, the Easter Story will be delivered around 10:30 and then the Egg Hunts will begin. Come join us for the fun and bring some new folks. Signup sheets for assistance are available in the info center.

The Evangelism Block Party will be May 20. We will be asking for LOTS of Volunteers for this date. Be looking for the sign-up sheets soon.

Thank You All the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. We are looking forward to many new adventures in 2023.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Wayne & Pam

Property Management Team (Ross Carroll-Team Leader/Steve White-Co-Leader):

We are grateful to KEVIN CREECH ROOFING for the beautiful shingle replacement. Kevin and Samantha Creech have been generous friends to our church for many years. Please reward them by choosing their company for your roofing and gutter needs.

We are still gathering information for the Sanctuary door replacement.

Cemetery

Since Spring has sprung, it time to replace Cemetery flowers. Please remove old faded bouquets. The spring winds reek havoc on the flowers and they are often blown away. Help us return them to your loved ones grave. Put NAMES on a piece of duck tape with a permanent marker.

Wire, tape or tie your flower stems together if they are not secured in floral foam in a heavy pot. It is best to anchor stems in floral foam. To keep flowers in the container, you can tie a heavy string around the rim and run it through the flowers. A drainage hole in the pot will keep the bouquet from floating out.

Wire saddles should be bent so they fit snugly over the headstone. They can also be wired to ground stakes, one in front and one behind to stone.

In the new section, momentos should be limited to the headstone. Bouquets should be on the stone or directly behind.

| Today | < | > | April 2023 | Month | | |
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| SUN 26 | MON 27 | TUE 28 | WED 29 | THU 30 | FRI 31 | SAT Apr 1 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Sunday School 11am Childrens Church 11am Worship Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Deacons Meeting FMC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-12 Flea Market 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Childrens Programs 6:30pm Youth 7pm Choir Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-12 Flea Market 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Childrens Programs 6:30pm Youth 7pm Choir Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-12 Flea Market 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Childrens Programs 6:30pm Youth 7pm Choir Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-12 Flea Market |
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What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Bobby Sellers-Team Leader/Ricky Narron-Co-Leader):

The pastoral team is steadily working on updating our list and contacts for our shut ins as well as working on expanding our outreach.

It's no secret that there is new faces within our congregation. Along with the Deacons, please make yourself known and welcome new faces. As we know it can be a difficult transition to become part of anything new so let's all welcome them and invite them to be part of more than just Sunday service. As we grow, so does the need for volunteers within our ministries. Mission marketplace, Vacation Bible school, Shut in deliveries, children's ministries, and many other ways to serve. A special thank you from the deacons to all those who currently devote so much to time and effort in making Baptist Tabernacle Church what it is.

Administrative Team (Ricky Watson -Team Leader/David Hughes-Co-Leader):



Our monthly meeting was held on March 20, 2023 in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. As usual, we reviewed the previous monthly financial report, including the income, expenditures, all Ministry Team's expenditures for the year, as well as the investments. We also reviewed the Church's insurance needs, discussed any applications for the Church scholarship for the year, and the financial investments at Edward Jones. We reviewed the one we received for the annual scholarship. An announcement will be made shortly on the award of the 2023 Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship. There were no discussions on any changes to the Constitution & By-Laws at the meeting.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, we are providing Article VI, Baptism. This is an opportune time for this review, as we have held several baptisms in the last few weeks.

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: Chair, David Hughes, Members: Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe

ARTICLE VI (Approved 1997) **Baptism**

Baptism is observed by a person who has expressed publicly a profession in Jesus Christ as Savior; it is an act of obedience.

- A. Ordinance of Baptism
1. Baptism shall be held on the fourth Sunday of each month if needed and sooner if the occasion arises.
 - (a) It is symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - (b) It is symbolic of the death of the old person, the burial of that person, and resurrection to a new life.
 2. A person will be baptized, after conversion.
 3. A person joining this church from another church will be baptized, if said person has not been baptized by immersion.

Worship Team (Susan Andrews -Team Leader/Dana Hocutt-Co-Leader)

- We will celebrate Mother's Day on the 2nd Sunday in May.
- We will celebrate Graduate Sunday on the 1st Sunday in June. If you have a family member that has graduated or will graduate from High School or beyond* between July1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 please contact the church office and provide their name and contact information. (*Beyond" is any program of study typically completed after High School Graduation...i.e. certificate programs, Technical School, Community College, College, etc.)
- We will celebrate Father's Day on the 3rd Sunday in June.

Discipleship Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

Sunday School is available from 10:00 -10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Education Building

Nursery 1: Ages birth - 2 years (1st Floor)

Nursery 2: 2 - 3 years (1st Floor)

Bible Learners: (4 years-2nd Grade) (2nd Floor)

Bible Discoverers: (Grades 3rd-5th) (2nd Floor)

Youth: Grades 6th - 12th (2nd Floor)

Adult Classes: Education Building

Journey- Young Singles & Couples (2nd Floor) (Various Topics)

Mildred Driver Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

JOY: Ladies Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: Men's Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

Adult Class: FMC

Growing in Jesus Class (1st Floor) (Various Topics)

Anyone interested in teaching a Sunday School class, please call or email the Church with your contact information and interest.



Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Sandy Trippe-Co-Leader):

Happy Spring greetings from your Mission Team! The Flea Market continues to be a very successful missions opportunity. Along with our regular "organizational" donations, we have been able to help numerous families who are struggling or just need a "leg-up" and to help the Wednesday shut-in meals and fruit baskets. Thank you to the Church for your support in allowing us to use the basement space. We could not do what we do without it. Be sure to mark your calendars for May 6 when the youth will have their Youth Fest to help cover camp expenses. There will be breakfast & lunch, bake sale, and the flea market. Looking forward to having parents and youth working that day! Come out and support them.

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Camp Caswell Updates/Fundraisers

Camp is quickly approaching as it is 11 weeks away! We will be having our camp meeting for both parents and youth on **Wednesday May 17th@6:30 in the FMC**. I will be printing out and handing out paperwork in the next few weeks. You will need 2 copies filled out and 2 copies of your insurance card (front/back) if you have insurance. Tonya Bailey will be present at this meeting to notarize papers. Please be aware that if you are unable to attend this meeting and need your paperwork notarized you will be responsible for getting it notarized before we leave for camp.

We really appreciate everyone's support as we have been trying to raise the \$ to send all of our youth to camp this year. We will have another fundraiser coming up on **Saturday, May 6th from 8:00-2:00**. This will include Breakfast (assorted biscuits and grits), Lunch (Hotdogs/chips), Bake Sale, and Flea Market downstairs. We need all youth and available parents to help on this day to make it a success! We also will need donations of baked goods both WHOLE and INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED! I will be placing forms in the vestibule for you to fill out and get to me if you are able to donate items. Please have these forms back to me by April 30th!

This past Wednesday we finished up our Bible Study "Abide" and we had some really good conversations about the word "Abide" and what it really means in our lives as we live for Jesus. We examined the Fruits of The Spirit and examined the lives of David and Moses and how their lives were an example of what it means when you "Abide in Christ." Please pray for our youth as they examine their own lives and learn to "Abide in Christ" daily.

God Bless You All,
Mrs. Carrie

