

# Baptist Tabernacle Church December 2021 Newsletter

## Our Memory Verse for December is:

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11 KJV

## December 2021 Reading Schedule

Day 1	Daniel 4-6	Day 16	Micah 1-3
Day 2	Daniel 7-9	Day 17	Micah 4-7
Day 3	Daniel 10-12	Day 18	Nahum 1-3
Day 4	Hosea 1-3	Day 19	Habakkuk 1-3
Day 5	Hosea 4-6	Day 20	Zephaniah, Haggai
Day 6	Hosea 7-9	Day 21	Zechariah 1-3
Day 7	Hosea 10-12	Day 22	Zechariah 4-6
Day 8	Hosea 13-14	Day 23	Zechariah 7-9
Day 9	Joel 1-3	Day 24	Zechariah 10-14
Day 10	Amos 1-3	Day 25	Malachi 1-4
Day 11	Amos 4-6	Day 26	Revelation 1-3
Day 12	Amos 7-9	Day 27	Revelation 4-6
Day 13	Obadiah	Day 28	Revelation 7-10
Day 14	2 & 3 John, Jude	Day 29	Revelation 11-15
Day 15	Jonah 1-4	Day 30	Revelation 16-18
		Day 31	Revelation 19-22

# SAVE THE DATE

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School @10:00 am-10:45 am

Sunday Morning Children's Church in Education Building @ 11:00am

Sunday Morning Sermon: Sanctuary, Facebook or Parking Lot on FM 87.7 @ 11:00 am

Tuesday Morning: Prayer Time @ 10:00am in the FMC

Wednesday Night: Adult Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends @ 6:30pm

**Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping:** Wednesday, December 1st 8:00am to 12:00pm

**Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping:** Saturday, December 4th 8:00am to 12:00pm

**O.W.L.S. Meeting:** Tuesday, December 7th trip to Rudy Theatre

**Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping:** Wednesday, December 8th 8:00am to 12:00pm

**Robinwood Service:** Sunday, December 12th @ 7:00pm

**Levada Driver Circle Group:** Monday, December 13th @ 2:00pm in the FMC

**Leadership Team Meeting:** Monday, December 13th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

**Vera Hocutt Circle Group:** Tuesday, December 14th @ 12:00pm at Allette's Home

**Live Nativity Christmas Program:** Sunday, December 19th @6:30pm

**Administrative Team Meeting:** Monday, December 20th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

**Property Management Team Meeting:** Tuesday, December 21st @ 7:00pm in the FMC

**Christmas Eve Service:** December 24th @ 4:00pm in the Sanctuary



## December Birthdays



## December Anniversaries

1st Elizabeth Hocutt  
Emma Maidon  
Juan Trippe  
4th Layla Mack  
Anna Martin  
5th Bruce Whitley  
6th Cassie Hinnant  
Holly Hughes  
Joette Oliver  
Kemp Moore  
7th Patsy Coates  
Kelly Currie  
Lauren Driver  
Craig Strickland  
8th Sean Bannon  
Glen Horton  
Ken Spencer  
9th William Hocutt  
Stacy Bunn  
10th Wallace Bunn  
Matthew Lee  
11th Blair Driver  
12th Dena Brannan  
13th Jimmy Lewis  
Billy Hales  
14th Frances Carroll  
15th Madison Adams  
Adam Driver  
John Nowell  
Autumn Hargreaves

17th Nita Edwards  
18th Benjamin Hocutt  
Bobby Sellers  
19th Jon Carroll  
Austin Himmel  
20th Linda Hammatt  
Charle' Johnson  
Clay Lewis  
21st Erma Adkins  
Carolyn Stevens  
22nd Rebecca Boykin  
Fred Flowers  
23rd Sean Melvin  
24th Margaret Andrews  
25th Merry Hocutt  
Vickie Hocutt  
26th Everly Boyette  
Benjamin Green  
Chris White  
27th Jerry Richardson  
Brooke Scott  
Jennifer Thompson  
28th Wendy D. Jeffreys  
Brandon Carroll  
29th Nicole Batten  
Joan Privette  
30th Rose Godwin

5th Harold & Margaret Andrews  
8th Joseph & Samantha Lambert  
9th Ryan & Brooke Hargreaves  
12th Charles & Mary Padgett  
14th Tracey & Cynthia Hudson  
David & Holly Hughes  
DJ & Kayla Scott  
16th Kim & Jamie Jeffreys  
20th Jimmy & Brenda Lewis  
21st Tommy & Rowena Perry  
22nd Matthew & Brooke Sanders  
29th Tracy & Angela Gilmore



## 100th Anniversary Committee

From the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee:

The committee continues to work on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Items that are continuing:

Updating the history of the Church with updates since the '80's.

Conducting interviews with some of the long-time members to get their thoughts of the Church and important times and activities they have been involved with throughout their Church life.

Collecting pictures of church life from the past. If anyone has any to offer, please contact one of the members of this team.

Contacting former pastors to visit and preach a sermon during the months leading up to the Celebration. We decided on Parker's BBQ of Wilson as the caterer for the event and have called them to reserve a spot on their calendar. Plans are for Parker's personnel to serve the meal to alleviate handling of the utensils. The Church will also provide deserts, already placed in bowls or plates so each attendee can just pick up their desert. We have talked with the Fellowship Team Leader about making the deserts for us. Our intent is to limit the handling of the food. The meal will be served and eaten outside. We do not think it is a good idea to have 200 plus people gathered inside the FMC at this time.

We have received some historical pictures of activities at the church and some of the old buildings but are still looking for more. If you have any, please let us know. The committee would love to "borrow" them to update the historical documents that we have. On the back of the item, please identify the activity, and put your name, phone #, and address so we can return them to the owner.

Again, the committee consists of: Connie Bechdolt, Pastor Glen Brock, Ronnie Faulkner, Lou Holland, Elaine Holmquist, Jeany O'Neal, Judy Boswell, Tammy Narron, and Joan and Rick Watson.

Please be in prayer for these activities and for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Baptist Tabernacle Church.



## What are our Ministry Teams up to?

### Pastoral Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Bobby Sellers-Co-Leader):

The Deacons are encouraging you as well as ourselves to become more active in activities involving our Church. Let's all support the Live Nativity with our presence. Remember we have Wednesday night services including Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, GA's, and RA's. As we enter the Christmas season, please remember why we celebrate Christmas. We all are looking forward to spending time with family and friends, but let's also spend time with our Church community. What can we do to make this Christmas special for someone in the community? MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone. Someone mentioned at a recent Wednesday night service they would like to see the Deacons in more active roles. If you think of opportunities for Deacons to Serve, please let me know and we will work on it.

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

WOW! Can you believe that December is already here! The Administrative Team hopes that you all have the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years!

The Administrative Team held their regular monthly meeting for November in the FMC with the usual items being addressed:

- We discussed the information from the November Leadership Team that related to the Administrative Team. The Ministry Team leaders submitted their budget requests for 2022. These will be used as input to the 2022 Church Ministry Budget.
- We reviewed the October Financial Report. Again, our focus in this review is that we are still receiving funds that keep up with the expenditures and that items spent are included in the budget. We also review the following items:
  - Expenditures to ensure that the Ministry Teams are not spending more than they are budgeted.
  - Recurring expenditures to see if we have the funds to meet the continually increasing items.
  - Edward Jones accounts to ensure they are meeting our expectations. We continue working with the Edward Jones Team to achieve our desired results.
- We began preparing the 2022 Church Ministry Budget. This process will be continued at the December meeting and the 2022 budget will be presented to the Church at the January Church Conference for approval.

**Although our Church attendance is not where it was pre-COVID, the expenditures of the Church remain the same. Salaries and utilities must be paid, our commitments to missions must be met, maintenance and upkeep of the church are still needed, and church activities are still ongoing, so your tithes and offerings are still needed. They are instrumental in the Church's efforts to maintain all our ministries within the Church.**

We continue to remind everyone to watch your complacency relative to the COVID-19 virus with the current surge of COVID cases due to the Delta Variant and the number of individuals that have not taken the vaccine. Pastor Glen reminds us in each of his daily devotions that we encourage the wearing of masks within the buildings for each service. Please keep this in mind when attending Church activities and wear your mask to be considerate of our Church membership.

Thanks for your continued participation. Please stay safe!

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



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

We just want to say **Thank You** to everyone who came to help and supported the Mission Marketplace! It was a great success! Wednesday, December 15th will be the last shopping day of the year for the Mission Marketplace Flea Market. We will still be collecting donations during this time by appointments. We are also helping with Angel Trees in our local schools for Christmas gifts.



### **Property Management Team (Ricky Andrews-Team Leader/Ross Carroll-Co-Leader):**

The Property Management Team is working diligently to upgrade and maintain our church facilities as you will see outlined below.

**LIGHTS:** Recently the ceiling lights have been replaced with LED fixtures in the Education Building breezeway and will be replaced in the Vestibule of the Sanctuary. We hope to be getting quotes in the near future to replace all of the fluorescent tube lights in the Sanctuary with LED lights, then we will be progressing into the Education Building and finally the FMC. We've received a request to illuminate the beauty of our stained glass windows in the Sanctuary and we are investigating ways to make that happen.

**SOUND SYSTEM:** We have all the materials we need to provide the electrical work for the new sound system, now our team will begin installation so when the sound system arrives the power is available.

**WINDOWS:** We have a quote for new windows for the Education Building breezeway and we are seeking another quote. The current window casings are rotting and need to be replaced, so we are planning to install windows and frames to match the FMC breezeway. We're also looking at tinting all of the glass windows and doors in the foyers of the FMC, Education Building, and Sanctuary to cut down on the fading effects on the furniture and carpet.

**DOORS:** We've received information on a new Sanctuary front door system that would replace the current wooden doors.

**SECURITY SYSTEM:** We are actively working with Security Companies to get prices to provide a new security/fire/entry system. The keypads we have now are out of date and they no longer make the parts for them. At present, there are three different systems installed by three different contractors so we are looking for one system from one contractor to meet our needs. We believe a new system will also eliminate the alarm from sounding continuously for unknown reasons.

**PARKING LOT:** We're getting quotes to seal and re-stripe the parking lot to keep the parking lot from deteriorating causing the need to do the major repairs we had to do last time the lot was paved.

If you have any further requests or if you see something is broken, please contact a member of the Property Management Team.

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

We hope you are enjoying the wonderful Christmas decorations in our Sanctuary. Thank you to Pam and Wayne Batten for their creativity. Also at this time of year we all enjoy the Christmas music during our services. Thank you to Kennette Stewart and Sandy Trippe for planning and getting singers to practice and perform this music to enhance our worship experience. Mark your calendar for December 19 for our Special Live Nativity beginning at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to Amy Boykin for her dedication to making sure this event happens each year.

#### **POINSETTIAS**

Poinsettias are in the sanctuary and will remain until Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all for placing 84 poinsettias in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. They make our Church look wonderful for the Christmas season.

Nursery Workers now have the ability to hear the Worship Service from 11-12 via FM 87.7 while serving in the Nursery. Contact Susan Andrews via call or text at 919-418-8061 if you are willing to help.





## Discipleship Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Bobby Sellers-Co-Leader):

Sunday School has reopened from 10:00 -10:45 in the following locations:

### **Children's SS Classes: Education Building**

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

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

Bible Learners: (Preschool-2nd Grade) (2nd Floor)

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

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



### **Adult Classes (Adults choose 1 of 2 locations to provide for Social Distancing):**

Education Building Assembly Room: Lessons from Lifeway Quarterly (max 28)

(Various Teachers from Adult Classes)

FMC: Lessons on Miscellaneous Topics (max 60)

(Various Teachers beginning with Glen Brock and a Book Study from James)

**Anyone willing to assist with temporarily teaching Sunday school for children, youth, or adults please contact Susan Andrews (919-418-8061)([swarha@aol.com](mailto:swarha@aol.com)) or Tonya Bailey ([tjabailey@bellsouth.net](mailto:tjabailey@bellsouth.net)).**

## Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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

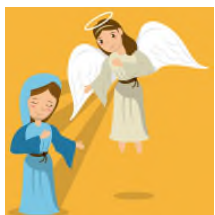


On November 9th– 12 seniors took a trip to the Southern Supreme fruitcake factory in Bear Creek. We traveled the country roads and saw God's beauty of the orange, gold & red leaves. Thanks to Ricky Narron for being our travel guide. We shopped until we dropped then had a great lunch. As of now we have 20 signed up for the December 7th Christmas show at the Rudy Theatre. We would love to have you join us at our regular meetings on the last Tuesday of every month.



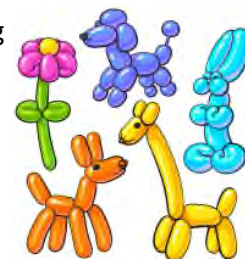
God Bless and Merry Christmas to All! Olivia Cooke, Patsy & Ricky Narron

## Children's Team (Pam Batten-Team Leader):



Children's Church is studying the Birth of Jesus. Our 5-week program is teaching from the Angels appearing to Mary to the birth of Jesus and the visits from the shepherds and wise men. Our craft is making a Nativity scene for each child. We are looking forward to seeing the finished products. If you are at Church, you might notice some of our youth go over with us to assist. They are taking an active role in the story and assisting us with the crafts. Thank You to those Youth. What a Way to Grow in Christ.

GA's & RA's. We are continuing our lessons on Missions. We recently helped package Thanksgiving meals in cooperation with Corinth Holders Elementary School for families who needed assistance. We are currently collecting gifts for residents at the Children's Home in Middlesex. Some of our children and youth have been practicing making balloon animals as part of our new Balloon Ministry Program. They will be entertaining and witnessing to residents at Robinwood on December 12. Be in prayer for all our group. If your child is not attending, please bring them. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30.



## Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in packing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! The youth completed 17 boxes to send this year! What a blessing it is to be able to participate in this mission project every year! Youth Christmas Party is coming up on Saturday, December 4th at 5:00 at the home of Bobby and Carrie Sellers. Please bring an appetizer and/or dessert to share and a \$10 wrapped gift that can go for a boy or a girl for the gift game. We look forward to seeing everyone there! The youth are headed back to Caswell this summer for youth camp June 13-18th! We are looking at doing some fundraisers to offset some of the cost for camp again this year! More details and dates to follow. Youth are still meeting every Wednesday night at 6:30 for Bible study! Please remind your child to bring their Bibles each week :)! Thank you!

Mrs. Carrie & Youth Team



## 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

Bradley Allen	Guy Jean Farmer	Steve Lee	Jack Thompson
Henry Allred	Cathy Farriss	Greg Lumley	Wendy Valencia
R.A. & Ruth Avery	Ronnie Faulkner	Anna Martin	Nancy Watson
Fred Bailey	Dickie & Marilyn Forbes	Christy Moore	Rose Marie Wheeler
Natalie Bailey	Will Fuller	Tommy Moore	Jacob Wilson
JoLane Ball	Brenda Goad	Jay Moss	Charles Wood
Addie Batten	Kaye Grissom	Marsha Nash	Steve Wood
Donald Blackwell	Dan Gullifer	Mackie Ollis	
Bailey Briggs	Glenda Kay Harris	Charles & Mary Padgett	
Glen & Annette Brock	Jessica Hill	Gary Peck	
Melanie Brock	Mike Himmel	Jimmy Peck	
Ann Capps	Ellen Hinnant	Vickie Peters	
Jon Carroll	Elizabeth Hocutt	Clarice Peterson	
Lillie Cheek	Sue Hocutt	Jeaninene Pratt	
Sue Cline	Carl Holt	Franceline Price	
Patsy Coates	Jackie & Joan Hunter	Larry & Othell Price	
George Creech	Dorena Privette-Jenkins	Joan Privette	
Greg & Donna Creech	Kenneth Jones	Leslie Ragan	
Tim Davis	Scott Jones	Spencer Ragan	
Charles Driver	Scott Kearney	Dolores Renfrow	
Dan Driver	Billy Knight	Rev. Jasper Renfrow	
David Driver	Oscar & Shirley Lane	Tommy Richardson	
Wesley Dunbar	Sherry Lanham	Bert Sellers	
Phyllis Edwards	Wilbert Lanier	Linda Stevens	

## New Prayer Needs

Lynn Bailey	Danny Hocutt	Mark Watson
Leroy Baker	Dennis Lockleair	Unspoken Requests
Ralph Bass	Sue Cline Mack	
Nancy Batchelor	Caroline Rose Norwood	
Russell Capps	Bobby Pope	
Lou Carroll	Joy Price	
Ricky Creech	Annette Ragan	
Wayne Currie	Joey Renfrow	
Roy Eason	Wayne Robertson	

### From the Pastor's Desk:

*“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)*

Picture it... The entire region of Palestine was in dire straits. There was this tyrannical and fearful leader called Herod, that was ruling by force and fear! There seemed to be no hope! What the people needed was a Savior, a Redeemer, a Messiah! Remember John 3:16? Well, God acted upon the needs of the people, and He sent His only Son!! *“That whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!”* Folks, just as in the days of Herod, we need a Savior, right now, today! Our world is a bit more sophisticated and complex than the one that Jesus was born into, but we are, in need of, a Savior! This world is as blind and deaf and evil, as the days of Jesus. Where can we find HOPE? As we stand at the threshold of another Christmas, the same Savior that was born in a stable and that Savior that offered Hope for the Hopeless and sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, is beckoning us to Him, right now, today! Our Hope is in the One who lit the Bethlehem star and directed the Heavenly Choir that mesmerized the shepherds on that Galilean hillside and led the Wise Men to His presence! *“Our Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ Love and Righteousness! May you find Hope in this Christmas Season and may you continue to Hope in Jesus! Each year, as I look at the splendor of Christmas and the decorations that abound, I remind myself to look past the tinsel and glitter to the REAL reason for the Season, Jesus Christ! May you experience the Majesty and Glory of the SAVIOR! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!*

Merry Christmas! Pastor Glen & Annette

