

From the Pastor's Desk:

February is the month that we most associate with love. We turn our attentions to those that we hold dear, and we begin to think about what to do for them for Valentine's Day! We will not forget Valentine's Day, because Walmart starts putting out cupids and hearts, in early January, and we begin thinking of what to give the one we love, for Valentine's Day. Valentines become available in January for sending to loved ones in February. This is a good month to think about what real love is. There are three kinds of love...

The first is Eros: This is erotic love. It is the first stage of a romantic relationship. It can be felt when you don't even know the person who is the object of this love. It is a physical love centered on self.

The second kind is Philos: This love is based on friendship between two people. It is based on an attitude of "give and take." It is a mental love that is still centered on self but also the other person.

The third kind is Agape: This Love is totally selfless love. It is love given without expectation of receiving any benefit in return. It has no conditions and benefits the one who is loved not the one who loves. This is Spiritual love. This is the Love of God. He demonstrated this Love on the Cross of Calvary! I encourage you to share your love with those that you hold dear, and to demonstrate Love to others that you encounter! As Followers of Christ, we have a responsibility to Love our Neighbors and to reflect the Love of God towards them. Celebrate Valentine's Day, every day! May the Love of God be reflected in all that you do and speak! Remember, God's Love is Eternal, not just one month of the year! *"But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)." "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:30-31)."*

Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Pastor Glen & Annette

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John 3:16



February 2024


Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for February is:

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:16 KJV

February 2024 Bible Reading Schedule



Day 1 Exodus 19-21	Day 15 Leviticus 7-9
Day 2 Exodus 22-24	Day 16 Leviticus 10-12
Day 3 Exodus 25-27	Day 17 Leviticus 13-15
Day 4 Exodus 28-30	Day 18 Leviticus 16-18
Day 5 Exodus 31-33	Day 19 Leviticus 19-21
Day 6 Exodus 34-36	Day 20 Leviticus 22-24
Day 7 Exodus 37-40	Day 21 Leviticus 25-27
Day 8 Mark 1-3	Day 22 Luke 1-3
Day 9 Mark 4-6	Day 23 Luke 4-6
Day 10 Mark 7-9	Day 24 Luke 7-9
Day 11 Mark 10-12	Day 25 Luke 10-12
Day 12 Mark 13-16	Day 26 Luke 13-15
Day 13 Leviticus 1-3	Day 27 Luke 16-18
Day 14 Leviticus 4-6	Day 28 Luke 19-21

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

- Thursday, February 1st: Baptist Men Meet @ Blvd Pizza at 6:30pm
Saturday, February 10th: Baby Shower for Lauren & Tyler Windham 1-3pm in the FMC
Saturday, February 10th: Valentine's Dinner Youth Fundraiser Doors open @6:30pm
Monday, February 12th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC
Monday, February 12th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
Monday, February 19th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group
Monday, February 19th: Children going to NC Veteran's Home in Kinston
Monday, February 19th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
Monday, February 26th: Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
Tuesday, February 27th: O.W.L.S. Monthly Meeting in the FMC

Every Wednesday:

- Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Youth Bible Study at 6:00pm
Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult & Children)
Choir Practice @ 7:00pm

Mission Marketplace

Open for Shopping on Saturday, February 3rd & Wednesdays, February 7th & 21st



\$12 BBQ \$12

Baptist Tabernacle Church
 1599 NC Hwy 231
 Wendell, NC 27591
April 12, 2024
11am-7pm (or sold out)
1/2 Chicken, Potatoes, Slaw, Bread & Dessert
****Eat In or Take Out****

Recurring Prayer Needs

Shawn Allen	Phyllis Edwards	Kim Kasai	Julie Swinson
James Bailey	Brad Ferrell	Oscar & Shirley Lane	Wendy Tarlton
Margie Baker	Tim & Laura Ford	Jerry & Linda Lee	Brooke Wall
Nancy Batchelor	Lorrie Gay	Kay Maningas	Terry Wall
Kim Bertaux	Candice Green	Anna Martin	Dale Weathers
Betty Blanton	Doug Hahn	Cathy Maynard	Steve White
Camden Blanton	Gayle Haines	Pam Maynor	Clay Whitley
Lester Boyd	Randy Hales	Linda Morgan	Tempie Whitley
Natalie Brock	Linda Hammett	Jonathan Newell	Paula Dean Williams
Kathy Carter	Teresa Harrell	Mike O'Neal	Betty Williford
Greg Clay	Jimmy Rex Harris	Teresa O'Neal	Lee Williford
Heather Cooke	Cindy Hauer	Vic Pace	Robert Williford
Tim Cooke	Margorie Hill	David Peters	Bruce Young
Clyde Cornell	Mike & Georgia Himmel	Susie Peoples	Israel
Brian Cox	Douglas Hinton	Eddie Perry	
Wendy Cox	Von Hobbs	Clarice Peterson	
Tim Craig	Al Hocutt	Larry Price	
Anna Creech	Danny & Jean Hocutt	Joan Privette	
Wayne Currie	Elizabeth Hocutt	Tony Richardson	
Angela Curtman	Roger Hocutt	Christi Sasser	
Criag Custer	Carl Holt	Connie Scott	
Ray Davis	Pat Horton	Mykayla Smith	
Charles Driver	Joan Hunter	Ray & Donna Smith	
Shirley Earp	Ken Hunter	Lori Stokes	
Kim Eatmon	Bruce Jacobs	Craig Strickland	
Ervin Edwards	Kenneth Jones	Eldie Strickland	

New Prayer Needs

Mike Bailey	Donna K. House
Elaine Barham	Poppy Mohn
Judy Boswell	Annette Ragan
Bruce & Judy Brantley	Cameron Richardson
Patsy Coates	Kenneth Rose
Lynsay Creech	Jane Strautnieks
Tracy Crocker	Marie Strickland
Barbara Eatmon	Joseph Tarlton
H.E. Edwards	Sandy Trippe
Fred & Carol Flowers	Unspoken Requests
Ray & Cecilia Gardner	

Youth Team (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Annual "Souper" Bowl Sunday a success! We raised \$3,119.00 for camp! Saturday, February 10th, is our Valentine's Dinner, we have tickets available now! \$25 each, includes, Sirloin steak, baked potato, salad, roll and drinks. Childcare is also available for \$10 per child, includes pizza, games and a movie. Please see Sandy Morgan or Danielle Gidding for tickets.

Thank you for bringing your Youth and encouraging them to stay involved!
We are looking forward to the many new adventures we will have in 2024!

\$25



**Valentine's Dinner Ticket
Youth Fundraiser for Camp Caswell**

Baptist Tabernacle Church
1599 NC Hwy 231
Wendell, NC 27591
Saturday, February 10th, 2024
Doors open at 6:30pm Supper Served at 7pm

1 Sirloin Steak
Baked Potato with toppings
Salad with toppings/Roll
Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, or Water

Babysitting is Available for \$10 per child
Your child will have pizza, games, and a movie



BTC Quilters



Beginning February 1 the BTC Quilters will gather to begin our Fall Fest quilt for 2024. We will meet in the Education Building on the first floor from 9:00- 12:00 to begin sewing pieces together by hand. Anyone that can use a sewing needle or an iron is welcome to join us for this working session. We will provide fabric, needles, thread, and 1/4" tape. If you have specific tools you prefer to use, please bring them with you. For questions, please contact Susan Andrews 919.418.8061.

Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship

This scholarship is available to all deserving graduating high school seniors who have been regularly participating in Baptist Tabernacle Church activities. The scholarship may provide a maximum of \$2,500 for a student attending a trade school, technical or community college, college or university. The scholarship will be applied to the cost of undergraduate tuition. Contact Ashelyn in the Church office for an application or any questions. Please submit by the end of February.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Souper Bowl Sunday Youth Fundraiser 10am Sunday School 11am Children's Church 11am Worship Service	29	30 O.W.L.S. Bus 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	31 8-12 Flea Market 5pm Wednesday Night Meal 6pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Programs 7pm Choir Practice	1 6:30pm Baptist Men Blvd Pizza	2	3 8-12 Flea Market
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18 10am Sunday School 11am Children's Church 11am Worship Service	19 Children Going to Veteran's Home Children Bus 1pm Vern Hocutt Ctl Grp 7pm Administrative Team Mtg FMC	20 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	21 8-12 Flea Market 5pm Wednesday Night Meal 6pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Programs 7pm Choir Practice	22	23	24
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February Birthdays

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| 1st Vikki Brock | 20th Zachary Jones |
| 2nd Pansy Crowder | 22nd Caitlin Scott |
| Jean Hocutt | 23rd Mary Pat Hicks |
| Gary Johnson | Amy Watts |
| 3rd Angie Wheeler | 24th Anna Creech |
| 4th Ken Hunter | 25th Eddie Perry |
| Harper Peebles | Martha Whited |
| 5th Billy Hinnant | 26th Miranda Allen |
| 6th Brooke Custer Sanders | 27th Ava Garner |
| 8th Dale Weathers | Kathryn O'Neal |
| Jackie Utley | 28th Allyson Creech |
| 9th Brenda Lewis | Shirley Lane |
| David Ragan | |
| 10th Julie Carroll | |
| 12th Glenn Bunn | |
| Diana Coley | |
| Grady Johnson | |
| 13th Annette Ragan | |
| Diana Adams | |
| 14th Steve Bailey | |
| 15th Robbie Batten | |
| 16th Chris Batten | |
| 17th Sutton Boyette | |
| Sandy Trippe | |
| 18th Tyler Grady | |
| Kaley Waddell | |
| 19th Carolyn Brown | |



February Anniversaries

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| 12th Diana Adams |
| 14th Greg & Danielle Gidding |
| Roger & Merry Hocutt |
| 17th Paul & Carolyn Brown |

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/Jimmy Faison-Co-Leader):

The Deacons continue to visit shut ins with calls and prayer. We have initiated Deacon of the week. So far there has been a good response. If any member needs help feel free to call. Deacon of the week will be in the bulletin each week. Remember: God is good today, every day, and all the time.

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



For the January meeting, we continued to finalize the 2024 Baptist Tabernacle Church Mission Budget. It was presented at the January Church Conference and was approved with some changes. A final copy of the Budget will be provided to the Church when the numbers are finalized. The Administrative Team meeting for January also consisted of the usual reviews of the financial reports, investments, and a discussion of the church insurance policies.

This month we will provide some interesting information to the Church related to our annual budget. Each quarter, we provide quarterly financial reports to the church showing our current financial information. However, that report is full of information and may be somewhat overwhelming. With the following chart we are attempting to provide the "bottom line" and just show you the Total Budget, Tithes & Offerings, Actual Expenses, and Actual Income for the current fiscal year and the past two fiscal years. As you will notice, for the past two years our annual expenses have been greater than the Annual Budget and greater than the annual income. Folks, I know that you all have annual expenses and annual incomes and at the end of the year the goal is to have more income than expenses. That is the way to run a home, a business, and a church. What we are saying is we need to do better in providing additional income for the church. One way that we all can do that is to increase our Tithes & Offerings. We plan on the fundraising to supplement our income but we need to focus on our own giving in Tithes & Offerings to also supplement our income. **That is something we all can do!**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Budget	\$426,619	\$451,488	\$545,695
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$243,922	\$289,876	\$437,767
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Projected)
Actual Expenses	\$376,376	\$495,155	Unknown
Actual Income*	\$372,575	\$414,862	Unknown

*Actual income is the Tithes & Offerings plus other income from fundraisers and other incomes, (Fall Fest, Flea Market, Youth fundraisers, Special Missions, etc.)

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, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).

Worship Team (Dana Hocutt-Team Leader/April Adams-Co-Leader)

Thank you to all our volunteers for Nursery and Worship Service Greeters!



Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

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

Children's Classes: Location: Education Building

- Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (Room 101)
- Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (Room 102)
- Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (Room 201)
- Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (Room 202)
- Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (Room 208)

Adult Classes: Location: Education Building

- Journey: Young Singles & Couples (Room 205) Studying Books of the Bible
- Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (Room 108) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway
- J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (Room 103) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway
- Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (Room 104) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Adult Class: Location: FMC

- Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway (KJV)

Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya (Room 105) to help you locate a class. Everyone is welcome!

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

Flea Market update: Starting this month the Flea Market will be open only the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and the 1st Saturday of each month.

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader/Ricky Andrews-Co-Leader):

Hope everyone is doing well or as well as can be. Since last newsletter we have had to install a new water heater and will need to install a new heating and air system for the Church office area. Still waiting on weather to be right to start on the back wall at cemetery. We have completed installing LED lights in Education Building and Sanctuary. All doors across the front of the Church have been tinted to look the same. If you have a problem with something at Church, talk to a member of the property management team. Everyone have a blessed day!

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



The Owls had a great meeting in January starting with prayer concerns and a devotion by Olivia Cooke. After playing several games of Bingo we headed to Wilson to eat at Bills Grill which is managed by HE and Phyllis Edwards' granddaughter. The food was great and we followed up with a trip to the Wilson Donut shop for dessert. A total of 21 people attended the meeting and 19 went to eat. We are planning a Valentine lunch for our meeting on February 27th. A sign up sheet will be in the Information center. All Seniors are welcome to attend.

God Bless,
Patsy Narron and Olivia Cooke



Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):

Hello From Your Children's Director. I want to say a big thank you for entrusting me with your children. Teaching children is a passion of mine. In January we had an awesome time at our family bowling night and had a great turnout. Our plans for February are to have a Valentine's Party on the 14th. We are also planning to go and spend some time at the NC Veteran's Home on February 19th. Anyone is welcome to join us as we play bingo, do a craft together, as well as enjoy some refreshments. If your child may be interested in participating in our Easter play please see me. Our Easter Egg Hunt will get here before we know it, so please send in pre-filled eggs. Looking forward to great things in 2024.