

Baptist Tabernacle Church January 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

January 20, 2021 — 6:30 pm — Church Conference in the Sanctuary

- No other Wednesday night groups will be meeting at the church
- IN ADVANCE, Congregation members will be provided documents to review in preparation for the conference
 - Pick up at Sunday Service on Sunday, January 10
 - Emailed to Newsletter list on Monday, January 11
 - Documents include:
 - 2021 BTC Budget
 - 2020-2021 Ministry Team Leaders, Teams & Church Officers
 - Approved by Leadership Team
 - Admin Team: BTC Building Rental Agreements: fee revisions
 - Approved by Leadership Team
 - Constitution & Bylaws Update:
 - Section 3: Elections
 - Youth/Children's Director (Approved 4/15/09) (revised 7/18/2012)
 - Approved by Leadership Team
 - Call any member of the Administrative Team for questions about these documents prior to Jan. 20

Thank you for your cooperation!



Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

Our Memory Verse for January is:

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Psalm 143:8 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 @ 10:00 am

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, January 11th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, January 18th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Church Conference: Wednesday, January 20th @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, January 25th @ 7:00pm in the FMC



January Birthdays

1st	Kathryn Batten	18th	Dana Hocutt
3rd	Joan Hunter	19th	Wanda Batten
	Roy Pope		Sheri Henry
4th	Kathy Mack	21st	Ann Badger
6th	Brian Bailey	23rd	Mike Bailey
	Dale Driver	25th	Kathy Ayscue
7th	Sadie Batten	26th	Judy Boswell
	Samantha Hunter		Steven Carlyle
	Franceline Price		Matt Dillon
	Rondy Ward		Cynthia Hudson
	Chris Wright		Shelby Makepeace
8th	Samantha Creech		Logan Whitley
	Donna Smith	27th	Kerry Garner
	Allison Staton		Ray Guy
9th	Jackson Morgan		Jennifer Thompson
	Brandon Pulley	28th	Erin Bell
12th	Wes Privette		Patsy Narron
	Glenn Strickland	29th	Kathy Flynn
14th	Rickie Driver		Ashley Maidon
	Dylan Melvin	31st	Mackenzie Bell
	Mary Lou Richardson		
15th	Matthew Grady		
16th	Christin Hunter		
17th	Brooke Bailey		
	Sheila Stancil		



January Anniversaries

8th	George & Jane Strickland
27th	Jerry & Linda Lee
29th	Dennis & Cathy Lockleair

January 2021 Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1	Genesis 1-3	Day 17	Matthew 1-3
Day 2	Genesis 4-6	Day 18	Matthew 4-6
Day 3	Genesis 7-9	Day 19	Matthew 7-9
Day 4	Genesis 10-12	Day 20	Matthew 10-12
Day 5	Genesis 13-15	Day 21	Matthew 13-15
Day 6	Genesis 16-18	Day 22	Matthew 16-18
Day 7	Genesis 19-21	Day 23	Matthew 19-21
Day 8	Genesis 22-24	Day 24	Matthew 22-24
Day 9	Genesis 25-27	Day 25	Matthew 25-28
Day 10	Genesis 28-30	Day 26	Exodus 1-3
Day 11	Genesis 31-33	Day 27	Exodus 4-6
Day 12	Genesis 34-36	Day 28	Exodus 7-9
Day 13	Genesis 37-39	Day 29	Exodus 10-12
Day 14	Genesis 40-42	Day 30	Exodus 13-15
Day 15	Genesis 43-45	Day 31	Exodus 16-18
Day 16	Genesis 46-50		

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

The Deacon's would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! It is our prayer that many hopes and dreams come true in 2021! Please continue to enjoy Pastor Glen's services on Facebook Live on Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 11:00, and on Facebook Daily Devotions. We are all in God's hands!

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

Happy New Year from The Administrative Team. Our hopes are that 2021 turns out to be a much better year than 2020!

We completed the 2021 Church Budget in December and it is ready for Church approval when we hold our next Church Conference. Again, the Monthly Financial Reports and Edward Jones investments were also reviewed with satisfactory results, as expected. Thanks again for continuing to support the Church through your tithes and offerings

We paid the 2nd installment to Wake Technical College for Austin Hocutt's tuition as part of the First Raeford and Lillian Driver Scholarship Fund. Congratulations to Austin on his achievements!

Now that we are moving into the new year, it is time to think about the next recipient. Therefore, any High School Seniors graduating in 2021 can apply for the next scholarship. Please see Ashelyn in the Church office for applications for the scholarship. **Applications are welcome and need to be completed and returned to the Church office by the end of January 2021.**



We want to continue to remind everyone that we do not want to become too complacent relative to the COVID-19 virus. Please wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash your hands! We look forward to the vaccine becoming available to all of us and highly recommend everyone to take the vaccine when they are available.

Again, Happy New Year to all of you. We look forward to the new year and all the challenges that it brings us! Again, if you have any questions for the Administrative Team, please contact one of us.

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader):

Hope everyone is doing well. Everything is quiet with property management. Happy New Year and may everyone have a better 2021. May God Bless you all.

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



We were able to provide 15 children from the Angel Tree at Corinth Holders Elementary School with gifts for Christmas and gift cards for food for the families. We also were able to provide 4 additional families in the community with the same. We could not have done this without you help and support, thank you so much! Happy New Year!

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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

Happy New Year to all! Even though its been a bit different this past December we didn't let it get us down. We have been busy in a safe way. There were 12 of us that attended "Christmas By The Sea" at Caswell. Our speaker was Phyllis Elvington, who encouraged us to read our Bibles daily and step out on Faith when you feel the Holy Spirit, everyone received a special blessing. We also went to Smith's Red and White Grocery store and restaurant. We enjoyed the fellowship, a good meal and all that Christmas candy. Come and join us at our next meeting, January 26, 2021. We truly miss our dear friend Bob Himmel, prayers to his family! Olivia & Patsy



Worship Team (Pam Batten-Leader/Dana Hocutt-Co-Leader)

On behalf of Baptist Tabernacle Church, we would like to extend a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Amy Boykin and her cast and crew for producing a wonderful Live Nativity. It was beautiful. Also, any other that helped with refreshments or set up and break down, we thank you. Thanks to Santa for stopping by to see the kids and families.

Amy spends many hours preparing for this special event and does it with such a joyful heart. She really puts her heart and soul into the production, and it shows. Last but not least, we would like to thank Nicholas and Meredith White for bringing their donkey and sheep to participate in our live nativity.

It takes a lot of helpers to do the live nativity, but it is so special and such a blessing for all who attend.

Thanks to Sandy for sharing her special musical talents with us. It was wonderful to hear her play the piano in our sanctuary once again. We surely have missed that. We have also been blessed with special music from Carrie, Ronnie, Paul and Sandy. It seems so great to hear their voices again. It was a blessing to all.

I would like to thank Wayne for helping me decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. I surely could not do it without him. We would like to thank Bobby, R. J., Reagan, and Allie Sellers. They have helped us with set up and breakdown of our decorations.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas decorations, the Live Nativity and the Special Christmas Music.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased a poinsettia for our poinsettia tree. Without your help, this would not be possible. You helped make our sanctuary look beautiful. As you can see, it takes a village to make the special things happen that we all enjoy during the Christmas Season.

Pastor Glen, Thanks so much for all that you do for us daily. Your daily devotions are an inspiration to all of us. It really has helped us get through this trying year. We are fortunate to have you as our pastor and we thank God for YOU. Thanks to all who help on Sunday mornings. It is very much appreciated. It really does take a village to accomplish great things.

As we close the door on 2020, let's all be thankful for the blessings that have come from this past year. It has not all been bad. Let's all look forward to the New Year with the anticipation of making it a good one. Don't forget to spend your 10 minutes daily, praying and reading your Bible. If we remember to do this each day, we will be blessed.

In His Love, Pam Batten



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



Due to all Church programs being cancelled for now, Pam and I have been making packets for Children's Church participants and mailing to them each week. We hope your children like them. Please do these activities as a family and consider posting photos to our Church Facebook Page.

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are still hoping that the youth will be able to meet back together soon in our church building. We are prayerfully considering our options for activities and summer camp for this year. Please be in prayer with us as we make these decisions.

God Bless, Carrie Sellers & Youth Team

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.

"Any Sunday School Teacher that would like to offer their Sunday School lesson via Zoom, please contact Susan Andrews."

Fellowship Team (Connie Bechdolt-Team Leader):

Thank you so much to everyone that helped us provide snacks and goodies for the Live Nativity. We could not have done it without you! Happy New Year!





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

Dennis, Ann, Vondell, &
Dennis, Jr. Badger
Addie Batten
Freddie Batten
Steven Batten
Melanie Brock
Christin Brown
Dennis Brown
Lillian Brown
Ann & Russell Capps
Sue Cline
Faye Creech
George Creech
Wayne Currie
Charles Driver
David Driver

Randy Driver
Tony Driver
Ronnie Faulkner
Teresa Faulkner
Ben Green
Mike Himmel
Elizabeth Hocutt
Robert Hocutt
Sue Hocutt
Carl Holt
David Hughes
Jackie Hunter
Joan Hunter
Wilber Johnson
Kenneth Jones
Abbi Kennedy

Shirley Lane
Katie Lewis
Woodrow Lewis
Emma Maidon
Sharon May
Pam Maynor
Beth McNeil
Scarlette Missineo
Linda Morgan
Danny Ray Parrish
Jimmy Peck
Vickie Peters
Othell Price
Larry Price
Shaun & Joy Price
Spencer Ragan

Dolores Renfrow
Libby Seagroves
Natalie Shirley
Marie Shuman
Ray Smith
Kessler Sorrell
Bobby Stevens
Linda Stevens
George Strickland
O.K. Strickland
Mr & Mrs. Jerry Watkins
Nancy Watson

New Prayer Needs

Cub Barrow
Wanda Batten
Jacob Briggerman
Paul Brown
Jimmy Bryant Family
Barbara Byrd
Russell Capps
Monty Champion
Peggy Creech
Wendy Cox
Steve Currie
Judy Davis
Greg Driver

Flo Eason
Phyllis Edwards
Kaye Grissom
Brian Haynes
Carol Himmel
Ricky Narron
Leigh Parrish
April Poage
Mikayla Price
Joan Privette
Joey Renfrow
Bailey Rhodes
Joy Tant

Teresa Wattenbarger
Betty Watts
Sybil Whitley Family
Billy Fay Wilson
Darrell Woodard Family
Unspoken Requests



From the Pastor's Desk:

One of the most important parts of our spiritual growth involves the reading and studying of God's word. It is extremely difficult to know what we are supposed to be, and do, when we are ignorant of the teachings and directions that God has provided through His divinely inspired written word. 2 Timothy 2: 15, tells us to *"study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* Let us commit, in 2020, to study and read and memorize God's word, so that we will not be ignorant and that we will be able to *"rightly divide the word of truth!"* Each month, there will be a daily Bible reading schedule that will allow us to read through the entire Bible in one year. The monthly memory verse will also be in the newsletter. As you develop your "resolutions" for the New Year, please include the reading and memorization of God's word, on a daily basis. **STAY STRONG, STAY FOCUSED...** Remember, **THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!!!**

Pastor Glen

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workman who needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.**

II Timothy 2:15

