

# Baptist Tabernacle Church

## January 2023 Newsletter

### Our Memory Verse for January is:

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness 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

### January 2023 Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1 Genesis 1-3

Day 2 Genesis 4-6

Day 3 Genesis 7-9

Day 4 Genesis 10-12

Day 5 Genesis 13-15

Day 6 Genesis 16-18

Day 7 Genesis 19-21

Day 8 Genesis 22-24

Day 9 Genesis 25-27

Day 10 Genesis 28-30

Day 11 Genesis 31-33

Day 12 Genesis 34-36

Day 13 Genesis 37-39

Day 14 Genesis 40-42

Day 15 Genesis 43-45

Day 16 Genesis 46-50

Day 17 Matthew 1-3

Day 18 Matthew 4-6

Day 19 Matthew 7-9

Day 20 Matthew 10-12

Day 21 Matthew 13-15

Day 22 Matthew 16-18

Day 23 Matthew 19-21

Day 24 Matthew 22-24

Day 25 Matthew 25-28

Day 26 Exodus 1-3

Day 27 Exodus 4-6

Day 28 Exodus 7-9

Day 29 Exodus 10-12

Day 30 Exodus 13-15

Day 31 Exodus 16-18

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## Churchwide Events:

Wednesday, January 18th: Quarterly Church Conference @ 6:30pm

Sunday, January 29th after Worship Service: Youth Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser



## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 4th: Kennedy Home Visit:

Everyone is invited to join our children and youth as we visit with the kids  
and share our Balloon Twisting Ministry



## January Birthdays

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



## January Anniversaries

5th	Tyler & Lauren Windham
27th	Jerry & Linda Lee
29th	Dennis & Cathy Lockleair

Today

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Month ▾



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Pastor Glen Vacation</b>						
<b>New Year's Day (substitute)</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>11am Children's Church</li> <li>11am Worship Service</li> <li>4pm FMC Rsvd Ross Carroll</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am J. Strickland Prayer Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Adult Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Children's Programs</li> <li>6:30pm Youth</li> <li>7pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>			
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# What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

The Deacons at Baptist Tabernacle church would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. Despite the challenges we face, we are moving forward and growing. With growth comes many more opportunities for us to serve in a multitude of ways. Please reach out to a team member or deacon to find out how you can help with one of the many ministries going on within our church. Many hands make light work!

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

Happy New Year from The Administrative Team! We continue to meet monthly to review the monthly financial reports, discuss any needed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws, and monitor the Church's investment accounts. In addition to the normal activities, at the last meeting, we continued to work on the 2023 Baptist Tabernacle Budget which will be presented to the Church for approval at the January Church Conference.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, this month will continue with Article III. This month we continue with Article III, Section 3: Elections, beginning with paragraph F. Church Ministry Teams, Teachers, and Officers. If you have any questions about any of these Articles, please ask one of the Administrative Team Members. **NOTE: Some of these sections are currently in revision, what is provided to you in this article is what is currently approved. If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.**

### Article III (Approved 4/18/18)

#### Section 3: Elections

##### **F. Church Ministry Teams, teachers, and officers**

Church Ministry Teams, teachers and officers shall be elected at the regular August Business meeting.

##### **G. Church Leadership Team (Revised 10/20/21)**

1. Each leadership ministry team will have two leaders, except age specific team, which will have three (Children, Youth, and Senior Adult).
2. Ministry Team leaders will be recommended by current Team leaders and presented for consideration to the Leadership Team. Upon approval of the Leadership Team, the Leadership Team will recommend the Team Leaders at the July Church conference for Church approval. There is no limit on the time members or leaders may serve on each team. Note: Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the Church Conference.
3. No person may serve as a ministry team leader of more than one ministry team in any given year.
4. Two persons from the same family may not serve as leaders of the same ministry team in any given year. (Family is defined as spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, stepfamily)
5. Ministry Team Leaders will suggest 5-7 persons to serve on the Core Team. These persons should be passionate about ministry and have displayed dedication to ministry. These 5-7 persons will be affirmed by the church each year at the August church conference. Other Team members are considered supplemental members and do not need to be voted on by the Church.
6. Ministry Leadership Teams have the freedom to, and are encouraged to supplement their Ministry Team as needed during the year. This is done by recruiting persons throughout the year to help carry out various tasks and/or supplement the Core Team. These supplemental members do not need to be voted on by the Leadership Team or the Church.
7. Ministry Team Leaders will attend Leadership Team Meetings once a month to review needs, set goals, prepare plans to reach those goals, and evaluate the progress of the church. Ministry Team Leaders may choose to revise meeting schedule as necessary.
8. Ministry Teams will give a report concerning their area of ministry at each Church Conference. This is to keep the Church informed of Ministry Team activities.
9. Vacancies which occur during the year shall be filled by recommendation to the church by the Leadership Team at the recommendation of the leaders of the individual ministry team. The

leadership team shall bring a nomination of an individual to a regular scheduled church conference.

##### **10. Leaders of the Ministry Teams are to be:**

- o Gifted in the Ministry.
- o Passionate in the Ministry.
- o Dedicated to the Ministry.
- o Strongly encouraged to tithe.
- o Support the overall Ministry of the Church.

##### **11. New church members serving on Ministry Teams will serve as apprentices for a year on the team prior to serving as a full Ministry Team member.**

12. The Church Relations Deacon Ministry Team (Deacons) consists of:
  - a. The active Deacons and is considered the Deacon Ministry Team). The Deacons, which are nominated and elected by the Church, will also serve as the Church Relations Deacon Ministry Team (former Personnel Committee).
  - b. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Deacons will serve as the Deacon Ministry Team Leaders,
  - c. The balance of the team will consist of the other active deacons.

##### **13. No paid staff or family member of the paid staff will serve on the Church Relations Deacon Ministry Team or Administrative team.**

##### **14. Inactive or ineffective Ministry Team Leaders or members:**

- a. **Ministry Team Leaders determined to be inactive or ineffective by the Leadership Team will be evaluated by the Leadership Team with appropriate action taken by the Leadership Team, up to and including replacement.**
- b. If a team member or members are not actively serving on the Ministry Teams, as approved by the Church, the Leadership Team will discuss and take the appropriate action.

##### **15. All team leaders must have been a church member for at least one year. Core team members shall also be church members.**

##### **16. The Chair of the Deacons will serve as the Leadership Team Chair. The Chair is responsible to assure that:**

- a. Items are systematically discussed, and a consensus is reached on the items during the Leadership Team meetings,
- b. Decisions made by the Leadership Team are reported back to the Church at the next scheduled Church Conference by the Leadership Team Chair,
- c. Items to be considered by the Church at Church Conference are provided to the Moderator at least one week prior to the Church Conference,
- d. Items are to be presented by the Leadership Team Chair at the Church Conference as items from the Leadership Team.
- e. Items assigned to the Leadership Team by the Church during Church Conference will be promptly considered and reported on

at the next Church Conference, until a decision is made by the Church.

- f. The Church Moderator will serve on the Leadership Team as an ex-officio member.

##### **17. The Church Secretary will serve as the Leadership Team Secretary and maintain all minutes.**

#### Section 4: Other

- A. With the exception of call of pastor, nothing herein shall prevent any member from nominating other person or persons for any officer, committee, or teaching position.
- B. All officers, teachers, and committees shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast.

#### Section 5: Dismissal

##### **1. Church Staff (revised 4/18/18)**

- a. Dismissal of the Pastor, Youth/Children's Director, Choir Director (paid), custodian, etc.) must be at the recommendation of three of the following Church Leaders: Deacon Chairman, Sunday School Director, Women on Mission Director, Brotherhood Director, or the Personnel Committee Chairman, at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. A recommendation must be made at a special called Church Conference for that purpose with at least one week's notice being provided to the church membership. Justification for the dismissal must be provided by the persons recommending the dismissal at that meeting. The vote shall be by secret ballot requiring the same percentage to dismiss as was required to hire the individual. This is: Pastor and Youth/Children's Director—85%.
- b. Dismissal of the Church Secretary shall be by the Personnel Committee (Deacons) and the Pastor. No Church vote is required.

##### **2. Deacons**

Deacons may be dismissed at the recommendation of the Deacons at a special called Church Conference for that purpose with at least one week's notice being provided to the church membership. Justification for the dismissal must be provided by the Deacons during this special meeting. The vote shall be by secret ballot requiring the same percentage to dismiss a Deacon as was required to call the individual. That vote is 75% of those members voting.

*(Please note that this section is currently undergoing revision and will be voted on at the January Church Conference. The revised section will be issued after approval.)*

### **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.**



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

Happy 2023 to everyone!

Our Christmas season was made very special by the following:

- Christmas Messages - Thank you to Pastor Glen
- Christmas Decorations - Thank you to Pam & Wayne Batten and their team of volunteers
- Children's Choir performance - Thank you to Kathy & Don Farriss and the Children
- Christmas Cantata - Thank you to Sandy Trippe, Paul Brown Jr., and Choir members
- Live Nativity - Thank you to Amy Boykin, Cast, and Crew of volunteers

Christmas Day Communion - Thank you to Pastor Glen and his crew of volunteers

Thank you to each and everyone of you for joining us at these events!

Moving into January 2023, we look forward to seeing all of you worshipping with us each week.

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

Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and that the New Year will be one of peace and becoming closer to our Lord and Savior. The Missions Team had a very busy time over the last few weeks, fulfilling Christmas wishes for many families. Shortly, we will be providing a list of giving opportunities we have had in 2022. Our hope for 2023 is that we can continue to help those who may need a helping hand. May God bless each of you.

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

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



Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We were very busy during the month of December with trips to Myrtle Beach, Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory and to the Meadow Restaurant and candy store.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 31st at 9:30am, come join us for fellowship, fun and food. We will also be making plans for this new year.

God Bless, Olivia Cooke, Patsy and Ricky Narron

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

Happy New Year to everyone! Nothing new to report this month.

Thank you and God Bless You.

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

### THANK YOU

I will not list all the names because I know I will miss some, but I want to start the New Year by thanking all the people who have stepped up to make our Children's Program such a huge success. Sunday mornings are great and sometimes a little loud during Children's Church. Thanks to Pam, Don, Cathy and all our Youth who assist us with the weekly lessons and crafts.

Wednesday nights are fabulous. Do you remember what our Wednesday night parking lot looked like a year ago? Pretty barren, but it is bustling now. We now have Mission Friends thanks to Kristin and Leigh. Journey Kids are doing great thanks to Don and Cathy. You may sometimes hear balloons popping when we are working on those. The Kennedy Home Open House on Friday, December 9 was a GREAT HIT. We took our children to the open house, and we "adopted" the resident children. We have had donors provide financial support so we can let our children purchase nice gifts for each resident child. The van was full in the back and overhead bins, and 4 of our members took carloads of toys and food to the Home. We adopted 29 children for this ministry. Baptist Tabernacle had 28 people attend the Open House. On the way home our children were asking "When can we go again?" We are going back the first Saturday in February on February 4 to Twist some Balloons. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be taking snacks for the children at Kennedy Home and letting our kids share their balloon talents and sharing the Word of God.



The Live Nativity night was WONDERFUL. Thanks to Amy and all her crew for making it so special.

Our CHILDREN'S CHOIR performed on Sunday, December 18. This is a new ministry program for BTC, thanks to Cathy Farris. PRAISE THE LORD!!!

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

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

We are looking forward to another wonderful year with our BTC youth group! As we enter a new year my prayer is that our youth would grow in their relationship with Christ and that those who do not have a personal relationship will come to know Him. My prayer is also that they will have a heart to serve our community and for missions. I urge our church family to be intentional this year about praying for our young people. This is a critical age and the pressures and influences in our culture is unbelievable. We must pray for their hearts and for their protection and that we can help guide and lead them away from the evils of this world and instead lead them on a path of boldness for our Savior Jesus Christ.

### Summer Camp/Fundraisers

The youth are preparing to head to summer camp at Fort Caswell again this summer **June 19-24**. The cost of camp per student/chaperone is a lot more this year because our accommodations are in a different location and we will not be providing our own meals this year. To help with the cost of camp we are doing a Soup/Sandwich fundraiser after church on **Sunday, January 29th**. We would love your support so please join us for lunch after church this day! If anyone would like to donate desserts to serve this day we would be so appreciative as well. Please see Carrie Sellers for details!

We are looking at doing another fundraiser in the spring as well. Stay tuned for details soon!

If you are unable to join us for our fundraisers but would love to sponsor a student for camp that is also another way to help! If this is something you feel led to do please contact Carrie Sellers for more info.

Prayer is also a huge way to support our youth so if you are unable to support financially we still covet your prayers so much as we minister to these young people and prepare for camp!

Thank you again so much for your prayers and support as we begin 2023! Love you all!



**FORT CASWELL Summer Camp 2023**

Interested in Sponsoring a Student for Camp this year,  
Please contact Carrie Sellers for more information.



### **On Hold....**

Until we can resume normal Church activities, the following Committee is on hold. We will resume this process as soon as we can. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church:

\*Children's Director Search Committee

### **Recurring Prayer Needs**

Donald Adams	Peggy Creech	June Lanier	Nell Stallings
Donald Adams	Addison Cunningham	Sandra Leonard	Linda Stevens
Bradley Allen	Lewis Denton	Landon Mack	Lori Stokes
Chris Allen	Charles Driver	Sue Cline Mack	Mark Stokes
Brenda Arnold	David Driver	Janice Mantyc	Carmen Wall
Dennis Atkins	H.E. & Phyllis Edwards	Pam Maynor	Curtis Willobey
Dorothy Bailey	Jeremy Edwards	Kenny Morgan	
Freddy Bailey	Fred Flowers	Ann Mosley	
Natalie Bailey	Will Fuller	Brian Munger	
Addie Batten	Anita Hales	John Nowell	
David Batten	Randy Hales	Ricky Nowell	
Kathryn & Neal Batten	Gabriele Hall	Carol O'Neal	
Leigh Batten	Linda Hammett	Mike O'Neal	
Traci Boyette	Annette Heffinger	Jennifer Pervis	
Natalie Brock	Beverly Heilig	Vickie Peters	
Everly Bryant	Mike Himmel	Jeaninene Pratt	
Brenda Bunn	Elizabeth Hocutt	Larry Price	
Tim Burgess	JoAnn Hocutt	Joan Privette	
Barry Chamblee	Sue Hocutt	Donald Pulley	
Ashley Coleman	Carolyn Holbrook	Randy Raper	
Wendy Cox	Carl Holt	Dale Renfrow	
Sharon Craven	Summer Hurst	Sally Sledge	
Jerry & Sally Creech	Kenneth Jones	Phillip Smith	
Michael Creech	Shirley Lane	Joey Spruill	

### **New Prayer Needs**

Shawn Allen	Rickie Driver	Emma Maidon	Tempie Whitley
Harold Andrews	Fred & Carol Flowers	Jennifer Martinez	Peggy Wilder
Stephanie Andrews	Sawyer Gay	Sheneathia Moore	Robert & Betty Williford
Elaine Barham	Gayle Haines	Frank Price	Unspoken Requests
Rachel Bloniarczyk	Carolyn Hicks	Annette Ragan	
Judy Boswell	Rebecca Hinton	Dolores Renfrow	
Rochelle Boswell	Nova Hopkins	Christi Sasser	
Errol Briggerman	Joan Hunter	Connie Scott	
Melanie Brock	Debbie Jones	Ray Smith	
Paul Brown	Billy Knight	Grady Strickland	
George Creech	Oscar Lane	Ruthie Strickland	
Wayne Currie	Katie Lewis	Dale & Sandra Weathers	
Jane Denton	Dennis Lockleair	Clay Whitley	

## From the Pastor's Desk:

**"Renewed, Refreshed and Resolute!"**

***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.***

***The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17)***

As I reflect on the past year, and the challenges, and issues, and blessings, that it offered, I think about the things that I should be praying for to occur in 2023 and the embracing of the "new creation" that I actually am! I am committed to being grateful that God has made all things new through His Son, Jesus! I am grateful, for the experiences, of 2022, that have made me stronger and more determined. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct each of my steps, in this new year. I am praying that every decision and every thought will be for His purpose and for His glory! I am asking for more wisdom, for the strength and the power to constantly be what He would have me be and to make me strong and courageous, as I face the road ahead. I am praying that God will keep me from the traps and snares of Satan's temptations and that He will protect me from the onslaught of evil and disharmony. I am praying for discernment and Heavenly insight, beyond my human creation. I am praying that I will be sensitive to His Voice and will listen and respond to His commands! I am praying that He will forgive me when I walk in my own way and exercise my human pride and selfishness, and when I am distracted from walking in His Grace and Promises! I am praying for a renewal, a fresh start, every day! I am asking for a renewal of my heart and mind and my activities and for all that I am to honor Him! I am praying for focus and for His pure "Light" to guide my paths and that I will be that "Bold Voice" and that "Bright Light" that shouts His "Good News" into this deaf and dark world! I am praying that my life will be a witness to others and that they will see His Blessings that are evident in my life! I am praying that God will make me more generous and more giving! I am asking to be more loving and more accepting of His Truth and that my life will be a "Fruit Producing" Blessing for God! I am praying for His Light to shine in me and through me and on me! I am praying that I will make a difference in this world, in 2023, and that my life, my actions, my words, my very existence will guide others to a relationship with my Jesus and that they will reflect His Grace and Power and will live to please God! Does this sound like something that you should be praying? My desire for all, is that your plans succeed, your lives be filled with His peace and may you be blessed in 2023! I choose to be **"renewed, refreshed and resolute!"** To God be the Glory and Honor, in 2023, and beyond.... Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

