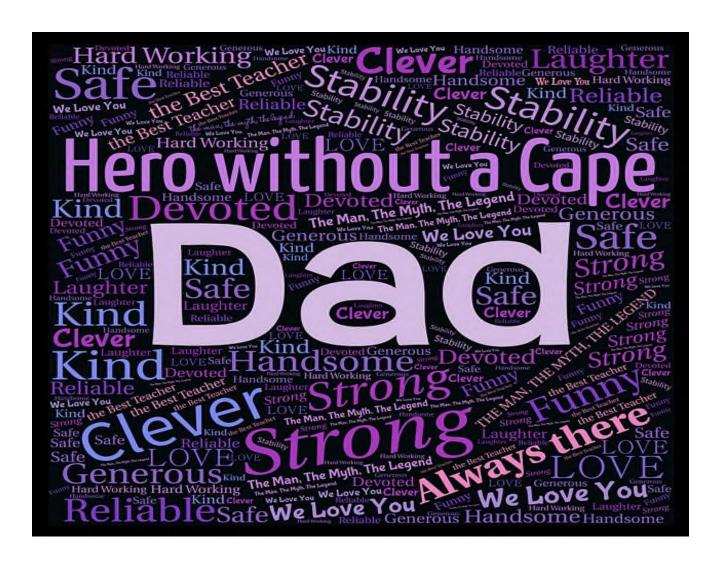
Baptist Tabernacle Church June 2021 Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for June is:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. <u>Galatians 5:22-23 KJV</u>



SAVE THE DATE

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

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

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 Morning: Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping @9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday Night: Adult Bible Study, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends

<u>Vera Hocutt Circle Group:</u> Monday, June 7th @ 1:00pm @ Patsy Dillon's Home

Graduate Sunday: Sunday, June 13th @ 11:00am during Worship Service

Levada Driver Circle Group: Monday, June 14th @ 2:00pm in the FMC

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, June 14th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, June 21st @ 7:00pm in the FMC

<u>Deacon's Meeting:</u> Monday, June 28th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

<u>VBS VOULUNTEERS NEEDED:</u> Anyone willing to assist with VBS this summer, please contact Susan Andrews (919-418-8061) (<u>swarha@aol.com</u>) or Tonya Bailey (<u>tjabailey@bellsouth.net</u>). VBS ages are 3 yrs old - 5th Grade. Youth and adults are needed as helpers and teachers.



Congratulations Graduates!

2021 Graduates

Ryan Alford-Graduated from East Wake Academy. Ryan is working with Wake Stone Corporation in Knight-dale.

Melanie Brock – Graduated from the Tammy Lynn Center.

Samuel Morris - Graduated from Princeton High School.

<u>Logan Simmons</u> – Graduated from Corinth Holders High School.

Jake Strickland – Graduated from Corinth Holders High School. Jake is working with Strickland Underground.

2020 Graduates:

<u>Kelsey Anne Bunn</u>—Graduated from East Wake High School where she served as President of the FFA. Kelsey is attending Wake Tech focusing on Hospitality in hopes to become a Flight Attendant.

<u>Tristan Cooke</u>-Graduated from Corinth Holders High School, he is working for the Town of Zebulon.

<u>Austin Ray Hocutt</u>-Graduated with Honors from East Wake Academy. Austin has been taking courses at Wake Tech working towards a degree in Criminal Justice, he plans to continue attending Wake Tech working on a degree in Business Management before transferring to NCSU to complete his Criminal Justice Degree. Austin hopes to become a Game Warden.

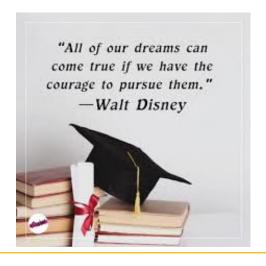
<u>Katherine McKenzie Lewis</u>-Graduated from Corinth Holders High School where she served as a JROTC cadet. She has also been serving as a cadet with Johnston County EMS and has earned her EMT Credential. Katherine plans to attend Johnston Community College focusing on her Associates Degree in Emergency Medicine. She hopes to have a dual credential as an Registered Nurse and Sonographer.

<u>Michael Brown</u> – Graduated from the Fire Academy at Johnston Community College and serves a volunteer fire fighter with Corinth Holders Fire Department.

<u>Seth Creech</u>-Graduated from the Fire Academy at Johnston Community College and is a member of the Corinth Holders Fire Department.

<u>Austin Robert Himmel</u>-Graduated from Greensboro College with a Major in Exercise and Sport Science with a minor in Health. Austin has made the Dean's List every semester as well as being a member of the football team. Austin will be applying to programs to pursue a PHD in Physical Therapy.

<u>Kara Jean Stewart</u>-Graduated from Western Carolina University with a Batchelor of Science in Emergency Medical Care. Kara plans to pursue a career as Paramedic.



What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

Thank you to the congregation for providing us with awesome nominees for our upcoming Deacon Election! It is truly an honor to be nominated by the congregation because it is a peer nomination indicating that you are seen as a role model for others in our church. The Deacons will be contacting Deacon nominees beginning the first week in June. If you are contacted, please prayerfully consider the opportunity before responding. Each Deacon serves a term of 3 years beginning in September. The names of Deacon nominees that agree to be placed on the ballot will be shared with the congregation in the August Newsletter and in announcements the first Sunday in August. Deacon elections will occur on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at a called Church Conference at the end of the Worship Service. Elections will be by secret ballot and only members in attendance will be allowed to vote. Each candidate must receive a 75% "YES" vote in order to be elected (per the Constitution & Bylaws).

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

After several warnings that summer was on its way, we can now announce that it is officially here! Hopefully, everyone will have a wonderful and safe summer.

The Administrative Team met in May with a face-to-face meeting in the FMC. The following items were addressed:

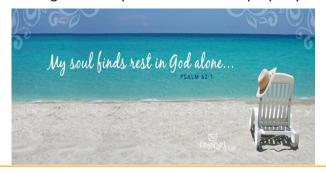
- We received a report on Leadership Team items that related to the Administrative Team.
- We reviewed the April Financial Report. In summary, the deposits continue to keep pace with the expenditures, which is good. Although, as the Church continues to increase face-to-face and routine activities, we expect the expenditures to increase, which means that the income needs to increase. Please keep this in mind when considering your tithes and offerings.
- The attendance of the Administrative Team members has been very lax in the past few months; therefore, we discussed changing up the membership for the next year. We have had one that is not going to continue to participate and others that will be replaced due to lack of support. We ask that everyone be in prayer as we continue to serve the Church with the Administrative Team responsibilities.
- Over the past year, The Administrative Team has recommended several changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to the Leadership Team that have been approved. These will be presented to the Church at the next Church Conference. Plans are to have them available for the Church in handouts by the first Sunday in June and will be placed in the vestibule of the sanctuary. These handouts will serve as the official "one month" notification of potential changes to the Constitution & By-Laws to be voted on in the July Church Conference. The handouts will include a summary of the changes and the reasons for the changes. Please note that all these changes have been discussed with the Leadership Team and have been approved to present to the Church for approval.

We continue to remind everyone to watch your complacency relative to the COVID-19 virus. There have been lots of changes to the state and local rules relative to gatherings, but please be aware of the Church's current rules and guidelines and continue to follow them while you are participating in Church activities. Thanks for your continued participation.

Please wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash your hands and encourage everyone to **get the vaccine**. The more that get the vaccine, the quicker we will be able to return to our "normal" routines!

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader):

Hope this finds everyone well. Nothing new to report at this time for property management. God Bless Us All!



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

We are opening up the Missions Flea Market on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please stay updated on our Facebook page and our Website about availability for shopping. We do ask that the 3 W's be followed while shopping.



We are also still providing assistance to families in our church and our community during this time. Thank you for continuing to support our Mission Team as we support others in God's name.

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



We took a trip on May 25, 2021 to Yoder's Dutch pantry. We had a good time and great fellowship. We will meet again on Tuesday, June 29th in the FMC @ 9:30am. All Seniors are welcome to join us for food, fun and games.

God Bless, Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron



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

Children's Church has started back and we are so glad. We meet at 11:00 in the Auditorium Room of the Education Building. Bring your children over before you go into Church. Meeting there will allow us to practice Social Distancing and still have Church.

We will be asking for volunteers who want to assist with Children's Church. I have found a great program online that includes a Bible Study and crafts and may continue to use it. If you don't feel comfortable with your children attending, we will continue to send out lesson packages each Monday to those not in attendance.

Please continue to Pray for our Children's program and our Church as we work to get things back in our lives.



Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):



We are meeting at church on Wednesday nights at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night!

We are leaving for Camp Caswell on Monday, June 14th and be back on Saturday, June 19th. We have 17 youth going this year.

We are looking forward to planning other future events.

<u>Discipleship Team (Bobby Sellers-Team Leader/Cynthia Hudson-Co-Leader):</u>

Sunday School has reopened from 10:00 - 10:45 in the following locations (remember to bring your mask):

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) or Tonya Bailey (tjabailey@bellsouth.net).







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 Adkins Justin Allison Anne Anderson Kathy Ayscue Fred Bailey Landon Bailey/Child Natalie Bailey Addie Batten Steven Batten **Robert Blackley** Jacob Briggerman Carolyn Price Brown Christin Brown Ann Capps Mike Ciampa Sue Cline Mack **Ricky Corbett** Wendy Cox

Sharon Craven George Creech Greg & Donna Creech Peggy Creech Wayne Currie Andrew Daihl Jane Denton Charles Driver David Driver Randy Driver **Phyllis Edwards** Linda Hammet **Brian Haynes** Janice Hill Mike Himmel Elizabeth Hocutt **Robert Hocutt** Sue Hocutt Carl Holt

Jackie & Joan Hunter Ken Hunter Abbi Kennedy Wilbert Lanier **Dennis Leonard**

Katie Lewis Martha Little Jessika Madjar Anna Martin Beth McNeil Ricky Narron Joe Nash Milton Parrish Jimmy Peck **Bobby Pope** Joan Privette Spencer Ragan **Dolores Renfrow** Joey Renfrow

Bert Sellers BJ & Michelle Smith Ray Smith Jamie Stanley George Strickland O.K. Strickland

Bailey Rhodes

Roger Strickland **Jack Thompson** Mark Watson Nancy Watson June White Mary Lou White **Tempie Whitley** Jacob Wilson Sue Wood

New Prayer Needs

Henry Allred **Ethel Grady** Joyce Blackley **Kaye Grissom** Mertie Boone Family Spencer & Cindy Hauer Glen & Annette Brock Kenneth Jones Melanie Brock Oscar & Shirley Lane **Bridget Brown** Vickie Peters Paul & Carolyn Brown

Russell Capps Judy Davis

Debra Driver Family Wesley Dunbar

Larry Price

David & Annette Ragan Russell & Leslie Ragan

Linda Stevens Sandy Trippe

Edna Whitley Billy Fay Wilson **Unspoken Requests**



From the Pastor's Desk:

Most of you know that my daddy grew up at the Baptist Children's Home/ Kennedy Home, near LaGrange NC, during the Depression. Times were hard, although the children always had food and shelter, yet very little in the way of personal items or luxuries. This set of circumstances really made an impression on him and he lived the balance of his life under the influence of those early years. I believe that one of his fears was not having enough. Daddy was always careful with a dollar or as some would say, "Tight as Dick's Hat Band." As of today, I still don't know who Dick was; all that I do know is that he had a hat that was too small. Daddy always taught me, by words and his actions, that you must live within your means and to always be careful to keep your desires and wants in line with your resources. Even through all that he endured in those early years, he still claimed security in the promises of his God. That is where Daddy felt the "Calling" into the Ministry. He discovered the key to security in life through his favorite scripture as it reflects the person of Jesus Christ! Daddy always preached that the Lord must be your: SHEPHERD ~ KEEPER ~ SAVIOUR ~ LORD THE LORD IS MY SHEP-HERD! How can we rely of our Shepherd to provide for our needs? He promised that when we follow the Shepherd, we would never want. DAVID said: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psalm 37:25) We need to give our lives to God and trust Him to honor His promises. He said that He would NEVER FORSAKE US! We all need rest and He promised that we would lie down in green pastures. All of us need rest and He promised just that. Daddy used to say, "WHEN WE TRUST HIM HE WILL LEAD US TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE!" "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:5-6) The Apostle PAUL Reminds us: "I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted but not abandoned, perplexed but not in despair, put down but not put out. Always bearing in my body the death of the Lord Jesus so that the life of Jesus can be made manifest in me." (2 Cor. 4) I would always ask Daddy why he loved this scripture so much and he told me that it was the first scripture that he learned, on his own, without someone requiring it. He went on to share with me that this scripture helped him get through some really tragic and difficult times as a child and he continued to claim the promises into his adulthood and he passed it on to me. So, in light of our current situation and in the shadow of COVID19 and the destruction that it has wrought, why would I talk about my Daddy's favorite scripture? BECAUSE WHEN WE TRUST GOD AS OUR SHEPHERD, THEN I WILL NOT LACK FOR ANYTHING: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Because of the shed blood of Jesus and because I have claimed the promises of God through Jesus, I AM AN OVERCOMER and I will be victorious over COVID19 or anything else that comes my way! HOW ABOUT YOU? Friends, claim His promises for your life and exercise your "Victory!" Stay Strong, Stay Focused...Remember, THE **BEST IS YET TO BE!**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Pastor Glen

