

Baptist Tabernacle Church

March 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

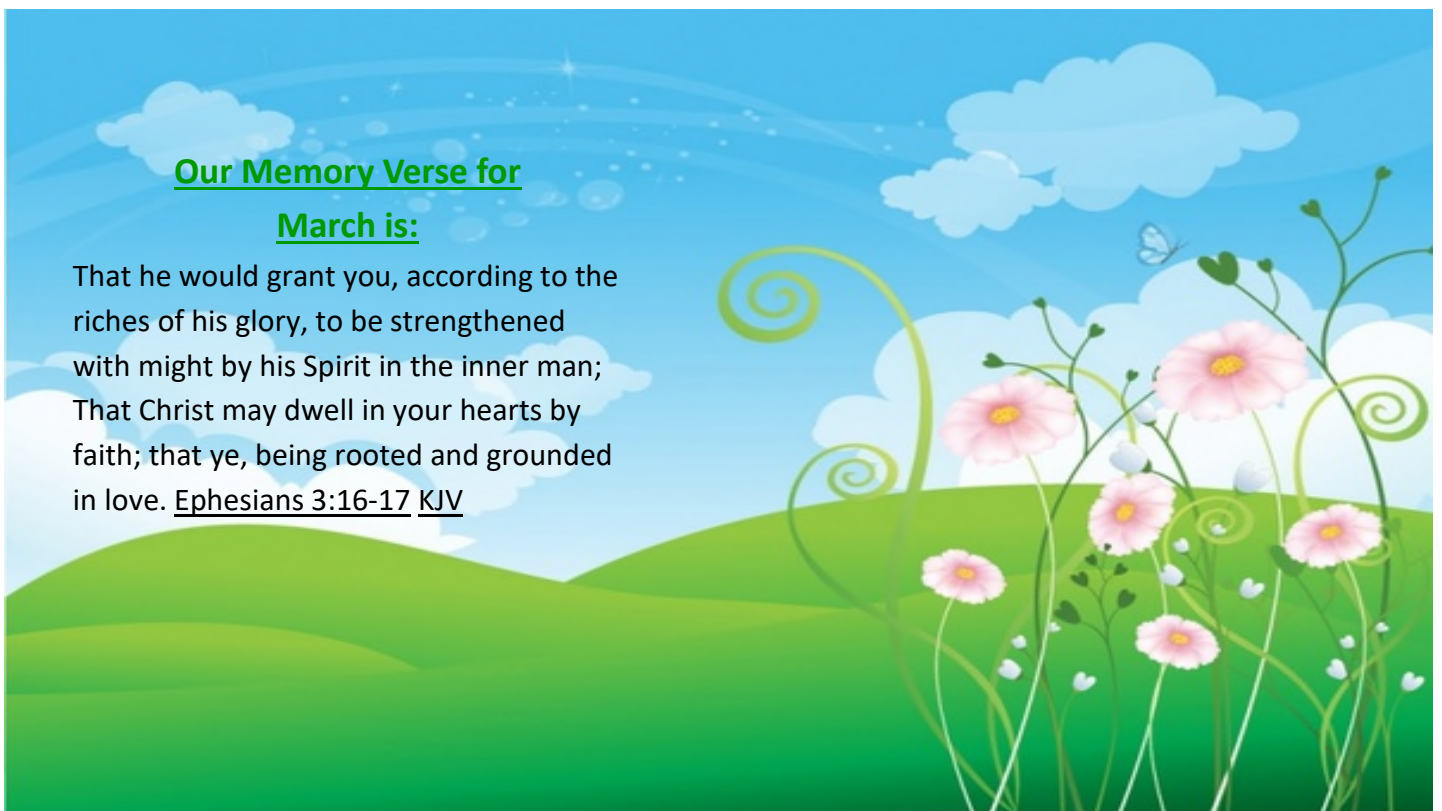
Our Worship Opportunities every week are at 11:00 am in our Sanctuary, Live on Facebook and from our parking lot on FM 87.7 or 87.9 depending on the best reception... and Daily Devotions are also on Facebook. Please join us.

Thank you for your cooperation

Our Memory Verse for

March is:

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:16-17 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 @ 11:00 am

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, March 8th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, March 15th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, March 22nd @ 7:00pm in the FMC

O.W.L.S. Meeting: Tuesday, March 23rd @ 9:30am in the FMC



March Birthdays

1st Brittnye Erwin
Junior Ferrell
3rd Paula Bunn
Ray Gardner
6th Renee' Driver
7th Chasity Bunn
Kevin Creech
Michael O'Neal
8th Ricky Narron
9th Othell Price
10th Austin Horne
Ray Smith
12th Gayle Alford
13th Cecilia Gardner
Jordan Liggins
Chris Liles
14th Danielle Morris
15th Susie Hinnant
16th Grant Johnson
17th Johnny Scott
19th Harold Andrews
Allette Hale
Josh Wheeler
20th Asher Hayden
21st Blaize Batten
Thomas Brock
Nancy Gullifer
Sharon Creech

Denny Ide, Jr.
Brooklyn Peebles
22nd Carl Creech
23rd Nicholas White
Edna Whitley
25th Paul Brown
Angela Gilmore
26th Freddie Batten
27th Colton Narron
Kelsey Bunn
28th Catherine Bailey
Christin Brown
Ethan Walters
30th Doug Creech, Jr.
Kenneth Nowell
Chad Staton
Joseph Staton Jr



March Anniversaries

6th Mike & Susan Adams
8th Bobby & Carrie Sellers
Sefton & Carolyn Stevens
19th Dale & Sandra Weathers
22nd James & Callie Ferrell

March 2020 Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1	Luke 22-24	Day 16	John 7-9
Day 2	Numbers 1-3	Day 17	John 10-12
Day 3	Numbers 4-6	Day 18	John 13-15
Day 4	Numbers 7-9	Day 19	John 16-18
Day 5	Numbers 10-12	Day 20	John 19-21
Day 6	Numbers 13-15	Day 21	Deuteronomy 1-3
Day 7	Numbers 16-18	Day 22	Deuteronomy 4-6
Day 8	Numbers 19-21	Day 23	Deuteronomy 7-9
Day 9	Numbers 22-24	Day 24	Deuteronomy 10-12
Day 10	Numbers 25-27	Day 25	Deuteronomy 13-15
Day 11	Numbers 28-30	Day 26	Deuteronomy 16-18
Day 12	Numbers 31-33	Day 27	Deuteronomy 19-21
Day 13	Numbers 34-36	Day 28	Deuteronomy 22-24
Day 14	John 1-3	Day 29	Deuteronomy 25-27
Day 15	John 4-6	Day 30	Deuteronomy 28-30
		Day 31	Deuteronomy 31-34

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

It's time to begin thinking about Deacon nominations and subsequent election. Due to the number of Deacons we would like to have on the ballot this year and the reduction in services and attendance, the Deacons have decided to begin the process earlier than is customary. Therefore, please begin to consider church members you might like to recommend serve as a Deacon for the next 3 years. We will collect nominations from April 15 – May 16. To read about Deacon qualifications and responsibilities, please refer to our Constitution and Bylaws Manual on page 39. (Deacons rotating off: Susan Andrews, Lou Carroll, Aaron Johnson, Paul Brown Jr, and Tom Vaughan) (Deacons continuing to serve beyond this year: Wayne Batten, Ricky Andrews, Olivia Cooke, and Sonny Trippe) Read the April Newsletter to get specific details about how to nominate. If you have questions, please contact one of the Deacons

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

What, Its March already!! 2021 is moving really fast! Hope everyone is doing fine and being safe! The Administrative Team met via ZOOM for the month with the following items addressed:

- Kelly reported on Leadership Team items that related to the Administrative Team (AC Pro Access Point being installed in the Sanctuary to support Facebook Live broadcasts of the church service)
- Reviewed the February Monthly Financial Report
- Discussed the annual Scholarship. We currently do not have any graduating Seniors this year, so we will not have a scholarship recipient this year.
- Discussed revision to the Constitution & By-Laws to allow the Moderator to moderate the Leadership Team meetings versus having the Deacon Chairman provide that task. This will allow more consistence in the Leadership Team meetings. Also, we plan to revise the Pastor's job description to remove the requirement that the Pastor lead the Leadership Team meetings.

We want to remind everyone to not be complacent relative to the COVID-19 virus. Please wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash your hands! We encourage everyone to get the vaccine when it becomes available to you. 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 still quiet with property management. May God Bless you 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 some Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. 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.

Our annual BBQ Chicken Plate fundraiser is being postponed for now, due to the difficulty of implementing the 3 W's for our workers.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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

Hopefully most of the cold weather has past and we can think of getting out more and enjoy the sunshine. "Think Positive" We enjoyed our February meeting with 12 in attendance. A devotion, games and of course food.

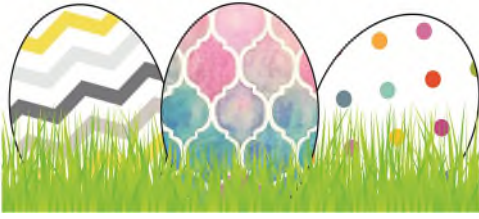
We are planning a September trip to Caswell with Phyllis Ellvington. (Call Olivia Cooke for details) See you next month March 30th at 9:30am. All seniors invited.

God Bless,
Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron



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

EASTER EGG HUNT



Baptist Tabernacle Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2021. Registration begins at 10:00 am at the Barbecue Shelter. Hunting begins at 11:00.

Please park in the parking area and do not drive down to the shelter.

We will have 3 age groups of "Egg Hunters": 2- 4-year-old, Kindergarten - 2nd Grade, and 3rd - 5th Grade.

After registration, we will divide the children by age groups and let them hunt for their eggs in their designated area. One SPECIAL EGG will be placed in each age group's area. At the conclusion of the event, everyone will gather at the shelter for us to reveal who gets the SPECIAL GIFT for finding the SPECIAL EGG for each age group.

Popcorn, water and soft drinks will be available for all who attend. Be sure to bring your cameras.

This event will kick off our Easter Weekend for our Church. We will be playing a recorded message about Easter and each participant will take home a goodie bag with information on our Church programs. If you would like info about your Sunday School Class, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends, Youth Group or other groups, let me know so we can get it printed and placed in the bags.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please let me know. Signup sheets are in the Vestibule. We have had great response with our other Children's events with around 80 children attend Block Party and over 100 children attend Trunk or Treat. Let's all pull together and help our Children learn the meaning of Easter and the fabulous message it means to all of us.

Invite all children you meet to this event. We will be mailing out info to the ones we have added to our mailing list from previous events. Flyers will be available if you would like to post some.

Thanks, and I hope to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt.

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."





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

Addie Batten	Robert Hocutt
Jacob Briggerman	Sue Hocutt
Melanie Brock	Carl Holt
Christin Brown	Jackie Hunter
Ann & Russell Capps	Joan Hunter
Sue Cline	Kenneth Jones
Wendy Cox	Abbi Kennedy
Faye Creech	Shirley Lane
George Creech	Katie Lewis
Wayne Currie	Sharon May
Charles Driver	Beth McNeil
David Driver	Scarlette Missineo
Randy Driver	Ricky Narron
Ronnie Faulkner	Jimmy Peck
Mike Himmel	Vickie Peters
Elizabeth Hocutt	Franceline Price

Othell Price
Larry Price
Shaun & Joy Price
Dolores Renfrow
Libby Seagroves
Ray Smith
Linda Stevens
O.K. Strickland
Jack Thompson

Nancy Watson
Mark Watson



New Prayer Needs

Dennis Adkins	Alma Gay Childers	Wilbert Lanier	Mary Lou White
Justin Allison	Sharon Craven	Danny Ray Parrish	Billy Fay Wilson
Anne Anderson	Greg & Donna Creech	Milton Parrish	Unspoken Requests
Kathy Ayscue	Peggy Creech	April Poage	
Fred Bailey	Judy Davis	Joan Privette	
Lynn Bailey	Greg Driver	Bailey Rhodes	
Mike Bailey	Rickie Driver	Bert Sellers	
Natalie Bailey	Phyllis Edwards	Kathy Smith	
Cub Barrow	Andrew Farriss	Jamie Stanley	
Jacob Briggerman	Ben Farriss	George Strickland	
Annette Brock	Linda Hammet	Linda Strickland	
Carolyn Price Brown	Brian Haynes	Teresa Wattenbarger	
Lori Bunn	Danny Hocutt	June White	

From the Pastor's Desk:

"In Times Like These" Job 14:1

"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) Have you ever had troubles? Is it possible that living in this world, that we will have troubles and trials and challenges and issues? The answer to all of these questions is a resounding, "YES!" The scripture tells us that our "few" days will be filled with "Trouble," so what do we do? We are to do exactly what Jesus planned for us to do! We are to claim His power to overcome the EVIL and we are to walk in His obedience and we are to continue to trust in His promises and His provisions and, as my Daddy used to tell me, "You Have To 'Anchor Deep'" to ride out the "Storms of Life!" So, my advice, my admonition to all is to "Anchor Deep," because the Storms are here and there are more to come! Growing up, I became familiar with one of Daddy's favorite songs and, from time to time, when Storms are crashing against my life, I recall the lyrics of this beautiful instructional song: "IN TIMES LIKE THESE...": *In times like these you need a Savior, In times like these you need an anchor. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only One. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! In times like these you need the Bible. In times like these, O be not idle. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only One. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! In times like these I have a Savior. In times like these I have an anchor. I'm very sure, I'm very sure; My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only One. Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!* The clear and undeniable message for today is, Trouble is here and Trouble will come and Sin is everywhere and EVIL exists, however, through Jesus, our ROCK, we can, not only survive, we can Thrive when we are securely and continually "ANCHORED DEEP IN THE ROCK-JESUS CHRIST!" I do not know what calamities and troubles and depravities are to come, yet, I am assured that, as a True Believer, I am an "OVERCOMER," because HE PROMISED, and I BELIEVE, and I CLAIM IT! How about you? Stay Strong, Stay Focused... Remember, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!

