



March 2023

Newsletter

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

March 2023 Bible Reading Schedule

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| 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 |

SAVE THE DATE

Events this Month:

O.W.L.S.:

Saturday, March 4th: Trip to see "The Fourth Cross" play

Youth:

Saturday, March 11th: Lunch & Bowling Outing

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 8th: Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am

Sunday, April 9th: Sunrise Service @7:00am with breakfast to follow

April 13th-15th Directory Pictures

Wednesday, April 19th: Church Conference

Saturday, May 20th: Evangelism Block Party @ 10:00am



March Birthdays

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| 1st | Brittney Erwin Junior Ferrell Christian Gidding | 21st | Blaize Batten Thomas Brock Sharon Creech Denny Ide, Jr. Brooklyn Peebles |
| 2nd | Cole Gidding | 22nd | Carl Creech |
| 3rd | Paula Bunn Ray Gardner | 23rd | Nicholas White |
| 6th | Renee' Driver | 24th | Danielle Gidding |
| 7th | Chasity Bunn Kevin Creech Michael O'Neal | 25th | Paul Brown Angela Gilmore |
| 8th | Ricky Narron | 27th | Colton Narron Kelsey Bunn |
| 9th | Othell Price | 28th | Catherine Bailey Christin Brown Ethan Walters |
| 10th | Austin Horne Ray Smith | 30th | Doug Creech, Jr. Kenneth Nowell Chad Staton Joseph Staton Jr |
| 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 | | |



March Anniversaries

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| 6th | Mike & Susan Adams |
| 8th | Bobby & Carrie Sellers Sefton & Carolyn Stevens |
| 19th | Dale & Sandra Weathers |
| 22nd | James & Callie Ferrell |
| 27th | Ronnie & Debbie Richardson |

Today

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

The Pastoral team wants to wish Pastor Glen a happy 15th anniversary! Thank you for your continued dedication to Baptist Tabernacle Church. The pastoral team is in the process of updating our shut-in list in efforts to continue reaching out to beyond our doors. There are many opportunities to serve within our fellowship now and more to come! Find out where you can serve from any deacon or leadership team member.

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



We conducted our Monthly Meeting on February 20, 2023, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws. At this meeting, we reviewed the January monthly financial report, which includes the income, expenditures, all Ministry Team's expenditures for the year, as well as the investments. We also reviewed the Church's insurance needs, discussed any applications for the Church scholarship for the year, and the financial investments at Edward Jones. From an insurance standpoint, we have filed a claim from the wind and storm damage on the roof and was approved by the insurance company. Therefore, this money will be applied to the new Church roof when it is completed in a month or so. We have received one application, so far, for the annual scholarship. All applications will be reviewed during March and an announcement will be made in April on the award of the 2023 Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship. There were no discussions on any changes to the Constitution & By-Laws at the meeting.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, we are providing [Article V, Church Membership](#).

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

ARTICLE V (Amended 9/4/02) **Church Membership**

A. Basis of candidacy:

Persons will be received into the membership of Baptist Tabernacle Church by:

1. Public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior and following baptism (immersion) into the full fellowship.
2. Transfer of membership from another Baptist church.
3. The statement that he has trusted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized into a Baptist church and the record of his membership is not available.
4. Testimony of believer's baptism – Having been immersed as a believer, by a Christian evangelical church.

B. Procedure:

Any person may present himself at a public service of the church for membership. The pastor will counsel the candidate and assure himself of the person's conversion and commitment to the church. Upon recommendation of the pastor, candidates will be voted into the membership of the church. The new members will be received into the church and extended the right hand of fellowship.

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

- Save the Date: March 5 - Baptism
- Time Springs FORWARD: March 12
- Look in the INFORMATION CENTER for a sign-up sheet for Worship Service Nursery Workers. We are consistently having 3-5 children (Birth-2 yrs old) and currently have a worker rotation of serving approximately once every 4 weeks. If you are currently utilizing our services, please consider volunteering to serve in this rotation. Thank you in advance for your involvement so we can spread out our rotation schedule.
- Save the Date: April 9 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ 7:00 a.m. followed by light breakfast in FMC, Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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.



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

Greetings from the Missions Team! As Spring is approaching, we are looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunities to serve our community. During the months of January and February, the Missions Team had twice the number of requests for financial assistance than we did for all of 2022. People are hurting and in need. The Church is becoming more and more known as a haven and as a place where we are "there for you". We continue to be very proud of the work that is being done in the Flea Market to acquire these funds to help people. Remember, we are open every Wednesday morning and the first Saturday of each month. We are now planning to switch the clothing rooms from fall/winter items to spring/summer items. If you are available on Monday, March 6, and could give us some of your time to help with this effort, it would be much appreciated. We love your donations, but if you have a big delivery or large furniture, please contact Sandy or Sonny first, so that we can arrange space. Continue to keep the Missions Team in your prayers.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



Spring is coming and we are on the move. Everyone enjoyed a great trip to Smith's Grocery and Restaurant for some good food, then on to Ollie's for shopping in Rocky Mount. On Saturday, March 4th a trip is planned to go see a Broadway play "The Fourth Cross" with a meal included. For April a trip is planned to Caswell to hear speaker Phyllis Ellvington, she is great and everyone is looking forward to it. There will be sign up sheets available for future trips. All seniors are invited, come join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship.

The O.W.L.S. are also involved in preparing and delivering meals to our shut-ins on Wednesdays, help is always needed.

God Bless,

Olivia Cooke, Patsy and Ricky Narron

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are excited about all that is going on in our youth group and within our church! As Pastor Glen said we are experiencing a "Revival" and what a blessing it is to see all that God is doing within our church and our community.

The youth will be taking part in a new 4 week Bible study this month called "Abide". This study focuses around the verse John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." The goal is to help students remain focused on Jesus and stay aware of His presence in their lives.

Along with this study each student will receive a 30 day devotional to help them spend time with Jesus and abide in Him. Each day in this devotional helps them walk through a process: Refocus, Read, Reflect, and Respond.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our youth ministry!

Love,

Mrs. Carrie

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Upcoming Youth Events/Important Dates

-Saturday, March 11th- Youth Bowling Outing

Youth who have signed up to go please meet at the church at 10:30 and bring \$ to eat and for the arcade if you wish. We plan on being back at church by 4:00

-Saturday, May 6th is the tentative date for our next youth fundraiser for camp. We will be holding our annual Breakfast/Lunch/Bake Sale/Yard Sale event. More details to follow, but we will be needing donations of baked goods for this event. Please plan to come help support our youth as we work to raise the remaining \$ needed for Camp Caswell.

-Wednesday, May 17th is the Camp Caswell parent/youth informational meeting. Here you will bring your paperwork or fill out paperwork and have it notarized. We will also address camp details and answer questions.

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

I have a few updates and changes from last month's newsletter. Children's Church will be moving but we are thinking the Assembly Room in the Educational Building will be a better place for us. Please be on the lookout for partition screens and tables to be set up soon. If you need to work on special projects in that area, please let Pam or me know so we can make some adjustments. This move will allow the Nursery to expand into the second room where we currently hold Children's Church. Isn't it wonderful to have the problem of finding additional room for classes?

Our Wednesday night programs continue to grow and if you look at the parking lot you can tell a lot more people are attending Wednesday night programs. We have programs for Mission Friends, Journey Kids, Youth and Prayer Meeting. Thanks to all the parents for bringing your children on Wednesday.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8 in the area from the fenced in playground to the BBQ Shelter. We will probably hold 3 separate "Hunts" for different age groups. If you would like to help, we need LOTS of Easter Eggs. Please bring any Easter Eggs you would like to donate to the FMC no later than April 5. Be sure they are ready to be hidden. We Need LOTS of eggs. Last year we had around 125 children to participate in our Egg Hunt. We will be giving each child a "Goodie Bag" with some candy, Church Info and Easter Items. We can use help packaging these before the big day. Registration will begin around 9:30 and the Egg Hunts will begin around 10:00. Come join us for the fun and bring some new folks. Signup sheets for assistance will be available in the info center.

The Evangelism Block Party date has been changed to May 20. We will be asking for LOTS of Volunteers for this date. Be looking for the sign-up sheets soon.

Thank You to 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

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

All safety inspections have been completed to date. The hood cleaning has been updated to only be once a year. We have tentative dates for the new roofs to be installed; the week of March 13th!

On Hold....

We will resume this process soon. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church:

*Children's Director Search Committee



Exciting News! A New Church Directory!

Our Church has selected Universal Church Directories (www.ucdir.com) to help us with our new pictorial church directory. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography. Their photographer will take pictures and you will view your proofs electronically immediately following your photography. Only one short trip to the church will ensure that you (or your family) will be a part of our pictorial directory. The whole process takes about 45 minutes to one hour.

Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait to be sent postage free to their home. Plus, they receive a complimentary directory. This is a terrific opportunity for a professional portrait in the comfort of your own church. Schedule your family soon!

Our dates for photography are April 13, 14, and 15 in the Family Ministry Center. You can sign up your family for your family portrait by one of the following methods:

- Volunteers will assist you to sign-up before Sunday School and after Worship Service each Sunday, beginning March 5 in the Assembly room on the first floor of the Education Building.
- You can sign up on the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the button that says “**Photography Appointment Scheduling Login**”, on the login page, in the Church Code field, enter nc436; in the Church Password field, enter photos. Follow the prompts to schedule your family’s appointment time.
- Call the Church Secretary in the Church office during her normal working hours of 9:00 to 12:00 AM, Monday through Friday. She will go online and sign you up.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Church Directory Team members: Ricky Watson, Joan Watson, Lou Holland, Jean Hocutt, Carrie Sellers, David Hughes

Recurring Prayer Needs

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| Bradley Allen | Lloyd East | Shirley Lane | Vickie Peters |
| Addie Batten | Phyllis Edwards | June Lanier | Larry Price |
| Kathryn & Neal Batten | Will Fuller | Sandra Leonard | Joan Privette |
| Rochelle Boswell | Randy Hales | Landon Mack | Donald Pulley |
| Errol Briggerman | Linda Hammett | Sue Cline Mack | Annette Ragan |
| Natalie Brock | Beverly Heilig | Pam Maynor | Linda Stevens |
| Barry Chamblee | Carolyn Hicks | Ann Mosley | Lori Stokes |
| Ashley Coleman | Sue Hocutt | John Nowell | Mark Stokes |
| Wendy Cox | Carl Holt | Ricky Nowell | Carmen Wall |
| Sharon Craven | Kenneth Jones | Carol O’Neal | |
| David Driver | Billy Knight | Mike O’Neal | |

New Prayer Needs

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| April Adams | JoAnn Daniel | Elizabeth Hocutt | Bob Richardson |
| Chris Allen | Jane Denton | JoAnn Hocutt | Mary Lou Richardson |
| Shawn Allen | Angie Driver | Nova Hopkins | Christi Sasser |
| Harold Andrews | Charles Driver | Joan Hunter | Reggie Sanders |
| Elaine Barham | Rickie Driver | Connie Jones | Connie Scott |
| Kathryn Batten | Tom Dunn | Oscar Lane | Ray & Donna Smith |
| Pam Batten | Kim Eatmon | Dennis Lockleair | Jane Strautnieks |
| Judy Boswell | Nita Edwards | Johnny Lockleair | Glenn Strickland |
| Stella Boykin | Tommy Farmer | Emma Maidon | Sandy Trippe |
| Sue Boykin | Fred Flowers | Jessica McDowell | Dale & Sandra Weathers |
| Melanie Brock | Wilma Foster | Kenny Morgan | Peggy Wilder Family |
| Greg Clawson | Sawyer Gay | Brian Munger | Robert & Betty Williford |
| David Clay | Candice Green | Eddie Perry | Becky Wise |
| George Creech | Gayle Haines | Clarice Peterson | Unspoken Requests |
| Steve Currie | Anita Hales | Rose Pope | |
| Wayne & Kelly Currie | Jesica Hill | Dolores Renfrow | |

From the Pastor's Desk:

Wow! Spring of 2023 is here! There are so many exciting things about the coming of Spring. When I was a boy, it was a standard ritual for the windows to be opened and the mattresses to be “aired” out, and the house was cleaned from top to bottom and inside and out! When we observe the beauty of God’s creation, and we begin to see the flowers budding and the trees growing beautiful foliage and the birds singing and the land around us beginning to awaken for another growing season. Winter is done and Spring is here! For someone that does not like cold weather, PRAISE GOD! As we enjoy the beauty and bounty of Spring, reflect on the scriptures, found in the Song of Songs (Solomon) 2:10-13: *“My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”* The scriptures speak of two people that are in love and the one asking the other to arise and come away with them. Well, Jesus is saying to us: Arise and claim the Grace that I have brought to you and the beauty of my creation and let us walk together in the beauty of the Spring! Metaphorically speaking, and speaking directly, we are to recognize His Creation and we are to Embrace His Grace and walk with Him through this life! Praise God for warm weather and the passing of Winter! P.S. Remember to “Spring Forward” with your clocks on March 12, 2023! Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

**In His Love,
Pastor Glen**

