

Baptist Tabernacle Church

November 2021 Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for November is:

Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Jude 1:2 KJV

November 2021 Reading Schedule

Day 1	Jeremiah 22-24	Day 16	Ezekiel 9-12
Day 2	Jeremiah 25-27	Day 17	Ezekiel 13-15
Day 3	Jeremiah 28-30	Day 18	Ezekiel 16-18
Day 4	Jeremiah 31-33	Day 19	Ezekiel 19-21
Day 5	Jeremiah 34-36	Day 20	Ezekiel 22-24
Day 6	Jeremiah 37-39	Day 21	Ezekiel 25-27
Day 7	Jeremiah 40-42	Day 22	Ezekiel 28-30
Day 8	Jeremiah 43-45	Day 23	Ezekiel 31-33
Day 9	Jeremiah 46-48	Day 24	Ezekiel 34-36
Day 10	Jeremiah 49-52	Day 25	Ezekiel 37-39
Day 11	2 Peter 1-3	Day 26	Ezekiel 40-42
Day 12	Lamentations 1-3	Day 27	Ezekiel 43-45
Day 13	Lamentations 4-5	Day 28	Ezekiel 46-48
Day 14	Ezekiel 1-4	Day 29	1 John 1-5
Day 15	Ezekiel 5-8	Day 30	Daniel 1-3

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Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

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

Sunday Morning Children's Church in Education Building @ 11:00am

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, Youth, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends @ 6:30pm

Levada Driver Circle Group: Monday, November 8th @ 2:00pm in the FMC

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

Mission Marketplace: Saturday, November 13th 8:00am to 2:00pm

Veteran's Day Service: Sunday, November 14th During Worship Service

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

Property Management Team Meeting: Tuesday, November 16th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

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

O.W.L.S. Meeting: Tuesday, November 30th @ 9:30am in the FMC



November Birthdays

1st	Colin Creech Jane Strickland	22nd	Elizabeth Fuller Lucas Lane
2nd	Anthony Hill		Leon Jones
3rd	Kaitlin Bailey Tammy Pruden Ricky Watson	23rd	Tim Davis
4th	Isaac Worley	25th	Lillie Marie Scott Scott Stewart Ryan Hargreaves
5th	Carrie Sellers	26th	Annette Brock Noah Justice
6th	Jamy Wheeler Brittany Mack	27th	Kayla Scott Kenneth Jones
9th	Pam Earp R.J. Sellers, Jr Allie Ann Sellers	28th	Lewis Carroll Tommy Perry
10th	Cathy Farriss Scarlette O'Neal	29th	Jacob Worley
12th	Kenneth Driver James Ray Ferrell		
14th	Hannah Norwood Celia Horton Jessica Hill		
15th	Brandon Peebles		
16th	Phyllis Langston Shelley Morris Nancy Watson		
18th	Cheryl Whitley		
20th	Ron Diehl John Butler		
21st	Danny Hocutt Joan Watson		



November Anniversaries

1st	Gene & Jenny Butler
2nd	Carl & Anna Creech
3rd	Glen & Celia Horton
7th	Randy & Dale Driver Fred & Carol Flowers
13th	Mike & Susie Peoples
15th	Richard & Kathy Smith
22nd	Wayne & Kelly Currie
24th	Ricky & Patsy Narron
25th	Ron & Jan Diehl Ray & Dana Hocutt
29th	Ray & Donna Smith

100th Anniversary Committee

The committee is continuing to work on the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Items we are working on are:

Updating the history of the Church with updates since the '80's.

Conducting interviews with some of the long-time members to get their thoughts of the Church and important times and activities they have been involved with throughout their Church life.

Talking to restaurants on catering the meal for the 100th Celebration. We are trying to get several quotes on the caterers. The meal will be catered outside and served by the caterer rather than having everyone serving their own plates.

Collecting pictures of church life from the past. If anyone has any to offer, please contact one of the members of this team.

Contacting former pastors to visit and preach a sermon during the months leading up to the Celebration. We have received some historical pictures of activities at the church and some of the old buildings but are still looking for more. If you have any, please let us know. The committee would love to "borrow" them to update the historical documents that we have. On the back of the item, please identify the activity, and put your name, phone #, and address so we can return them to the owner.

Again, the committee consists of: Connie Bechdolt, Pastor Glen Brock, Ronnie Faulkner, Lou Holland, Elaine Holmquist, Jeany O'Neal, Judy Boswell, and Joan and Rick Watson.

Please be in prayer for these activities and for the 100th Anniversary of Baptist Tabernacle Church.



What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Bobby Sellers-Co-Leader):

The Deacons participated in a very moving and inspiring Ordination Service for 5 new Deacons on October 24. At our monthly meeting one of the newly ordained deacons said they at first didn't know if they wanted a "Laying On Of Hands", but they were so inspired by it they were glad we decided to do it. We are all looking forward to working with these newly ordained deacons along with all the other deacons.

FYI, the deacons have elected Wayne Batten as Chair for this year. Bobby Sellars will serve as Vice-Chair; Olivia Cooke will serve as Secretary, and we are stepping out of the box on our Devotion Leader. In the past we had a deacon who led the devotion time at each meeting. This year we are going to rotate that duty among all our deacons. I'm looking forward to seeing each person's devotion message.

Someone mentioned at a recent Wednesday night service they would like to see the Deacons in more active roles. If you think of opportunities for Deacons to Serve, please let me know and we will work on it.

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

The Administrative Team held their regular monthly meeting for October was held in the FMC with the following items being addressed:

We discussed the information from the Leadership Team that related to the Administrative Team. For October, the Administrative Team furnished the Ministry Teams with a Budget Request Form to be completed by the November Leadership Team Meeting. This form is for each Ministry Team to request their budget amounts needed for 2022 so the Administrative Team can prepare the 2022 Church Ministry Budget.

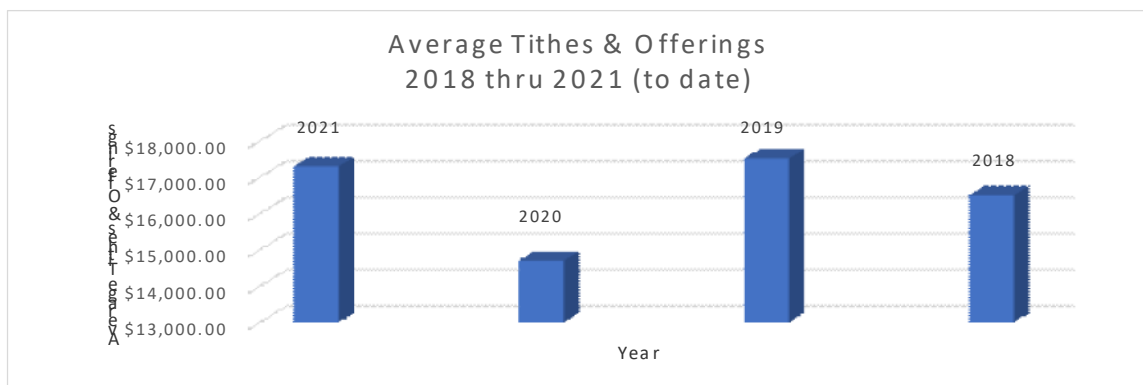
We reviewed the September Financial Report. Our focus in this review is that we are still receiving funds that keep up with the expenditures and that items spent are included in the budget. We also review the following items:

Expenditures to ensure that the Ministry Teams are not spending more than they are budgeted.

Recurring expenditures to see if we have the funds to meet the continually increasing items.

Edward Jones accounts to ensure they are meeting our expectations. We continue working with the Edward Jones Team to achieve our desired results.

Note: During the October Church Conference, there was a concern expressed about our Tithes & Offerings decreasing due to a lack of Church attendance. We reviewed the tithes & offerings for 2021 as well as those from 2018 thru 2020 and determined that the tithes & offerings for 2021 are above or in line with the previous 3 years as indicated by the chart below.



Please note that, to date, the average Tithes & Offerings for 2021 is the 2nd highest (by \$213) of the past four years. These numbers indicate that our Tithes & Offerings are not decreasing but maintaining normal levels even though our Church attendance is low.

We remind you, that although the average for 2021 has been as high or higher than other years, we still want all Church members to continue with your tithes & offerings. They are instrumental in the Church's efforts to maintain all our ministries within the Church.

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We also continue to monitor recurring payments to ensure they maintain within reason. As noted last month, the waste pick-up has increased over the past couple of years to approximately \$222 per month. As a result, we are changing our waste pick-up service to Meridian Waste which will only cost us \$65 per month. This will amount to a savings of \$1884 per year. We are also evaluating other expenditures that we have to see if there are additional opportunities to optimize our expenses.

We continue to remind everyone to watch your complacency relative to the COVID-19 virus with the current surge of COVID cases due to the Delta Variant and the number of individuals that have not taken the vaccine. Pastor Glen reminds us in each of his daily devotions that we encourage the wearing of masks within the buildings for each service. Please keep this in mind when attending Church activities and wear your mask to be considerate of our Church membership. Thanks for your continued participation. Please stay safe!

Again, if you have any questions for the Administrative Team, please contact one of us.

Property Management Team (Ricky Andrews-Team Leader/Ross Carroll-Co-Leader):

We have a lot of items we would like to get accomplished this coming year. As some of you know we are moving forward on the new Audio/Visual system for the Church. Because of the manpower shortage due to COVID we are in the waiting stage for the equipment we specified for the project. The contractor hopes to be able to have the items from the manufacturer by December. Before the monitors and equipment can be installed the Property Management team will be installing power outlets for the equipment. I hope to start this in a couple of weeks. Also, we are in the process of getting information from door manufactures to replace the front Sanctuary doors and quotes from window contractors to replace the rear windows in the foyer between the Education Building and the Sanctuary. The wood windows there are rotting and need to be replaced with the same type as in the foyer between the Sanctuary and the FMC. We will hopefully be renovating the Sound Booth in the mezzanine to better accommodate our new sound system and video display system.

We will be adding new wall cabinets in the Children's Church area that will add addition storage space. The back of the Sanctuary foyer needs some work to help cover up the clutter on the shelves. Steve White has been requested to design some cabinet doors to be added to the upper shelving so we can close off that area and make it look nicer there. We will also be working on designs for a new set of doors for the Educational Building at the cemetery exit to make that area look a little nicer. We will be working on the lighting in the Sanctuary to provide more light and have a brighter space to worship. We have a conglomeration of light colors in the Sanctuary from LED to new florescent to old fluorescent. I think we need to revisit changing out all the fluorescent and incandescent lighting to new LED type lighting. This will save the church on the utility bill over the long run.

We have also been approached about investigating a new digital sign for the front yard of the Church. It is about time to be getting quotes for black topping the parking lot so it will not deteriorate as fast as the last paving work did. We will be discussing ways to rework the front entrance canopy of the Sanctuary to make the wood look better. As you can see, the Property Management Team is working to maintain the church in a variety of areas. If you have questions, please speak to a member of our team.

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

The Missions Team has been busy planning for our annual Fall Fest, now called the Missions Marketplace, which will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. We plan to have a biscuit breakfast, a hot dog lunch (and more), bake sale, 50/50 raffle, plus the Flea Market will be open. To help us in this effort, we are asking for donations of Coke/Pepsi canned products and water. You can leave donations in the kitchen (please label it for Missions Team). But, more importantly, we need baked goods to sell – whole cakes and pies, cookies, and candies. Those items can be brought to the church on Friday, November 12, or the morning of the sale. To make the Missions Marketplace a success, we need YOU! More information to follow.

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

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary after Thanksgiving and will remain until Dec. 19th. If you would like to order some, there are forms in the Vestibule to place your order. The deadline for orders are Sunday, November 14th. Please give the forms and money to Pam or Wayne Batten. The price is \$10 each.



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Discipleship Team:

Sunday School has reopened from 10:00 -10:45 in the following locations:

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).



Nursery Workers now have the ability to hear the Worship Service from 11-12 via FM 87.7 while serving in the Nursery. Contact Susan Andrews via call or text at 919-418-8061 if you are willing to help.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



We had a great time at our Fort Caswell Senior Retreat back in September. The guest speaker was Phyllis Ellvington and she spoke about how we are all "LIVING IN OUR SEASONS" Philippians 4:11 Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. Are we living for our Savior at this time in our life when we are in a season of retirement? Do you use your time to study Gods Word, take time to help others, volunteer in your church, or are you using your time watching tv, on Facebook or searching the internet. As Phyllis said we will all go through different seasons of our life so lets use that time to make a plan to read the Bible through. Read a few chapters each day ,pick out a verse that speaks to you, then write it down in a notebook and go back to that verse later and ask yourself why or how did that verse speak to me. Everyone had fun going fishing, making a craft or playing games. Mr. Billy Godwin was the Corn Hole Champion, some went fishing and caught a fish or two, while others kept breaking their fishing pole.(I won't mention any names), but we sure had fun!

Our next meeting is November 30th @ 9:30am in the FMC. All are welcome to join us for Fun, Food & Fellowship! God Bless, Olivia Cooke and Patsy & Ricky Narron

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

Thanks to all who helped make the Trunk or Treat a success again this year. We want to continue working with children in the area who might not attend Church and offer them opportunities to be around Church attending children and spark a desire in their hearts.

Children's Church continues to study the Old Testament. Recently we have studied Ecclesiastes, Elijah, Elisha and will soon be studying Naaman and others. We meet in the Educational Building at 11:00, have our Bible Study and then make a craft to go along with our story. If you are at Church, you might notice some of our youth go over with us to assist. They are taking an active role in the story and assisting us with the crafts. Thank You to those Youth. What a Way to Grow in Christ.

GA's, RA's: We are continuing our lessons on Missions. We are also making Christmas ornaments for the Mission Marketplace. If your child is not attending, please bring them. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30.

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Remember our Youth Sunday School is at 10:00am each week and Wednesday night Bible Study is at 6:30pm!

We would love to have any rising 6th-12th grader youth join us!

If you are not on our email list and would like to be updated about Youth activities please text Mrs. Carrie at 919-524-6882 or email at nctwinmom08@gmail.com with your information!



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

Bradley Allen	Steve Currie	Aaron Johnson	Annette Ragan
Henry Allred	Wayne Currie	Scott Jones	Leslie Ragan
R.A. & Ruth Avery	Tim Davis	Scott Kearney	Spencer Ragan
Fred Bailey	Serita Deans	Billy Knight	Dolores Renfrow
Natalie Bailey	Debbie Descoteaux	Oscar & Shirley Lane	Rev. Jasper Renfrow
Nancy Batchelor	Dan Driver	Sherry Lanham	Joey Renfrow
Addie Batten	David Driver	Wilbert Lanier	Bert Sellers
Tom Bergeron	Phyllis Edwards	Steve Lee	Linda Stevens
Betty Blackley	Guy Jean Farmer	Greg Lumley	Glenn Strickland
Bailey Briggs	Dickie & Marilyn Forbes	Anna Martin	Thomas Strickland
Glen & Annette Brock	Kaye Grissom	Beth McNeil	Jack Thompson
Melanie Brock	Dan Gullifer	Pamela Melton	Wendy Valencia
David Bullock, Jr.	Glenda Kay Harris	Iler Miller	Joan Watson
Glenn Bunn	Brian Haynes	Christy Moore	Nancy Watson
Russell & Ann Capps	Jessica Hill	Tommy Moore	Rose Marie Wheeler
August Chase	Mike Himmel	Ronnie Morgan	Lexi & Logan White
Lillie Cheek	Ellen Hinnant	Marsha Nash	Mary Lou White
Sue Cline	Rebecca Hinton	Mackie Ollis	Bill Wignall
Donald Cooke	Elizabeth Hocutt	Gary Peck	Jacob Wilson
Addison Corl	Sue Hocutt	Jimmy Peck	Charles Wood
Sharon Craven	Larry Holland	Clarice Peterson	Steve Wood
Greg & Donna Creech	Carl Holt	Jeaninene Pratt	
George Creech	Jackie & Joan Hunter	Franceline Price	
Ricky Creech	Dorena Privette-Jenkins	Joan Privette	

New Prayer Needs

Francis Horton Austin Family	Cathy Farriss	Mark Watson
JoLane Ball	Ronnie Faulkner	Missionaries in Haiti
Jon Carroll	Kenneth Jones	Unspoken Requests
Lou Carroll	Jay Moss	
Patsy Coates	Patrick Myrick Family	
Thor Daughn Family	Charles & Mary Padgett	
Charles Driver	Larry Price	
Wesley Dunbar	Othell Price	
	Luby Tyner, Jr. Family	

From the Pastor's Desk:

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

We have so much to be thankful for! We are living in the greatest country in history, and we enjoy the blessings of bounty, freedom, and opportunity for personal prosperity, yet there are so many that are ungrateful and grumpy about their situations. The world and all that it offers, encourages ingratitude, and blame for others and when someone comes along and appears to be grateful for life and the simple things around them, there is an immediate offense by those who choose to be miserable and thankless! Mama used to teach me that I needed to be thankful for each new day and she would find something, in each new day, to thank God. I observe this ungrateful and hate-filled world and I am sad for the despair that exists. What can I do? The answer is simple!! I can live my life with gratitude, and I can share the GOOD NEWS of Hope and Grace and Gratitude, and by being an example of HIS GRACE, I can show this lost and dying world that Hope is available, and that Gratitude is possible! Take your eyes off your situation and place your eyes on the Cross! Embrace His Love, His Life and His Promises, and you will have much to be Grateful for!!! May this Thanksgiving time be a time of renewal and recommitment to witnessing and expressing gratitude for His Amazing Grace! Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

