

From the Pastor's Desk:

October is my favorite month of the year. It is the month before the holiday seasons, and I enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas times with family and friends. October is a Birthday Month for our family. My Daddy was born on October 2nd, our beautiful Granddaughter was born on October 4th, I was born on October 19th, Annette and I celebrate our anniversary on October 29th, (40 years on October 29, 2023) and there are many other special events that occur in October. This month, we begin to feel the transition between the warmth of summer to the cold of winter, and the air is crisp and fresh, and I seem to be renewed and refreshed. Annette always puts out hay bales and pumpkins and she always makes our home festive with decorations, in preparation for the special days to come. Family, we are celebrating the 101st Homecoming of Baptist Tabernacle Church, and Annette and I are thanking God, that we are celebrating our 16th Homecoming as your Pastor. May God bless us with many more years together and may He continue to allow us the privilege and responsibility to share His Grace and Mercies with this Lost World. May we be energized to serve until He returns... Thank You for 16 years of Love, Prayer, and Encouragement! TO GOD BE THE GLORY! Stay Strong, Stay Focused.....

Pastor Glen & Annette



October 2023

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for October is:

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 KJV

October 2023 Reading Schedule

Day 1	Solomon 5-8	Day 16	Isaiah 43-45
Day 2	James 1-5	Day 17	Isaiah 46-48
Day 3	Isaiah 1-3	Day 18	Isaiah 49-51
Day 4	Isaiah 4-7	Day 19	Isaiah 52-54
Day 5	Isaiah 8-10	Day 20	Isaiah 55-57
Day 6	Isaiah 11-13	Day 21	Isaiah 58-60
Day 7	Isaiah 14-17	Day 22	Isaiah 61-63
Day 8	Isaiah 18-21	Day 23	Isaiah 64-66
Day 9	Isaiah 22-25	Day 24	1 Peter 1-5
Day 10	Isaiah 26-28	Day 25	Jeremiah 1-3
Day 11	Isaiah 29-30	Day 26	Jeremiah 4-6
Day 12	Isaiah 31-33	Day 27	Jeremiah 7-9
Day 13	Isaiah 34-36	Day 28	Jeremiah 10-12
Day 14	Isaiah 37-39	Day 29	Jeremiah 13-15
Day 15	Isaiah 40-42	Day 30	Jeremiah 16-18
		Day 31	Jeremiah 19-21

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

- Sunday, October 1st: Homecoming Service with covered dish meal following
- Sunday, October 8th: Youth Sunday Service
- Wednesday, October 4th: Mission Team Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Saturday, October 7th: Wendell Harvest Festival
- Monday, October 9th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC
- Monday, October 9th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
- Tuesday, October 10th: Baptist Men Meeting @ 6:00pm
- Sunday, October 15th: Pastor Appreciation Day
- Monday, October 16th-Wednesday, October 18th: Ark Trip
- Monday, October 16th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group
- Monday, October 16th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
- Monday, October 23rd: Deacon Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
- Wednesday, October 25th: Church Conference @ 6:30pm
- Saturday, October 28th: Trunk or Treat 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Sunday, October 29th: First Responder & Healthcare Worker Appreciation Day
- Tuesday, October 31st: O.W.L.S. Meeting @ 9:30am in the FMC

Every Wednesday:

- Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping 7:30am to 12:00pm
- Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Wednesday Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult, Youth & Children)

Future Events coming up:

- Saturday, November 4th: Fall Fest 8:00am to 2:00pm
- Saturday, December 16th: Live Nativity

Update on the New Church Directory

As was reported in the September Newsletter, the Directory Committee completed the review of the proof of the directory and returned it for corrections on Monday, August 21. We think the directory turned out great and are looking forward to it being completed. Universal indicated that it should take about 20 working days to make corrections and return the directories to the Church. At the time of this update, we have not received the final copy of the directory and are hoping it will be returned by Universal shortly. When they are received, we will pass them out. We plan to set up some tables in the FMC after Church for those that had their pictures made to come by and get their copy. As a reminder, each family that had their picture made gets one copy of the directory. We will have several lines set up in the FMC to expedite the distribution of the directories. Thanks again for all that participated. We hope you enjoy them. We will put a notice in the bulletin when we begin the distribution.

Thank you. The Directory Team: Ricky Watson, Joan Watson, Lou Holland, Jean Hocutt, Carrie Sellers, David Hughes

Children's Director Search Committee

Children's Ministry Director Search team has met and developed a job description that will be voted on for acceptance at the October Church Conference. We hope to have this position filled VERY SOON.

Recurring Prayer Needs

Shawn Allen	Jeremy Edwards	Nancy Morse	Ray & Donna Smith
Larry Anderson	Phyllis Edwards	Ricky Narron	Lori Stokes
James Bailey	Gayle Haines	Jonathan Newell	Eldie Strickland
Mike Bailey	Anita Hales	Carol O'Neal	Julie Swinson
Elaine Barham	Randy Hales	Mike O'Neal	Sue Thomasson
Wayne Batten	Linda Hammett	Teresa O'Neal	Annette Walton
Judy Boswell	Mike Harris	Vic Pace	Ann Waters
Lester & Fonda Boyd	Georgia Himmel	Kay C. Perry	Jerry Watkins
Bruce & Judy Brantley	Elizabeth Hocutt	Pat Pettit	Dale Weathers
Greg Clay	William Hocutt	Donna Pippin	Lee Williford
Linda Coffey	Carl Holt	Frank Price	Robert & Betty Williford
Tim Cooke	Jax Hopkins	Larry Price	
Brian Cox	Donna K. House	Joan Privette	Doug Vaughan
Randy Creech	Aaron Johnson	Annette Ragan	Bruce Young
Wayne Currie	Kenneth Jones	Cameron Richardson	
Angela Curtman	Oscar & Shirley Lane	Christi Sasser	
Charles Driver	Denise Lewis	Connie Scott	
Shirley Earp	Pam Maynor	Betty Seibert	

New Prayer Needs

Lynn Bailey	Joan Hunter
Nancy Batchelor	Bruce Jacobs
Pastor Glen Brock	Judy Johnson
Paul & Carolyn Brown	Jack Lofton
Helena Coffey	Gracie Pippin Searcy
Anna Creech	Jane Strautnieks
Kim Eatmon	Marie Strickland
Fred Flowers	Mattie Wheaton
Janice Hill	Brenda Whitley
Mike Himmel	Celia Whitley
Roger Hocutt	Unspoken Requests

Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):

HANG ON TIGHT. Our Children's Ministry team will be BUSY in the coming months. Our first event will be participating in the Parade at the Wendell Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 7. Our children will be riding a float advertising our Church. As soon as the parade concludes, they will be at our tent twisting balloon animals for the crowd and passing out information on our Church. Last year they passed out 350 info packets and we are preparing that many again this year. Come join us and help us spread the Word of Christ to the visitors to our tent. If it is anything like last year, most kids will be in line for at least 15 minutes waiting for a balloon. If you have an opportunity, speak with the family during this time. Wear your BTC shirt if you can and let's show Wendell all about Baptist Tabernacle.

Our children will be entertaining other kids during our Fall Festival. Mr. and Mrs. Farris will be doing activities with children and our children will be creating balloon animals and face painting for our guests.

Trunk or Treat will be held at the Church on Saturday, October 28 from 6 until 8 pm in the upper parking lot. Expect to see our balloon twisters here also. All Church members are encouraged to participate by setting up your vehicle as your candy station. Please decorate it for the season and include a Bible passage or story as part of your décor. We normally have around 125 children for this activity, so bring lots of candy. Set-up time will be 5:00 and all areas should be completely set up by 5:45. Look for sign-up sheets in the Information Center.

Children's Church continues to GROW. We recently had a Sunday with 14 children attending. It is amazing to watch them grow and learn about God. Four of our Children's Church members will now become volunteers because they have aged out of the program. They are looking forward to stepping up to become volunteers and we are looking forward to seeing them grow in their ministry. Thanks to our Youth volunteers who help us each Sunday. Thanks to Pam and Don for making this such a great ministry.

Wednesday night programs continue for Mission Friends and Journey Kids. These programs introduce the world of missions to our children. Thanks for bringing your children on Wednesday night.

Some people might wonder why we do so many activities with our Children's Ministry Program. To answer that question, I ask you to look around at our Church. Since September 2022, our Church has GROWN in our children, youth, and young adults. The Journey Sunday School class did not exist 14 months ago. Now we normally have over 16 in attendance and are looking to expand our space.

Almost all those young couples come to Church with their children and youth. They are also very active in Wednesday night programs and all other activities happening at our Church.

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 (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):

Our Youth Sunday service on October 8th. Please join us as we bring to you our experiences from camp. We are getting a head count for Camp next year together, due on October 15th! If your youth is interested please get with someone from the youth team. We are also planning to go to the Judgement House on Sunday, October 29th.

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

Fall Fest is coming on Saturday, November 4, from 8:00-2:00. We will need lots of help!! Your donations of water and Pepsi/Coke products and desserts (either individually sliced cakes, brownies, cookies, etc, and whole cakes and pies will be greatly appreciated). If you have a cake for auction, please contact Danielle Gidding; and if you have other items for auction, contact Wayne Batten. If you'd like to help in a specific area, the contact is: desserts, Danielle Gidding; breakfast, Dana Hocutt; lunch, Olivia Cooke; 50/50 Raffle, Crystal Baker; prayer tent, Jimmy Faison; children's area, Don & Kathy Farris; crafts, Susan Andrews; auction, Wayne Batten; advertising, Pam Batten; parking lot, Greg Gidding; Missions Marketplace, Sandy Trippe. For other inquiries, see Annette Ragan or Sandy Trippe or any member of the Missions Team. Get ready for a day of fun, festivities, and God-centered fellowship!

Baptist Men: Restarted by Billy Godwin's vision in May 2023

Completed projects:

- 1st project; Reworked steps/handrail posts on Russell Dr.
- Power washed home as same address by Joe Bloniarczyk
- Power washed neighbor's home by Joe Bloniarczyk
- Built a ramp on FowlerRd, mostly used materials at minimal cost
- Moved a mother/son out of a precarious environment from Hillsborough to Louisburg
- Attempt trimming trees & shrubbery at a home on Applewhite Rd
- Another ramp built where the family reimbursed us ~\$1,400
- Another ramp inside a garage, Randy Briggerman was reimbursed by church
- Removed all belongings from Robinwood apartment after resident became unable to live alone
- Continuously assisting Mission Marketplace with large moves

Pending projects:

- Extend internet/WiFi cable throughout the church

Today < > October 2023						
SUN Oct 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
Homecoming ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service		● 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	8-12 Flea Market ● 5pm Wednesday Night Meal ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice			8-12 Flea Market Children to Wendell Harvest Festival Children Bus
Communion Youth Sunday ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service ● 7pm Robinwood Service	2pm Levada Driver Ctl Grp FMC 7pm Leadership Meeting	● 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	8-12 Flea Market ● 5pm Wednesday Night Meal ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice			
Pastor Appreciation Day ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service	Ark Trip 1pm Vera Hocutt Ctl Grp 7pm Administrative Team Mtg FMC	6pm Baptist Men Meeting ● 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth			
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First Responder's & Healthcare Worker's ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service		O.W.L.S. Bus ● 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	8-12 Flea Market ● 5pm Wednesday Night Meal ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice			8-2 Fall Fest



October Birthdays

2nd	Chloe Barbour Cathy Lockleair	19th	Pastor Glen Brock Bill Hinnant
3rd	Randy Creech Rosie Justice	20th	Charlene Price Vickie Vaughan
4th	Samantha Bunn Randy Driver Ava Scott Leena Wheeler	24th	Lance Wheeler Carol Himmel
5th	Sherrie Alford	25th	Vondell Badger Tony Creech
6th	Emma Barbour	26th	Neal Batten Tom Vaughan
7th	Zackary Worley		Jordan Liles
8th	Gerald Price	28th	Vance Adkins
9th	Donnie Coley, Jr.	29th	Carly Burks Pam Maynor Luna Parrish
10th	Rachel Bloniarczyk Luna Parrish Caroline Upchurch	31st	Wanda Custer Brad Hales Brian Hales Brennan Hales
12th	Neal Driver Anna Walters		
13th	Jimmy Bergeron		
14th	Lauren Parker		
15th	Olivia Cooke Jason Hurd		
16th	Fred Coates		
17th	Tracey Hudson		
18th	Les Brown Shelley Hales Allen Vickie Renfrow		



October Anniversaries

1st	John & Hannah Headrick
2nd	Joe & Rachel Bloniarczyk
3rd	Aaron & Pam Rice
4th	Shawn & Amy Watts
5th	Jamy & Kathy Wheeler
6th	Charlie & Hannah Norwood
8th	Robbie & Tammy Edwards
16th	Rob & Carol Himmel
20th	Tom & Vickie Vaughan
22nd	Lucas and Heather Lane
29th	Glen & Annette Brock
30th	Danny & Jean Hocutt

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/Jimmy Faison-Co-Leader):

The Deacons are continuing to still reach out to our shut-ins with calls, cards, and prayers. God is good today, tomorrow, and all the time!

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



The Administrative Team continues to meet monthly to discuss and manage our required responsibilities of reviewing the previous monthly financial report, including the income, expenditures, all Ministry Team's expenditures for the month, as well as the investments we have through Edward Jones. This past meeting, at the request of the Leadership Team, we made some changes to the Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship Guidelines and updated the Guidelines for use of the

Church buildings to allow dancing at wedding receptions in the FMC for father/daughter, mother/son, and bride/groom dances only. These changes will be provided to the Leadership Team at the October meeting for their review and approval. Once approved, they will be presented to the Church at a regular Church Conference for approval.

With the new Church year, there were some changes to the Ministry Team Leaders and some questions have been raised about our Financial Policies and Procedures. Therefore, the review of the Constitution & By-Laws section for the month will be the Financial Policies and Procedures. Although they are not officially part of the Constitution and By-Laws, they are included in the Manual of Instructions and are approved for use by the Church. Our annual budget is approaching \$400,000, so it is important that we have procedures in place to handle the money to ensure that all checks and balances are followed and would pass an audit, should be require one. With that in mind, it is good to review the guidelines to ensure that we all understand them and follow them in conducting our business. With all the people involved in handling money, it is important to have a sound understanding of the procedures and that we follow those procedures. Below is a copy of the Financial Policies and Procedures. Please read and familiarize yourself with them.

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, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).

FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (Revised 12/18/19)

The Administrative Ministry Team shall have the responsibility of administering the Financial Policies and Procedures as outlined below:

1. The Church Treasurer shall be custodian of all money, insurance policies, and valuable papers. The Church Treasurer shall meet regularly with the Administrative Ministry Team and shall be responsible for the preparation of the monthly financial statement.
2. All checks drawn against any account of Baptist Tabernacle Church shall be signed either by Church Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or Church Trustee.
3. Handling of money: The Counting Team shall be responsible for taking the money to the bank immediately after the Sunday services. All money received during the week is to be recorded by the Treasurer. The Treasurer gives careful attention to proper recording of each individual's gifts to the budget and to all designated causes.
4. Purchases – All purchases shall be made in accordance with the annual approved Church budget.
 - a. Annually, the Administrative Team will prepare and present an annual Church Ministry Plan (Budget) to the Church for approval. This budget is for the physical year (January 1 through December 31).
 - b. The annual budget is prepared by the Administrative Team with input from each Ministry Team to establish the annual budget for the Church, itemizing specific budget items that the Church will receive and spend throughout the Church Year.
 - c. Each Ministry Team Leader is responsible for their annual budget to ensure requested amounts are appropriate and needed expenses for and by the Church.
 - d. Each Ministry Team Leader is responsible for the spending of their budgeted items. Expenditures must be made at the approval of the Ministry Team Leader. Each Team Leader shall ensure that the expenditure being made is within the budgeted amount. No Ministry Team shall spend more than allowed in their budgeted amount.
 - e. Monthly, each Ministry Team Leader shall:
 - i. Review the Financial Report to ensure they are aware of the amounts they have spent and to ensure they are maintaining their expenditures within the approved budgeted amount.
 - ii. Request approval of the Leadership Team of any expenditures in the excess of \$1,000, even though they have an approved amount in the budget.
- f. Monthly, the Administrative Team will monitor the expenditures to ensure that the Ministry Teams' expenditures are not exceeding the approved budgeted amount. Also, the Financial Reports will continue to be reviewed at regular Church Conferences so that the Church is aware of the income and expenses of the Church.
- g. In the event there is not enough funds credited in the appropriate budget line item or if the supplies, equipment, or services are not a budgeted line item, then a request shall be made to the Leadership Team at regular Leadership Team meetings. If approved by the Leadership Team, the request will then need to be presented to the Church at the next regularly scheduled Church Conference for Church approval before the purchase is made.
- h. All invoices or/and receipts shall be presented to the Treasurer for payment with the proper budget code written on it by the Ministry Team Leaders.
5. Cash advances are not allowed.
6. All money collected by and through **any** Church organization or Ministry Team shall be turned in to the Counting Team (Sunday School Office) on a weekly basis, but no longer than 10 days past the date of the check.
 - a. Checks made to the Church will be deposited into the Church account under the appropriate account code.
 - b. Money dispersed to any individual will be made only by the Treasurer after presenting the appropriate receipts (refer to item 4.h, above).
 - c. The Church/Sunday School Office will not cash any checks.
7. The Church Treasurer shall provide for an annual audit of all books and accounts of the church.
8. The budget year shall run from January 1 through December 31 as voted in Church Conference in September 1996.

Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

Sunday School is available from 10:00-10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Location: Education Building

Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (Room 101)

Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (Room 102)

Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (Room 201)

Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (Room 202)

Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (Room 208)

Adult Classes: Location: Education Building

Journey: Young Singles & Couples (Room 205) Studying Books of the Bible

Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (Room 108) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (Room 103) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (Room 104) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Adult Class: Location: FMC

Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway (KJV)

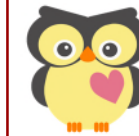
Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya to help you locate a class. Everyone is welcome!

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

Save the Dates:

- October 15th is Pastor Appreciation Day
- October 29th is First Responder and Healthcare Worker Appreciation Day; Please join us and invite those that work in those fields to be recognized that day.

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



September has been fun and a busy month for the O.W.L.S.. We attended the Fall Senior Adult Gathering at Beulah Baptist Church in Benson on September 12th and enjoyed a program presented by Scott Mason, The Tarheel Traveler. He gave a great talk and presentation about some of his favorite episodes and interviews. We then went to lunch at the Western Sizzlin and enjoyed a tasty buffet. On September 26th we enjoyed a trip to Sylvan Heights Bird Sanctuary in Scotland Neck and did a self guided tour of the park. This was very interesting and we got to see a variety of birds from all over the world. As usual we enjoyed a great lunch at La Casetta Italian restaurant in Scotland Neck. We invite all seniors to join us on our adventures. Our next regular monthly gathering will be on Tuesday, October 31st @ 9:30am in the FMC. We invite all seniors to come out and join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

God Bless,

Patsy and Ricky Narron
& Olivia Cooke



Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader/Ricky Andrews-Co-Leader):

We are still waiting on the insurance money to have the fence and basketball goal replaced. The wall outside behind the sanctuary has fallen down and is unsafe, so please avoid going around the northwest end of the Education Building. As we have mentioned before, if you see anything that needs our attention, please let us know. Thank you to On Demand Carpet Care, the FMC chairs have been cleaned along with the carpets throughout the Church, and the kitchen has been given a deep clean! Thank you and God Bless!