Raptist Tabernacle Church August 2022 Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for August is:

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3:11-12 KJV

August 2022 Bible Readings

Day 1	Job 39-42	Day 17	Psalm 54-57
Day 2	1 Timothy 1-3	Day 18	Psalm 58-61
Day 3	1 Timothy 4-6	Day 19	Psalm 62-65
Day 4	2 Timothy 1-4	Day 20	Psalm 66-68
Day 5	Psalm 1-5	Day 21	Psalm 69-72
Day 6	Psalm 6-10	Day 22	Psalm 73-76
Day 7	Psalm 11-15	Day 23	Psalm 77-78
Day 8	Psalm 16-20	Day 24	Psalm 79-82
Day 9	Psalm 21-25	Day 25	Psalm 83-86
Day 10	Psalm 26-30	Day 26	Psalm 87-89
Day 11	Psalm 31-34	Day 27	Psalm 90-93
Day 12	Psalm 35-37	Day 28	Psalm 94-97
Day 13	Psalm 38-41	Day 29	Psalm 98-102
Day 14	Psalm 42-45	Day 30	Psalm 103-104
Day 15	Psalm 46-49	Day 31	Psalm 105-106
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SAVE THE DATE

Youth Sunday Service: August 14th

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Service: August 28th

O.W.L.S. Going to Lunch & Wendell History Museum: August 28th



August Birthdays

1st	Susie Peoples
	Rixie Stevens
2nd	Jennifer Stevens
4th	Lauren O'Neal
	Pam Rice
5th	Tonya Bailey
	Whitt Garner
	Landon Mack
	Jimmie Narron
	Carolyn Privette
	Bobby Stevens
6th	Al Driver
	Tammy Edwards
	Jimmy Faison
	Pat Pettit
7th	Peggy Allmon
8th	Chrissy Hunter
9th	William Currin
	Carolyn Felming
10th	Greg Johnson
11th	Landon Bailey
	Melissa Worley
	Mackenzie Clark
	Brooke Hargreaves
12th	George Creech
	Pat Horton
	Sam Morris
	Katelyn Whitley

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	Jeany O'Neal
	Leamon Strickland
14th	Rachel Baggett
	Addie Batten
15th	Billy Godwin
16th	Clara Hocutt
	Brooke Dillon
17th	Natalie Bailey
	Jessika Madjar
18th	Timothy Hale
19th	Hannah Headrick
	Ryan Scott
21st	Kathy Wheeler
22nd	DJ Scott
24th	Joshua Boyette
	Brandie Denton
	Pasty Díllon
	Justin Lane
	Kenny Worley
28th	Kaylyn Parker
29th	Dennis Badger
	Betty Harris
	Horace Shirley
30th	Caroline Creech

Joyce Creech Katie Moore Amber Pittman 31st Connie O'Neal



August Anniversaries

3rd	Brandon & Julie Carroll
4th	Tony & Phyllis Alford
5th	Tony & Allyson Creech
6th	Sean & Suza Bannon
7th	Dennís & Ann Badger
10th	Thomas & Víkkí Brock
15th	Ray & Cecília Gardner
23rd	John & Nita Edwards
24th	Johnny & Brooke Scott
25th	Mike & Betty Harris
26th	Bíll & Susie Hinnant

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What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

Thanks to all who submitted names for Deacons for the upcoming 3 years. We will have a Called Church Conference August 21 to elect three deacons to serve for the next three years.

The Deacons are encouraging you as well as ourselves to become more active in activities involving our Church. Remember we have Wednesday night services including Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, GA's, and RA's.

Our Church operates with the assistance of our Leadership Team. We meet monthly to discuss the business and activities of the Church. Are you interested in serving in a Leadership role at Baptist Tabernacle? If so, let any team member know and we will be glad to share our plans with you. It's already May, and new team leaders will be discussed in our upcoming meetings. Please pray for our Leadership Team to have the divine guidance to lead our Church in the proper direction.

Homecoming will be held October 2. More information will be coming out soon.

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

The Administrative Team met for their monthly meeting on July 18. Four of the six members were in attendance. We performed our regular reviews of:

- The monthly financial reports,
- Edward Jones accounts,
- Continued reviewing potential new members of the Administrative Team for next year.
- Reviewed the existing Bus rules from the previous bus along with the Bus Committee Job Description. We decided
 that the Bus rules from November 1987 were still appropriate and agreed to present them to the Church at the next
 Church Conference for approval. This also included the Bus Committee Job Description, which needed one change;
 to work with the Administrative Team rather than the Insurance Committee for the bus insurance. (The Insurance
 Committee responsibilities were absorbed into the Administrative Team's responsibility in the conversion to Ministry
 Teams).
- We also discussed what Brian White of Edward Jones recommended about which account to use to make the down
 payment for the bus. His suggestion was to remove the \$27,500 down payment from the general Money Market
 account

We continue to emphasize the need for each Church member to continue with your Tithes and Offerings. These are very important to the operation of the Church.

We continue to remind everyone to watch your complacency relative to the COVID-19 virus. Although the numbers are going down, new variants continue to show up, so we must continue to be safe with our activities. There are still several individuals that have not had the vaccine or booster shots, so please be careful and stay safe! Thanks for your continued participation.

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

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

The Flea Market, sponsored by the Mission Team, continues to be a very successful venture towards furthering the kingdom of God through compassion, nurturing, and providing a framework to help those in need. We are open every Wednesday and the last Saturday of each month. Your support through shopping and donations is much appreciated. As we come up on a new planning year, please consider joining the Mission Team. We are always looking for those individuals who feel a need to help others and are full of great ideas. New ideas are needed as we soon will start to plan the November Fall Fest. May God continue to bless us as we seek His guidance.



Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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

We had a great meeting in July with 15 attending. We began with a short devotion on God's protection and prayer for those on our prayer list. We want to remember Janice Hill and Faye Thorne for healing at this time. We will begin August 10th cooking for our shut-ins. It is being funded by the Mission Team, we thank them for supporting us in this mission of helping others.

Some of the things on our schedule are to go see "Ivan Parker" September 11th in Angier. Next will be "David Jeremiah" in Raleigh on October 6th, tickets are limited so let us know ASAP if you are interested.

Caswell is October 10th-12th right now we have 1 opening. On Sunday, August 28th after Church we are going out to eat lunch and then stop by the Wendell Museum. More info to follow on these events. All Seniors are invited to join us for a time of fun, fellowship and food.

God Bless, Olivia Cooke, Patsy and Ricky Narron

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

- 1. We are currently in the design and implementation stage of new handrails to be installed at the 2 entrances to the choir loft to make the initial step more noticeable.
- 2. We are continuing to check off items from the Fire Marshall's re-inspection.
- 3. When using the kitchen, please do not change the temperature settings on the refrigerator. It has been checked and is working correctly at this time. If you notice issues, please contact the Property Management Team.
- 4. We hope to start getting bids soon on replacing all of the fluorescent light fixtures in the Sanctuary with LED light fixtures.
- 5. We are still investigating digital sign options to replace the current outdoor sign.
- 6. If you see any areas in need of repair or replacement, notify Property Management.

Discipleship Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Bobby Sellers-Co-Leader):

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:

Education Building Assembly Room: Lessons from Lifeway Quarterly

(Various Teachers from Adult Classes)

FMC: Lessons on Miscellaneous Topics

(Various Teachers beginning with Glen Brock and a Book Study from James)

JOY Ladies class: First Floor Education Building Classroom

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).

Please search your heart! We need volunteers willing to provide a service to our young families by serving in the nursery during our Worship Services. Recently we had 6 children dedicated and we would like to have nursery coverage so the families will continue to attend our church. Contact the church office 919.365.5558 to let us know if you can assist with this service to our young families. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

JOURNEY Update:

JOURNEY is a new Sunday School class focused on young singles and couples. The members of this class will determine the materials that will be studied as well as social events outside of the Sunday School hour. There is a suggestion box located in the Information Center for ideas for this class. We will meet on September 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building. Facilitators will initially be Wayne & Pam Batten, and Susan Andrews. Come join us as we create a class that is designed by you!



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

- 1. Anyone interested in joining the Worship Team, please let us know. Our responsibilities include all aspects of any worship service conducted at the church (ushers, sound and technology, music, decorating, special services and recognitions, etc.) You can see Susan Andrews, any current member of our team, or call/email the church office.
- 2. Youth Sunday is August 14. Come out and support our Youth program. You'll see how impactful Camp was this year for our Youth and their Chaperones. This service is always very meaningful.
- 3. Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day is August 28. We will be celebrating the teaching staff for this current year. The new Sunday School year begins in September.
- 4. Worship Service Nursery (ages birth 2 yrs): We will be contacting people to assist us by serving in our nursery during Worship Services to provide this service to our young families. We are planning a rotation schedule so people willing to serve will only serve once every 6-8 weeks. Please be willing to say "Yes" when we come calling. There is also a Nursery Worker Sign Up Sheet outside the Nursery area for people willing to assist in the Nursery. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help!

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

Children's Church is GROWING. We are so excited. We recently had a couple of Sundays with 8 or more children attend. We hope to outgrow our room soon and must find a larger room. We continue to study the life of Jesus and have lessons on all the amazing things He did while on Earth. Thanks to all those who assist us. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us.

Our Journey Kids meet every Wednesday night at 6:30. We study foreign missions and learn about what the missionaries do. We also make balloon animals one Wednesday night each month for our Balloon Ministry. We are made balloon animals as part of our Vacation Bible School Kick-off. BTC Journey Kids will be making balloon animals on August 2 for the Johnston County Sherriff's Community Night Out. Come join us and praise our children at Johnston Community College on August 2 from 5 – 8 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors.

We want to welcome several new families into our Church and are delighted their children are participating in our programs.

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Summer has been a busy one for our youth! We are so excited to finally be sharing our experience from Camp Caswell with you all coming up on Sunday, August 14th during our worship service at 11:00! Please pray for all of our youth and leaders that will be involved with this service and please come out to support them!

I have an exciting event that our youth will have an opportunity to participate in coming up in the Fall on **October 14-16**. Local youth directors from our area and a few outside our area (9 churches all together) are planning a DNOW weekend for our youth. DNOW is a discipleship weekend full of worship, bible study, fellowship, and fun with local youth groups. Hales Chapel is the host church for this event. Our church has been asked to see if we can provide at least 2 host homes from our church as well if possible so I'm trying to see who might be interested. Here is what is involved...

First be aware you will be hosting kids from other churches as well as a possibility of having some of our own. Churches that are participating are: Antioch, BTC, Corinth Baptist, Clydes Chapel, Hales Baptist, Watkins Chapel, Bethany Missionary, and South Fork Baptist. You would typically host about 5-6 students which would be either all boys or all girls and they would stay at your home Friday & Saturday nights. Other activities will be at HCBC. Host homes are encouraged to participate all weekend as much as possible, help drive, build relationships with students, etc. If a host home wants a student leader for small group time we will try to provide one, but realize there are only so many. All host homes and student leaders will need a background check performed. HCBC can assist if needed. Each host home will be given a stipend to help pay for food expenses. Host homes will feed students Sat/Sun breakfast, and Saturday dinner.

We need to know ASAP if we have anyone willing to be a host home for this event! Please respond by August 17th if you'd be willing to be a host home for this event. If you would like more details or have questions please reach out to me or if you feel led to be a host home let me know.

Thank you in advance for your prayers for this wonderful opportunity for our youth!



On Hold....

Until we can resume normal Church activities, the following Committee is on hold. We will resume this process as soon as we can. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church:

David & Annette Ragan

Dolores Renfrow

Phillip Smith

Linda Stevens

*Children's Director Search Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

Bradley Allen Robert Hales

Chris Allen Annette Heffinger

Mike Bailey Mike Himmel

Natalie Bailey Elizabeth Hocutt

Nancy Batchelor Sue Hocutt

Addie Batten Kaley Holmquist

Shirley Blackley Carl Holt
Traci Boyette Pat Horton

Melanie Brock Joan Hunter

Natalie Brock Kenneth Jones

Ann Capps Oscar & Shirley Lane

Charles & Jerri Carlisle June Lanier

Wendy Cox Landon Mack
Peggy Creech Sue Cline Mack

Jane Denton Sam Morris

Lewis Denton John Nowell

Charles Driver Mike O'Neal

David Driver Vickie Peters

H.E. & Phyllis Edwards Jeaninene Pratt

Charles Flowers Larry Price
Will Fuller Donald Pulley

New Prayer Needs

Harold & Margaret Andrews Jerry & Sally Creech

Brenda Arnold Michael Creech

Carol Bailey Wayne Currie

Dorothy Bailey Brian & Kimberly Denton

Stella Boykin Jeff Haines
Joe & Pat Briggerman Beverly Heilig

Natalie Brock William Hocutt
Irene Brown Family Summer Hurst

Russell Capps Ray Jeffreys Family

Sandra Leonard
Dennis Lockleair

Pam Maynor

Sandy Narron Family

Buck Nowell Joan Privette Randy Raper Libby Seagroves

Scott & Kennette Stewart

Reegan Tedder

Faye Thorne

Sandy & Sonny Trippe Unspoken Requests

From the Pastor's Desk:

A man went to the Pastor of his church and said, "I won't be attending Church anymore." Pastor said, "May I ask why?" He said, "I see people on their cell phones texting and typing during the service, some are gossiping, some just aren't living right, some are sleeping, some are staring at me, they are all just hypocrites." The Pastor was silent. Then he said, "Can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?" He said, "Sure, what's that?" He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the church two times and don't let any water fall out of the glass." He said, "Yes I can do that!" He went and got the glass of water and walked around the church two times. He came back and said proudly, "It's done." The pastor asked him these questions; "Did you see anybody on their phone; Did you see anybody gossiping; Was anybody living wrong; Did you see anyone sleeping?" He said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't spill out" He told him, "When you come to church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said, 'Follow Me', He did not say follow them." Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God. AMEN...(Ricky Stokes Ministry)

What is your focus? Are you judgmental versus forgiving? Your relationship with God is personal and is personalized! He loves you and wants the best for you... Stay Focused, Stay Strong...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

