# January 2022 Newsletter

#### **Our Memory Verse for January is:**

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. <u>Psalm 143:8 KJV</u>

# January 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

| Day | / 1        | Genesis | 1-3   |  |  |
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| Day | / 2        | Genesis | 4-6   |  |  |
| Day | / 3        | Genesis | 7-9   |  |  |
| Day | / 4        | Genesis | 10-12 |  |  |
| Day | / 5        | Genesis | 13-15 |  |  |
| Day | <i>j</i> 6 | Genesis | 16-18 |  |  |
| Day | 7          | Genesis | 19-21 |  |  |
| Day | 8 /        | Genesis | 22-24 |  |  |
| Day | 9          | Genesis | 25-27 |  |  |
| Day | / 10       | Genesis | 28-30 |  |  |
| Day | / 11       | Genesis | 31-33 |  |  |
| Day | / 12       | Genesis | 34-36 |  |  |
| Day | / 13       | Genesis | 37-39 |  |  |
| Day | / 14       | Genesis | 40-42 |  |  |
| Day | / 15       | Genesis | 43-45 |  |  |
| Day | / 16       | Genesis | 46-50 |  |  |

| Day 17 Matthew 1-3   |
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| Day 18 Matthew 4-6   |
| Day 19 Matthew 7-9   |
| Day 20 Matthew 10-12 |
| Day 21 Matthew 13-15 |
| Day 22 Matthew 16-18 |
| Day 23 Matthew 19-21 |
| Day 24 Matthew 22-24 |
| Day 25 Matthew 25-28 |
| Day 26 Exodus 1-3    |
| Day 27 Exodus 4-6    |
| Day 28 Exodus 7-9    |
| Day 29 Exodus 10-12  |
| Day 30 Exodus 13-15  |
| Day 31 Exodus 16-18  |
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# SAVE THE DATE

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 Night: Adult Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends @ 6:30pm

**Communion:** Sunday, January 2nd during 11am Worship Service

Robinwood Service: Sunday, January 9th @ 7:00pm

Levada Driver Circle Group: Monday, January 10th @ 2:00pm in the FMC

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, January 10th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Vera Hocutt Circle Group: Tuesday, January 11th @ 12:00pm at Allette's Home

Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping: Wednesday, January 12th @ 8:00am to 12:00pm

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, January 17th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Property Management Team Meeting: Tuesday, January 18th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, January 24th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

O.W.L.S. Meeting: Tuesday, January 25th @ 9:30am in the FMC



# January Birthdays

21st Ann Badger

23rd Mike Bailey

25th Kathy Ayscue

Steven Carlyle

Cynthia Hudson

Logan Whitley

Patsy Narron 29th Kathy Flynn

Ashley Maidon

Shelby Makepeace

Jennifer Thompson

Matt Dillon

26th Judy Boswell

27th Kerry Garner

Ray Guy

31st Mackenzie Bell

28th Erin Bell

1st Kathryn Batten 3rd Joan Hunter Roy Pope

6th Brian Bailey Dale Driver

7th Sadie Batten Samantha Hunter Franceline Price Rondy Ward Chris Wright

8th Samantha Creech
Donna Smith
Allison Staton

9th Jackson Morgan Brandon Pulley

12th Wes Prívette Glenn Stríckland

14th Rickie Driver Dylan Melvin Mary Lou Richardson

15th Matthew Grady

16th Christin Hunter 17th Brooke Bailey

Sheila Stancil 18th Dana Hocutt

19th Wanda Batten Sheri Henry 8

# January Anniversaries

27th Jerry & Linda Lee

29th Dennis & Cathy Lockleair

#### **100th Anniversary Committee**

From the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee:

With the beginning of 2022, we are entering the year of the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Baptist Tabernacle Church. We have been planning the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration since May 26, 2021, which happens to be one year prior to the celebration service, scheduled for **May 22, 2022**. We will begin distributing "Save the Date" cards the first of the year. Make sure you put them in a location where it is easy for you to see so you can keep focused on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church.

We held our last meeting of 2021 on December 10 in the FMC. We are still planning the activities of the celebration as well as other items that will proceed the day of the celebration.

Items worked on during the meeting were:

- Prepared a budget for the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration to be included in the Church Budget for 2022.
- Jeany reported that she had been trying to contact Parkers to ensure we were on the calendar for catering the meal.
- Glen reported that he had received several quotes from printers for the history document.
- We will pass out "Save the Date" cards during January.
- Lou and Olivia passed out historical information that they had prepared for the team to review and determine what will be included in the history document being prepared for the celebration.
- We also discussed methods to get an accurate count of participation for the celebration service. More on this during January. (This will allow us to provide the caterer with an accurate number of plates needed.) Items that we are continuing to work on are:
- Review the historical information gathered by Lou and Olivia to decide what needs to be included in the History Document.
- 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.
- 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. As mentioned last month, we decided on Parker's BBQ of Wilson as the caterer for the event and have called them to reserve a spot on their calendar. The meal will be served and eaten outside with Parkers' serving the plates to limit the handling of serving utensils. Deserts will be placed in individual plates to allow guests to pick up their already prepared desert. Our intent is to limit the handling of the food. We do not think it is a good idea to have 200 plus people gathered inside the FMC at this time.

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, Tammy Narron, and Joan and Rick Watson.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022 in the Family Ministry Center.

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



#### What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

Do you make New Year's resolutions? I normally don't because most people don't follow up on them. If I had made a resolution last year to lose weight, that would have occurred, but not because I was trying to do so. I challenge each of you to make a special resolution this year. Mine is to be more active in bringing people to know Jesus. This not only includes our working with children and youth, but also working throughout the community to bring people to know Jesus. The year 2022 will bring special opportunities for service to us at Baptist Tabernacle Church. We are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Church. Let's all make a resolution to make this celebration a time of bringing new people from our community into our Church.

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. As we enter the New Year, let's all plan to make this the best year ever for Baptist Tabernacle Church. Happy New Year to everyone.

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

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope that you are all blessed with the best 2022!

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

- We discussed information from the December Leadership Team that related to the Administrative Team.
- We reviewed the December Financial Report. That review included the following:
- Income was adequate to meet the expenditures.
- 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.
- Completed the 2022 Church Ministry Budget to be presented at the January 2022 Church Conference.

Please remember that although you may not be attending Church at this time, the expenditures of the Church remain the same. Salaries and utilities must be paid, our commitments to missions must be met, maintenance and upkeep of the church are still needed, and church activities are still ongoing, so your tithes and offerings are still needed. They are instrumental in the Church's efforts to maintain all our ministries within the Church.

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 and Omicron Variants. There are still several individuals that have not taken the vaccine or have not had the booster shots. 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.

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

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to having our Mission Marketplace Flea Market open again starting on Wednesday, January 12th at 8:30am to 12:00pm.

In December we collected the Angel Tree gifts and delivered them to the local schools. We were also able to help some other local families in need that we became aware of.

We assisted with the recovery efforts in Kentucky that was hit with the tornados, we collected blankets to be sent to areas that were devastated. We are thankful for everyone's support so that we can help bring Blessings to others.



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

The Property Management Team is working diligently to upgrade and maintain our church facilities as you will see outlined below.

<u>SOUND SYSTEM:</u> We have installed the electrical connections for the new sound system, we are still waiting for the sound system to arrive. We are hoping within this month to have them arrive.

<u>WINDOWS</u>: We are working on getting the process started for the Windows to be replaced in the breezeway between the Sanctuary and the Education Building.

<u>DOORS:</u> We've received information on a new Sanctuary front door system that would replace the current wooden doors. We are working on getting the door replacement process started as well.

If you have any further requests or if you see something is broken, please contact a member of the Property Management Team.

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

Happy New Year to everyone!

Thank you again to Pam and Wayne Batten for the wonderful Christmas Decorations! Thank you also to Amy Boykin for her dedication with our Live Nativity performance! Also thank you to our wonderful musicians and singers for sharing their talents to enhance our worship experience.

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

#### 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 (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)(<a href="mailto:swarha@aol.com">swarha@aol.com</a>) or Tonya Bailey (<a href="mailto:tjabailey@bellsouth.net">tjabailey@bellsouth.net</a>).

#### **Vacation Bible School:**

#### Let's start thinking about VBS for 2022!

We need some volunteers who feel lead to lead our program this Summer.

Please contact Susan Andrews, Tonya Bailey or Jeany O'Neal for more info.





#### **Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):**

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

As another year comes to an end, let's remember to be thankful for all our many blessings. We had another year of good fellowship, food, devotions, and safe travels. God has been good.

On December 7<sup>th</sup> there were 20 seniors who attended the Christmas show at the Rudy Theatre and of course out to eat. It was a beautiful show and everyone enjoyed it. I want to thank Patsy and Ricky Narron for their help in getting it all together, everyone had a great time. I especially want to thank Ricky for his Fruit Basket Ministry, it has been a blessing to many.



Come join us on the last Tuesday of the month, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am in the FMC for fun, fellowship, and food. God Bless and Happy New Year!

Olivia Cooke, Patsy and Ricky Narron

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

For the past month, Children's Church has been studying the birth of Jesus. We began with the angels appearing to Mary, the trip to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, Shepherds, Wise Men, and the new family fleeing in the night to escape Jesus being killed by Herod's men. The children made simple nativity scenes to take home. Wayne and I were very proud that almost all our Children's Church members were active in the Live Nativity for our Church. On Sunday, December 19, we had a Birthday Party for Jesus celebration, complete with cupcakes, snacks, and decorations. We sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and discussed all the lessons we have learned about his birth.

GA's and RA's did two very special Missions projects during December. We collected gift items for the residents at the Children's Home in Middlesex. Thanks to all of you who helped provide items to send to the Children. We took a carload of gifts for them.

Our second special Missions project was our trip to Robinwood. One of our members expressed we would like to visit people at a rest home or other location. Most are off limits, but we were welcomed to Robinwood. We have been practicing making balloon animals, and the young people did a GREAT job that day. We put smiles on lots of faces and our children want to know what we can do next. Thank God for these young believers.

Don't forget, our GA's and RA's meet every Wednesday at 6:30.

#### Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are having a Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser on January 30th right after Worship Service in the FMC. We are offering To-Go plates. We have forms to fill out for your To-Go orders. We are raising money for our Summer Camp to Caswell this year.

Youth are still meeting every Wednesday night at 6:30 for Bible study! Please remind your child to bring their Bibles each week :)! Thank you!

Mrs. Carrie & Youth Team

# Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser



January 30th

### Soup & Sandwich Menu

#### Soups:

Vegetable Soup Potato Soup Chili Chili with Beans

#### Sandwiches:

Grilled Cheese Pimento Cheese Peanut Butter & Jelly



#### 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**

Joy Price

Larry & Othell Price

Dorena Richardson

Joan Privette

Leslie Ragan

Spencer Ragan Wayne Raper

**Dolores Renfrow** 

Rev. Jasper Renfrow

Ray & Donna Smith

Joey Renfrow

**Shannon Sellers** 

Linda Stevens

Privette

Erma Adkins **Phyllis Edwards** Tommy Moore Debra Allen Carol Flowers Joe & Marsha Nash R.A. & Ruth Avery Will Fuller Caroline Rose Norwood **Natalie Bailey** Jenny Gay John Nowell Nancy Batchelor Brenda Goad Charles & Mary Padgett Dan Gullifer Addie Batten **Gary Peck** Donald Blackwell Vickie Gupton Jimmy Peck Stella Boykin Clarice Peterson Jimmy Rex Harris Jeaninene Pratt Melanie Brock Jessica Hill Russell & Ann Capps Mike Himmel Franceline Price

Patsy Coates Ellen Hinnant
Wendy Cox Elizabeth Hocutt
George Creech Sue Hocutt
Greg & Donna Creech Carl Holt

Ricky Creech
Wayne Creech
Wayne Currie
Tim Davis
Carr Holt
Kenneth Jones
Scott Jones

Charles Driver Billy Knight

Dan Driver Oscar & Shirley Lane

David Driver Stephanie Bailey Lewis

Sonny Driver Sue Cline Mack

Wesley Dunbar Christy Moore

Jane Denton

my Moore Betty Walters

Mark Watson
ine Rose Norwood Tony Wilson

## **New Prayer Needs**

Margaret Andrews
Clara Hocutt
Richard Smith
Howard Bailey
Beth Johnson
Sonny Trippe
JoLane Ball
Dennis Lockleair
Jerry Watkins
Annette Brock
Vickie Peters
Nancy Watson
Christopher Cox II
Charlotte Poch'e
Unspoken Requests

Scott Kearney

Lewis Denton Annette Ragan
Cathy Farriss Rebecca Ragan Family

Ronnie Faulkner Caitlin Scott Fred Flowers Bert Sellers

## From the Pastor's Desk:

As I reflect on the past year, and the challenges, and issues, and blessings, that it offered, I think about the things that I should be praying for to occur in 2022 and the embracing of the "new creation" that I actually am! I am committed to being grateful that God has made all things new through His Son, Jesus! I am grateful, for the experiences, of 2021, that have made me stronger and more determined. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct each of my steps, in this new year. I am praying that every decision and every thought will be for His purpose and for His glory! I am asking for more wisdom, for the strength and the power to constantly be what He would have me be and to make me strong and courageous, as I face the road ahead. I am praying that God will keep me from the traps and snares of Satan's temptations and that He will protect me from the onslaught of evil and disharmony. I am praying for discernment and Heavenly insight, beyond my human creation. I am praying that I will be sensitive to His Voice and will listen and respond to His commands! I am praying that He will forgive me when I walk in my own way and exercise my human pride and selfishness, and when I am distracted from walking in His Grace and Promises! I am praying for a renewal, a fresh start, every day! I am asking for a renewal of my heart and mind and my activities and for all that I am to honor Him! I am praying for focus and for His pure "Light" to guide my paths and that I will be that "Bold Voice" and that "Bright Light" that shouts His "Good News" into this deaf and dark world! I am praying that my life will be a witness to others and that they will see His Blessings that are evident in my life! I am praying that God will make me more generous and more giving! I am asking to be more loving and more accepting of His Truth and that my life will be a "Fruit Producing" Blessing for God! I am praying for His Light to shine in me and through me and on me! I am praying that I will make a difference in this world, in 2022, and that my life, my actions, my words, my very existence will guide others to a relationship with my Jesus and that they will reflect His Grace and Power and will live to please God! Does this sound like something that you should be praying? My desire for all, is that your plans succeed, your lives be filled with His peace and may you be blessed in 2022! I choose to be "renewed, refreshed and resolute!" To God be the Glory and Honor, in 2022, and beyond.... Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

