



From the Pastor's Desk

Attitude-You Choose

Michael is the kind of guy you love to dislike. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. 1. You can choose to be in a good mood or.... 2. You can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or... I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or.... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life. "Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life." I reflected on what Michael said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back. I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied. "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place. "The first

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Memory Verse



"9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)

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Food For Thought

Arguing with children can be risky-

In a grade school lesson, a teacher was explaining a little bit about whales.

A little girl in class piped up and said: "I just learned that Jonah in the bible was swallowed by a whale."

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was relatively small.

The girl said: "I am sure Jonah was swallowed by a whale."

The teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; that it was physically impossible.

The little girl replied: "My Sunday school teacher told me Jonah was swallowed and she would not lie to me."

A bit perturbed by this, the teacher proclaimed: "That is a "story" from the bible, it is not factual, and I will not argue with you."



After a little thought, the girl responded: "Well, when I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah".

Now challenged, the teacher spouted: "What if Jonah didn't go to heaven?"

Not at all daunted, the girl quipped, ". . . . ok then you ask him."

-- "Out of the mouth of babes . . . "

May we continue to claim the "childlike" faith in Jesus and live each day so that others can and do see Jesus in us...

In HIS Love,
Pastor Glen

From the Pastor's Desk, Continued

thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon to be born daughter," Michael replied, "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. I chose to live." "Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Michael continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read "he's a dead man. I knew I needed to take action." "What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael." She asked if I was allergic to anything. "Yes, I replied." The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and

yelled, "Gravity." Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34) After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. (Author Unknown)

Remember- "The Best IS Yet To Be!"

From the Administrative Team

If you are a member of Baptist Tabernacle Church, you should have a Manual of Administrative Policies. This manual houses the Church Constitution, By-Laws, Personnel Manual & Job Descriptions, and General Church Policies. These items are necessary to operate the Church to ensure that it is run and managed in accordance with written rules and regulations. Without these rules, organizations, such as Churches, cannot operate effectively and efficiently.

The Administrative Team is responsible for revision of the contents of this manual. Anyone wishing to revise any item contained in the Manual of Administrative Policies should bring the proposed changes to the Administrative Team for implementation and approval of the Leadership Team and the Church as needed.

Church Constitution – This contains the Preamble of the Church, the Mission Statement, the Statement of Faith, and the Church Covenant. These are the basic beliefs of the Church. The Administrative Team periodically reviews each of these sections for revision and updates. Generally, these do not require much maintenance or revising. The last change was made in 2002. The Administrative Team makes the needed changes to the Constitution and presents them to the Leadership Team for approval and then to the Church for approval, at Church Conference with a 30 day notice to the Church

Church By-Laws – The By-Laws contain eleven articles: Name and Privileges, Organization and Meetings, Officers and Committees, Deacons, Church Membership, Baptism, Communion, Termination of Membership, Burial, Affiliation, and Adoption and Amendments. The articles require periodic review and revision and are one of the primary jobs of the Administrative Team. Similarly to the Constitution, changes to the By-Laws are made by the Administrative Team and presented to the Leadership Team for their approval prior to submitting to the Church for approval at Church Conference after a 30 day notice.

Personnel Manual & Job Descriptions – This section includes the job description and benefit package for the Pastor, as well as the job descriptions for the Youth Director, Church Secretary, Outside Building and Grounds Maintenance,

and Church Custodian. Although they are not regularly reviewed and revised, they do require some maintenance. The Administrative Team reviews and revises these job descriptions when needed and makes the necessary changes. Any changes to these job descriptions require approval of the Church. The Administrative Team is responsible for corrections and submit to the Church for approval after review by the Leadership Team.

Ministry Teams & Church Committees – The Administrative Team is responsible for reviewing and maintaining these job descriptions. They are periodically reviewed with any recommended changes presented to the affected Ministry Team prior to recommendation revision. After the affected Ministry Team approves the changes they are presented the Leadership Team for approval and then presented to the Church for approval.

General Church Policies – These are: Memorial Gift Policy, Rules for Operation of the Church Bus, Guidelines for the use of the Church Buildings, and the Financial Policies and Procedures of the Church. Again, these are maintained by the Administrative Team. Currently the policies for the use of the Church Buildings are under revision since the Church recently voted to no longer allow non-Church members to rent the buildings. The Administrative Team actively reviews and recommends changes to the policies and procedures to ensure that these policies stay up to date and are useable by the Church. The General Church Policies also require Church approval.

Again, we hope this helps you understand the duties of the Administrative Team and as always, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any member concerning any of these items. Next month we will detail the Administrative Team's role in recommending salaries for Church Staff.

Youth Happenings

CAMP NEWS UPDATE

There will be a short camp meeting on Sunday, April 19 after the worship service at 12:15 to hand out some forms and discuss a few details concerning camp! Please make every effort to attend this meeting, but if not possible please contact me for information if your child is attending camp.

Youth and youth parents please remember that the last deposit of \$50/child for camp is due no later than **Sunday, May 3rd!!**

THANK YOU'S

First of all our youth would like to send out a HUGE thank you to our church family and friends for all of your support so far this year. The outpouring of love through our fundraisers for camp has been such a blessing! We ended up raising almost \$1800 with our



Yardsale/Bakesale/Breakfast last month :)! We met our goal and we are beyond excited to continue to prepare to take our young people on this mission trip!

We leave in just a few short months to join TEAMEffort for what I pray will be a life-changing time in their lives. To get out and help others and share the love of Jesus Christ through service and love will be an amazing experience. Please continue to lift up the youth leaders and the youth as we prepare our hearts and minds for all that God has in store for us!

May HE always be glorified in everything we do!

In His Love,

Carrie

Sense of Humor

-A compilation of actual Church Bulletin and Service bloopers

* Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High."

* Don't let worry kill you--let the church help.

* Remember, in prayer, the many who are sick of our church and community.

* For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

* Weight Watchers will meet a 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



* Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's use the program herself and has been growing like crazy!

* This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

* Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mother's Club. All ladies wishing to become "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.

* This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

JBA Sr. Adult Rally

The Spring Senior Adult Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 10:00am, at Selma Baptist Church. The program will be done by the Southern Gospel Trio, The Social Security Boys. This is an RSVP event so please see Ms. Luna Parrish by Sunday, April 26 with your intention to attend. The cost is \$5 per person for lunch and will be taken at the door on April 28.

Sunday School Social

Interested in attending a small group class on Sunday mornings before Worship? Attend a Social on Sunday, March 29 from 3:00-5:00pm in the Family Ministry Center to explore the possibilities. All ages are welcome.

Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1	Act 1-3	Day 16	Joshua 19-21
Day 2	Acts 4-6	Day 17	Joshua 22-24
Day 3	Acts 7-9	Day 18	Romans 1-3
Day 4	Acts 10-12	Day 19	Romans 4-6
Day 5	Acts 13-15	Day 20	Romans 7-9
Day 6	Acts 16-18	Day 21	Romans 10-12
Day 7	Acts 19-21	Day 22	Romans 13-16
Day 8	Acts 22-24	Day 23	Judges 1-3
Day 9	Acts 25-28	Day 24	Judges 4-6
Day 10	Joshua 1-3	Day 25	Judges 7-9
Day 11	Joshua 4-6	Day 26	Judges 10-12
Day 12	Joshua 7-9	Day 27	Judges 13-15
Day 13	Joshua 10-12	Day 28	Judges 16-18
Day 14	Joshua 13-15	Day 29	Judges 19-21
Day 15	Joshua 16-18	Day 30	Ruth 1-2



Bible Character-Jude

According to the New Testament, Jude was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is generally identified with Thaddeus, and is also variously called Jude of James, Jude Thaddaeus, Judas Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus. He is sometimes identified with Jude, the brother of Jesus, but is clearly distinguished from Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus prior to his crucifixion.

In the comparable apostle-lists of Matthew 10:3 and Mark 3:18, Jude is omitted, but there is a Thaddeus (or in some manuscripts of Matthew 10:3, "Lebbaeus who was surnamed Thaddaeus") listed in his place. This has led many Christians since early times to harmonize the lists by positing a "Jude Thaddeus", known by either name. This is made plausible by the fact that "Thaddeus" seems to be a nickname.

Opinion is divided on whether Jude the apostle is the same as Jude, brother of Jesus, who is mentioned in Mark 6:3 and Matthew 13:55-57, and is the traditional author of the Epistle of Jude. Some Catholics be-

lieve the two Judes are the same person, while a number of Protestants do not. Tradition holds that Saint Jude preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia and Libya. The legend reports that St. Jude was born into a Jewish family in Paneas, a town in Galilee later rebuilt by the Romans and renamed Caesarea Philippi.

In all probability he spoke both Greek and Aramaic, like almost all of his contemporaries in that area, and was a farmer by trade. According to the legend, St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary, a cousin of the Virgin Mary.

According to tradition, Saint Jude suffered martyrdom about 65 AD in Beirut, in the Roman province of Syria, together with the apostle Simon the Zealot, with whom he is usually connected.

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Interesting Bible Facts

The Writers of the Bible

There were at least 40 different people who wrote parts of the Bible. Some of these writers were more prolific than others. The Apostle Paul wrote at least 13 books of the Bible. He is credited by many scholars to have also written the book of Hebrews. Moses wrote the first 5 books. The Bible attributes more than 3,000 proverbs to the wise King Solomon. These are not all written in the book of Proverbs. However, most of that book is said to be the proverbs of Solomon.

Fabulous Fellowship



We are ready for Spring. With the long weeks after Christmas, we are ready to greet everyone for the Sunrise Service on Easter morning at 7:00. Breakfast will be served so invite a friend and show up. We look forward to seeing you then!

The Fellowship Team

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st	Taylor Cooke	13th	Amy Lewis
2nd	Ginger Preddy		Delores Renfrow
3rd	Josh Hunter	15th	Susan Adams
4th	Robert Earp		H.E. Edwards
	Hannah Greene	16th	Lynn Bailey
	Jennifer Pulley		Tina Creech
	Kathy Smith	18th	Bailey Gilmore
	Frances Wong	22nd	Dianne Baggett
6th	Natalie Shirley		Hannah Driver
7th	Alec Bergeron		Jennene Faulkner
	Samuel Morris	23rd	Sarah Ide
	Jackson Trippe		Lenore Strickland
8th	Mike Adams	24th	Harrison Hughes
	Lauren Lane	25th	Wayne Batten
	Christy Moore		Jason Hayden
9th	Chris Andrews	26th	Emma Harris
	Spencer Ragan	27th	Justin O'Neal
	June White	29th	Judy Strickland
11th	Linda Lee	30th	Aaron Johnson
	Johnny Mack	31st	Crystal Baker
12th	Beverly Batten		

Notable Quote

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

-Ronald Reagan



April

3rd	Scott & Tina Creech
8th	Steven & Nicole Carlyle
9th	Roy & Rose Pope
10th	Neal & Kathryn Batten
	Tony & Billie Fay Wilson
12th	Fred & Patsy Coates
22nd	Christopher & Christin Brown
25th	Jimmy Rex & Emma Harris




Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Regular Worship

Wednesday 6:30-7:15pm Youth Meet
 6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
 6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
 7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Regular Schedule	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Communion 7am Sunrise Svc	6 Easter Monday 6:30pm Baptist Men 7pm Kay Nowell BW at Lou Carroll's	7 10am Triple L- prepare meal	8 Regular Schedule	9	10 11am-7pm BBQ	11
 Office Closed April 6-10						
12 Regular Schedule 7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood FMC RSVP-Kelly Currie	13 7pm Leadership Tm Mtg	14 10am Prayer time/Sanct 7pm LDBW at Billie Fay Wilson's 7pm Admin Tm Mtg	15 Regular Schedule 6:30pm Church Con- ference Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18
19 Regular Schedule	20 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle at Phyllis Al- ford's	21 10am Prayer time/Sanct	22 Regular Schedule	23	24	25
26 Regular Schedule	27 7pm Deacons Meeting	28 10am Prayer time/Sanct 10am JBA Sr. Adult Rally/Selma Baptist	29 Regular Schedule No Choir Practice	30 FMC RSVP-Pam Earp		

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BBQ

Friday, April 10

11am-7pm

\$8 plate includes

**1/2 chicken, potatoes, slaw,
bread & dessert. Eat in or take
out.**

**Any monies or unsold tickets need
to be turned in by Sunday, April 5th
to Luna Parrish.**



Food & Supply Roundup

NCBCH/Kennedy Home Needs:

- *Food Products-cereal, Canned fruits & veggies, sugar & other staples.
- *Hygiene Products
- *Paper Products
- *Cleaning Supplies
- *Walmart Gift Cards

Items can be dropped in the shopping cart (FMC) by
Sunday, April 12.