

Baptist Tabernacle Church

April 2020 Newsletter



Please join us on Sundays at 10:00am on Glen Brock's Facebook Page for Pastor Glen's Sermons.
(Later posted to our Baptist Tabernacle Church Page)

"Thank you to Sean Bannon & Strickland Funeral Home for allowing the use of their Chapel."

Also check out Pastor Glen's Facebook page for frequent devotionals.

Due to all services, activities, and meetings being cancelled, we encourage meetings to be held via virtual platforms, email, or phone during this time.

"Thank you to all members & staff as we learn to live with the coronavirus/COVID-19 guidelines.
Your patience is greatly appreciated."



Our Memory Verse for April is:

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" 1 John 4:20 KJV

April 2020 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10am - Facebook Live	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 10am - Facebook Live	6					11
12 Easter Sunday 10am - Facebook Live	13 7pm Leadership Mtg Online Easter Monday					18
19 10am - Facebook Live	20					25
26 10am - Facebook Live	27					2

Please join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:00am on Pastor Glen's Facebook Page for Pastor Glen's Message.

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Team Meetings are encouraged to continue by virtual platforms, email or by phone.

Save the Dates:

Sundays: Pastor Glen's Facebook Live @ 10:00am

Friday April 10th: Annual BBQ Chicken Plates– CANCELED

Monday April 13th: Online Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm

Saturday, May 16th: Block Party

Monday-Friday, June 22-26: VBS Concrete & Cranes

6:30pm-8:30pm



April Birthdays

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



April Anniversaries

3rd	Scott & Tina Creech
9th	Roy & Rose Pope
10th	Neal & Kathryn Batten
	Tony & Billie Fay Wilson
12th	Fred & Patsy Coates
15th	Brandon & Sara Peebles
22nd	Christopher & Christin Brown
28th	Chris & Mistie Liles

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

A message from the Leadership Team...

You never fully realize just how important a role you are elected to, until something like coronavirus and COVID-19 shows up on the scene. The leaders of our Ministry Teams make up the Leadership Team and one role of this team is to coordinate the church calendar. This role took on a new level of importance when gatherings became limited due to the virus spread. This team has made some very difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions regarding the cancellations of services, activities, and meetings of the church body. Please know we all have your health and safety in mind as we ponder the ramifications of decisions we are being forced to make in our current global situation. We love all of you and want to do what we can to keep you healthy so we can all come back to worship together face-to-face.

Pastoral Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tom Vaughan-Co-Leader):

In these times, the members of the Pastoral Team are communicating with members of our church in a variety of ways... some by calls, some by cards, some by email and some by handwritten letters. Until we can meet again, we encourage you to read your bible and become more connected to His Word.

Administrative Team (Ricky Watson-Team Leader/Kelly Currie-Co-Leader):

The Administrative Team is continuing to review the rental policy for the Church facilities for improvements and enhancements. Within the next few months, look for changes to the guidelines which will make the use of the Church facilities a more pleasurable experience.

We just signed a new 5 year lease agreement for the copier and printer in the Church office which will take effect on March 16, 2020. The equipment is an upgrade and has a reduced lease cost than the previous model. The installation took place on March 16, 2020.

For those that follow our investments, we continue to monitor them with Edward Jones. Although our balances will fluctuate, our position is to maintain the "status quo" with our investments and maintain our investments at the current level. Below are a couple of excerpts from the official response from Edward Jones:

"Markets may feel like a roller coaster: The ups and downs are likely to continue as the situation evolves. But history and experience have shown us that tightening your seatbelt and keeping your eye on the horizon are generally more effective than trying to exit mid-ride."

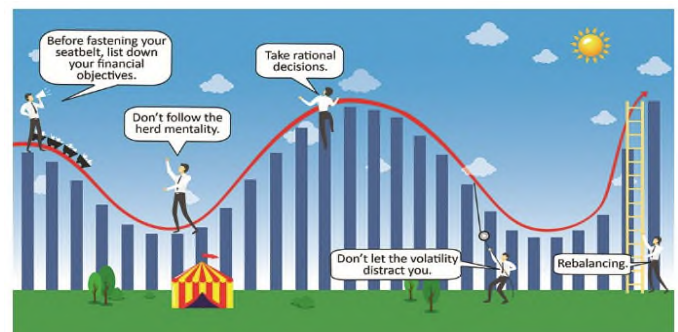
"In our view, diversification and a long-term approach show their greatest value in times like these. Balanced portfolios are not mirroring the daily swings in the stock market. While the headlines and the market seem to be changing rapidly, your financial goals likely aren't. Ensure your goals are the guide as you make decisions. Times of fear and volatility in the markets have historically presented opportunities for investors who leverage the advantage of time and a longer-term perspective."

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

Thanks, The Administrative Team

Thank you to those that have sent their offerings through the mail or dropped them off at the Church Office. As you know we still have expenses to pay.

We are still collecting for our Annie Armstrong Offering as well. We have a goal of \$3,500 and we have received \$1,600 so far. Thank you again for your prayers and giving to this offering.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Our Spring Evangelism Block Party is scheduled to be held on the Church grounds on Saturday, May 16. We will be making a decision on whether to cancel it in the coming weeks. Let's all pray for this challenge to soon end so we can get back to Church. We will be utilizing the Evangelism trailer from Johnston Baptist Association and will be asking you to assist with setting up and operating the games, registration, evangelism, food and other areas. Start praying for this community event now.

Due to all Church programs being cancelled for now, Pam and I will be making packets for Children's Church participants and mailing to them soon. We plan to provide 2 to 4 weeks of Children's Church Bible Stories along with the crafts to go along with them. We hope your children like them. Please do these activities as a family and consider posting photos to our Church Facebook Page.



BLOCK PARTY



May
16th

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Youth Camp/Fundraising Updates

The youth would love to thank everyone who came out to support them at the Yard sale event on March 14th. This was right before the world starting literally falling apart from the "Coronavirus" so we are thankful that we were still able to hold our event and that God blessed us with a great turnout with much success. The food, fun, shopping, and fellowship had this day was great and we were able to raise over \$3000 to go towards Camp Caswell this summer.



Virtual Youth Meetings

We are in the process of possibly setting up a Youth FB page or some way for the youth and leaders to still be connected and share devotion times, event/news updates, etc. Stay tuned for more information.

Future Youth Events

We are not sure how long we are all going to have to practice "social distancing", but hopefully that will be lifted sooner than later. We would love to plan a Youth lock-in soon, but we of course need to hold off until this is over with. It's unfortunate that we can't really plan any other events at this time, but we will continue to live out our faith and trust God as we navigate this time together the best we can!

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader):

Even in these unprecedented times, there are areas in our church that continue to need attention. So, while we may not be physically at the church, we are still working on these issues. Currently, we are getting bids to replace the existing FMC kitchen water heater with tankless water heaters. The existing water heater, located beside the ice machine, is living on borrowed time. In addition, we are looking into the following items that have been suggested by members of our congregation (not necessarily in priority order):

- * Pavement repair behind the FMC
- * Options for providing additional heating for the FMC Ladies restroom
- * Replacing the counter top in the FMC kitchen
- * Replacing the base cabinet, counter, and sink in the Nursery II and Children's Church room in the Education Building

Discipleship Team (Cynthia Hudson-Team Leader/Bobby Sellers-Co-Leader):

We miss seeing all of you on Sunday Mornings! Please know we still love each and every one of you! We will get through this together with God's help!

We have mailed out Sunday School lessons to the children on a weekly basis, with a note from their teachers. It is our hope that the children enjoy receiving mail and will get their parents to read it to them each week. This will let the children know that God loves them and their parents as they do a small bible study together. We have also mailed out the Youth Sunday School bible study books, with a letter from their teachers, to provide them with words of encouragement as they read and study their lessons each week. Any adult that left their quarterly at church and needs it mailed to them, please let us know. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for all you are doing at home to study His word! Anyone interested in teaching online Sunday School lessons, please let Susan know and she will help you get it set up on your computer.



VBS planning is still underway in anticipation of being back to church by June, and if so we want to be ready! So, if you are willing to help please give us a call or email.

Susan: 919-365-4189 (leave a message) or swarha@aol.com

Tonya: tjabailey@bellsouth.net

Mission Team

(Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Sonny Trippe-Co-Leader):

The Mission Team prays that you are all safe and well and being very cautious as we all go through this Coronavirus pandemic together.

As we are sure you know by now that the Apr 10th BBQ has been canceled. This was done for the safety of our church family and all the visitors that come to this event.

Remember that if you have tickets that you were selling to refund any money and return your tickets to one of the Mission Team members or you can drop them by the Church office.

We hope that all this craziness has cleared up and we can soon start planning for the FALL FEST soon.

Remember your Mission Team is here to help our Church Family anyway we can. Please stay safe and say a prayer while your washing your hands that this passes soon and that our lives go back to normal very soon!!

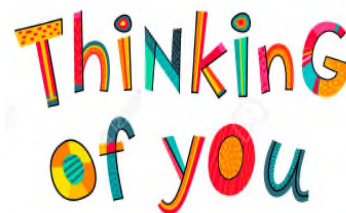
May God Bless each of you!!

Evangelism Team

(Allette Hale-Team Leader/Jane Strautnieks-Co-Leader):

The Evangelism team is trying to think of ways to be useful these days as there are no visitors. I did see some new folks on the Online message from Pastor Glen--- however I don't have addresses.

We will be selecting (at random) peoples names from the directory to send cards in the next few weeks. We just want you to know we are thinking about you all and miss seeing all your smiling faces. If you get one enjoy if you don't get one, I sure hope that means we are back in real church and get an opportunity to greet you in person.



Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying time at home to refresh spiritually, physically or just catch up on some reading or maybe doing some projects you have put off doing.

As you know all activities are cancelled but we hope to be back in full force soon. We have a lot of traveling to catch up on and we can't wait.

Until we meet again keep everyone in your prayers.

Update from our Bus/Van Committee

(Bobby Sellers-Chair, Olivia Cooke, Wayne Batten, and Jeany O'Neal)

Until we can resume normal Church activities, the Bus/Van Committee is on hold.

Update from the Children's Director Search Committee

(Wayne Batten-Chair, Juan Trippe, Susan Andrews, Pam Batten, Glenn Bunn, Kennette Stewart, and Traci Boyette)

Until we can resume normal Church activities, the Search 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.

From the Pastor's Desk:

“We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation” (Romans 5:11). God’s grace is hard to understand because we live in a world where we receive what we earn. When I was selling for a living, I was always told and always taught, “Sell more, Earn more.” In this life, when you perform, you prosper and when you don’t, you don’t. I used to act as a “coach” for my sales staff, a lot like a sports team, and I would encourage and instruct them to perform at maximum capacity. In the game of life, we have a “coach” called God, and we are now members of a very special team. He lays out the rules by which we will perform, and He has divine hopes that we will live better and be better. When we stumble or fail to meet expectations, He simply points us to the cross and says, “Do not worry, I will not drop you. I love you regardless and nothing that you do will make me stop loving and forgiving you.” God loved us enough that He sent His only Son to die for us. How about the Cross? Picture Jesus hanging there and remember: He died on that Cross, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and the glorious truth, that we can shout and sing about, is that He arose and He is alive! May our prayer be this April/Easter season that we never forget that His grace is not given for what we do, but what Jesus did for us. May we start each day by embracing His wonderful promise of reconciliation and a fresh and renewed vision for the future! Remember, He loves us; scars, warts, faults and all...Keep looking up, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!

Pastor Glen

