

From the Pastor's Desk

Why would God want me?

I'm not perfect. I have all kinds of problems. I have no ability. I have no gifts. I'm just not worthy. Why would God want me? Well, did you know that:

Moses stuttered.

David's armor didn't fit.

John Mark deserted Paul.

Timothy had ulcers.

Hosea's wife was a prostitute.

Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.

Jacob was a liar.

David had an affair.

Solomon was too rich.

Jesus was too poor.

Abraham was too old.

David was too young.

Peter was afraid of death.

Lazarus was dead.

John was self-righteous.

Naomi was a widow.

Paul was a persecutor of the church.

Moses was a murderer.

Jonah ran from God's will.

Miriam was a gossip.

Gideon and Thomas both doubted.

Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.

Elijah was burned out.

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Memory Verse



“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8 (KJV)

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Food For Thought-Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

“... And he said: *“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”* Have you ever thought about seeing the world through the eyes of a child? Eyes, that are, not yet cynical or critical or skeptical. Eyes, that are, in awe and amazement, at everything around them. When I look at Ava’s excitement surrounding every new experience in life, it inspires me to understand the scripture from Matthew 18:3; if we are to be what God has called us to be, we must be like “little children,” in that we must be dependent on His Grace and excited about His provision and dedicated to His cause! We can learn so much from our children. REMEMBER, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!



From the Pastor’s Desk, Continued

John the Baptist was a loudmouth.

Martha was a worry-wart.

Noah got drunk.

Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse?

So did Peter, Paul - well, lots of folks did.

But God doesn't require a job interview for salvation. He's our Heavenly Father. He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced or partial, not judging, grudging, sassy, or brassy, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our need.

He know who we are and what we are and loves us in spite of ourselves

SATAN SAYS, "YOU'RE NOT WORTHY."

JESUS SAYS, "SO WHAT? I AM."

SATAN LOOKS BACK AND SEES OUR MISTAKES.

GOD LOOKS BACK AND SEES THE CROSS.

He doesn't calculate how you failed in '2015. It's not even on the record.

Sure, there are lots of reasons why God shouldn't call us. But if we are in love with Him, if we hunger for Him, He'll use us in spite of who we are, where we've been, what we have done, or the fact that we are not perfect! (Author Unknown)

From the Administrative Team

This month we continue with explanation of the responsibilities of the Administrative Team by reviewing The Administrative Team's responsibility in recommending the Church insurance.

The Administrative Team is responsible for insurance for the buildings and disability insurance for the Pastor.

Buildings Insurance – Annually, the Administrative Team reviews the insurance policy for the Church buildings to ensure they are up-to-date and have the proper coverage. We also meet with the insurance agent for his input and suggestions for coverage. The amount of the building insurance is included in the Administrative Team section of the annual Church Budget. Therefore, the insurance is approved during the approval process of the Church Budget each year.

Pastor Disability Insurance – The Administrative Team selected the disability insurance for the pastor several years ago. This was done to assist the Church and the Pastor if a need arises that the Pastor should miss an extended period

of time from his pastoral duties. This is also reviewed by the Administrative Team on an annual basis and submitted to the Church for approval through the annual Church Budget. It is included in the Pastor Ministry section of the Church Budget.

We hope this continued effort to explain the duties of the Administrative Team helps you understand better what the Administrative Team does for the Church. 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 explain the Administrative Team's role in oversight of the Church office activities.

The Missions Team

The Missions Team is looking for members to serve on the team for the 2015-2016 term. The team has many responsibilities as they promote, educate, establish and maintain the Missions focus of the church....sharing the love of Christ through hands-on-missions. Some of our responsibilities are promoting our Missions Offerings taken during the year that serve both home and abroad, annual BBQ and Fall Fest, Parade of Tables, Mission trips, WMU and Baptist Men.

Our next event to begin planning shortly is Fall Fest, which will be in November. We are always looking for new and interesting ways to make this event a bigger success than the year before.

If you are interested in the work of the Missions Team or learning more, please see Sonny Trippe or Jeany O'Neal for details.



Youth Happenings

I want to thank you all so much for the opportunity to serve Baptist Tabernacle Church the past 3 years with our youth. I had no idea the blessings that were in store as I began this journey. As with every journey there have been many twists and turns, but I am so thankful for everyone's love and support through it all. From the many donations to help us get to camp to most importantly, the prayers as we lead these young people. I truly love what I do and I enjoy working with these young people as they learn and grow in Christ. We really enjoyed sharing with you about our experience with TEAMEffort this summer! I was overcome with emotion as I spoke about our youth and I am so proud of the growth I have seen in them!

God is doing great things amongst our youth and I am excited to see what's in store for us next. We will soon be gearing up to start a new year with our youth. Please continue to pray for us as we love on and guide these youth in a world that is quickly spiraling out of control. These kids are our future and I am encouraged by them. It is crucial that we not give up on our young people, especially now. 1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." With prayer and support these young people can reach out to those in need and share the love of Jesus with them. So thank you again so much for your support of the youth and for the way you have loved on and supported me as I continue to

seek God's wisdom and guidance in serving as your youth director! God Bless you all!

Carrie

MAY Outreach Visit

Before we left for camp we enjoyed a visit with the residents at Zebulon House. Mrs. Sandy Trippe joined us as we visited with Mr. & Mrs. Price and many other residents there. We were able to tour the center, meet the staff, and spend some time with the residents. We were truly blessed by our visit with these special people and we hope to be able to return soon.



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Sense of Humor

Darlene was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, 'Grandpa, did God make you?' 'Yes, darling,' he answered, 'God made me a long time ago.' 'Oh,' Darlene paused, 'Grandpa, did God make me too?' 'Yes, indeed, poppet,' he said, 'God made you just a little while ago.' Feeling

their respective faces again, Darlene observed, 'God's getting better at it, isn't he?'



Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1	Job 39-42	Day 17	Psalms 54-57
Day 2	1 Timothy 1-3	Day 18	Psalms 58-61
Day 3	1 Timothy 4-6	Day 19	Psalms 62-65
Day 4	2 Timothy 1-4	Day 20	Psalms 66-68
Day 5	Psalms 1-5	Day 21	Psalms 69-72
Day 6	Psalms 6-10	Day 22	Psalms 73-76
Day 7	Psalms 11-15	Day 23	Psalms 77-78
Day 8	Psalms 16-20	Day 24	Psalms 79-82
Day 9	Psalms 21-25	Day 25	Psalms 83-86
Day 10	Psalms 26-30	Day 26	Psalms 87-89
Day 11	Psalms 31-34	Day 27	Psalms 90-93
Day 12	Psalms 35-37	Day 28	Psalms 94-97
Day 13	Psalms 38-41	Day 29	Psalms 98-102
Day 14	Psalms 42-45	Day 30	Psalms 103-104
Day 15	Psalms 46-49	Day 31	Psalms 105-106
Day 16	Psalms 50-53		



Bible Character-Simon the Zealot

Simon the Zealot, one of Jesus Christ's 12 apostles, is a mystery character in the Bible. We have one tantalizing bit of information about him, which has led to ongoing debate among Bible scholars.

In some versions of the Bible (Amplified Bible), he is called Simon the Cananaean. In the King James Version and New King James Version, he is called Simon the Canaanite or Cananite. In the English Standard Version, New American Standard Bible, New International Version, and New Living Translation he is called Simon the Zealot.

To confuse things further, Bible scholars argue over whether Simon was a member of the radical Zealot party or whether the term simply referred to his religious zeal. Those who take the former view think Jesus may have chosen Simon, a member of the tax-hating, Roman-hating Zealots, to counterbalance Matthew, a former tax collector and employee of the Roman empire. Those scholars say such a move by

Jesus would have shown that his kingdom reaches out to people in all walks of life.

Scripture tells us almost nothing about Simon. In the Gospels, he is mentioned in three places, but only to list his name with the 12 disciples. In Acts 1:13 we learn that he was present with the 11 apostles in the upper room of Jerusalem after Christ had ascended to heaven.

Church tradition holds that he spread the gospel in Egypt as a missionary and was martyred in Persia. Simon left everything in his previous life to follow Jesus. He lived true to the Great Commission after Jesus' ascension. Like most of the other apostles, Simon the Zealot deserted Jesus during his trial and crucifixion. ([Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#))

Interesting Bible Facts

The Old Testament has 17 Historical, 5 Poetical, and 17 Prophetic books in it.

- The 17 Historical Books are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.
- The 5 Poetical Books are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon,
- The 17 Prophetic Books are: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st	Susie Peoples	14th	Rachel Baggett
	Rixie Stevens		Addie Batten
2nd	Jennifer Stevens	15th	Billy Godwin
4th	Lauren O'Neal	16th	Clara Hocutt
	Pam Rice	17th	Natalia Bailey
5th	Tonya Bailey		Barbara Jones
	Whitt Garner		Jessika Madjar
	Landon Mack	18th	Ruth Driver
	Jimmie Narron		Timothy Hale
	Carolyn Privette	19th	Hannah Headrick
	Bobby Stevens	21st	Kathy Wheeler
6th	Al Driver	22nd	DJ Scott
	Tammy Edwards	24th	Brandie Denton
7th	Peggy Allmon		Pasty Dillon
8th	Chrissy Hunter		Justin Lane
10th	Greg Johnson		Kenny Worley
11th	Landon Bailey	26th	Wayne Hocutt
	Melissa Worley	29th	Betty Harris
12th	George Creech		Horace Shirley
	Jackie Hunter	30th	Caroline Creech
	Sam Morris		Joyce Creech
	Katelyn Whitley		Katie Moore
13th	Mike Harris	31st	Connie Driver
	Jeany O'Neal		
	Leamon Strickland		

Notable Quote

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

-John Wesley



August

3rd	Brandon & Julie Carroll
4th	Tony & Phyllis Alford
5th	Tony & Allyson Creech
6th	Sean & Suza Bannon
10th	Thomas & Vikki Brock
15th	Ray & Cecilia Gardner
24th	Tim & Judy Davis
	Johnny & Brooke Scott
25th	Mike & Betty Harris
26th	Bill & Susie Hinnant
29th	Harold & Mary Lou Richardson



BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

August 2015

Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday	10:00am 11:00am	Sunday School Regular Worship
Wednesday	6:30-7:15pm 6:30-7:15pm 6:30-7:15pm 7:15pm	Youth Meet RA's, GA's & Mission Friends Adult Bible Study Adult Choir Practice

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							1 6pm-FMC Rsvd- George Creech
2 Regular Schedule	3		4 10am Triple L- prepare meal	5 Regular Schedule	6	7	8 5pm-7pm Batten/ Hocutt SS Class So- cial
9 Regular Schedule 7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood	10 7pm Leadership Tm Mtg		11 10am Prayer Time/Sanct.	12 Regular Schedule	13	14	15
16 Regular Schedule	17 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle 7pm Admin tm mtg	18 10am Prayer Time/Sanct. 7pm Levada Driver BW at Kelly Currie's	19 Regular Schedule	20	21	22	
23 Regular Schedule	24 7pm Deacons mtg	25 10am Prayer Time/Sanct.	26 Regular Schedule	27	28	29	
30 Regular Schedule SS Teacher Appreci- ation	31						

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Youth Happenings (Continued from page 4)

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

We are excited to welcome a few more youth this year and we want to kick off this year with a celebration! Saturday, August 29th we will meet at the church at 11:00 for a hotdog lunch and then head to the YOUTHFEST CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL! This is held at the Norris Creek Outdoor Entertainment Complex in Louisburg. Activities will include xtreme games (rock climb wall, obstacle course, gladiator joust, etc.), King BMX Stunt show, and many concerts throughout the day. The cost is \$10 for 11 years and up and \$5 for 10 and under. This cost includes all activities mentioned above. Youth will need to bring a towel or chair and money for admission and snacks. If you would like more info please visit www.youthfest2k.com. Hope to see you all there as we kick off another great year with our youth!!

FALL RETREAT

We are making plans to attend the Fall retreat at Caswell this year. This year's event will be held **Fri-day, November 6-Sunday, November 8th**. This event is actually a 2 in 1 youth retreat and concert. The weekend speaker will be one of the most sought-after speakers in the nation, EJ Swanson. There will also be a Saturday evening concert with the Time Of Your Life Tour. This will include performances by The Afters, Chris August, Unspoken, and Among the Thirsty. The cost is \$141 per youth, but if you participated in the youth fundraisers you will only be responsible for \$70. This \$70 deposit is due no later than **Sunday, August 9th**! All youth and chaperones please make sure you sign up and turn in your money by this date so we can mail our registration form on time!