

# Baptist Tabernacle Church

## February 2020 Newsletter



### Our Memory Verse for February is:

“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16 KJV

### February 2020 Bible Reading Schedule

<b>Day 1 Exodus 19-21</b>	<b>Day 15 Leviticus 7-9</b>
<b>Day 2 Exodus 22-24</b>	<b>Day 16 Leviticus 10-12</b>
<b>Day 3 Exodus 25-27</b>	<b>Day 17 Leviticus 13-15</b>
<b>Day 4 Exodus 28-30</b>	<b>Day 18 Leviticus 16-18</b>
<b>Day 5 Exodus 31-33</b>	<b>Day 19 Leviticus 19-21</b>
<b>Day 6 Exodus 34-36</b>	<b>Day 20 Leviticus 22-24</b>
<b>Day 7 Exodus 37-40</b>	<b>Day 21 Leviticus 25-27</b>
<b>Day 8 Mark 1-3</b>	<b>Day 22 Luke 1-3</b>
<b>Day 9 Mark 4-6</b>	<b>Day 23 Luke 4-6</b>
<b>Day 10 Mark 7-9</b>	<b>Day 24 Luke 7-9</b>
<b>Day 11 Mark 10-12</b>	<b>Day 25 Luke 10-12</b>
<b>Day 12 Mark 13-16</b>	<b>Day 26 Luke 13-15</b>
<b>Day 13 Leviticus 1-3</b>	<b>Day 27 Luke 16-18</b>
<b>Day 14 Leviticus 4-6</b>	<b>Day 28 Luke 19-21</b>

Baptist Tabernacle, Meetings & Reservations, Holidays in United States

Feb 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8am - Breakfast Men & 10am - Sunday School 11am - Baptist Men's Day 11am - Worship Service	6:30 - 7:30 Deacons 9:30am - BTC Crafters	9:30am - O.W.L.S. Group	6:15pm - Youth 6:30pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - RA's, GA's, & MF's 7pm - Choir Practice			
10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 12pm - Souper Bowl	9:30am - BTC Crafters	10am - J. Strickland Prayer	6:15pm - Youth 6:30pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - RA's, GA's, & MF's 7pm - Choir Practice			
10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 7pm - Robinwood Service	6:30 Leadership Meeting 9:30am - BTC Crafters	2-3 Levada Driver Circle 10am - J. Strickland Prayer	6:15pm - Youth 6:30pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - RA's, GA's, & MF's 7pm - Choir Practice	10am - O.W.L.S to Dorchetes	Valentine's Day	6pm - Valentine's Dinner
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## Upcoming events:

Saturday, February 15th: Valentine's Banquet @ 6pm in FMC

Steak, baked/sweet potato, salad, beverage & dessert

\$10 per person

Please RSVP to Aaron Johnson by February 2nd

Saturday, March 14th: Youth Bake Sale, Yard Sale, Breakfast & Lunch Fundraiser

7:00am-2:00pm



### *February Birthdays*

1st	Vikki Brock	20th	Zachary Jones
2nd	Pansy Crowder	22nd	Caitlin Scott
	Jean Hocutt	23rd	Mary Pat Hicks
	Gary Johnson		Amy Creech
3rd	Angie Wheeler	24th	Anna Creech
4th	Ken Hunter	25th	Eddie Perry
	Harper Peebles		Martha Whited
5th	Billy Hinnant	26th	Miranda Allen
6th	Brooke Custer Sanders		Freddie Batten
8th	Dale Weathers	27th	Ava Garner
	Jackie Utley		Kathryn O'Neal
9th	Brenda Lewis	28th	Allyson Creech
	David Ragan		Shirley Lane
10th	Julie Carroll		
12th	Glenn Bunn		
	Diana Coley		
	Grady Johnson		
13th	Annette Ragan		
	Diana Adams		
14th	Steve Bailey		
15th	Robbie Batten		
16th	Chris Batten		
17th	Sutton Boyette		
	Sandy Trippe		
18th	Tyler Grady		
	Kaley Waddell		
19th	Carolyn Brown		
	Joann Young		



### *February Anniversaries*

12th	Diana Adams
14th	Michael & Jeany O'Neal Roger & Merry Hocutt
17th	Paul & Carolyn Brown
23rd	Larry & Othell Price

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

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Deacon sponsored Special Prayer Service. It was a very meaningful service. The Deacons are delivering the announcements during the Sunday Worship Service to provide our pastor with additional time to greet the congregation. If you need to have an announcement made, please contact the deacon listed in the bulletin.

In addition, we coordinate the hospital visitation list as well as make visits ourselves. So, if you need to add or remove your name from the monthly hospital visitation list, please let us know.

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

We mentioned in last month's Newsletter Article from the Administrative Team about passing the 2020 Baptist Tabernacle Church Ministry Budget at the called Church Conference in December. What we didn't mention was that the total budget amount for the 2020 Baptist Tabernacle Church Year is **\$458,106**. This is an increase over the 2019 budget of over \$92,000. That is quite a jump, but we want to meet the needs of the Church by providing a budgeted amount that was requested by all the Ministry Teams. Now, the charge to the Church is to provide the income to meet that budget through our annual Tithes and Offerings.

As you know, we do not require our members to pledge an amount that you plan to give each year. We prepare more of a "faith based" budget in that we plan and approve a budget and have faith that the Church will meet those needs. As the Church year moves on, the Administrative Team will monitor the income verses the expenditures to ensure that the expenditures do not exceed the income. If we identify a problem, the Administrative Team is charged to advise the Church of the short comings and suggest a solution to the Church. That may mean that some planned activities will need to be modified or cancelled. This is something that none of us wants to happen. So, let's all focus on your Tithes & Offerings during the year! We hope that the Church Members will accept the challenge of the 2020 Budget and provide the income needed through our Tithes and Offerings.

As usual, if you have any questions for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any of the members.

Thanks,

The Administrative Team

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

The Evangelism Team has been sending out cards to visitors as a welcome to our church or to others as a reminder that they are missed. We rely on visitor cards to supply the name and addresses of our visitors. As a congregation member, please invite any visitors sitting near you to complete one of the visitor cards provided in the pew pockets and place it in the offering plate on Sundays. Don't forget about any visitors we may have on Wednesday nights as well. Wednesday night cards are collected on the Communion Table under the Pulpit.

Thank you for assisting the Evangelism Team with gathering information about our visitors!



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

Children's Church is held each Sunday morning immediately after the choir special. During the past few weeks we have had as many as 9 children join us for a Bible Story and craft session to go along with the Bible Story.

We have a large group of volunteers serving in Children's Church each Sunday. Thanks to each of you for assisting with this important ministry. Please bring your children and let them participate in these programs. We are enjoying seeing this program grow.

We have GA's, RA's, and Mission Friends each Wednesday night. We have very few people attending Wednesday programs. If you are not bringing your children, please consider doing so. If there is a reason your children are not participating, please let me know. Please bring your children to study God's Word with us at that time.

We all are looking for an exciting New Year for our Children's programs. Plan to join us every time you get a chance.

Jesus Loves the Little Children....

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

We are looking forward to our summer camp at Camp Caswell July 13-18th. We have already reserved a 15 passenger van for our trip to camp. We sponsored a movie night and were able to raise some money towards our trip. We have a couple of other fundraisers coming up.

We will have a Yard Sale, Bake Sale Fundraiser with Breakfast & Lunch at Church on Saturday March 14 from 7-2, all proceeds will be going towards camp cost as well. Thank you so much for your continued support for our Youth Group!

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

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



We have 2 trips planned, Thursday, Feb. 13 we will travel to Dorches for Lunch at Smith's Red & White restaurant and store. On Thursday, March 19th we will travel toward Greenville for Lunch and shopping. (More into to follow)

As part of our Mission Projects we cook and deliver a meal to the Shut-Ins, every other Wednesday. Everyone involved receives a Blessing, especially those that are totally confined and never have visitors. More volunteers are needed. We have taken on a new project of delivering fruit baskets to those who are recovering from sickness or home bound or just need a visit. Come join us in the fun and fellowship, you will receive a Blessing. Come join in the Fun! God Bless!

**Springtime Senior Jubilee:** It is Jubilee Time again in Myrtle Beach. April 27th-29th. If you are interested or have any questions please see Billy Godwin.

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

Remember to visit our Book Nook in the Education Building.

We have had some questions about a Couples Class. As a result, we have decided to start up the Couples Class once again. We would love to have you attend. The class meets during the regular Sunday School Hour and will be held in the middle class room, upstairs in the Education Building facing the road. All couples are welcome!! Come join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning from 10:00-10:50am. We have classes for ALL ages! Find one for you and your family below.

#### **Children's Classes:**

Nursery 1: Ages birth - 2 years

Nursery 2: 2 - 3 years

Bible Learners: (Grades Preschool-2nd Grade)

Bible Discoverers: (Grades 3rd-5th)

Youth: Grades 6th - 12th

#### **Adult Classes:**

J.O.Y.-Women

Stripes- Women

Growing in Jesus

Mildred Driver Class

The Beginning (New Members)

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class- Men

Couples Class

### Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader):

New this month is painters will begin February 5th and carpet in office area will begin around the 10th. Thanks to the Mission Team for the new wall lights that have been installed in front of the Sanctuary. They look great. New furniture for the Pastor's Office has been ordered and will be installed after the painting and new carpet is complete. The Pastor's Office will be the Pastor Office and Conference room. The conference table should accommodate six seated people. The Youth Director's office will be shared by the Children's Director when hired. May all your stress be washed away and peace, love, and happiness surround you. May God shower you with abundance of His Blessings. Have a lovely day!



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

We thought it would be beneficial to make sure you are aware of how much your financial giving is being applied to demonstrating Christ's love through Missions. Listed below is an itemized statement of how your money was used to spread the Gospel in the last 5 months of 2019.

<u>August: Family Assistance</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Family Assistance	\$242.14
<u>September: Family Assistance</u>	<u>\$351.67</u>
<u>October: Clayton Area Ministries</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>November: Family Assistance</u>	<u>\$611.02</u>
Smithfield Rescue Mission Turkey Drive	\$250.00
Family Assistance	\$250.00
Keith Hocutt Mission Project	\$500.00
Fall Fest Quilt Auction for Faulkner Family	\$2400.00
<u>December: Christmas Gifts for Children</u>	<u>\$361.38</u>
Operation Christmas Child Postage	\$477.00
Christmas Angel Tree Gifts	\$130.40
Knightdale Baptist Christmas Project	\$1000.00
Christmas Gifts for 3 Adopted Families	\$725.35
Christmas Angel Tree	\$51.67
Visa Cards-Family Assistance	\$300.00

### Update from our Bus/Van Committee

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

Currently the bus committee has an appointment to visit Creative Bus Sales in Charlotte to discuss our needs as a church with our salesman. We will gather further information on ownership costs, comparing different makes and models, warranty, and an overall question and answer session to fully understand what responsibilities we will have to own, operate, and properly maintain a bus. Again, each team please turn in a list of willing drivers to any member of the bus committee.





**Update from the FMC Furniture Committee**  
**(Pam Batten-Chair, Susan Andrews and Allette Hale-Co-Chairs)**

We met with our decorator at Whitley Galleries to look at the proposal and the furniture that she chose. We made some changes while we were there and our decorator adjusted the proposal. Our committee met and discussed the changes & carefully went over everything, making more adjustments that best suit our needs. We are waiting for the final proposal to be adjusted.

**Update from the Children's Director Search Committee**  
**(Wayne Batten-Chair, Juan Trippe, Susan Andrews, Pam Batten, Glenn Bunn, Kennette Stewart, and Traci Boyette)**

We have obtained job descriptions from several churches for similar positions and started looking at them. During February we plan to look over these and create our job description and begin the process to create an employment package and pursue Church approval for the position. Once approved we will post the position and collect resumes and applications from applicants and begin the search and hiring process. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church.

**Baptist Men Activities**

March Monthly Meeting at Boulevard Pizza: Mark your calendar and plan to join us at Boulevard the first Monday in March (March 2nd at 6:30 pm).

Baptist Men's Sunday: The Men & Boys of the Church were treated to an early morning breakfast (8:00 am) on January 26th. Bo Biscuits, grits, juice and coffee were provided. Our Baptist Men also led the Sunday Worship Service on January 26. Hopefully you were blessed by song and testimony as you heard from the men of our Church during the morning Worship Service.

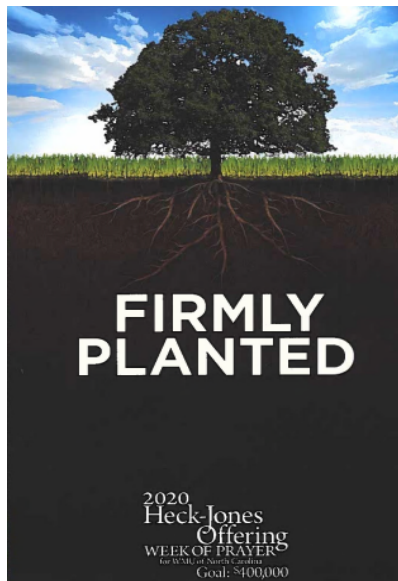
Valentine Banquet: Our Baptist Men are again sponsoring our annual Valentine Banquet at 6:00pm on February 15th. All are invited to attend. The menu includes steak, potato, salad, beverage and dessert. On or before February 2nd you should place a ten dollar bill (\$10) for each attendee in the hand of Aaron Johnson. We also ask that you bring your favorite dessert to share.

**February Monthly Missions Offering**

**Heck-Jones Offering**

This offering is named for Fannie E. S. Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones, two beloved leaders and founders of WMU of NC. They spent their lives serving God through the missions and ministries of WMU.

Today the missions and ministries of WMU NC are supported entirely by your gifts to the Heck-Jones offering.



## From the Pastor's Desk:

Every February, there comes a time when we set aside an entire day to celebrate love. We call it Valentine's Day. When I was a boy, in grade school, we would anticipate this day because we would exchange Valentine cards and have a party with cupcakes. Even our teacher, that never smiled, was nice on that day. As I have grown older, I have been amazed at the way people have created an expectation of what should happen on this one single day.

When I was in High School, there was this girl who called herself my "girlfriend." As this one day approached, she told me that she expected candy and flowers and that I was to present them to her in front of her friends. She was a bit angry and hostile when I told her that her requirements for Valentine's Day would not be fulfilled by me. She said that we were finished. I was relieved, and she immediately began her search for a willing participant who would satisfy her romantic ideal for this one day. From this experience grew a philosophy that I still live by. I determined to acknowledge "the day", however, I would not limit my expressions of love for those that I cherish to just one day. FYI...Annette can verify this to be true!

What if God limited His love for us to one day? Which day would it be? If you are waiting for Valentine's Day to show love for someone special, then you are missing a valuable part of our human experience. The expressing and demonstration of love for one another is not reserved for just one day or some "Hallmark" inspired occasion. The expression of our love for one another should be a natural part of how we live each day of the year!

Jesus provides the greatest example of an expression of true love. He came to earth, the Son of God, to take our sins to the cross of Calvary, where He suffered, bled, and died for us. That is a real demonstration of love! In John 13:34, Jesus tells us that, "a new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are to love one another." This new commandment is to be exercised every day, not just one day a year. Remember, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Pastor Glen

### *Scripture*

**"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER."**



*John 13:34-35*