

Baptist Tabernacle Church February 2021 Newsletter

BTC Updates

Please DO NOT LET DOWN YOUR pandemic GUARD!

When attending services or meetings you will be expected to show your love for others by:

- Wearing a Mask
- Staying 6 feet apart (entering, while seated, and exiting)
- Using Hand Sanitizer

We will be having a Contactless Communion on Sunday, February 7 at the 11:00 Sanctuary service. If listening in your car, you may bring your own communion supplies or someone will bring you a contactless individual set. The communion service will also be a part of the Facebook Live service on February 7, if available.

Our Worship Opportunities every week are 9:30 am Facebook Live, 11:00 am Sanctuary and from our parking lot on FM 87.7 or 87.9 depending on the best reception... and Daily Devotions on Facebook. Please join us.

Thank you for your cooperation

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



Baptist Tabernacle Church
Building Re-opening Guidelines 2020
A Safer Way of Gathering *(Revised December 2020)*

- 1) Facebook LIVE Sermons will continue at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning from Strickland's Funeral Home for those members who are not ready to enter the Sanctuary for Worship Services – (Thank you Sean Bannon, Glen Brock, and DJ & Kayla Scott!). *The Leadership Team is working on the capability to do Facebook LIVE from the Sanctuary.*
- 2) Sunday School Classes are currently suspended due to the inability to socially distance within the majority of our classes. In addition, Sunday School teachers are being contacted to determine their level of comfort in returning to teach.
- 3) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary (repeat of Facebook LIVE sermon)
 - a) START DATE – September 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
 - i) Components of the Worship Service will be phased in over several months
 - b) Please come prepared to show your love and care for others by:
 - i) waiting 6 ft apart (entering, while seated, and exiting)
 - ii) wearing a mask
 - iii) washing hands or using hand sanitizer
 - c) Enter through Sanctuary doors ONLY
 - d) Roping will provide seating 6' apart, families will be seated together
 - e) Service: Welcome, Announcements, Special Music, Prayer Concerns, Prayer, Sermon, Closing
 - i) Service should be 20-30 minutes in length, but have been 40-50 minutes
 - ii) Instrumental music and solos can be phased in as of Oct. 18, 2020
 - iii) Congregational singing has been removed to reduce the potential of virus spread via air borne particles
 - iv) Childcare and Children's Church are not available
 - v) Offering plates will not be passed. Offering collection boxes are provided in Vestibule and FMC Breezeway to use as you exit
 - f) At end of service
 - i) Seating on FMC Side: exit through stained glass doors and out the FMC Breezeway doors
 - ii) Seating on Piano Side: exit from BACK row using center aisle, through front doors
 - g) FMC Restrooms will be available
- 4) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on FM 87.7 or 87.9 depending on the best reception each Sunday - in your car - *only on church property* –
 - a) Tune your radio dial to FM station – you may need to turn the knob on the right side of your presets to find this station, it is NOT typically found by using the “seek” or “search” button– you may also need to turn the volume up higher than you might expect
 - b) This service is the actual service as it is happening in the Sanctuary
- 5) The Sanctuary and FMC are open and available for reservations
 - a) Contact the church office to schedule 919-365-5558
 - b) All meeting participants are expected to follow the 3-Ws:
 - i) Wait 6' apart
 - ii) Wear a mask
 - iii) Wash hands or use hand sanitizer
 - c) NC guidelines of 25 inside and CDC guidelines should be observed.
 - d) Leaders of activities/meetings are expected to use OXIVIR (provided) to sanitize surfaces touched by their group
 - i) OXIVIR is stored in FMC piano storage room - above light switch
 - ii) Spray on any surfaces that have been touched by group members prior to departure so the room is ready for the next group – NOT FOR FOOD-PREP AREAS
 - iii) No wiping is needed – just allow the sprayed surfaces to dry for 5 minutes
- 6) Updates to these guidelines will be posted on Facebook, in our monthly Newsletter and on our website: baptisttabernaclechurch.net

Instructions for using Baptist Tabernacle Church facilities during the COVID-19 crisis

When using our church facilities, please remember everyone in your party should:

- wear appropriate face coverings,
- practice social distancing (minimum of 6 ft where practical and safe to do so),
- wash hands often or use hand sanitizer,
- follow the Governor's Executive Order #169 (capacity: 25 indoors, 50 outdoors)
- follow the CDC recommendations and guidelines.

Remember, this virus is spread most effectively by air particles passed from one person to another. Consider this when planning any *SINGING* at your event. It is important that everyone stays safe and healthy so that the church can continue to operate and move forward. Ignoring these precautionary measures may result in closing down the church buildings for an extended period of time.

SELF-SCREENING QUESTIONS:

- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Have you been tested for COVID-19 and have not received the results?
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
- Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

If you answered "**YES**" to any of the screening questions, then you must leave the church **immediately** and seek medical care and/or COVID-19 testing, per CDC guidelines.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS:

You and your party are encouraged to take your/their own temperature prior to arriving at the church. If your/their temperature measures over 100 degrees, please do not come to the church.

LIMIT GROUP GATHERINGS:

During your event, please limit small group gatherings. Keep people moving as much as possible.

BEFORE LEAVING:

After your guests have left the building and the cleaning has been completed according to the reservation paperwork, please heavily spray OXIVIR on tables, chairs, light switches, and any surfaces touched by anyone in your group...but NOT FOR FOOD PREP AREAS. Allow the spray to dry for 5 minutes. OXIVIR spray bottles are located in the FMC piano room above the bookcase beside the light switch.

Thank you!

Baptist Tabernacle Church, Leadership Team

SAVE THE DATE

Every Sunday Morning: Pastor Glen's Facebook Live @ 9:30 am

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

Contactless Communion: Sunday, February 7th during Worship Service

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, February 8th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, February 15th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, February 22nd @ 7:00pm in the FMC



February Birthdays

1st	Vikki Brock	20th	Zachary Jones
2nd	Pansy Crowder	22nd	Caitlin Scott
	Jean Hocutt	23rd	Mary Pat Hicks
	Gary Johnson		Amy Watts
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		



February Anniversaries

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

February 2021 Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1 Exodus 19-21
Day 2 Exodus 22-24
Day 3 Exodus 25-27
Day 4 Exodus 28-30
Day 5 Exodus 31-33
Day 6 Exodus 34-36
Day 7 Exodus 37-40
Day 8 Mark 1-3
Day 9 Mark 4-6
Day 10 Mark 7-9
Day 11 Mark 10-12
Day 12 Mark 13-16
Day 13 Leviticus 1-3
Day 14 Leviticus 4-6

Day 15 Leviticus 7-9
Day 16 Leviticus 10-12
Day 17 Leviticus 13-15
Day 18 Leviticus 16-18
Day 19 Leviticus 19-21
Day 20 Leviticus 22-24
Day 21 Leviticus 25-27
Day 22 Luke 1-3
Day 23 Luke 4-6
Day 24 Luke 7-9
Day 25 Luke 10-12
Day 26 Luke 13-15
Day 27 Luke 16-18
Day 28 Luke 19-21

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Wayne Batten-Co-Leader)

The Pastoral Team is continuing to look for ways to help Pastor Glen as he serves God at our church. We will be setting up a contactless Communion service on Sunday, February 7 during the 11:00 Sanctuary service. If you plan to listen from your car, you may bring your own communion supplies or someone will be walking in the parking lot with individual communion sets available. If you are listening to Facebook Live at 9:30, Communion will be observed so have your supplies ready to participate. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out for our congregation, whether you are on the prayer list or not, for a safe path through this pandemic so we can all get back to church and our lives with a greater sense of normalcy.

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

Welcome to February! It's hard to believe that we are already in the second month of 2021! Not quite back to where we want to be, but we are getting closer!

The 2021 Church Budget is complete and has been approved by the Leadership Team. Plans are to present it to the Church at the first Church Conference, whenever it can be safely held. The Administrative Team felt that the Church can operate satisfactorily without an approved budget, as long as we spend within the Leadership Team approved budget until the Church can safely hold a Church Conference. We continued to review the Monthly Financial Reports and Edward Jones investments during the January meeting. No new items were considered during the meeting. We appreciate your continued support of the Church through your tithes and offerings and expect it to continue during the new year.

As mentioned in the January newsletter, it is time to think about the 2nd recipient of the Raeford and Lillian Driver Scholarship. Therefore, any High School Seniors graduating in 2021 can apply for the next scholarship. Please see Ashelyn in the Church office for applications for the scholarship. **Applications are welcome and need to be completed and returned to the Church office by the end of February 2021.**



We want to remind everyone to not be complacent relative to the COVID-19 virus. Please wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash your hands! We encourage everyone to get the vaccine when it becomes available to you.

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

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader):

Hope everyone is doing well. Everything is still quiet with property management. May God Bless you all.

Mission Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Annette Ragan-Co-Leader):



We are opening up the Missions Flea Market on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please stay updated on our Facebook page and our Website about availability for shopping. We do ask that the 3 W's be followed while shopping. Our annual BBQ Chicken Plate fundraiser is being postponed for now, due to the difficulty of implementing the 3 W's for our workers.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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

Can't believe it's already a new year 2021...Thank goodness 2020 is behind us and we can look forward to better days. At our last meeting on January 26th we all enjoyed celebrating an early Valentine's Day with fun, food and games. We hope it won't be too much longer before we can plan some trips. We practice safety guidelines at all our meetings, all seniors are invited to join us at our next meeting on February 23rd at 9:30am.

God Bless,
Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron



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



Due to all Church programs being cancelled for now, Pam and I have been making packets for Children's Church participants and mailing to them each week. We hope your children like them. Please do these activities as a family and consider posting photos to our Church Facebook Page.

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are still hoping that the youth will be able to meet back together soon in our church building. We are prayerfully considering our options for activities and summer camp for this year. Please be in prayer with us as we make these decisions.

God Bless, Carrie Sellers & Youth Team

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

Hello everyone, Sunday School materials are continuing to be mailed to the students. The adult Sunday School materials have been delivered. We hope to be together soon.

"Any Sunday School Teacher that would like to offer their Sunday School lesson via Zoom, please contact Susan Andrews."





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

Addie Batten	Robert Hocutt	Othell Price
Freddie Batten	Sue Hocutt	Larry Price
Jacob Briggerman	Carl Holt	Shaun & Joy Price
Melanie Brock	Jackie Hunter	Dolores Renfrow
Christin Brown	Joan Hunter	Libby Seagroves
Ann & Russell Capps	Kenneth Jones	Ray Smith
Sue Cline	Abbi Kennedy	Linda Stevens
Faye Creech	Shirley Lane	George Strickland
George Creech	Katie Lewis	O.K. Strickland
Wayne Currie	Emma Maidon	Jack Thompson
Charles Driver	Sharon May	Nancy Watson
David Driver	Beth McNeil	Mark Watson
Randy Driver	Scarlette Missineo	
Ronnie Faulkner	Ricky Narron	
Mike Himmel	Jimmy Peck	
Elizabeth Hocutt	Vickie Peters	

New Prayer Needs

Dennis Adkins	Brian Haynes	Unspoken Requests
Anne Anderson	Wilbert Lanier	
Fred Bailey	April Poage	
Mike Bailey	Joan Privette	
Cub Barrow	Bailey Rhodes	
Alma Gay Childers	Spot Rouse	
Sharon Craven	Bert & Carol Sellers	
Greg & Donna Creech	Kathy Smith	
Peggy Creech	Jamie Stanley	
Wendy Cox	Teresa Wattenbarger	
Judy Davis	June White	
Greg Driver	Mary Lou White	
Phyllis Edwards	Billy Fay Wilson	



From the Pastor's Desk:

"A Glass of Milk – Paid In Full"

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said, "Then I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Years later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then he wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She began to read the following words: "Paid in full with one glass of milk"

Signed, Dr. Howard Kelly

With one selfless act of love and grace, our Lord, Jesus Christ, "paid in full" the costs for our sins!" Read John 3:16

