



February 2023

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 2023 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

SAVE THE DATE

Events this Month:

Sunday, February 26: Pastor Glen & Annette's 15th BTC Anniversary

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 8th: Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am

Saturday, May 6th: Evangelism Block Party @ 10:00am



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	27th	Ava Garner
8th	Dale Weathers		Kathryn O'Neal
	Jackie Utley	28th	Allyson Creech
9th	Brenda Lewis		Shirley Lane
	David Ragan		
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	Greg & Danielle Gidding Roger & Merry Hocutt
17th	Paul & Carolyn Brown

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service ● 12pm Youth Soup & Sandwich Fundr	30 ● O.W.L.S. Bus	31 ● 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	Feb 1 ● 8-12 Flea Market ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice	2	3	4 ● 8-12 Flea Market ● Children Bus ● 9am Kennedy Home Balloon Fellows
5 ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Baptisms ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service	6	7 ● 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	8 ● 8-12 Flea Market ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service ● 7pm Robinwood Service	13 ● 2pm Leveda Driver Car Gp FMC ● 7pm Leadership Meeting	14 ● 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	15 ● 8-12 Flea Market ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service	20 ● 1pm Vera Hourst Car Gp ● 7pm Administrative Team Mtg FMC ● Presidents Day	21 ● 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	22 ● 8-12 Flea Market ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 ● 10am Sunday School ● 11am Children's Church ● 11am Worship Service	27 ● 7pm Deacons Meeting FMC	28 ● C.W.L.S. Bus ● 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	Mar 1 ● 8-12 Flea Market ● 6:30pm Adult Bible Study ● 6:30pm Children's Programs ● 6:30pm Youth ● 7pm Choir Practice	2	3	4 ● 8-12 Flea Market

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Bobby Sellers-Team Leader/Ricky Narron-Co-Leader):

Thank you to all the many people that put in so much effort to make Baptist Tabernacle Church what it is. These efforts have not gone unnoticed. Look around from Sunday School, Worship Service, or Wednesday night service --more and more people are taking steps to be involved at BTC! We truly see God working within our fellowship and with this will come challenges, as always, but don't let momentary problems cause us to stray from helping others reach eternal glory.

Find a Deacon or Team member to find out how you can further serve within BTC.

Administrative Team (Ricky Watson -Team Leader/David Hughes-Co-Leader):

Welcome to February from The Administrative Team! At our January meeting, we finalized the 2023 Church Budget and prepared to present it to the Church for approval at the January Church Conference. We also discussed the monthly financial report, the Church insurance, the Church scholarship for the year, and the financial investments at Edward Jones. There were no discussions on any changes to the Constitution & By-Laws at the meeting.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, we are providing Article IV, Deacons. **NOTE: Portions of this section have been recommended for change and will be voted on at the April Church Conference. What is provided to you in this article is what is currently approved.**

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: Chair, David Hughes, Members: Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, and Juan Trippe.

ARTICLE IV *(Approved 4/18/18)* Deacons

1. There may be as many deacons or deacon apprentices as deemed necessary by the Diaconate.
2. In accordance with the meaning of the word and the practice of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church. The task of the deacons is to assist the pastor in performing pastoral responsibilities and carrying out the Deacon Team Ministry Plan.
3. Deacon apprentices shall be elected as described in Article IV.8. Apprentices will serve as regular deacons for a term of one year, at which time they will become ordained deacons during a special Deacon Ordination service. This apprentice year will serve as one of the total number of years served as a deacon. (See article IV.5) No more than two apprentices may serve at one time.
4. During this apprentice year, deacon apprentices will serve as deacons and meet all responsibilities assigned to deacons. At the end of the first year, the apprentice may elect not to be ordained as a deacon or the Diaconate may elect to not ordain the apprentice.
5. Deacons, once elected, shall serve a three year term, unless they request to be removed from the Diaconate or are requested to resign from the Diaconate. To maintain the necessary number of Active Deacons, Deacons rotating off may volunteer to serve an additional year, if needed. Once the three year term is served, each deacon that rotates off must remain off the Diaconate for a minimum of one year before they can serve another three -year term.
6. The deacons shall elect their officers as needed and shall be organized to assist the pastor. The Chairman can serve as Chairman only one-year consecutively. Special committees may be needed for special assignments and projects.
7. In case of absence or inability of the pastor to serve, subject to advice from the conference with him, the deacons shall provide for pulpit supply. If the church has a Pastor Search Committee, the deacons shall in no way conflict with the work of the committee. No person shall occupy the pulpit of this church that has not been recommended by the pastor, deacons, or Pastor Search Committee.
8. Method of Election:
 - a. Annually, in September, the number of deacons rotating off the Diaconate will be replaced with an equal number of deacons or apprentices, recommended to the church by the existing Diaconate. (NOTE: The number of deacons or apprentices chosen by the Diaconate may be modified as needed by the current Diaconate, depending on needs of the Team Ministry.) The following time-line will be followed to select deacons and/or deacon apprentices.
 - i. In May of each year, the Deacon Chairman will appoint a committee of three deacons to serve as the deacon/apprentice nominating committee. The membership of the committee shall be announced in the church bulletin or from the pulpit. Members of the church shall be given ample opportunity to submit names of prospective deacons or apprentices to the committee. This committee will gather a list of proposed candidates as recommended by the church congregation and submit the list to the Diaconate during the June meeting.
 - ii. During the June meeting, the Diaconate shall select a list of morally and spiritually qualified candidates for election. The Chairman, or designee, to determine their willingness to serve, will contact the candidates. At the time of contact, the candidate will be presented a copy of the Deacon Responsibilities for review and understanding.
 - iii. The final list of candidates will be presented to the Diaconate in the July meeting for recommendation to the Church Congregation.
 - iv. During the first and second Sundays in August, the Diaconate will present the list of candidates to the church via the church bulletin. The church will vote on the list of candidates on the third Sunday of August during a special called church conference following the regular church service. (If needed, the vote date can be modified by the Diaconate as needed with appropriate notification to the Church).
 - b. Voting will be by secret ballot; each candidate must be given a vote, either a "YES" or "NO". To be elected, each candidate must receive a 75% favorable vote. Any ballot not marked "YES" or "NO" will not be counted.
 - c. If the candidates recommended to the church for consideration do not receive 75% of the vote, the Diaconate will recommend additional candidates to the church for consideration. The second vote will be held within the next thirty days. This process will be repeated monthly until the necessary number of deacons has been elected.
 - d. In the case of death, removal, or incapacity to serve, the church may elect, by the method previously stated, someone to fill the position vacated.
9. Meetings of deacons shall be held monthly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of Deacons as deemed necessary.

Discipleship Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

Sunday School is available from 10:00 -10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Education Building

Nursery 1: Ages birth - 2 years (1st Floor)

Nursery 2: 2 - 3 years (1st Floor)

Bible Learners: (4 years-2nd Grade) (2nd Floor)

Bible Discoverers: (Grades 3rd-5th) (2nd Floor)

Youth: Grades 6th - 12th (2nd Floor)

Adult Classes: Education Building

Journey— Young Singles & Couples (2nd Floor) (Various Topics)

Mildred Driver Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

JOY: Ladies Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: Men's Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

Adult Class: FMC

Growing in Jesus Class (1st Floor) (Various Topics)

Anyone interested in teaching a Sunday School class, please call or email the Church with your contact information and interest.



Worship Team (Susan Andrews -Team Leader/Dana Hocutt-Co-Leader)

- Join us on February 5 for a Baptismal Service
- Join us on February 26 as we celebrate Pastor Glen and Annette's 15th BTC Anniversary
- Our Worship Service nursery is growing and we need additional volunteers to care for the children. If you are interested in participating in the rotation schedule, please contact Susan Andrews or the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your service.

Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Sandy Trippe-Co-Leader):

After a long holiday break, the Flea Market is back in action. The Flea Market is giving us a unique opportunity to serve our community through the funds generated. Also, we feel that the "Youth" are certainly one of our greatest mission fields. Through Flea Market funds, we were able to give over \$6500 to pay the deposit for 28 people to go to Camp Caswell this summer. The spiritual foundation established now for the youth will be the future of the Church. Another great mission opportunity, supported by Flea Market funds, is the weekly shut-in meal program and the fruit baskets being delivered. If you feel you would like to help in this endeavor, please contact Ricky and Patsy Narron. Even if you can't help every week, they could use whatever help you can give in this effort. Pray for the Missions Team for wisdom and guidance in our continuing efforts to serve our Lord.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



It's already February, the month of Love, Valentines and Roses. We had a great meeting on January 31st. With 19 attending we enjoyed playing "Valentine Bingo". We also went to Wiggs Restaurant for a great meal as always. Patsy Narron did our devotion on prayer and using our talents.

We discussed trips for the coming months and the possibility of returning of our Wednesday night meals before Bible Studies, if we can get enough volunteers. We ask everyone to be much in prayer for this project.

All seniors are invited to come join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 9:30am.

God Bless,

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

Children's Church will be moving very soon. Why? You might ask. We have outgrown our present room. A few Sunday's ago we had to move into the Assembly Room after the choir left for service so we could all sit around tables. That was a Glorious Sight. We will soon get set up in the FMC near the back wall, so be looking out for this.

Our Wednesday night programs continue to grow and if you look at the parking lot you can tell a lot more people are attending Wednesday night programs. Thanks to all the parents for bringing your children on Wednesday.

We visited the Baptist Children's Home (Kennedy Home) on Saturday, February 4. Twenty-six of our members attended. We arrived and began setting up the tables for the balloon. Parents began setting up for our Valentine's Party we were providing. After we set up, the balloon fun began. Several of the Kennedy Children had never had a balloon animal before and they were delighted. Not only did they get balloons, but they also learned how to make balloons. Lots of smiles were on all faces. After our Valentine Party, some kids began playing soccer, others playing basket ball and others learning more balloon making skills. The Kennedy Home leaders also made balloons. Before we left, our kids gave each of the resident kids a special Valentine Bag. Lots of smile, some tears, lots of hugs and we were on our way back home. The resident leaders at Kennedy Home said our children were not like most church groups who attend. Most keep the Church kids in one area and the Kennedy kids in another. Not our BTC group. It was wonderful to see the interactions of our kids and the Kennedy Kids. Before we left several people were asking "When can we do this again?" Thanks to the parents who went to assist and to the parents who made sure their kids were at Church on time and ready to go. We are looking forward to many get together with that group. They have been invited to attend our Easter Egg Hunt and our Evangelism Block Party .



We will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 and we are planning our next Evangelism Block Party for Saturday, May 6. More information on these upcoming events will be in next month's newsletter. Thank You All the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. We are looking forward to many new adventures in 2023.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Wayne & Pam

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Thank you so much to everyone who participated and helped to make our Youth Soup/Sandwich fundraiser such a huge success! We appreciate the donations of soups, desserts, supplies, and especially your attendance to help support our young people! We were amazed at the support we were given this past Sunday! Because of this support we are now 3/4 of the way towards our goal for summer camp! We have been so blessed by our church family and it means so much! God is so good!

Looking ahead...

We will be having a youth outing soon for lunch and bowling. Date is to TBD...stay tuned!

We will also be holding a Spring fundraiser. Details coming soon!

Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue to minister to and serve alongside these young people!

Property Management Team (Ross Carroll-Team Leader/Steve White-Co-Leader):

All cleaning and hood test completed by Pye Barker and the Fire Marshal office. Just a reminder if you are cooking under hoods the fan should be on.

If someone has the gate key, we need it back in the proper place. Thanks.

On 2/9/2023 Edward's Electronic will be in the church at 9:00AM to replace nonworking horn strobes. This will require us to test the system and it will be loud.

Property management has contacted the company that installed the sound and TV about the upgrades and tying the Educational and Family Ministry Center all together. Waiting to hear back from them.



On Hold....

Until we can resume normal Church activities, the following 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:

*Children's Director Search Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

Bradley Allen	David Driver	Sandra Leonard	Joan Privette
Chris Allen	Phyllis Edwards	Landon Mack	Donald Pulley
Addie Batten	Randy Hales	Sue Cline Mack	Linda Stevens
David Batten	Linda Hammett	Pam Maynor	Lori Stokes
Kathryn & Neal Batten	Beverly Heilig	Ann Mosley	Mark Stokes
Natalie Brock	JoAnn Hocutt	John Nowell	Carmen Wall
Barry Chamblee	Sue Hocutt	Ricky Nowell	
Ashley Coleman	Carl Holt	Carol O'Neal	
Wendy Cox	Kenneth Jones	Mike O'Neal	
Sharon Craven	Shirley Lane	Vickie Peters	
Charles Driver	June Lanier	Larry Price	

New Prayer Needs

Shawn Allen	Rickie Driver	Billy Knight	Christi Sasser
Harold Andrews	Kim Eatmon	Oscar Lane	Connie Scott
Mike Bailey	Nita Edwards	Dennis Lockleair	Sally Sledge
Elaine Barham	Tommy Farmer	Johnny Lockleair	Ray Smith
Pam Batten	Fred Flowers	Emma Maidon	Jane Strautnieks
Judy Boswell	Will Fuller	Sue Martin	Grace Tudor
Rochelle Boswell	Sawyer Gay	Kenny Morgan	Dale & Sandra Weathers
Stella Boykin	Betty Glover	Brian Munger	Peggy Wilder
Errol Briggerman	Gayle Haines	Eddie Perry	Robert & Betty Williford
Melanie Brock	Carolyn Hicks	Clarice Peterson	Unspoken Requests
Patsy Coates	Jesica Hill	Rose Pope	Baptism Candidates
George Creech	Elizabeth Hocutt	Frank Price	
Steve Currie	JoAnn Hocutt	Annette Ragan	
Wayne & Kelly Currie	Nova Hopkins	Dolores Renfrow	
Jane Denton	Joan Hunter	Peggy Allmon Russell	

From the Pastor's Desk:

February is the month that we most associate with love. We turn our attentions to those that we hold dear, and we begin to think about what to do for them for Valentine's Day! We will not forget Valentine's Day, because Walmart starts putting out cupids and hearts, in early January, and we begin thinking of what to give the one we love, for Valentine's Day. Valentines become available in January for sending to loved ones in February. This is a good month to think about what real love is. There are three kinds of love...

The first is Eros: This is erotic love. It is the first stage of a romantic relationship. It can be felt when you don't even know the person who is the object of this love. It is a physical love centered on self.

The second kind is Philos: This love is based friendship between two people. It is based on an attitude of "give and take." It is a mental love that is still centered on self but also the other person.

The third kind is Agape: This Love is totally selfless love. It is love given without expectation of receiving any benefit in return. It has no conditions and benefits the one who is loved not the one who loves. This is Spiritual love. This is the Love of God. He demonstrated this Love on the Cross of Calvary! I encourage you to share your love with those that you hold dear, and to demonstrate Love to others that you encounter! As Followers of Christ, we have a responsibility to Love our Neighbors and to reflect the Love of God towards them. Celebrate Valentine's Day, every day! May the Love of God be reflected in all that you do and speak! Remember, God's Love is Eternal, not just one month of the year!

"But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)." "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:30-31)."

Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Pastor Glen & Annette

