



From the Pastor's Desk

Two men were seriously ill. They occupied the same room in the hospital. One of them lied in the bed near the only window in their room. Every day he was allowed to spend some time sitting up in his bed to help draining the fluid from lungs. The other man was forced to spend all his days flat on his back.

They talked a lot about their life, families, jobs, vacations. Every time, when the first man was sitting by the window, he described in details all that he see outside the window. His roommate always looked for those moments, when his world was broadened and brightened up by the world outside.

Amazing views of a park with a beautiful lake could be seen from the window of their room. Children delightfully played among ducks and swans. Couples walked arm in arm among colorful flowers. Also the stunning city skyline could be seen.

When the man by the window had been thoroughly describing all that was happening outside the window, his roommate would close his eyes and imaged all the beautiful scenes of life that were told to him.

One morning, the man whose bed was near the window, had died peacefully in his sleep. His roommate was very sad. After some time, when the nurse came to visit him, he asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse agreed and kindly made the switch. When she left, the man slowly and painfully propped himself up on one elbow and took the first look at the world outside. He was stunned. The window faced a blank wall.

When the nurse came to visit him the next time, he told her about beautiful things outside the window that his roommate described him. The nurse replied that his roommate was a blind man. She said: "Probably he just tried to encourage you."

Are you an "Encourager?" Let 2015 be the year that you become an "encourager" for someone. May we all practice "random acts of kindness," to lift the spirits and proclaim God's Good News to all those that we encounter. Remember – THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

Memory Verse



"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

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Food For Thought

When I Got To Heaven

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door
Not by the beauty of it all
By the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp
The thieves, the liars, the sinners
The alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Uncle Bill, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must have made a mistake."

"And why is everyone so quiet
So somber? Please give me a clue."
"Hush, child," said He. "They're all in shock
No one thought they'd see you!"
- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

Remember, it is through a personal, faithful and saving relationship with Jesus Christ that qualifies us for Heaven. We are all "sinners" and His selfless act at Calvary has paid the entrance price for Heaven. Through faith, believing that Jesus is the Son of God, and confessing our sins, and asking Him to save us, and to be our Lord, is the beginning of our eternal journey.



Sense of Humor

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



From the Administrative Team

The Baptist Tabernacle Church Administrative Team would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

The New Year begins with a new budget for the Church. An annual budget is an important item for any business, and is likewise important for the operation of a Church. The Church has financial commitments that need to be established and planned for the smooth operation of the Church. For 2015, we have several items that must be addressed, including salaries, utilities, missions, building and grounds upkeep, and the Family Ministry Center (FMC) mortgage. It is interesting to note that the largest portion of our budget is salaries, followed by FMC Mortgage, and property management. With that in mind, the Administrative Team would like to address the FMC Mortgage. The Church has been really blessed to have such a wonderful facility, one that we have enjoyed and have made lots of memories. So for 2015, our primary focus is to pay off the mortgage on the FMC. Once that is paid, we can focus on other improvements within the Church. With the current payment schedule, the FMC will be paid off in September 2015! This is just in time to celebrate burning the note at Homecoming 2015. This is a major accomplishment for the Church and is something that we all should be very proud. This will mean that we have paid off the FMC in 15 years, five years ahead



of schedule! We are looking forward to a wonderful note burning celebration at Homecoming 2015.

The Administrative Team would like to thank all that have assisted with the all the Fund Raisers for the FMC as well as those that have continued to support the Building Fund through your regular offering. After September, we will focus our efforts on other items that are needed within the Church. Let's keep up the good work and continue to meet the challenges that we have in the future.

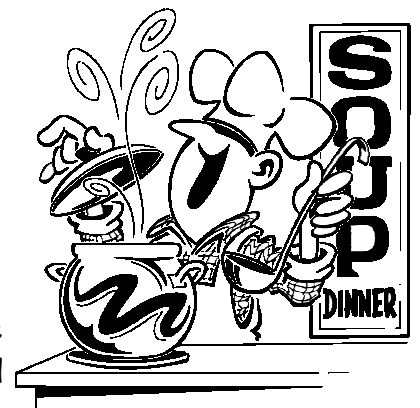
We wish everyone a blessed New Year for 2015!

As always, if you have any questions or recommendations for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any member. The members are:

Team Leader – Kelly Currie
Co-Leader – Ricky Watson
Allette Hale
Mike Bailey
Paul Brown
Billie Faye Wilson
David Hughes
Joyce Creech – Ex Officio

"Soup-er" Bowl Sunday February 1

The Youth are hosting a soup, chili & sandwich lunch after the worship service to raise funds for summer camp. There will also be desserts!!!! Mark your calendars and plan to stay for good food and fellowship.



Youth Happenings

Another year has passed and we are so blessed by what God did within and through our Youth group in 2014. First I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work with the Children's/Youth Christmas program. It was a wonderful night and my heart was truly blessed by all of you who took part. I am so proud of each and everyone who participated and so very thankful for all of you who took a part in any way. I couldn't have put this together without all of your help. Jeany Oneal, Dianne Baggett, Ray & Dana Hocutt, Sonny and Sandy Trippe, Kennette Stewart, Matthew and Sonja Lee, Glenn Bunn, Youth and Children, and Fellowship committee...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If I left anyone out I apologize!

We have lots of plans for 2015 and we are excited to see where God is going to lead us. We have made plans to attend a Youth camp/Mission Trip with a group called TeamEffort. Our Youth will be partnering with these leaders to complete projects such as painting, yard work, construction, etc. to homes and areas that need assistance. Our worksite is in Myrtle Beach, SC. While here we will also participate in worship, games, and fellowship! Our trip is scheduled for June 21-27 and we couldn't be more excited! To be the hand and feet of Jesus is an amazing thing and I'm so excited that our Youth will get a chance to participate in this opportunity! Please pray for our Youth and Leaders as we prepare for this trip.

In preparation for our summer trip we will be holding several fundraisers this year. Our first one this year is going to be held on Friday, January 9th. We will be hosting a Family Movie Night in the FMC from 7:00-9:00. We will be showing "God's Not Dead". We are accepting donations at the door and also there will be popcorn, candy, and drinks for sale. We are asking that if you plan to come to please sign up in the vestibule by Sunday, January 4th so we can plan accordingly!

In addition we will also be holding our annual "Soup-erbowl Sunday" Fundraiser after church on Sunday, February 1st in the FMC. We will serve soup, chili, sandwiches, and dessert! Please come join us for some food and fellowship! All monies will be going towards helping our Youth go to camp!

Continue to pray for our youth and leaders as we move forward!

God Bless,
Carrie

The Missions Team

The Missions team would like to thank everyone for their hard work and devotion to all our Missions projects throughout 2014. We look forward to working with everyone in 2015 on our next project which is in the spring, the BBQ Chicken plate sale.

A big Thank You for all the support and prayers during November while we collected for the NCBCH. Our RA's, GA's and Mission Friends were a great support. The children and their leaders hosted a Soup & Sandwich meal with all proceeds going to the offering. Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Thank you leaders for all your hard

work molding and shaping our children to be doers and givers.

We wish you all a blessed New Year!

The Mission Team

Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1 Genesis 1-3
Day 2 Genesis 4-6
Day 3 Genesis 7-9
Day 4 Genesis 10-12
Day 5 Genesis 13-15
Day 6 Genesis 16-18
Day 7 Genesis 19-21
Day 8 Genesis 22-24
Day 9 Genesis 25-27
Day 10 Genesis 28-30
Day 11 Genesis 31-33
Day 12 Genesis 34-36
Day 13 Genesis 37-39
Day 14 Genesis 40-42
Day 15 Genesis 43-45
Day 16 Genesis 46-50

Day 17 Matthew 1-3
Day 18 Matthew 4-6
Day 19 Matthew 7-9
Day 20 Matthew 10-12
Day 21 Matthew 13-15
Day 22 Matthew 16-18
Day 23 Matthew 19-21
Day 24 Matthew 22-24
Day 25 Matthew 25-28
Day 26 Exodus 1-3
Day 27 Exodus 4-6
Day 28 Exodus 7-9
Day 29 Exodus 10-12
Day 30 Exodus 13-15
Day 31 Exodus 16-18

Bible Character-Thomas

The Apostle Thomas was born in the Galileian city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, he left all behind and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). Thomas, once weaker in the faith, and often called Doubting Thomas, worked through the grace of Almighty God, with more bravery, more

dedication and tireless effort than all of the rest, so that when he went out preaching, over most of the known world, he did it without fear of proclaiming the Word of God to hostile nations. When Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the our Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur, Thomas was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the with our Lord.

Interesting Bible Facts

Old Testament: 39 books, New Testament: 27 books, Complete Bible: 66 books

Fabulous Fellowship

The Fellowship Team would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Pie Night and the Christmas Program. The spread of food you all took the time to prepare for each event was outstanding and very much appreciated by everyone. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God Bless you all!

The Fellowship Team



1st	Kathryn Batten	Steven Carlyle
3rd	Joan Hunter	Matt Dillon
	Roy Pope	Cynthia Hudson
4th	Kathy Mack	Shelby Makepeace
6th	Brian Bailey	Logan Whitley
	Dale Driver	27th Kerry Garner
7th	Sadie Batten	28th Erin Bell
	Franceline Price	29th Kathy Flynn
	Rondy Ward	Ashley Maidon
8th	Samantha Creech	31st Mackenzie Bell
9th	Jackson Morgan	
	Brandon Pulley	
12th	Wes Privette	
	Glenn Strickland	
14th	Rickie Driver	
	Dylan Melvin	
17th	Brooke Bailey	
	Sheila Stancil	
18th	Dana Hocutt	
	Flossie Price	
19th	Wanda Batten	
	Sheri Henry	
	Robert Price	
23rd	Mike Bailey	
25th	Kathy Ayscue	
26th	Judy Boswell	

Notable Quote

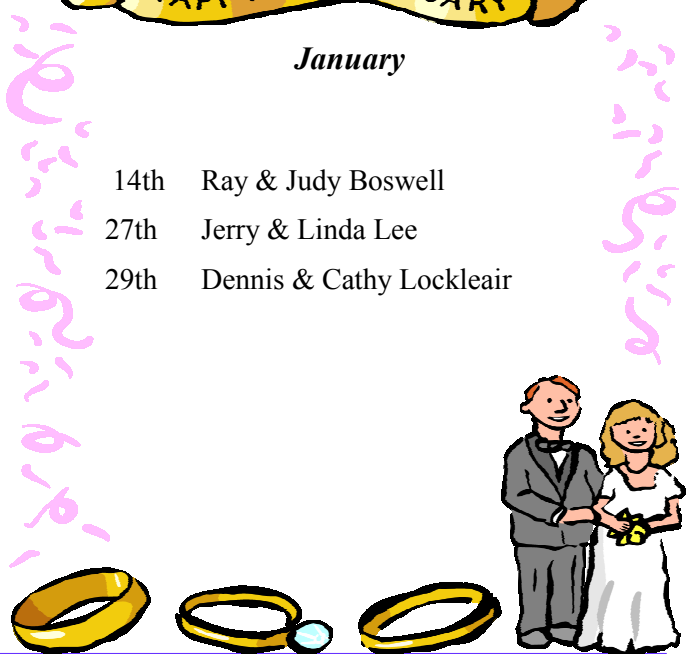
"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- John F. Kennedy



January

14th	Ray & Judy Boswell
27th	Jerry & Linda Lee
29th	Dennis & Cathy Lockleair



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Regular Worship

Wednesday

6:15-7:15pm Youth Meet
6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

January 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
4 Regular Schedule	5 6:30pm Baptist Men 7pm KNBW at		6 10am Triple L- prepare meal	7 Regular Schedule	8	9 7-9pm Family Movie Night in the FMC. "God's Not Dead"	10
11 Regular Schedule	12 7pm Leadership Tm Mtg		13 10am Prayer Time/Sanctuary 7pm LDBW	14 Regular Schedule	15	16	17
7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood							
18 Regular Schedule	19 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle at Phyllis Al- ford's 7pm Admin Tm Mtg		20 10am Prayer Time/Sanctuary	21 Regular Schedule 6:30pm Church Conference	22	23	24
25 Regular Schedule	26 7pm Deacons Mtg		27 10am Prayer Time/Sanctuary	28 Regular Schedule No Choir Practice	29	30	31

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New Year's Day

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while duty's call is clear;
I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine-
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.

-S.E. Kiser in St. Andrew's Cross