

Baptist Tabernacle Church

May 2021 Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for

May is:

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:3 KJV



BTC Re-opening Schedule

This is a new experience for all of us and is a work in progress.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to work with us as we open the following activities.

Leadership Team



Special thanks to the Music Department for providing our special music since September.



If you are a member of any of the 5 Adult Classes, then you are considered a member of the whole group we are calling "ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL". Due to the small size of our Sunday School classrooms and the inability to provide social distancing for class members, we are setting up 2 temporary locations for members of Adult Sunday School to attend Sunday School with social distancing provided.

These temporary locations and lesson topics are:

- Education Building Assembly Room (Lessons from Lifeway Quarterly)
- FMC (Miscellaneous Topics)

Adults planning to attend Sunday School may choose either location. When you arrive, if the location is full, then we ask that you go to the other location.



Children & Youth Sunday School will meet in their normal classrooms:

- Nursery I (Birth – 2 yrs old) – 1st Floor
- Nursery II (2 yrs old – 4 yrs old) – 1st Floor
- Bible Learners (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade) – 2nd Floor
- Bible Discoverers (3rd Grade – 5th Grade) – 2nd Floor
- Youth (6th Grade – 12th Grade) – 2nd Floor



What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

It's time to make your Deacon nomination(s)! Deadline: Sunday, May 16, 2021

Due to the number of Deacons we would like to have on the ballot this year and the reduction in services and attendance, the Deacons have decided to begin the process earlier than is customary. Therefore, please consider church members you would like to recommend serve as a Deacon for the next 3 years. We will collect nominations from April 15 – May 16. To read about Deacon qualifications and responsibilities, please refer to BTC Constitution and Bylaws Manual on page 39. (Deacons rotating off: Susan Andrews, Lou Carroll, Aaron Johnson, Paul Brown Jr, and Tom Vaughan) (Deacons continuing to serve beyond this year: Wayne Batten, Ricky Andrews, Olivia Cooke, and Sonny Trippe). If you have questions, please contact one of the Deacons. To submit your Deacon nomination(s), please contact: [Lou Carroll \(919-418-7439\)](mailto:Lou_Carroll@BTC.org), [Wayne Batten \(910-620-0582\)](mailto:Wayne_Batten@BTC.org), or [Ricky Andrews \(rhaeco@aol.com\)](mailto:rhaeco@aol.com) A nomination box has been placed in the vestibule with nomination slips that you can use to nominate someone if you attend our in-person services.



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

Summer is quickly approaching, and we hope everyone is doing well and continuing to be safe!

The Administrative Team met once again, via ZOOM for the month with the following items addressed:

- We received a report on Leadership Team items that related to the Administrative Team.
- We reviewed the March Financial Report. Just as a note, the deposits increased when we began attending Worship in October 2020 and continued through March. Again though, we want to remind everyone that our expenses continue, whether you attend Church related activities or not. So, keep those tithes and offerings coming. Also remember, that as we continue to open the Church buildings for more services, the operating expenses will increase. Therefore, it is important for every member to contribute their share for the operation of the Church activities.
- We again discussed and confirmed that we do not have a Scholarship recipient for 2021. We do not have any graduating seniors that are active members of the Church.
- We discussed a couple of recommendations that The Administrative Team is making to the Leadership Team for their review and approval. One concerning the Children's Director position and one concerning the Bus/Van Committee. These recommendations will be presented to the Leadership Team at the May meeting.

We continue to remind everyone to watch your complacency relative to the COVID-19 virus. Please wear your masks, maintain social distances, and wash your hands and 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 this finds everyone Covid free. Nothing new to report at this time for property management. God Bless Us 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 some 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.

We are also still providing assistance to families in our church and our community during this time. Thank you for continuing to support our Mission Team as we support others in God's name.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



Our April meeting was on Tuesday, April 27th, we had 13 in attendance and our devotion was given by Patsy Narron. We had a great time celebrating Mr. Aaron's birthday, 92 years young! We are in the process of planning a day trip this month. More details to come, everyone is welcome.

God Bless,
Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron

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

Children's Church will start back up the first Sunday in May and will continue each week. We will meet at 11:00 in the Auditorium Room of the Education Building. Bring your children over before you go into Church. Meeting there will allow us to practice Social Distancing and still have Church.

We will be asking for volunteers who want to assist with Children's Church. I have found a great program online that includes a Bible Study and crafts and may continue to use it. If you don't feel comfortable with your children attending, we will continue to send out lesson packages each Monday to those not in attendance. Please continue to Pray for our Children's program and our Church as we work to get things back in our lives.

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are planning to return to meeting at church on Wednesday nights starting May 5 at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night!

Camp Fundraiser

The youth sold Krispy Kreme donuts and certificates to help offset some of the cost of camp this year. This is the only fundraiser we have been able to have this year and we really appreciate the support you showed for our youth program! If you would like to donate more, you may contribute cash or check to BTC and indicate it is for our Youth camp trip.



Camp Caswell Meeting

We will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday May 12th at 6:30 in the FMC** for youth and parents to discuss Camp Caswell details. Please plan to attend to fill out paperwork and have it notarized. Contact Carrie please if you cannot attend so we can arrange for you to get the paperwork.

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

Sunday School will re-open on Sunday, May 2 from 10:00 - 10:45 in the following locations (remember to bring your mask):

Children's SS Classes: Education Building

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

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

Bible Learners: (Preschool-2nd Grade) (2nd Floor)

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

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

Adult Classes (Adults choose 1 of 2 locations to provide for Social Distancing):

Education Building Assembly Room: Lessons from Lifeway Quarterly (max 28)

(Various Teachers from Adult Classes)

FMC: Lessons on Miscellaneous Topics (max 60)

(Various Teachers beginning with Glen Brock and a Book Study from James)

Anyone willing to assist with temporarily teaching Sunday school for children, youth, or adults please contact Susan Andrews (919-418-8061)(swarha@aol.com) or Tonya Bailey (tjabailey@bellsouth.net).



An Old Fashioned Pounding:

A pound of coffee, a candle or two
A pound of nails or screws
Or Whatever you choose
Please join us for an old fashioned pounding to celebrate the
upcoming wedding of

Rebecca Boykin
To
Wesley Dunbar

Saturday, May 22, 2021
2-4pm floating

Oak Level Church, Fellowship Hall
2279 Cedar Creek Road
Youngsville, NC 27596

*If Covid restrictions are reinstated or if you do not feel comfortable coming inside,
please join us in a drive by celebration!

When you RSVP, please let us know if you are joining us in-person or our drive by celebration and the number attending.

Thank you in advance for helping us celebrate Wesley & Rebecca.

Please RSVP by May 8th to Sandra @ 919-928-2835.

Anyone willing to assist with VBS this summer, please contact Susan Andrews (919-418-8061) (swarha@aol.com) or Tonya Bailey (tjabailey@bellsouth.net). VBS ages are 3 yrs old - 5th Grade. Youth and adults are needed as helpers and teachers.

VBS will be in late June or early July! Be on the lookout for more details to come!



SAVE THE DATE

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School @10:00 am-10:45 am

Sunday Morning Sermon: Sanctuary, Facebook or Parking Lot on FM 87.7 @ 11:00 am

Tuesday Morning: Prayer Time @ 10:00am in the FMC

Wednesday Morning: Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping @9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday Night: Adult Bible Study, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends

Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, May 10th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Administrative Team Meeting: Monday, May 17th @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, May 24th @ 7:00pm in the FMC



May Birthdays

2nd	Faye Creech	22nd	Jack Bunn
	Shannon Melvin		Stan Pruden
3rd	Stephanie Brantley	25th	Scott Creech
7th	Lee Alford	26th	Ryan Alford
	John Edwards		Nicholas Carlyle
	Joey Renfrow	28th	Hayden McCall
8th	Doris D. Driver		Liggins
	Cathy Sasser	29th	Delanie Gilmore
9th	Robert Edwards		Larry Price
	Jake Strickland	30th	Nicholas Stevens
	Jane Strautnieks		
10th	Tyler Sloan		
	George Strickland		
12th	Tony Wilson		
	Jessica Pulley		
14th	Walt Dillon		
	Tommy Moore		
	Rose Pope		
16th	Zachary Adams		
	Michael Brown		
17th	Hailey Hilton		
	Montana Jackson		
18th	Tim Bailey		
	Steve White		
21st	Jerry Lee		



May Anniversaries

2nd	Sam & Jessica Walker
3rd	Randy & Joyce Creech
4th	Gerald & Charlene Price
6th	Eddie & Patty Perry
9th	Tommy & Christy Moore
11th	Bruce & Cheryl Whitley
12th	William & Erin Bell
	Steve & June White
18th	Sean & Shannon Melvin
20th	Ricky & Joan Watson
23rd	Richard & Phyllis Langston
24th	Alton & Charle' Johnson
25th	Jackie & Joan Hunter
26th	Ricky & Susan Andrews
	Ray & Allette Hale
30th	Craig & Wanda Custer

May Bible Reading Schedule

May 1	Ruth 3-4	May 16	1 Samuel 28-31
May 2	1 Corinthians 1-3	May 17	2 Corinthians 1-3
May 3	1 Corinthians 4-6	May 18	2 Corinthians 4-6
May 4	1 Corinthians 7-9	May 19	2 Corinthians 7-9
May 5	1 Corinthians 10-12	May 20	2 Corinthians 10-13
May 6	1 Corinthians 13-16	May 21	2 Samuel 1-3
May 7	1 Samuel 1-3	May 22	2 Samuel 4-6
May 8	1 Samuel 4-6	May 23	2 Samuel 7-9
May 9	1 Samuel 7-9	May 24	2 Samuel 10-12
May 10	1 Samuel 10-12	May 25	2 Samuel 13-15
May 11	1 Samuel 13-15	May 26	2 Samuel 16-18
May 12	1 Samuel 16-18	May 27	2 Samuel 19-21
May 13	1 Samuel 19-21	May 28	2 Samuel 22-24
May 14	1 Samuel 22-24	May 29	Galatians 1-3
May 15	1 Samuel 25-27	May 30	Galatians 4-6
		May 31	1 Kings 1-3



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

Dennis Adkins
Justin Allison
Anne Anderson
Kathy Ayscue
Fred Bailey
Natalie Bailey
Cub Barrow
Addie Batten
Jacob Briggerman
Melanie Brock
Carolyn Price Brown
Christin Brown
Lori Bunn
Ann & Russell Capps
Alma Gay Childers
Sue Cline
Ricky Corbett
Wendy Cox
Sharon Craven

George Creech
Greg & Donna Creech
Peggy Creech
Wayne Currie
Jane Denton
Tiffany Donovan
Charles Driver
David Driver
Greg Driver
Randy Driver
Rickie Driver
Phyllis Edwards
Linda Hammet
Brian Haynes
Mike Himmel
Elizabeth Hocutt
Sue Hocutt
Carl Holt
Jackie Hunter

Joan Hunter
Kenneth Jones
Abbi Kennedy
Wilbert Lanier
Katie Lewis
Beth McNeil
Scarlette Missineo
Ricky Narron
Milton Parrish
Jimmy Peck
Vickie Peters
April Poage
Franceline Price
Othell Price
Shaun & Joy Price
Joan Privette
Dolores Renfrow
Bailey Rhodes
Libby Seagroves

Bert Sellers
Ray Smith
Jamie Stanley
Linda Stevens
George Strickland
Linda Strickland
O.K. Strickland
Jack Thompson
Mark Watson
Nancy Watson
Teresa Wattenbarger
Mary Lou White
Billy Fay Wilson

New Prayer Needs

Margaret Andrews
Steven Batten
Annette Brock
Mike Ciampa
Andrew Daihl
Judy Davis
Robert Hocutt
Shirley Lane
Jessika Madjar
Anna Martin

Larry Price
Leslie Ragan
Joey Renfrow
Jacob Wilson
Unspoken Requests



From the Pastor's Desk:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

A few days ago, early in the morning, I was sitting on our front porch, watching the heavy rain fall and I was struck with an overwhelming sense of calm and peace. As the rain fell and the wind blew and one single wasp was also using the porch for cover, I was in awe of God's amazing creation. Everything seemed to *"fit"* together in a perfect symmetry of divine order. I got up and went inside and the news was on the television, and so much for my calm! Amazingly, in a veiled attempt to seem positive, the information that was being shared was negative and depressing. I immediately went back outside! So, what is the lesson from this? Are we really going to be alright? The answer is, **ABSOLUTELY!** God promised us that He has plans for us, that would not harm us, and that we will have hope and that He is always available. All we have to do is seek Him, in true faith, and He will be there with us and for us! As a believer, that excites me and fortifies my confidence that, as Mama said, *"Everything is going to be alright!"* Please guard what is coming into your mind and into your heart! Spend time in God's word and be encouraged that He really does have our best interest at heart. Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

