



From the Pastor's Desk

Thanksgiving was always (and still is) one of my favorite holidays. Mama always made our house smell of roasting turkey, of sweet potatoes cooking in the oven, pecan pies and pumpkin pies, and the unmistakable smell of collard greens simmering in the pan. Our home was the meeting place for family and friends and Mama was in her element, as she cooked all the food, so that her family and close friends could enjoy. We always had that one individual that I didn't want to be in the same county with, much less, eat with them, however, Mama always said that I had to act like I liked her, at least, for the short time she was with us. Mama knew that if I cultivated a tolerance for this person, and repeated it, that it would soon become a reality. Oh how right she was! I not only tolerated this person, I actually developed a fondness for her and the "act" did become reality! I thank God for Mama and her simple, yet profound wisdom and her ability to share it with her "hardheaded boy!" Those days are gone now, yet, the memories of those amazing days still linger in my mind, and believe it or not, our home is now the gathering place for family and friends, and Annette is the one cooking the amazing turkey and dressing and collard greens and all the trimmings. The venue has changed and the people have changed, yet the love and fellowship is just as sweet as those days gone by. As I reflect on this time and this opportunity, I am encouraged and excited about all of the blessings that we enjoy. I remember Mama's lesson, that all of us can act a certain way for a brief period of time, for instance, on Thanksgiving. Who of us hasn't had to act like we were glad that everyone was at the table? Remember, Mama's lesson that a brief show of good behavior is not true character. Our character is who we are when no one is looking. I am grateful to Mama, the first one who taught me how to be thankful and to be real doing it! Be Thankful, Be Gracious, and Be True!

Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor Glen & Annette

Memory Verse



"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

Psalm 27:17 KJV

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Food For Thought

I Count My Blessings

I count my daily blessings, Lord,
And try to count them all.
But, it's like counting all the stars at night
Or the raindrops, when they fall.

For, my blessings are so many
And my troubles are so few ...
That the good always outweighs the bad;
Due to blessings, sent from You.

So, Father, please forgive me
If I fail to count the ways ...
As you have blessed my life immensely,
Through your love that never strays.

- Vickie Lambdin

We are all blessed! Let us take time to be still and to count our blessings, name them one by one! Annette and I are so blessed to be serving our God, through Baptist Tabernacle, with such amazing folks like you. REMEMBER – THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

Sense of Humor

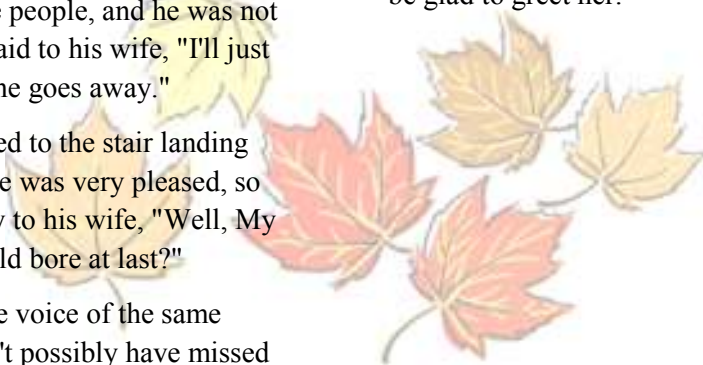
The Old Bore

A tired pastor was at home resting, and through the window he saw a woman approaching his door. She was one of those too-talkative people, and he was not anxious to talk with her. He said to his wife, "I'll just duck upstairs and wait until she goes away."

An hour passed, then he tiptoed to the stair landing and listened ... not a sound. He was very pleased, so he started down calling loudly to his wife, "Well, My Dear, did you get rid of that old bore at last?"

The next moment he heard the voice of the same woman caller, and she couldn't possibly have missed hearing him. Two steps down, he saw them both staring up at him. It seemed truly a crisis moment.

The quick-thinking pastor's wife answered, "Yes, Dear, she went away over an hour ago. But Mrs. Jones has come to call in the meantime, and I'm sure you'll be glad to greet her."



From the Administrative Team

The Administrative Team would like to thank the entire Church family on the successful pay-off of the Family Ministry Center Mortgage. This was a major accomplishment in the life of Baptist Tabernacle Church and everyone was a part of that accomplishment.

Thanks also for your participation in the 2015 Homecoming service. We had a wonderful crowd and a successful note burning. The final Homecoming Offering total was \$13,667.25 which will assist in paying expenses not covered by the insurance on the stolen air condition units and other mission activities of the Church. Additionally, the Administrative Team would like to thank the Fellowship Team on their organization and preparation for the Homecoming meal. The food and fellowship was wonderful as always!



The 2016 Church budget process has begun for the Administrative Team. Our October and November efforts will focus on preparing the budget for 2016. Thanks to those Ministry Teams that have already submitted your budget requests. If you have not, please turn them in to one of the Administrative Team members as soon as you can. As we work on the budget, we may be contacting you concerning the budget requests. Our goal as an effective Administrative Team responsible for the Church's finances is to prepare a reasonable and realistic budget for the Church each and every year. We want to be fair to all

teams' requests, but we want to be good stewards of the Lord's blessings for the Church. Everyone has their own opinions about how the money is spent, so we ask that everyone be in prayer for the budget process and the final budget for 2016.

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

Thanks,
Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Paul Brown
Members: Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)

Character of the Bible-Seth

Seth, in Judaism, Christianity, was the third son of Adam and Eve and brother of Cain and Abel, who were the only other of their children mentioned by name in the Hebrew Bible. According to Genesis 4:25, Seth was born after Abel's murder, and Eve believed God had appointed him as a replacement for Abel.

According to Genesis, Seth was born when Adam was 130 years old, "a son in his likeness and image."

Genesis 5:4-5 states that Adam fathered "sons and daughters" before his death, aged 930 years. According to the Bible, Seth lived to the age of 912.

Youth Happenings

The youth had an amazing time as we attended "Judgement House" on October 18th in Goldsboro! What a powerful presentation as we walked through the lives of 6 people whose lives changed in an instant and what led up to the events of that day. It really put in perspective just how important it is the way we live our lives and how tomorrow may be too late to give our lives to Jesus! If you have never been able to be a part of something like this I highly recommend you attend when you have the opportunity!

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or their time to help out with our Trunk or Treat and for our Bake Sale! Both events were a great time and we really appreciate your support.

Caswell mini-retreat

Please be in prayer for our youth and leaders as we depart on Friday, Nov. 6th for our mini retreat at Caswell. Pray for safe travels and that God will open all hearts and minds while we are there and that HE would touch us in a special way! All youth and leaders attending should be at the church and prepared to leave NO LATER THAN 1:00 on Friday and we will return Sunday, Nov. 8th!

FALL FEST

Fall Fest is quickly approaching us on Sat. Nov. 14th! We would love youth participation downstairs with Wayne and Pam Batten in the children's area. We have time slots available from 8-12. Please see Carrie Sellers if you are able to donate even 1 hour of your time to help in this area!

Samaritan's Purse Boxes

We are collecting items to fill our shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. We will collect these items up until Wed. Nov. 18th. We will then fill them in the FMC on Wed. Nov. 18th so they are ready for pickup on Sunday, Nov. 22nd! Please let me know if you are willing to send in items for this mission project!

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 6th@5:00!** There will be a youth Christmas party at Mrs. Carrie's house. Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift and a 2 liter drink!

God Bless,
Carrie Sellers



Sr.
Adults
At
Caswell

Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1 Jeremiah 22-24

Day 2 Jeremiah 25-27

Day 3 Jeremiah 28-30

Day 4 Jeremiah 31-33

Day 5 Jeremiah 34-36

Day 6 Jeremiah 37-39

Day 7 Jeremiah 40-42

Day 8 Jeremiah 43-45

Day 9 Jeremiah 46-48

Day 10 Jeremiah 49-52

Day 11 2 Peter 1-3

Day 12 Lamentations 1-3

Day 13 Lamentations 4-5

Day 14 Ezekiel 1-4

Day 15 Ezekiel 5-8

Day 16 Ezekiel 9-12

Day 17 Ezekiel 13-15

Day 18 Ezekiel 16-18

Day 19 Ezekiel 19-21

Day 20 Ezekiel 22-24

Day 21 Ezekiel 25-27

Day 22 Ezekiel 28-30

Day 23 Ezekiel 31-33

Day 24 Ezekiel 34-36

Day 25 Ezekiel 37-39

Day 26 Ezekiel 40-42

Day 27 Ezekiel 43-45

Day 28 Ezekiel 46-48

Day 29 1 John 1-5

Day 30 Daniel 1-3



Sr. Adults at Caswell

In September Billy & Rose Godwin, Pastor Glen & Annette, Paul & Carolyn Brown, Addie Batten, Dolores Renfrow, Emma Maidon, JoAnn Young, Franceline Price, Erma Adkins, Olivia Cooke, and Katie Lewis enjoyed our trip to Caswell. As we gathered to depart for Caswell that Monday morning, Annette shared with us beautiful butterfly pins for everyone to wear along with a poem titled "The Beautiful Butterfly"-In Memory of Judy Strickland. "It is said that when you see a butterfly it is someone in heaven reminding you of them, and giving you a reason to remember all the beautiful memories you shared with them. So share proudly and remember all of the good times!" -Dave Hedges.

As we joined hands to pray before departing, we prayed this simple prayer. "This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded it for. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; **in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.**"

At Caswell our speaker who led our morning worship and bible study was Ms. Phyllis Elvington. In the afternoons we enjoyed our free time by shopping, playing games, or just sitting in the porch rocking chairs and watching the boats go by. At night we had music and made our own ice cream sundaes with all kinds of toppings. A good time was had by all and we look forward to next year.

Olivia Cooke



Interesting Bible Facts

What is the oldest book in the Old Testament? Many scholars agree that Job is the oldest book in the Bible, written by an unknown Israelite about 1500 B.C. Others hold that the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) are the oldest books in the Bible, written between 1446 and 1406 B.C.

What is the youngest book in the Old Testament? The book of Malachi, written about 400 B.C.

What is the oldest book of the New Testament? Probably the book of James, written as early as A.D. 45.

What is the youngest book in the New Testament? The Book of Revelation is the youngest book of the New Testament, written about 95 A.D.



1st	Colin Creech	20th	Ron Diehl
2nd	Anthony Hill	21st	Danny Hocutt
3rd	Kaitlin Bailey		Joan Watson
	Tammy Sroka	22nd	Elizabeth Fuller
	Ricky Watson	23rd	Tim Davis
4th	Isaac Worley	24th	Chris Driver
5th	Carrie Sellers	25th	Lillie Marie Scott
6th	Jamy Wheeler		Scott Stewart
	Brittany Mack	26th	Annette Brock
9th	Pam Earp		Noah Justice
	R.J. Sellers, Jr	27th	Kayla Scott
	Allie Ann Sellers	28th	Lewis Carroll
10th	Scarlette O'Neal		Tommy Perry
12th	Kenneth Driver	29th	Jacob Worley
	Holly Van Tassel		
14th	Hannah Brannan		
	Celia Horton		
	Jessica Ragan		
16th	Phyllis Vermillion		
18th	Cheryl Whitley		
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	Garland Price		

Notable Quote

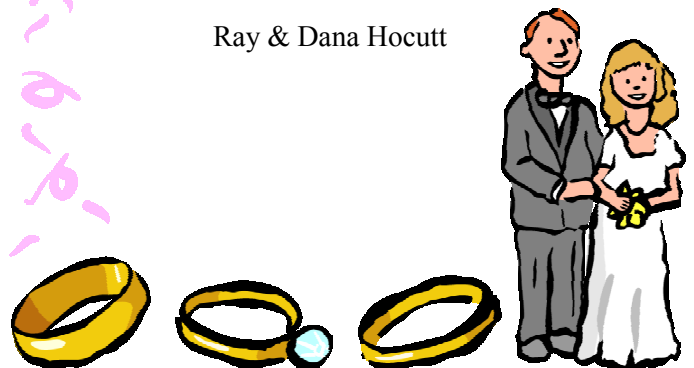
"Change your thoughts and you change the world"

-Norman Vincent Peale



November

2nd	Carl & Anna Creech
3rd	Glen & Celia Horton
7th	Randy & Dale Driver
8th	Robbie & Nicole Batten
13th	Mike & Susie Peoples
15th	Richard & Kathy Smith
22nd	Wayne & Kelly Currie
25th	Ron & Jan Diehl
	Ray & Dana Hocutt



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday





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

Wednesday

6:30-7:15pm 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

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Schedule 	2 6:30pm Baptist Men 7pm Kay Nowell BW	3 10am Triple L-prepare meal	4 Regular Schedule	5	6	7 Youth to Caswell 11/6-11/8
8 Regular Schedule 7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood Youth/Caswell	9 7pm Leadership Tm Mtg	10 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct.	11 Regular Schedule 	12	13 Fall Fest Set Up	14 7am-2pm 
15 Regular Schedule	16 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle 7pm Administrative Tm Mtg	17 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct. 7pm Levada Driver BW eat & visit	18 Regular Schedule	19	20	21
22 Regular Schedule Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser for Children's Home	23 7pm Deacons Mtg	24 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct. 6:30pm Thanksgiving Svc & Pie Night	25 No Services	26 Office Closed 10am-4pm FMC RSVD-Lou Carroll 	27 Office Closed	28
29 Regular Schedule	30					

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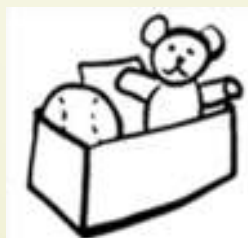
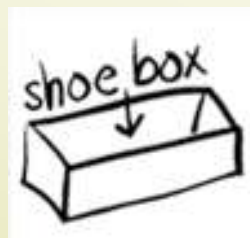
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**Shoebox deadline:
Sunday morning,
November 22**



**Shoeboxes and packing instructions are now
available in the Sanctuary vestibule!!**