



From the Pastor's Desk

It is hard to imagine that it is November already. The leaves are beginning to cover my yard and there is that familiar “nip” in the cool morning air. When I am outside, during my quiet time, the crisp morning air greets me like an old friend as we commune together. Every year, as I experience the climatic changes that November brings, I am transported back to my youth when raking the yard and preparing for winter always became a “family outing.” My mother would always use this time to teach me about the “cycle of Life.” She would tell me about the budding trees and how they would “Spring” to life with new foliage and bright green examples of vigor. As we raked, she would explain that it was all a part of God’s amazing plan that the leaves would “Fall.” (I just thought it was a plot to make me work!)... Each year, the lessons would become more about living with the realization that, one day, I would “Fall” myself. “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement...” (Hebrews 9:27). Amazingly, Mama would use ordinary things and experiences to teach and direct my life. She made sure that I understood that I needed to live with vigor and passion and “make hay while the sun is up!” November has, and always will, occupy a special spot in my database of memories. Now, six decades later, I still rake leaves and I still think back on those wonder-filled days of my youth. I pray that during this month, you will pause for a moment and Thank God for your blessings and take time to share with others about the Love of God and His blessings that are waiting to be shared and received! Happy Birthday Annette!... Happy Birthday Kayla! **REMEMBER: THE BEST IS YET TO BE!**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Glen

Memory Verse



“¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
(KJV)*

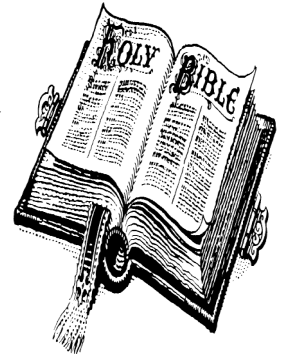
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Food For Thought

“The Bible in 50 Words”

God made. Adam bit. Noah arked. Abraham split. Jacob fooled. Joseph ruled. Bush talked. Moses balked. Pharaoh plagued. People walked. Sea divided. Tablets guided. Promise landed. Saul freaked. David peeked. Prophets warned. JESUS born. God walked. Love talked. Anger crucified. Hope died. Love rose. Spirit flamed. Word spread. GOD Remained!



“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)**

READ...PRAY...SHARE...PRAY...WITNESS...PRAY...PRACTICE...PRAY!

From the Missions Outreach Ministry Team

During the October Leadership Meeting, it was brought to our attention that a growing number of members designating “Community missions” on their weekly tithing envelopes. We thought it beneficial to make sure you are aware of how much of our financial giving at Baptist Tabernacle Church is being applied to demonstrating Christ’s love through Missions. We want you to feel the pride that comes from knowing that your generous financial support is being felt in our community, across North Carolina, and around the World.

Within our immediate community, you support the efforts of many local organizations through Community Missions. These include: 323 Ministry, House of Hope of Johnston County, Smithfield Rescue mission, Good Neighbor House, harbor House, Clayton Area Ministries, Angel Tree of Johnson County, and other numerous WMU-sponsored outreach activities of our Johnson Baptist Association. Each quarter, your Mission Team determines the most pressing needs among these community organizations and makes a cash contribution to assist in meeting their immediate needs.

Within the state of North Carolina, you also support the work of our Baptist men I Disaster Relief, Lay Renewal, Church Planting, Construction Programs, Medical and Dental Ministries; just to name a few. Also in North Carolina, you support our Baptist Children’s Home and our Baptist Hospitals. Our Global outreach ministry through Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Samaritan’s Purse-Operation Christmas Child donations continues to reach others for Christ beyond the borders of North Carolina.

These activities are so much a part of our culture at Baptist Tabernacle that you may not recognize how much you do contribute through special offering envelopes and Mission designated offerings. Just as a reminder, beginning in January of each calendar year, our Heck-Jones offering and Women’s Missionary Union (WMU)_ Week of Prayer results in the contribution of over \$500 to our NCWMU. In March of each year, our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering raises over \$2400 for North American Missions. In May, our Mother’s Day Offering contributes over \$1400 to the work of NC Baptist Hospitals. In September of this year, you contributed over \$2400 to our NC Missions Program. In November, we will contribute over \$2500 in support of our NC Baptist Children’s Homes. In December, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of over \$1200 will go to support missionaries around the world.

Right about now, you may well be thinking “How do I do all this?” You give every time you respond to our request for special emphasis giving almost every month of the year. You support the efforts of your Mission Team through a number of fundraiser. When you bake a cake for our BBQ or buy a raffle ticket at Fall Fest or make a donation to our Yard Sale or attend our Vendor Fair or have a “soup and Sandwich” lunch in the Family Ministry Center, you give. Each year our Church budget establishes monthly donations to other specific programs such as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Association Missions. These are funded by your regular Sunday tithes and offerings (cash and checks received in the Sunday Morning offerings and otherwise undesignated offerings in the Sunday School envelopes). You also give to meet local needs when you write “Community Missions” on your weekly tithing envelope.

“Thank You” for your continued generous support of the mission activities of our Baptist Tabernacle Church.

From the Administrative Team

The end of the year is fast approaching. As a reminder to all the Ministry Teams, remember to check the latest Deposits and Disbursements. Spreadsheets to review the amounts left in your 2016 Budget. Monies budgeted in 2016 will not carry over to 2017. 2016 budgeted amounts are to be spent in 2016 and the amount to be spent in 2017 is to be established and voted on by the Church in the 2017 Budget. A special Church Conference will be called in December to vote on the 2017 Budget, since it will be effective January 1, 2017. Copies of the Deposits and Disbursements Spreadsheets along with the latest Checking Account Summary are placed in the vestibule of the Sanctuary monthly for you to pick up and review.

We mention this since it is November and we are working diligently on the Church Budget for 2017. This is always a challenging time of year for the Ministry Teams, The Administrative Team, and the Church. It is the time that we use to estimate the Church's income for the next year and what the expenditures are planned to be. We have asked each of the Ministry Team leaders to prepare a list of what their needs are for the upcoming year along with the justifications for those needs. Our goal is to balance the two so we can have an effective and balanced budget and determine the best and most accurate Budget for 2017. We use this information along with the expenditures in the past year to establish a budget. Again, this is not an easy task and requires a lot of work and discussion. We occasionally need to touch base with the Ministry Team leaders for additional information related to their specific needs. Hopefully, we can establish a budget that is satisfactory to each of the Ministry Teams, meets the

needs of the Church, and still fit within the confines of the Church's income. As you well know as homeowners: you can't spend more than what you earn, so we need to balance this carefully. We try our best to determine a good estimate of what we will receive and as estimate of what we will spend.

As we work through this process during November, we ask the Church that you continue to be in prayer for the Ministry Teams, the Administrative Team, and the Church as we work our way through the process of establishing a realistic budget for the Church.

Thanks,

Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Kelly Currie

Members: Allette Hale, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)

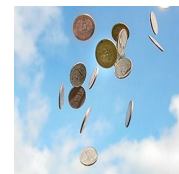
Sense of Humor "The Coin Toss"

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late!" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken too long," said the friend.

"Well, I had to toss it 35 times."



Quote:

“No one can pray and worry at the same time. When we worry, we aren’t praying. When we pray, we aren’t worrying.” Max Lucado.



Youth Happenings

Missions Opportunities

The youth spent some time visiting with the residents at Robinwood and dropping off some Fall goodie bags last month and it was a huge blessing! Thank you to all youth who helped participate in any way!

Sarah Hughes, director at House of Hope in Clayton came to speak to our youth last month as well. Our youth learned who the center is for and what they do for these special girls. We are planning to visit their center on **Wednesday, November 2nd** and deliver some freezer meals which is a need for this center. If you would like to learn more about this center check out their website www.houseofhopeofnc.com.

We will also be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. All youth should bring in their assigned items and plan to pack these shoeboxes on **Wednesday, November 16th** in the FMC!

Fall Fest

The youth are donating a handmade wooden box that is 18 x 18 x 30. This box can be used as a toy box or just a pretty box to store special items in. The youth will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 for this item at Fall Fest. You can also see the youth prior to the event to purchase tickets as well.

Youth volunteers are needed in the following areas at Fall Fest: Raffle ticket table, yard sale area, and kid area with Pam & Wayne Batten. If any youth can donate some of their time on Nov. 12th please see Carrie!!

May God’s richest blessings be upon all during the time of Thanksgiving! God Bless!

Carrie

BTC Missions

Our Missions offering for November goes to BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME—I AM STONG, I AM VALUED, I AM LOVED, I AM GOD’S CHILD.

Through your prayers and support, a child comes to a safe BCH home where he doesn’t have to worry about being hurt. A child who could only depend on a local soup kitchen or school cafeteria for food is fed nutritious meals three times a day. A child who has lost all trust in adults find Christian houseparent's who love her with the unconditional love of Jesus. Your offering provides a child all of these things. It shows her she is valued and loved. Most importantly, your offering gives us the greatest privilege of all—the opportunity to introduce children to THE GREAT I AM.

With 80% of the children coming to BCH unchurched and unreached, this offering makes it possible for them to hear the Gospel. The BCH ministered to 21, 876 children and adults in 2015.

Please use your BCH Offering Envelope or write BCH on the Mission line of your regular white envelope. Any questions please see Olivia Cooke.

Thanks for your support!

Missions Team

Evangelism Team

The Evangelism Team continues to send welcome cards to all our visitors each Sunday. If you bring a friend, please encourage them to fill out a card so we can acknowledge their visit. It is a pleasure to sell all the new people that visit us and often times they become a member of our fellowship.

Senior Adults Team

The Senior Adults have been very busy this month. Fourteen Senior adults attended the retreat at Camp Caswell. The food and fellowship with others from the area was a real blessing. The 25 Seniors attended the Conference at Trinity Baptist church in Meadow. The meal was catered by the Meadow Restaurant. Fun was had by all.

Also each first Tuesday in the month food is prepared and taken to the homebound in our community. This serves about 25 people and then those preparing the meal enjoy some fellowship together. The third Tuesday each month we meet at 10:00 for fun and games. After the games we go out to eat by drawing a favorite restaurant from the suggestions given by individuals. Please come and join us some time real soon.

God Bless,

The Senior Adult Co Chairs

Interesting Bible Facts

The word "Lord" appears 1855 times in the Bible. The word "God" appears in every book except Esther and Song of Solomon.



November

1st	Colin Creech		Joan Watson
	Jane Strickland	22nd	Elizabeth Fuller
2nd	Anthony Hill	23rd	Tim Davis
3rd	Kaitlin Bailey	24th	Chris Driver
	Tammy Sroka	25th	Lillie Marie Scott
	Ricky Watson		Scott Stewart
4th	Isaac Worley	26th	Annette Brock
5th	Carrie Sellers		Noah Justice
6th	Jamy Wheeler	27th	Kayla Scott
	Brittany Mack	28th	Lewis Carroll
9th	Pam Earp		Tommy Perry
	R.J. Sellers, Jr.	29th	Jacob Worley
	Allie Ann Sellers		
12th	Kenneth Driver		
	James Ray Ferrell		
	Holly Van Tassel		
14th	Hannah Brannan		
	Celia Horton		
	Jessica Ragan		
16th	Phyllis Vermillion		
18th	Cheryl Whitley		
19th	Helen Johnson		
	Garland Price		
20th	Ron Diehl		
21st	Danny Hocutt		

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 & Jane Diehl
	Ray & Dana Hocutt



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

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

November 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am Triple L- Prepare meal	2 <i>Regular Service</i>	3	4	5
6 Regular Service Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 6:30 Baptist Men	8 Election Day	9 Regular Service	10	11	12	
13 Regular Service Pastor Glen @ Robin- wood.	14 7 pm Leadership Team Meeting	15 10 am Tripe L-Fun, Games, Lunch 7 pm Levada Driver	16 Regular Service	17	18	19	
20 Regular Service Regular Service	21 1 pm Vera Hocutt Prayer Group 7 pm Administrative Team meeting	22 10 am Judy Strick- land Prayer Group 6:30 pm Prayer / Pie Night	23 No service	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiv- ing</i>	25	26	
27 Regular Service 1st Sunday of Advent	28 7 pm Deacon's Meeting	29	30				

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Being Thankful

This month, we not only celebrate Thanksgiving but we also have to make a big decision on who will be our next President of the United States. We need to pray and ask God for guidance in choosing the right person to run our country. However; we need to stop what we are doing and give thanks to God for what he has given and done for us. God has given each and every one of us families to love, jobs to be able to provide for our families, churches to attend and be taught about him and his word. Schools for our children to get an education, as well as other things. As we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th; lets all be thankful and enjoy spending time with our families. But most of all, remember that when we sit down to eat that we take a moment to pray and thank God for all he has done for us. To God Be the Glory for All That he Has Done!

