

Baptist Tabernacle Church

October 2020 Newsletter

BTC Update

We are now open for Worship Service.

Congregation members will be expected to show their love for others by:

- ◆ **Wearing a Mask**
- ◆ **Staying 6 feet apart**
- ◆ **Using Hand Sanitizer**

Entrances & Exits will be limited to 2 areas in order to reduce cleaning & sanitizing. Congregation will be ushered in & out in order to maximize the seating space within the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Our Memory Verse for October is:

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 KJV

October Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1	Solomon 5-8	Day 16	Isaiah 43-45
Day 2	James 1-5	Day 17	Isaiah 46-48
Day 3	Isaiah 1-3	Day 18	Isaiah 49-51
Day 4	Isaiah 4-7	Day 19	Isaiah 52-54
Day 5	Isaiah 8-10	Day 20	Isaiah 55-57
Day 6	Isaiah 11-13	Day 21	Isaiah 58-60
Day 7	Isaiah 14-17	Day 22	Isaiah 61-63
Day 8	Isaiah 18-21	Day 23	Isaiah 64-66
Day 9	Isaiah 22-25	Day 24	1 Peter 1-5
Day 10	Isaiah 26-28	Day 25	Jeremiah 1-3
Day 11	Isaiah 29-30	Day 26	Jeremiah 4-6
Day 12	Isaiah 31-33	Day 27	Jeremiah 7-9
Day 13	Isaiah 34-36	Day 28	Jeremiah 10-12
Day 14	Isaiah 37-39	Day 29	Jeremiah 13-15
Day 15	Isaiah 40-42	Day 30	Jeremiah 16-18
		Day 31	Jeremiah 19-21

SAVE THE DATE

Every Sunday Morning: Pastor Glen's Facebook Live @ 10:00 am

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

October 4th: Homecoming (No Meal)

October 12th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 6:30pm in FMC

October 19th: Administration Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in FMC

October 26th: Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00pm in FMC

October 27th: O.W.L.S @ 9:30am in FMC

October 31st: Trunk or Treat 6:00pm to 8:00pm



October Birthdays

2nd Jan Diehl
Cathy Lockleair
3rd Randy Creech
Rosie Justice
4th Samantha Bunn
Randy Driver
Leena Wheeler
5th Sherrie Alford
7th Zackary Worley
Kylie Liles
8th Gerald Price
9th Donnie Coley, Jr.
10th Luna Parrish
Caroline Upchurch
12th Neal Driver
Anna Walters
13th Jimmy Bergeron
14th Lauren Parker
15th Olivia Cooke
16th Fred Coates
17th Tracey Hudson
18th Les Brown
Shelley Wright
Vickie Renfrow
19th Pastor Glen Brock
Bill Hinnant

20th Charlene Price
Vickie Vaughan
Lance Wheeler
24th Carol Himmel
25th Vondell Badger
Tony Creech
26th Neal Batten
Tom Vaughan
Jordan Liles
28th Vance Adkins
29th Betty Shirley
Pam Maynor
31st Wanda Custer
Brad Hales
Brian Hales
Brennan Hales



October Anniversaries

1st John & Hannah Headrick
3rd Aaron & Pam Rice
5th Jamy & Kathy Wheeler
6th Charlie & Hannah Norwood
8th Robbie & Tammy Edwards
16th Rob & Carol Himmel
20th Tom & Vickie Vaughan
22nd Lucas and Heather Lane
29th Glen & Annette Brock
30th Danny & Jean Hocutt

Building Re-opening Guidelines 2020

1. Facebook LIVE Sermons will continue at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning from Strickland's Funeral Home for those members who are not ready to enter the Sanctuary for Worship Services – (Thank you Sean Bannon, Glen Brock, and DJ & Kayla Scott)
2. Sunday School Classes are currently suspended due to the inability to socially distance within the majority of our classes. In addition, Sunday School teachers are being contacted to determine their level of comfort in returning to teach.
3. Worship Service in Sanctuary (repeat of Facebook LIVE sermon)
 - a. START DATE – September 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
 - b. Please come prepared to show your love and care for others by:
 - i. waiting 6 ft apart
 - ii. wearing a mask
 - iii. washing hands or using hand sanitizer
 - c. Enter through Sanctuary doors ONLY
 - d. Ushers will seat you to maximize the capacity and provide seating 6' apart, and families will be seated together
 - e. Order of Service: Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns, Prayer, Sermon, Closing
 - i. Service will be 20-30 minutes in length
 - ii. Singing has been removed to reduce the virus spread through air borne particles
 - iii. Childcare and Children's Church are not available
 - iv. Offering plates will not be passed, and offering collection boxes will be provided in Vestibule and FMC Breezeway to use as you exit
 - f. Ushers will release rows at end of service
 - i. Seating on FMC Side: exit from FRONT row using side aisle, through stained glass doors and out the FMC Breezeway doors
 - ii. Seating on Piano Side: exit from BACK row using center aisle, through front doors
 - g. FMC Restrooms will be available
4. Homecoming Worship Service (Facebook LIVE & Sanctuary): October 4, 2020
 - a. Guest Speaker: Clint Andrews, P.O. Box 887, Wendell, NC 27591
 - b. NO MEAL following the service
 - c. Same procedures as outlined above
5. Updates to these guidelines will be posted in our monthly Newsletter and on our website: baptisttabernaclechurch.net

In addition, the Sanctuary and FMC will also be open and available for meetings where socially distancing and CDC guidelines of 25 inside can be observed. *Leaders of activities/meetings are expected to use the provided sanitizing spray on any surfaces that have been touched by their members upon leaving so the room is ready for the next group.*

- The following activity requests have been **approved** by the Leadership Team: OWLS meetings, Judy Strickland Prayer Group, Mission Team meetings, Deacon's meetings, yard sale donations and shopping with dates & guidelines to come, Board of Elections (11-3-20), funerals, bereavement meals for families, weddings, receptions, and Trunk or Treat in lower parking area (10-31-20).
- The following activity request has been **denied** by the Leadership Team: Homecoming Meal (due to number of people gathering)
- Please submit your meeting request to Ashelyn Briggerman, Church Secretary for Leadership Team review. Leadership Team meetings occur on the 2nd Monday night of each month. Once the Leadership Team approves/denies requests, you will be notified.

On Sunday mornings, if you feel sick, have a fever, or have any COVID-19 symptoms...PLEASE STAY HOME. We are striving to have a safe re-opening of BTC church buildings. Thank you for your cooperation!

In HIS Hands!

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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



During our September meeting, we welcomed Olivia Cooke and Sonny Trippe to the Deacon Board for the next 3 years. We look forward to working together as a team in order to further the work of our church. The following new officers were elected: Chair: Susan Andrews, Vice Chair: Wayne Batten, Secretary: Lou Carroll, Devotion Leader: Aaron Johnson. Please be in prayer for all of our Deacons.

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

Once again we held our monthly meeting via ZOOM, during which we discussed the Monthly Financial Reports, Edward Jones investments, a couple of revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws, and some additional guidelines for posting on the Baptist Tabernacle Church Facebook page. If you are on the Church Facebook page, be on the lookout for some additional guidance on posting. They will be listed on the Facebook page in the form of Posting Rules.

Thanks so much for continuing to support the Church through your tithes and offerings. They have remained strong through the summer but did drop somewhat during August. As the Church doors reopen for Worship, you can continue to give your offering personally at church or you can mail them to the Church at P. O. Box 981, Wendell, NC 27591, Attention: Luna Parrish or the Church address. Just please continue to support the Church with your tithes and offerings.

We continue monitoring the funds that we have invested with Edward Jones. During August, they did fluctuate somewhat but we are watching their performance and will make adjustments as needed to ensure we are getting the most of the investments. We continued to discuss developing a plan for the use of the remaining money on the Edward Jones account. Our goal is to use the funds wisely and use them on projects where we get the most for our money. We also do not want to use the money to supplement our Church budget, since it is based on the tithes and offerings that we receive during the year. We will have that proposal in the next couple of months for the Church review and approval.

We do anticipate returning to our regular meetings for the October meeting, obviously practicing the three W's: Wear a mask, Wash our hands, and Wait 6 feet apart. We will be social distancing during the meetings trying to protect each other from contracting the COVID-19.

Remember, in the words of Pastor Glen – "The Best is Yet to Be!"

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 doing well. No new projects at this time. That's all for now. May God Bless All of You!

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

Hello everyone,

Sunday School materials are continuing to be mailed to the students. The adult Sunday School materials have been delivered. We hope to be together soon.

"Any Sunday School Teacher that would like to offer their Sunday School lesson via Zoom, please contact Susan Andrews."

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

It was wonderful to finally be back in our church building this past Sunday! The youth will hopefully be able to meet back together soon in our church building as well. We are prayerfully considering our options for activities and summer camp for next year. Please be in prayer with us as we make these decisions.

God Bless, Carrie Sellers & Youth Team

Mission Team (Jeany O’Neal-Team Leader/Annette Ragan-Co-Leader):

Basement Yard Sale is Open!

Donations and shopping in the Family Ministry Center’s basement yard sale have gotten the “green light” from Leadership to open back up, and we are ready for you. We have spent a lot of time during the last few months sorting and rearranging. We have a lot of new items that have been displayed and now is a great time to go shopping, since there are very few people there.

We do need to follow certain safety guidelines, especially when shopping, and would most appreciate your compliance and cooperation. Everyone talks about the 3 W’s – wash your hands, walk 6 feet apart, and wear your mask. Do it! We will also have hand sanitizer available for your use.

Donations:

- If you need assistance getting in the basement or unloading, call Sonny Trippe at 919-375-4804 to arrange a time.
- Drop off any donations just inside the back door. Do not leave anything upstairs or outside.
- Please do NOT put any donations away.
- Do not bring anything that is stained, torn, dirty, broken, missing pieces, etc.
- Please, no old-style TV’s.
- Before bringing any large furniture items at this time, please call Sonny Trippe FIRST at 919-375-4804 to determine if we have space.



Shopping:

- When shopping, please follow safety guidelines.
- Any shopping should be done in small numbers or family groups.
- Shopping times can be arranged by calling Sonny or Sandy Trippe (919-375-4804/919-210-6235). We can meet you there to unlock the gate and back door.
- Most items are now priced. If you find an item that is not priced, please put “Sold” and your name on it and get with Sonny to determine price.
- There is a donation box in the center hallway area (where pay table is) to leave your payment. If you are uncomfortable leaving payment, contact Sonny Trippe. Also, if you write a check and send it with your tithes, please note “Missions” with that check.
- We are exploring the idea of letting folks know when we are there working, perhaps through the BTC Facebook page, to allow them to know the hours when the doors are unlocked and times for shopping are available.

When you leave, if you have unlocked the gate and door, make sure to lock the door and that it is shut good. And then, please lock the gate correctly (to accommodate the power company). Quite often when we arrive, we are still finding the gate locked wrong. There are two combination locks – one belonging to the power company and one to us. Lock them together. Do not lock one combination lock into the chain. We don’t know yet if we will be able to have our annual Fall Fest and all the big “doings” that go with that. We are planning for it and hoping to see it happen. In the meantime, we are keeping the yard sale active. If you have any questions, please give Sonny or Sandy a call.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



Hope everyone is well and ready to get back together, it won’t be long now. Our first meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 27 at 9:30 am in the FMC.

God Bless,
Olivia and Patsy

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

Due to all Church programs being cancelled for now, Pam and I have been making packets for Children's Church participants and mailing to them each week. We hope your children like them. Please do these activities as a family and consider posting photos to our Church Facebook Page.

Mark Your Calendar!!!!

Trunk or Treat WILL be held October 31, 2020, **Yes** that is Halloween Night, in the parking lot with the basketball goals. We used this location in years past and with the updated lighting, it will work great. Please see the Volunteer sign up information and the Trunk or Treat Flyer attached to this information. We hope to see a lot of you on October 31.

What is Trunk or Treat? It is a SAFE way for area children to Trick or Treat. We are asking our Church members, classes, groups to consider setting up a Trunk area with candy for the children. Please select a Bible Verse and decorate your Trunk area around that theme. You can distribute candy from the trunk of your car, from a truck, from a table, whatever works for you. This year I am suggesting you pre-bag the candy so as to minimize contact with it.

Who is invited? All children are invited to visit us for Trunk or Treat. We ONLY allow Church members and groups to distribute candy. We will have a registration area and all children will get an arm band, information on Church activities for children and parents will sign a release of liability waiver form BEFORE the children begin visiting the trunks for candy. We will NOT have Face Painting this year.

What can you do to assist us? If you would like to participate by having a "Trunk", please contact Wayne (910) 620-0582 or Pam (919-801-7327) and signing up. We need to know how much area you need and what your Bible Verse theme will be. Please see the **Help Wanted Sign Up** at the end of this section for information we need when you call us. **We will ask all Trunk participants to be at the Church no later than 5:30 that night to get your assigned spot.** Let me know if you need to come in earlier to begin setting up. We need volunteers to assist with registering children and getting parent's to sign waiver of liability sheets. I will have those printed and ready for the event. We also need some volunteers to distribute information flyers and take around door hang tags to local communities. Our Youth have been doing the door tags and I hope they can help again this year. Let me know if you need flyers and I will get them to you or have Ashelyn keep some available at Church.

WHO SHOULD NOT ATTEND???? If you or anyone you are around has a fever or has tested Positive for Covid19 in the past 2 weeks, **PLEASE do not come and do not send your family.** We will be glad to provide candy bags for any children who may not be able to attend due to this if you let us know. If you are not comfortable being around groups of people, please do not attend.

What else can I do? Please be praying for our Country, or Church, our families and friends for all of us to have a Safe and Pleasant Trunk or Treat and Fall Season.





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
- *Furniture Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

Johnny Ammons	Lonnie Fox	Sharon May	Gary Smith
Dennis, Ann, Vondell, & Dennis, Jr. Badger	Molly Gant	Pam Maynor	Heather Smith
Addie Batten	Chris Gay	SPC Patrick McCann	Luke Smith
Mildred Beasley	Jenny Gay	Beth McNeil	Kessler Sorrell
Bruce & Judy Brantley	Ben Green	Megan Missineo	Angie Stallings
Melanie Brock	Dan & Nancy Gullifer	Scarlette Missineo	Bobby Stevens
Mark Byrd	Ron Hart Sr.	Tommy & Christie Moore	Linda Stevens
Taylor Capps	Brian, Katrine & Dylan Haynes	Pam Narron	John Sutton
Christina Chamberlain	Elizabeth Hocutt	Steven Narron	Jerry Watkins
Brenda Champion	Robert Hocutt	Kimberly Padgett	Nancy Watson
Brandy Crawford	Sue Hocutt	Garland Price	Billy Faye Wilson
George Creech	Carl Holt	Larry Price	Joann Young
Steve Currin	Joan Hunter	Shaun & Joy Price	
Gydelle Denton	Becky Ives	Rebecca Ragan	
Charles Driver	Lee Johnson	Spencer Ragan	
Tony Driver	Abbi Kennedy	Bethany Scott	
Robert Earp	Shirley Lane	Natalie Shirley	
		Marie Shuman	

New Prayer Needs

Freddie Batten	Ronnie Faulkner	Kenneth Morgan	Gary Tant
Sgt. Dakota Bennett	Teresa Faulkner	Teresa Morgan	Sgt. Joey Wheeler
Ricky Bunn	Fred Flowers	Kenneth Nowell	Sue Wood
Beverly Briggerman	Jackie French	Jeany O'Neal	Haven Woodard
Christin Brown	Charlie Hairr	Danny Ray Parrish	Unspoken Requests
Russell Capps	Mike Himmel	Jimmy Peck	
Sue Cline	Tracey Hudson	Lamar Pender	
Faye Creech	Jackie Hunter	Othell Price	
Jammie Creech Family	Beverly Ide	Joan Privette	
Judy Davis	Kenneth Jones	David Ragan	
Ron & Jan Diehl	Sonja Lee	Dolores Renfrow	
Bill Driver	Katie Lewis	Ray Smith	
David Driver	Emma Maidon	George Strickland	
Doris Driver Family	Glenn Moore	Roger Strickland	

From the Pastor's Desk:

As I reflect on the month of October, I recognize that this month has played a major role in my life. Some of the events that have occurred in October: I was born... my daddy was born...our grandbaby was born...we were married...I accepted Christ as my Savior...I was baptized...I went to my first dance...I got my Driver's License...I preached my first sermon...so, October is a special month for me!

Friends, I pray that you will make October the month that you will commit to Christ, with all of your mind, body and soul and that you will serve Him in obedience. We are in some trying times and these times require true and dedicated commitment to the cause of Christ! Let October be the time to embrace His Love, Commit to His Service and to Enjoy the Life that He has provided. I am so grateful to be serving our God through Baptist Tabernacle and to be serving with each one of you! Colossians 3:15 says clearly, the message for this month...*"And let the Peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and BE THANKFUL!"*

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

