

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Ordinary Just Isn't Enough

For some time, The Pastor had a church member provide him with a rose boutonniere to pin on the lapel of his suit every Sunday. Because he always got a flower on Sunday morning, he really did not think much of it. It was a nice gesture that became routine. One Sunday, however, what he considered ordinary became very special. As he was leaving the Sunday service a young man approached and said, "Sir, what are you going to do with your flower?" At first he did not know what the boy was talking about, but then he understood. He said, "Do you mean this?" as he pointed to the rose pinned to his coat. He said, "Yes sir. I would like it if you are just going to throw it away." The little boy said, "Sir, I'm going to give it to my granny. My mother and father got divorced last year. I was living with my mother, but I could not stay, so she sent me to live with my grandmother. She has been so good to me that I want to give that pretty flower to her for loving me." When the little boy finished, the Pastor could hardly speak. His eyes filled with tears and he knew he had been touched in the depths of his soul. He reached up and unpinned his flower. With the flower in his hand, he looked at the boy and said, "Son, that is the nicest thing I have ever heard, but you can't have this flower because it's not enough. If you'll look in front of the pulpit, you'll see a big bouquet of flowers. Different families buy them for the church each week. Please take those flowers to your granny because she deserves the very best." If he hadn't been touched enough already, he made one last statement and the Pastor will always cherish it. He said, "What a wonderful day! I asked for one flower but got a beautiful bouquet." What a blessing to be blessed, and what a privilege to be a blessing...Remember, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!!!

## Memory Verse



*“My brethren,  
count it all joy when  
ye fall into divers  
temptations; Know-  
ing this, that the trying of our faith  
worketh patience.”*

*James 1:2-3 (KJV)*

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## Food For Thought-How Much Does A Prayer Weigh?

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Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store. Visualizing the family needs, she said: "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, as she did not have a charge account at his store. Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir" "O.K." he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries." Louise, hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head

still bowed. The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer which said: "Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands." The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny of it." It was some time later that the grocer discovered the scales were broken; therefore, only God knows how much a prayer weighs. Have a blessed day! (Author Unknown- Sourced from *Inspire21.com*.)

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**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
BASH**

Wednesday, September 2nd  
6:00pm in the FMC  
All children 3yrs-6th Grade



Hot Dogs,  
Games & Prizes

## From the Administrative Team

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Just a reminder for all Church members; the Family Ministry Center will be paid off with the September monthly payment!!! This is MAJOR for the Church. We are very proud of the facilities of the Church and are very proud of the Church members for making this happen early. We are looking forward to having a Note burning at Homecoming 2015. Please plan to attend to celebrate Homecoming and be a part of the Note burning!

This month we continue with explanation of the responsibilities of the Administrative Team by reviewing The Administrative Team's responsibility in oversight of the Church office activities, including Church administrative equipment (computers and printer/copier, etc.), and Website development and maintenance.

The Administrative Team is responsible for the following Church office activities:

- Office supplies and Newsletter Postage – The Church Secretary is responsible for purchasing the needed office supplies. The Administrative Team periodically reviews the purchase of these supplies to ensure they are appropriate and the best value for the Church. We also ensure that the newsletter postage is available for mailing of the newsletters. These items are budget line items in the annual Church budget.
- Banking needs and associated Banking Fees – The Administrative Team selected the bank that the Church uses for its checking and savings accounts. We are continually reviewing the banking fees and associated banking activities to ensure that the Church is getting the best value for our banking needs. Any changes to the banking information are approved by the Church during Church Conferences. Additionally, the Administrative Team is responsible to manage any other funds that the Church may have, such as the CD that we have through the Baptist State Convention Financial Service. Again, any investments made by the Administrative Team are approved by the Church.
- New Equipment – The Administrative Team reviews the equipment needs of the Church office, including computers, calculators, printers, copiers, fax machines, etc. We periodically review the needs of the Church office and recommend any needed additions or replacements. This also in-

cludes adding or upgrading computer software. We rely heavily on one of our Church members (Vance Adkins) to provide computer and computer software expertise to ensure that we have the most up-to-date computer hardware and software. All equipment needs are also approved by the Church during Church Conference.

- Copier service contract and Copier/Printer Lease Fee – The Church leases the current Copier and Printer that is used in the Church office. We annually review the agreements that we have to ensure that we are getting the best value for our use. This also included the maintenance contract that we have on the equipment as well as paper being used. This information is included in the annual Church budget.
- Offering Envelopes – Although not a major job responsibility, this is one that must be done. We are responsible for ordering and ensuring the offering envelopes are passed out each year. Also, part of this responsibility is to maintain each individual's contributions annually. Although this is a responsibility of the Administrative Team, it is handled solely by the Church Treasurer with all information relative to individual's contributions being maintained confidential.
- Website Development and Maintenance – This is one of the newest responsibilities of the Administrative Team. We started this several years and are constantly working with the Web Master (Vance Adkins) to ensure that the website is maintained up-to-date and available to all individuals. Again, this is currently being handled by one of our Church members with oversight provided by the Administrative Team.

We hope this continued effort to explain the duties of the Administrative Team helps you understand better what the Administrative Team does for the Church. And as always, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any member concerning any of these items. This concludes the series on the responsibilities of the Administrative Team. We hope that has been informative to you and you have a better understanding of the Administrative Team.

## Youth Happenings

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We are excited to begin a new year in our youth program! We are welcoming a few new members and we are looking forward to an amazing year with these young people! We kicked this year off with a trip to YouthFest where we enjoyed games, food, Christian bands, and most importantly fellowship with each other.

On Wednesday nights we will resume our Wednesday night outreach and also continue with our Bible study on "Soul Surfer: Catching God's Wave For Your Life". We are also anticipating our upcoming Fall retreat to Caswell in November. This year's retreat is called "Ignite Your Life" and the weekend speaker will be EJ Swanson and there will also be a special concert on Saturday night with the "Time of Your Life" tour!

We are planning on returning to Caswell next summer for youth camp. We are not sure of our camp dates yet, but will hopefully know shortly after the beginning of the year. In preparation for our trip we will be holding our first fundraiser on **Saturday, Sept. 26th**. We will be holding a Bake Sale in Wendell in front of Aubrey & Peedie's Grill from 7:00-1:00. Any donation of baked goods is greatly appreciated :)!

Please continue to lift each young person and leader up in your prayers! We are so blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family. Thank you

again for all of your support as we move forward with our youth!

God Bless,  
Carrie



## Sense of Humor

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Father John is walking down the street one day when he notices a Nathan, a very small boy, trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, Nathan is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Father John moves closer to Nathan's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.



Crouching down to Nathan's level, Father John smiles benevolently and asks, 'And now what, my little man?'

To which Nathan replies with a beaming grin, 'Now we run!'



## Bible Reading Schedule

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Day 1 Psalm 107-109	Day 16 Proverbs 13-15
Day 2 Psalm 110-115	Day 17 Proverbs 16-18
Day 3 Psalm 116-118	Day 18 Proverbs 19-21
Day 4 Psalm 119:1-88	Day 19 Proverbs 22-24
Day 5 Psalm 119:89-176	Day 20 Proverbs 25-27
Day 6 Psalm 120-127	Day 21 Proverbs 28-31
Day 7 Psalm 128-134	Day 22 Hebrews 1-4
Day 8 Psalm 135-138	Day 23 Hebrews 5-7
Day 9 Psalm 139-142	Day 24 Hebrews 8-10
Day 10 Psalm 143-146	Day 25 Hebrews 11-13
Day 11 Psalm 147-150	Day 26 Ecclesiastes 1-4
Day 12 Titus, Philemon	Day 27 Ecclesiastes 5-8
Day 13 Proverbs 1-4	Day 28 Ecclesiastes 9-12
Day 14 Proverbs 5-8	Day 29 Solomon 1-2
Day 15 Proverbs 9-12	Day 30 Solomon 3-4



## Bible Character-Rachel

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Rachel is first mentioned in the Hebrew Bible in Genesis 29 when Jacob happens upon her as she is about to water her father's flock. She was the second daughter of Laban, Rebekah's brother. Jacob had traveled a great distance to find Laban. Rebekah had sent him there to be safe from his furious twin brother, Esau.

During Jacob's stay, Jacob fell in love with Rachel and agreed to work seven years for Laban in return for her hand in marriage. On the night of the wedding, the bride was veiled and Jacob did not notice that Leah, Rachel's older sister, had been substituted for Rachel. Whereas "Rachel was lovely in form and beautiful," "Leah had tender eyes." Later Jacob confronted Laban, who excused his own deception by insisting that the older sister should marry first. He assured Jacob that after his wedding week was finished, he could take Rachel as a wife as well, and work another seven years as payment for her. When

God "saw that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb", (Gen 29:31) and she gave birth to four sons.

Rachel, like Sarah and Rebecca, remained unable to conceive. The infertility of the matriarchs has two effects: it heightens the drama of the birth of the eventual son, marking Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph as special; and it emphasizes that pregnancy is an act of God. Rachel became jealous of Leah and gave Jacob her maidservant, Bilhah, to be a surrogate mother for her. Bilhah gave birth to two sons that Rachel named and raised (Dan and Naphtali). Leah responds by offering her handmaid Zilpah to Jacob, and names and raises the two sons (Gad and Asher) that Zilpah bears. According to some commentaries, Bilhah and Zilpah are actually half-sisters of Leah and Rachel. After Leah conceived again, Rachel was finally blessed with a son, Joseph, who would become Jacob's favorite child.

## Interesting Bible Facts

The Bible was written over 1500 years, between 1400 B.C. and 100 A.D. Scholars frequently agree that the oldest book of the bible was Job, which was written around 500 B.C. by an Israelite whose name and occupation is unknown. Other scholars, however, argue that the Pentateuch (the bible's first five books) is the oldest and were written during the years 1446 to 1406 B.C. The youngest book of the old testament was written around 400 B.C. and is the book of Malachi.

In the New Testament, the oldest book is James, which was possibly written in 45 A.D. The youngest book is the Book of Revelation, which was written around 95 A.D.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd	Jay Brannan		Sandra Weathers
	Bryan Pulley	18th	Jennifer Mitchell
	Ruth Riley	19th	Roger Hocutt
4th	Ray Hale	20th	Nikko Bannon
	Alex Michaud		Mack Hocutt
5th	John Cooke		Paul Morris
	Ronnie Faulkner	22nd	Dylan Greene
6th	Seth Creech		Phillip Hill
	Jean O'Neal		Fannie Holt
8th	Susan Andrews	23rd	Rob Himmel
	Tammy Narron		Ruth Johnson
10th	Tony Alford		Chris Walters
	Kalea Johnson	25th	Joyce Alford
11th	Rose Faye Wheeler		Phyllis Andrews
12th	Amy Heyward	26th	Samantha Perry
	Jordan N. Ashley	27th	Craig Custer
13th	Wayne Creech		Ray Hocutt
	Eliza Grady		Kimberly Makepeace
14th	Ray Boswell	28th	Ricky Andrews
	Phyllis Edwards	30th	Tiffoney Green
15th	Nicole Carlyle		Teresa Morgan
16th	Ross Carroll		Tommie Strickland
	Wayne Currie		Tempie Whitley
17th	Emaly Bergeron		
	Trent Horne		

## Notable Quote

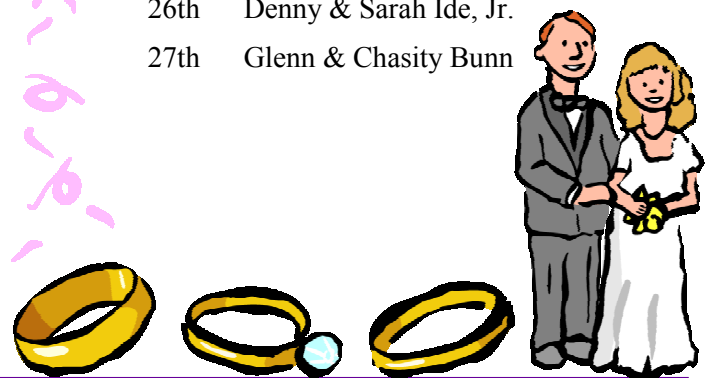
*"Man is never so tall as when he kneels before God-never so great as when he humbles himself before God. And the man who kneels to God can stand up to anything."*

*-Louis H. Evans*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September

4th	Mack & Sue Hocutt
5th	Ronnie & Jennene Faulkner
11th	Bobby & Rixie Stevens
12th	Ken & Chrissy Hunter
13th	Leamon & Lenore Strickland
20th	Sonny & Sandy Trippe
21st	Wayne & Sharon Creech
26th	Denny & Sarah Ide, Jr.
27th	Glenn & Chasity Bunn



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

# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Regular Schedule	7 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	8 <b>10am</b> Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct.	9 Regular Schedule	10	11 FMC & Sanct. RSV-D-Cheryl Fuller	12 FMC & Sanct. RSV-D-Cheryl Fuller
13 Regular Schedule Baby Dedication <b>7pm</b> Pastor Glen at Robinwood	14 <b>6:30</b> Baptist Men <b>7pm</b> Kay Nowell BW <b>7pm</b> Leadership Tm Mtg	15 <b>10am</b> Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct. <b>7pm</b> LDBW	16 Regular Schedule	17	18	19
20 Regular Schedule	21 <b>1pm</b> Vera Hocutt Circle at Phyllis Allford's <b>7pm</b> Administrative Tm Mtg	22 <b>10am</b> Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct.	23 Regular Schedule <b>Autumn Begins</b>	24	25	26 1-6pm FMC RSV-D-Peggy Allmon <b>7am-1pm</b> Youth Bake Sale/Aubrey's
27. Regular Schedule 1-6pm FMC RSV-D	28 <b>7pm</b> Deacons Mtg	29 <b>10am</b> Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct.	30 Regular Schedule			
Pastor Glen on Vacation 9/25-10/3						

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**CHURCH  
HOMECOMING**

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER  
4TH**