



# From the Pastor's Desk

## Beginning Again

Have you experienced a change in your life? Has the status quo become a footnote in the history of your life? Are you different than you were ten years ago? The one thing that we can count on, in this life, is change. Millions of dollars, each year, are spent in an attempt to keep our appearance the same as today, yet we continue to change with every passing day. I hear of the need for a change in others, however, not me! Right? We resist this inevitable reality with passion and determination. Once we are born, we begin to die and during this process, we age and change. This process is called maturity. The Bible speaks of our "growing in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," yet so many are still babies in the spiritual Christian experience.

As I approach my sixth decade of life, I have become keenly aware of the changes that have occurred in my own life and I am excited about what is to come. Granted, it took some adjustments to see an old man looking back at me, from the mirror, each morning, however, I remain hopeful that this image of this "old man" will keep growing and aging and maturing spiritually, until it is time to "go home!"

Just as we age physically, we must age and grow spiritually! Sadly, many are still at the spot where they got in and resist the changes (growth) that the Bible speaks of. Could it be that the struggles and conflicts in the modern church are a direct result of immature Christians who spend more time resisting change and less on becoming what God has intended? The Bible (God's Holy Inspired Word) is clear! If you expect to receive the manifold blessings of God, The you MUST Grow! Nothing is more sad that a fully grown (physically), collard greens eating country boy, whining like a child over some trivial thing that has occurred in the church bod. Our challenge today is to recognize that change is inevitable and to embrace it and enjoy it and to become what God has intended for us to be:

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## Memory Verse



*"<sup>9</sup> Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;*

*Romans 12: 9-10 (KJV)*

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# Food For Thought

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## GOD SAYS:

- ◇ You say: It's impossible
- ◇ God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)
- ◇ You say: I'm too tired
- ◇ God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
- ◇ You say: Nobody loves me
- ◇ God Says: I love you (John 3:16)
- ◇ You say: I can't go on
- ◇ God says: My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- ◇ You say: I can't figure things out
- ◇ God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3: 5-6)
- ◇ You say: I can't do it
- ◇ God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)
- ◇ You say: I'm not able
- ◇ God says: I am able (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- ◇ You say: It's not worth it
- ◇ God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)
- ◇ You say: I can't forgive myself
- ◇ God says: I forgive you (1John 1:9)
- ◇ You say: I can't manage
- ◇ God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)
- ◇ You say: I'm afraid
- ◇ God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ◇ You say: I'm always worried and frustrated
- ◇ God says: cast all your care on me (1 Peter 5:7)
- ◇ You say: I'm not smart enough
- ◇ God says: I give you wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)

## From the Administrative Team

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Hello once again from the Administrative Team. Since this is the September Newsletter, we thought we would mention one of the favorite subjects of the Church. "The Budget". In October, the Administrative Team will begin to seek input for the 2017 Church Budget. As all of you know, the budget is an important item in a Church. We thought that for this year we would include some inserts from the Winter 2016 Deacon Magazine about "Visioning the Church Budget".

The magazine article states: "Each year many churches enter into a season of budget planning. For some it is routine, for all it should be a serious task as we seek to steward the resources of the bridge of Christ. A God-honored budget should reflect faith and trust in the Provider while honoring the faithful givers who are the conduit of the provision." We try to emphasize this each year as we prepare the budget for approval.

It also states: "Individuals in the church find great motivation to increase their generosity when a clear vision is presented for the use of the funds given. In Luke 16, Jesus tells of the rich man who desired to tear down the old barns and build new ones to house all the increasing crops. Jesus did not indict him for the expansion of space but that the expansion was for himself only and not the kingdom of God. Increasing provision should always lead a church to look outward to the lost and needy". Since we are a Missionary Baptist Church, this item should be of great importance to our church. This is one of the reasons we emphasize our Missions offering.

It continues in saying: "At the basic core of budgetary vision for any church should be an annual plan about

the expansion of the kingdom of God and not one simply for status quo. The challenge sometimes becomes the definition of kingdom expansion".

The article also says that the church is to "Seek to understand ministry needs. It is critical for both paid and lay leadership within a church to engage in seeking to understand the ministry needs in each area greater than a cursory overview. As key leaders ask the right questions of the ministries, a right sized budget will take shape".

"A Budget should help a church in the short term achieve its long-term objectives. Don't allow short-term and long-term ministry objectives to be held hostage from an unbalance budget. Striking the right balance is a spiritual exercise of faith and discernment from the Lord. God will give leaders the wisdom for the balance in budget planning if they will simply ask Him and Listen.

As we approach our budget planning this year, let's keep each of these items in mind and work to make a better, more balanced budget for Baptist Tabernacle Church. One that supports the expansion of the kingdom of God!

Thanks,

Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Kelly Currie

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

## Sense of Humor "Dead Church Story"

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A new pastor in Topeka, Kansas, USA, spent the first four days making personal visits to each of his prospective congregation inviting them to come to his inaugural services. The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral". In front of the pulpit they saw a closed coffin which

was covered in flowers. After the priest had delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a 'dead church', all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each 'mourner' peeped into the coffin, then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror



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## From the Pastor's Desk, Continued

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strong, mature, dependable examples of His love and amazing Grace! Keep growing, Keep believing, Keep receiving, Keep claiming and Keep on Keeping on! Praise God, He is not finished with you yet! Remember—**THE BEST IS YET TO BE!**

In HIS Love,

Pastor Glen



## Youth Happenings

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As we begin another church year we want to thank each and everyone who has prayed for our youth and supported us! We are so excited about the future, but we could not do it without our church family's love and support. We hope those of you who were able to make it out to our "movie night" had a great time and we look forward to hosting more events soon!

**Sunday School & Wednesday Bible Study :** Just a reminder that we have a boys and girls Youth Sunday school class. We meet upstairs in the education building at 10:00 each Sunday. Wednesday nights we normally meet downstairs in the basement area for Youth Bible Study at 6:30. Please come join us each week for Bible Study, fellowship and fun.

**Bake 2 School Cookout:** All current and upcoming youth are invited to join us on Saturday, Sept. 10th

from 5:00-9:00 at the home of Bobby & Carrie Sellers for a cookout! Address is 3260 NC Hwy 231 Wendell. All youth please bring a 2 liter drink & a desert. Youth may also bring footballs, soccer balls, and games of choice! Please let me know by September 1st if you plan to attend so we can get a head count for food! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Youth Camp Fundraiser:** We have tentatively planned an upcoming fundraiser for **Saturday, October 1st** in preparation for Youth camp 2017. we will be holding a Bake Sale at Aubrey & Peedie's grill from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Any donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated!!

Thank you again for all your prayers & Support! God Bless. Carrie

## BTC Missions

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We will be having our Vendor Fair on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All Monies will go to the local missions. Please contact Dianne Baggett, Jeany O'Neal or Kayla Scott if you would like to purchase a table or for question.



SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER  
2ND

## 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.



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



*September*

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





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