

Baptist Tabernacle Church September 2020 Newsletter

BTC Update

Q: WHEN WILL OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS & ACTIVITIES REOPEN?

A: AFTER NC goes into Phase III with an interior capacity of 100*

***Guidelines for a safer way to gather are being finalized by the Leadership Team**

Once we are open, going back to our Worship Services will be different!
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 in advance for your cooperation!

Our Memory Verse for September is:

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour. Proverbs 21:21

September Bible Reading Schedule

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

Daily: Pastor Glen's Devotions on BTC Facebook page

As of September 1st Ashelyn's Office hours will be 9:00am to 12:00pm



September Birthdays

2 nd	Jay Brannan	18 th	Jennifer Mitchell Shipman
4 th	Harmon Glasco	19 th	Roger Hocutt
	Ray Hale	20 th	Nikko Bannon
	Alex Michaud		Paul Morris
5 th	John Cooke	22 nd	Dylan Greene
	Ronnie Faulkner		Phillip Hill
	Gene Butler		Fannie Holt
6 th	Seth Creech		Miste Liles
	Jean O'Neal	23 rd	Rob Himmel
8 th	Susan Andrews		Ruth Johnson
	Tammy Narron		Chris Walters
	Colby Staton		Eliza Wheeler
10 th	Tony Alford	25 th	Phyllis Andrews
	Kalea Johnson	26 th	Samantha Perry Lambert
12 th	Amy Heyward		Lori Bunn
	Jordan N. Ashley	27 th	Craig Custer
13 th	Wayne Creech		Ray Hocutt
	Eliza Grady		Kimberly Makepeace
	Pam Turner	28 th	Ricky Andrews
14 th	Traci Boyette		Heather Balance
	Ray Boswell	30 th	Tiffoney Green
	Phyllis Edwards		Teresa Morgan
	Richard Langston		Tommie Strickland
16 th	Ross Carroll		Tempie Whitley
	Wayne Currie		Connie Bechdolt
17 th	Emaly Bergeron		
	Trent Horne		
	Sandra Weathers		
	Joey Wheeler		



September Anniversaries

6 th	Oscar & Shirley Lane
11 th	Bobby & Rixie Stevens
12 th	Ken & Chrissy Hunter
13 th	Leamon & Lenore Strickland
20 th	Sonny & Sandy Trippe
21 st	Wayne & Sharon Creech
26 th	Denny & Sarah Ide, Jr.
27 th	Glenn & Chasity Bunn

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

BTC – Ministry Team Leaders 2020-2021*

MINISTRY TEAMS: (Leaders of teams become the Leadership Team)		
Administrative Team Kelly Currie (Leader) Richard Watson (Co-Leader) Juan Trippe Tonya Bailey David Hughes Wayne Creech Joyce Creech (ex-officio)	Age Specific Team <u>Children:</u> Wayne Batten (Leader) <u>Youth:</u> Christin Brown (Leader) Carrie Sellers Dana Hocutt Michael Brown Katherine Lewis <u>Senior Adults:</u> Olivia Cooke (Leader)	Discipleship Team Bobby Sellers (Leader) Cynthia Hudson (Co-Leader) Susan Andrews Tonya Bailey Cecelia Gardner Amy Boykin
Evangelism Team _____ (Leader) _____ (Co-Leader) Carolyn Brown Jean O'Neal Jean Hocutt Lou Carroll	Fellowship Team Connie Bechdolt (Leader) Bob Himmel (Co-Leader) Carol Flowers Diana Coley Bereavement Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Judy Davis ◆ Jean O'Neal ◆ Terry Clemmer ◆ Olivia Cooke 	Missions Team Jeany O'Neal (Leader) Annette Ragan (Co-Leader) Bob Himmel Olivia Cooke Billy Godwin Rose Godwin Connie Bechdolt Sonny Trippe Caitlin Scott Ryan Scott
Pastoral Team <u>Elected in Sept</u> (Leader) <u>Elected in Sept</u> (Co-Leader) Lou Carroll Susan Andrews Tom Vaughan Paul Brown, Jr Ricky Andrews Wayne Batten Aaron Johnson Olivia Cooke Sonny Trippe	Property Management Team Steve White (Leader) Ricky Andrews (Co-Leader) Ross Carroll Fred Coates George Creech Ronnie Faulkner H.E. Edwards Danny Ayscue	Worship Team -Pam Batten (Leader) -Dana Hocutt (Co-Leader) -Sharon Creech -Pam Earp -June White Robert Earp - Ushers Steve White - Baptism Ricky Andrews - Sound Susan Bennett – Photography Olivia Cooke - History Kelly Currie - History Lou Carroll - History Wayne Batten - Decorations Deacons – Communion Jeany & Lauren O'Neal- Nursery Angie Wheeler? – Children's Ch Sandy Trippe – Music Amy Boykin – Christmas Prog.

2020-2021 CHURCH OFFICERS:

Church Clerk Sharon Creech Carolyn Brown (Assistant)	Counting Committee Luna Parrish Robert Earp Susan Andrews Tonya Bailey	Moderator Richard Watson	Treasurer Joyce Creech Joan Watson (Assistant)
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Approved at Leadership Team held on 8-11-20
 Names will be voted on at the next Church Conference once church services resume.

Pastoral Team

Thank you to Ray Hocutt and Wayne Creech for their service on the Deacon Board. They will be missed as they rotate off the board.

Welcome to our new Deacons: Olivia Cooke (apprentice) and Sonny Trippe.

Thanks to everyone that called in your votes!

We look forward to working with our new board in September.



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

We continued our monthly meetings via ZOOM. Items discussed were the Monthly Financial Reports, Administrative Team members for next year, reminded everyone to vote for new Deacon's for the next three years, discussed potential technology improvements for the church, Edward Jones investments, and finally, discussed possible user guides for use of the Church's Facebook page. We will follow-up on these discussions and inform the Church of any decisions made.



Thanks so much for continuing to support the Church through your tithes and offerings. They remained strong through July and your participation is much appreciated.

We continue monitoring the funds that we have invested with Edward Jones. Although the stock market continues to fluctuate, our funds returned to the level previously held before the pandemic. This is very good news. We also discussed developing a plan for the use of the remaining money on the Edward Jones account. More to come on this effort.

The August meeting was a somewhat sad meeting due to the resignation of two of our long-time members of the Administrative Team. Allette Hale and Billie Faye Wilson decided to end their many years of participation. Their years of knowledge of Church activities and business has been unbelievably valuable throughout the years and will be missed. If you get a chance, tell each of them that you appreciate their years of service on the Administrative Team. Although, we lost a lot of experience on the team, we continue to have a deeply knowledgeable and capable team remaining with David Hughes, Tonya Bailey, Juan Trippe, Wayne Creech, and Ex-officio member, Joyce Creech. For 2021, Ricky Watson will serve as the co-leader with Kelly Currie serving as the Team Leader. Please continue to be in prayer for this team as we serve the Church on the Administrative Team.

Please continue to provide your tithes and offerings to our post office box, at Baptist Tabernacle Church, PO Box 981, Wendell, NC 27591, Attention: Luna Parrish or to the Church address.

Your patience is appreciated as we continue to look forward to meeting together again. Just remember, the Leadership Team must be diligent and deliberate so we can gather as safely as possible for all involved! 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. Let's go to Church.

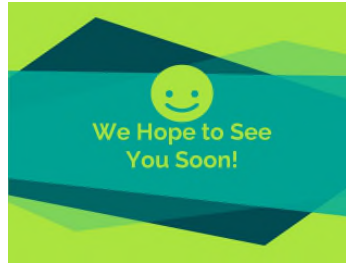
No new projects at this time.

That's all for now. May God Bless All of You!



Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

We are still hopeful we will all be able to join back as a group at church soon. Please continue to pray for our youth and leaders as we continue to navigate this time of uncertainty. God Bless, Carrie



The Missions offering for August and September will go to the North Carolina Missions Offering–



One of the most visible ministries that NCMO supports is disaster relief thru Baptist Men. Also it helps fund Mission camps in Shelby and Red Springs, NC, outreach and mission activities through the Johnston Baptist Association.

While our church buildings have been closed and face-to-face activities have been suspended, church has not stopped...so what's been happening?

- ◆ Pastor Glen's Sermons are on Facebook Live every Sunday at 10:00 on the Baptist Tabernacle Church page
 - *Special thanks to Sean Bannon, Strickland Funeral Home for the facility for the Live Broadcasts
 - *Special thanks to DJ Scott for being the Executive Producer of the Live Broadcasts
 - *Special thanks to Kayla Scott for being the Director of the Live Broadcasts
- ◆ Pastor Glen's Daily Devotions are posted on Facebook, BTC website, and mailed to homes that don't use technology
- ◆ Musical solos have been posted on the Baptist Tabernacle Church Facebook page
 - *Thanks to Carrie Sellers, Tammy Driver, Ronnie Faulkner & Sandy Trippe
- ◆ Sunday School lessons and activities are being mailed to children each week
- ◆ Children's Church lessons and activities are being mailed to children each week
- ◆ The following meetings are being held online
 - *Administrative Team, Deacons, Leadership Team, Missions Team, and Youth
 - *BTC Crafters meet online each Monday at 9:30 a.m. - contact Susan Andrews to join in
- ◆ Cards, letters, and calls are being sent each week by the Evangelism Team, Deacons, Pastor Glen, and other church members

Lots of prayers have been raised for our prayer lists as well as for all of our congregation. If you know of other things that have been done, please contact the church office and let us hear about them!

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



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

Please be on the lookout for other Children’s events once we all get back to a normal schedule. Pam and I are still making packets for Children’s Church participants and mailing to them. We hope your children like them. Please do these activities as a family and consider posting photos to our Church Facebook Page. Jesus Loves the Little Children....

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."

Tonya and Susan say a huge THANK YOU to all of our Sunday School Teachers that have served this past year! We know none of us expected to complete the Sunday School year with COVID-19 and shut downs. Thank you for stepping up and mailing your class members their lessons and staying in communication with them over these past months. YOU ARE TRULY AWESOME!!!



Mission Team

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

The Mission Team would appreciate your continued support in not bringing yard sale items to church until further notice.

Please stay safe and healthy and we will continue to notify everyone of any updates to our plans around Fall Fest and yard sale information.

Evangelism Team



We look forward to seeing everyone again soon. We anxiously await going back to church and welcoming any visitors we might have each Sunday. Praying for everyone’s health and happiness. Hope to see you soon.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



Missing you and I hope everyone is well. Let us be in prayer for each other as we stay isolated as much as possible.

I encourage each of you to call and check in on each other, some of our members can’t get out at all and would love a phone call...until we meet again start thinking of new things to do and places to go. God Bless You!



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

New Prayer Needs

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

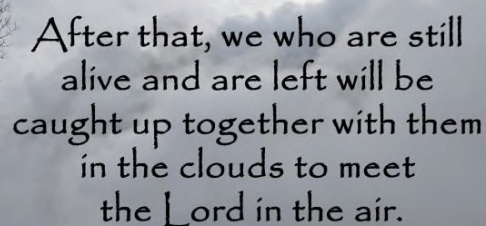
From the Pastor's Desk:

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)

In February of this year, who would have believed that we would be in the situation that we find ourselves? Our lives have been turned upside down and we have had to adapt to new ways of doing "LIFE!" All of us have had to adjust to a "New Normal," in order to continue to function and survive. The COVID19 Pandemic, a Polarizing Presidential Election, Social Upheaval, Riots, Looting and destruction of property in the name of seeking "Justice," Lies, Deceit, Anger and Chaos have become the "Normal" for many segments of our society! We have witnessed the "Shut Down" of the best economy in a generation, the closing of businesses and schools and churches and offices and the list goes on. What are we to do? How are we to act? Well, as the situation continues to unfold, I have been instructed, by many, on the ways that I should act and react. Just recently, I was approached by a well-meaning, and may I say, a well-respected individual, who told me that he was disappointed in me! "Why?" He said that he expected me to show some true Leadership and demand that our church be opened back up for worship and that I ought to be standing on the "Doorsteps" of the church to make it happen. He went on to express his disappointment that I was not using the Daily Devotions to further the cause of Christ! "Really?" "Are you reading them?" Please let me set the record straight! As this unfortunate set of circumstances has played out before us, I am more and more convinced that we, as believers, must focus on the plan of God and our role in keeping as many souls out of Hell, as possible! I cannot change the circumstances and I cannot change the ultimate plan of God for Mankind, however, I can affect how I serve and what I do to further the cause of Christ. HE IS COMING AGAIN! HE HAS TOLD US SO! TROUBLES, TRIALS, CHAOS, UNREST, POLITICAL DECAY AND DECEPTION, UPSIDE DOWN LOGIC AND REASON, are all a part of what God has planned for this world. HOW ARE WE TO SURVIVE? Well, I for one; am looking for His Appearing and I am anticipating His Return and I am *"comforting others with this fact!"* Please do not get caught up in the momentary events and lose focus on what is actually REAL! By the way, I DO HAVE AN OPINION! MY OPINION IS JUST THAT, AN OPINION! I choose to focus on GOD'S HOLY WORD and to look for HIS RETURN! The events, the attitudes, the Evil, the arrogant and ignorant actions of others, are just indications that "IT WILL NOT BE LONG!" Praise God! Be comforted in the FACT that He is coming again, and it will not be long! ("THE BEST IS YET TO BE!")

In HIS Love,
Pastor Glen



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alive and are left will be
caught up together with them
in the clouds to meet
the Lord in the air.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NIV)