

*"The Lord gave the word;
great as the company of
those that published it."
Psalm 68:11*

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2008 Reading Program— Through the New Testament Together - Two More Months To Go!

Mark Your Calendars: December 7th-Holiday Testimonies, 14th-Christmas Cantata, & 21st-Churchwide Caroling

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A Word From The Pastor - Rev. James W. Baker

What a lovely time of year this is! The weather is starting to cool down, the leaves are beginning to change colors, and the holidays are right around the corner. Please remain faithful in these busy and uncertain times. What a blessing to know that in spite of all the news we hear, God is still in control!

School is well underway in the academy and the college. We are down somewhat in enrollment due to the economy, but God is faithful! We are trusting Him for the outcome of each student and the finances as well. We do have the blessing of a student from Kenya, Africa, in our college. Peter Nilson is a great blessing. He is busy taking classes and will eventually return to his homeland to teach his fellow countrymen. Everything in America is new to him. We forget how much of the blessing of this land we take for granted.

The first full week in October we had Evangelistic Meetings with Jerry Sivnksty. What a blessing the messages were to us. His son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Debbie, were with us for the week as well. They provided special music and worked with the children all week in meetings with them during the service time. We kept both men busy in TBA and TBBCS Chapels as well as having the privilege to host the Tidewater Baptist Fellowship Preachers on Friday at the monthly fellowship meeting. Jerry Sivnksty and Frank Bailey spoke for that meeting.

The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. In all the hustle and bustle, don't forget the reason for the season. We have much to be thankful for in our churches and families. Begin to list your blessings, you'll see the list is quite long! As we prepare for Christmas cantatas and programs, let us be thankful that God sent His only begotten Son. Share that news with someone today. There are those around you waiting to hear that good news!

May the Lord bless you as you are faithful in your place of service. We are thankful for what God is doing here and anticipate greater blessing ahead. Thank you for your faithfulness to Tabernacle Baptist Ministries. Whether in prayer, attendance, finances, or some other way, your encouragement is appreciated!



MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator

Our endless MISSION is MISSIONS at Tabernacle Baptist Church. The letters we receive from the field are full of exciting news. Souls are being saved, new churches are being started and established ones are growing. Our missionaries are dedicated to the cause. It is a joy to partner with them. They circle the globe.

Rev. Ernie Mills and his wife Gail were with us in September. Bro. Mills reported on what God is doing at the mission in Durham. God is saving souls and changing lives through this faithful ministry. Missionary Malcolm Gregory and his wife Jan reported on their work in Bolivia. They have been faithful there for over twenty years. Pray for the country of Bolivia as they are in the midst of political unrest.

We just learned that Ron and Ginger Naugle are back in South Africa. Pray for them as they get established. Pray for several of our missionaries who are home on furlough: Malcolm Gregory, Archie Martin, Kevin and Mary Beth Hickok, Kirk and Kathy Hickok, and Dr. Anne Livingston.

We are looking forward to having Jim Hayes with us in November and Bill McCorkle in December. During the December meeting we will send Christmas greetings to all of our missionaries. This is a wonderful time at Tabernacle.



SINGLES/COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS

We have begun a study on Sunday mornings about the book of James. We are averaging 18-22 singles each Sunday. A big thank you to those in the class and church that helped prepare such a wonderful meal for the Freese/Cook family the Sunday of the Memorial Service for Mrs. Freese.

October 19 is a singles fellowship at the Turner's residence after the PM service. Plans are in the making for a progressive dinner around Christmas time. Congratulations to Tom Worden and Jason Berger in new job changes recently. Pray for those members of our class that are away at college and deployed overseas in the military. Come and join our fellowship, we have a wonderful time together.

2008 Reading Program— Through the New Testament Together

On March 30th, the Church Family began reading the Bible through—one chapter a day through December! If you are interested in getting a copy of our reading chart, check on our web site: www.tabernacle-vb.org and click on the Link "Bible Study" at the bottom of the Home Page! It's still not too late to start!

Up-Coming Events!



November Churchwide Visitation: 3rd, 10th, 17th-7 PM (Monday);
22nd-10 AM (Saturday)

December Churchwide Visitation: 1st, 8th & 15th-7 PM (Monday)

PLEASE NOTICE: If you have misplaced your monthly calendar, you can find the calendar for the church and schools activities on our web page: www.tabernacle-vb.org under Events.

Volunteers Needed: Would you like to be a volunteer?
Contact the church office: 424-4673

Are YOU attending Sunday School? If you are not attending a Sunday School Class, there are many opportunities here at Tabernacle to find just the class that suits you — all the way from the nursery through adults.

Auditorium S.S. Class & The OWLS-TBC Senior Adults Dr. Edward G. Caughill, Seniors Ministry Director

Our Sunday school class for September and October has been pretty routine. We had a guest teacher one Sunday Morning, Missionary Dalton Heath. He gave a testimony how the Lord called him into missions and a synopsis of the various places and ways he served as a missionary. It was an exciting report and now he and his wife are now serving as a Missionary Recruiter for World-Wide New Testament Baptist Mission.

Dr. Walter Yoho and I have been closing out the last few chapters of the Gospel of John. The result of our poll was the choice of studying Bible Prophecy which we will begin in a few weeks.

Several still remain on our prayer list. Francis O'Hara, Lucy Jordan, Nora and LeRoy Pace, and Otis Ricks. Please continue to remember our shut-ins as well Sidney Cooper, Alice Biser, Fred Jordan, and Brantley Walker.

OWLS NEWS: September 27th we traveled to the Outer Banks, NC to tour the Aquarium and the Wright Brothers Museum; October 18th: Williamsburg Get-Away, and future plans include: November 25th: TBA Thanksgiving Dinner, December 6th: Breakfast Out and Fruit Baskets for the Shut-ins, Our December 20th Christmas Party at the Phelps, and December 21st: Churchwide Caroling.



ABOUT FACES—IN THE NEWS

SEPTEMBER REPORT: 10th, 8:15 PM-S.S. Teachers' Mtg.; 13th, 8 AM-Noon-Men's Breakfast & Work Morning. Lots accomplished, and we got word that the breakfast was delicious; 14th, 7:00 PM-Churchwide Blitzing (last one until next Spring/Summer 2009); 21st, Qtrly. Missions Sunday-Ernie Mills spoke at the 6 PM service. 28th: It's always nice to have Patch-the-Pirate groups (under the leadership of Dean & Robin McGary and helpers) sing once a month! The OWLS, Teen, and Schools schedules are reported in their respected articles.



YOUTH IN ACTION! Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor

For our teens, August not only ushered in the beginning of school, but also the Back-2-School Bash. This year Doug Carragher opened the Word of God and presented an excellent message. While most people managed to stay awake all night, everybody had a good time. In September, the teens visited Lynnhaven Mall for our Mall Madness. The very next weekend, we divided into groups and went OWL hunting. Every group found at least four OWLS and learned more about them in the process.

With October comes Harvest Rally. This year our speaker was Rand Hummel from the WILDS. We had several new games and activities including a dunk tank, a Radar Speed Pitch machine, and a round of Cat-in-the-Hat. The Lord blessed us with great weather and a good attendance. Some three hundred and fifty people came out to have fun and hear great preaching.

Special thanks go to our hosts for our SNACs as well as all of you who helped serve with Back-2-School Bash and Harvest Rally. Thanks to all of you who donated sodas as well.

On October 31, the girls will have a sleepover, and the guys will gather for *Airsoft Challenge*. November 8 will be a *Pack Attack*, and November 21 will mark our "Progressive Thanksgiving Dinner." Teens, don't forget to make plans for these activities.

In closing, don't forget to pray for the youth of today – they are the leaders of tomorrow!

This is the OCTOBER 2008 ISSUE. WRITE US! If you have enjoyed reading this paper, please drop us a line and let us hear from you. Thanks to all who have written! We appreciate hearing from you! If you have any church or Sunday school news, please let us know! THIS IS THE FIFTH ISSUE OF SIX FOR THE YEAR 2008! Please consider giving a donation to defray the production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!



Tabernacle Baptist Academy

Mr. Curtis R. Tomlin, *Administrator*
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The academy is presently about to finish its first quarter of the 2008-2009 academic year. Since the first day of school, one can clearly see that we keep the kids moving. In fact, we sometimes find ourselves coming when we should be going.

Our annual camp at TRIPLE R RANCH went well. Souls were blessed by **Evangelist Wayne Wells** (1991 graduate). The students enjoyed their time doing horseback riding, canoeing, wall climbing, playing basketball, swimming, eating, and Bible quizzing. Congratulations to **Mr. Brian Chernosky's** team for a job well done.

The topic of Ministering for Excellence continues to be our goal. Each day represents new challenges. However, with the Lord leading us, we are winners. At the time of this article, I was able to attend the annual academic convention in Lancaster, CA. I asked **Coach Cook** to attend as well. We enjoyed the few days away, but most importantly, we were rejuvenated with the realization that we are helping shape lives for eternity. We certainly would like to go back next year and take all of the teachers—God providing, of course.

The high school choir debuted one evening during the annual revival meetings with **Jerry Sivnksty**. We anticipate their soon trip to Bob Jones University for the annual Fine Arts Festival.

Even though we began the school year about thirty students short, God is providing. Phone calls are coming in and interviews are still being done for the school year.

The senior class has begun their preparations for going to work in Brazil with missionaries come June. Apple Butter is around the corner—just in time for the fall season!

Enroll Today! Call: 757-424-4697, ext.339

ABOUT FACES—IN THE NEWS CONT'



The Ladies' Sunday School Class

The class continues its study of the Proverbs 31 woman and practical ways that we can be a ruby in the heart of our families and of our homes. We have been privileged to serve for **Mrs. Massey** and **Mrs. Brandon** funerals and also cleaning the church on such key weekends as the Teen Harvest Rally (October) weekend. God is growing us together, from our youngest member (**baby Luke Turner**, who comes to Sunday school with his mom, **Crystal**) to our oldest saint, whom we won't name at this point (since we aren't sure which of us is the oldest). **In Christ, Mary Martin**

OCTOBER REPORT: 5th-10th, Evangelistic Mtgs. With **Jerry Sivnksty**, wife: **Sharon** & son **Scott**, wife: **Debbie**, & children: **Shawn, Cole, & Reed**. Each night **Scott & Debbie** conducted the Children's Service. They also sang a special number and so did **Sharon Sivnksty**. What a blessed time we had this week; 6th, S.S. Teachers' Night; 7th, Academy Night; 8th, Deacons' Night; 9th, TBBCS Night; 10th, 10 AM - Pastors' Fellowship held at TBC; 10th, All 18 year olds and below verses the Adults Night; 18th, 8 AM-Noon-Men's Breakfast & Work Morning; 19th, 6 PM-Missionary **Malcolm Gregory**; Lord's Supper; 26th, 6:00 PM-Patch-the-Pirate Sing; 31st, Tickets go on sale for TBA Thanksgiving Banquet! **Nursery News:** We welcome **Heather Yost** and **Rachel Harris** to our team of workers. Remember—all the other ministries of Tabernacle have their monthly report recorded in their respected articles!
NEW BABY HAS ARRIVED: 19th-Emily Sue, 7 lbs., 10 oz. to **Jim & Alison Boorujy**.



MILITARY NEWS: God has been good to us here at Tabernacle. During the past few months we have had a lot of good friends and members transfer to other parts of the USA and the world. In return He has brought us and is still bringing us new military families and singles. Soon He will be answering our and **Leroy's** prayers by bringing **Mike Phillips** home from Iraq. I know that it will be a time of rejoicing in the Phillips home. I want to thank **Dave Hill, Alan Lancaster, Matt McClure, Steve O'Hara, Angela Waters, and Eric Whiting** for giving of

their time to be pallbearers for Korean War Veteran **Philip Brandon** who recently went home to be with the Lord and with his wife **Lavina**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: The Discipleship Class has been moving on and God has been teaching us how to be better disciples and how to be more effective at discipling others. We recently studied how to "Deal with Sin", "Liberty in Christ", "My Job and Employer", and "The Unsaved World". We just started "The Judgment Seat of Christ". Before sickness set in both **Phil and Lavina Brandon** were active participants in our Sunday School class. We have missed them both in our class. But now they are both in a better place and still serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at a higher calling. May God Bless, **Bill & Jean Downing** | John 1:3

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The next articles are due December 7, 2008. If you have church or Sunday School news that would be of interest to our church family and friends, please submit to Mrs. D. Bieber before this date!

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Dr. Walter Yoho
Professor

The Lord sent TBBCS some forty-five full-time and part-time students to study with us this fall semester. Our newest student, **Peter Nilson**, came all the way from Kenya.

September 18-19, the TBBCS staff and spouses attended the VAIB Meetings in Richmond, VA. What a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual fortification!

During the second week in October, the Evangelistic Meetings with the **Jerry Sivnksty family** ministered to our entire Tabernacle Family. The TBBCS students were especially blessed during their Chapel time messages. During the fourth week, the week of mid-term exams, our dedicated students showed themselves "approved unto God."

November 9 is Gideon's 300 Sunday. We are so grateful for all of our dear friends who undergird the ministry of our college and seminary with their prayers and financial support. We joyfully anticipate deep Christian fellowship here on campus as we approach the golden warmth of Thanksgiving and the bright beauty of the Christmas Season.

I would like to share a Devotional on Luke 10: 25-37 entitled: "**The Hero Of The Story.**" Until the Lord Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan, nobody ever would have thought of putting these two words together - "Good" and "Samaritan." It would have been like saying "a dumb wise man." "Jesus, however, not only made the Jew and Samaritan neighbors - He made the Samaritan the hero of the story! A new day was dawning in human relations. See II Corinthians 5:14-17.

*Billy Martin (Cedar Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, 1985)

VAIB Trip to Richmond, VA



Visitation and Outreach
Dr. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter

God is blessing our visitation activities. Many of our members are in the habit of visiting on a regular basis. It is exciting to see new individuals out to fulfill this responsibility before our Lord. In addition to visiting members, seniors, and visitors in our services, many of our people are passing out tracts and challenging others to come to Christ with their personal contacts. God honors His Word as we go forth fulfilling the Commission our Lord has given to our church.

Dr. Sherrill Fulayter has earned her certification with NANC (National Association of Nouthetic Counselors). **The Fulayters** had the privilege of attending the national conference in St. Louis this year where **Dr. Sherrill** was formally accepted as a new member. This certification was the result of several years of preparation and mentoring of her counseling experiences. God is honoring His Word as we have the privilege of ministering to individuals that He brings across our paths. The Word of God has answers for every heart need of every Christian, and Christ is sufficient to meet the need of each soul as they submit to His Word. It is a great challenge to study the Word for particular applications to life's challenges. God uses prayer and the ministry of His Word to strengthen Christians in their walk.

Our Sunday School Class is enjoying the good instruction of **Bill Downing** on teaching new converts the Truths they need to help them grow in the Lord and become productive members of our church. It is a good time for our class to grow ourselves as well as become equipped for helping others to mature in the Lord and the service He will have for them.

HOME IN HEAVEN (Quote marks are passages taken from Obituaries)

Mrs. Audrey D. Massey, 79, passed away peacefully, July 25, 2008. She was predeceased by her husband, **Melvin Richard**, one brother, and one sister. She is survived by three sons, one sister, nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. A funeral officiated by **Dr. James W. Baker** was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2008 in Woodlawn Funeral Home. **Audrey** was a member of Tabernacle for several years and also one of our faithful OWLS! "The family would like to thank her friends, relatives and the members of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Virginia Beach for all their support and assistance with Audrey in her latter years."

"**Mrs. Stephanie J. Freese, 82**, entered into the arms of her Heavenly Father on August 13, 2008." She is survived by her husband, **Walter Freese**, of Fort Myers, FL: one son, one daughter, three grandsons, and two great grandchildren. Her daughter, **Dixie**, and husband **Gordon (Coach) Cook** of Virginia Beach have been members and on the staff of Tabernacle since 1975. A Memorial Service was held for **Mrs. Freese**, Sunday, September 21, 2008, 2:00 PM at Tabernacle. Interment was held on September 23, 2008 in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

"**Mrs. Lavina M. Brandon, 72**, passed away Sept. 24, 2008." A Memorial Service was held at Tabernacle on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. **Philip S. Brandon, 79**, passed away Oct. 8, 2008. A Memorial Service was held at Tabernacle on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. They are survived by their four daughters, five grandchildren, and (**Lavina**) one sister and (**Philip**) five siblings. Their daughter, **Kathy Vesey** and husband, **Pete** of Virginia Beach, are members of Tabernacle. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at 3 p.m. Nov. 3, 2008. **Mr. and Mrs. Brandon** were members of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

"**Martha Mae Goodson, 84**, was called to be with her Savior Oct. 10, 2008". She was predeceased by her husband, **Woody** (1999), and one son. She is survived by three children and five grandchildren. A funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in the Woodlawn Funeral Home. **Martha** has been one of our shut-ins for several years.