

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

Tabernacle Times



**Tabernacle Baptist Church 48 Year Anniversary-May 4/Missions Conference-May 13-17
TBBCS Summer Trimester Begins-May 11/Academy Graduation-May 29 at 7 PM**

VOL. 48/No. 2

Tabernacle Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, VA

MARCH/APRIL 2015

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

"There's a peace in my heart that the world never gave. A peace it cannot take away; though the trials of life may surround like a cloud, I've a peace that has come here to stay!" I'm very thankful in these busy times of the year that no one can take away my peace—even with all the hurrying and scurrying about! April saw the end of another TBBCS trimester, the Graduation Banquet and Graduation. Those graduates are moving on to bigger things! We also had the yearly SAT Testing for TBA and the national competition for AACs. Now as we look ahead toward May—we will enjoy the TBA School Play, "Anne of Green Gables," Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1; our annual Missions Conference, May 13-17 with Dr. John O'Malley (Executive Director of WWNTBM), John & Leigha Carpenter (Cambodia), Roger & Sharon Crowder (Furlough Replacement missionaries); James & Toree Overton (Bible translation in India); and Doug & Roberta Weed (Mexico); Final Exams (May 21, 22, 26, 27), Athletic Banquet (May 28, 6:30 PM), Awards Assembly (May 29, 8:30 AM), and Graduation for TBA (May 29, 7:00 PM). The sponsors and the Class of 2015 then take their Missions Trip to England and Ireland June 8-22.



It is a busy time of year, but with God's peace in our souls, we can do it! Come join us for any of the activities listed above. We would love to have you visit and experience first-hand what God is doing here. To God be the Glory!



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Pastor Mike Dudley, Youth/Assistant Pastor

Maranatha! The Lord is coming--but we do not know when--so we have to be on the move while we still have time to bring others to Him! We are about to have a few busy months here with the Teens 4 Christ. In March and April, we had some great times, and we are finishing our "Seven Steps of Joy" in Sunday school. This book is helping the youth to learn more about how to win and disciple others. Our monthly visits to the Autumn Care Nursing Home in Norfolk are always a way to practice that

witness to the elderly and also service through kindness and song.

We had a great time playing "Human Hungry-Hungry Hippos" in the gym for our March SNAC with the Parsons. It is amazing how much fun you can have with dollies, ropes, balloons, and a few laundry baskets! Then in April, we headed over to the Worden's home for a great evening of fellowship, food, and a time around God's Word.

We've had some great activities these past two months, as well, and even had a few visitors come along. That is always encouraging! There was a photo scavenger hunt on March 20th, and the pictures ranged from being handcuffed, to posing with mannequins, to getting screamed at by a grocery store manager (all in fun!)--we had a blast comparing the two teams photos and seeing the different perspectives. On April 3rd, we went to a local park and had a picnic and kick ball game. The Lord gave us a great afternoon with beautiful weather to be outside. Then on April 17th, we headed over to our home for a cook-out and evening of whatever--basically just hanging out and fellowshiping. This consisted of: volleyball, basketball, "Apples to Apples," and a game of hide-n-go seek. Needless to say, it was a great three hours.

We are looking forward to school winding-down at the end of May. In the mean time, we have exciting things coming up: a Saturday visit to Sentara nursing home (to minister), a church softball game, and a SNAC at the Baker's. In June, the guys will have Men's day out and girls pool party, then a SNAC at the Well's, and a trip down to the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Please keep the young people in prayer as they raise money for their trip to the Wilds this summer. God bless you all!



HAMPTON ROADS BIBLICAL COUNSELING Facing Life's Challenges Ministries Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter

We are finishing our classes for this trimester. The students have been a blessing and have been challenged by the Truths in the Scriptures.

We have used Face Time and Skype for counseling sessions which have worked to good advantage. We are continuing to counsel many families, and God is blessing. Pray for the families to grow and have the victories necessary for His glory. We have had the privilege of leading individuals to Christ as well as ministering to them to overcome the challenges they face. God has blessed this ministry for His glory.

We have placed our order for the banner to be used in our outreach for the Counseling and College ministries as we visit the churches.

If you are interested in becoming a Biblical counselor, hosting a Facing Life's Challenges seminar, or would like to learn more about Biblical counseling, we want to help you. You may know someone who needs or is seeking to receive Biblical counseling. Please help that person contact us as well.

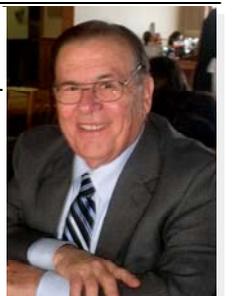
We continue to get inquiries concerning HRBC being a certified training center for ACBC (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors). Check out our website and different ministries and opportunities at www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com. We have some new counselors in training added to our ranks. You can view their resumes on the website.

Continued spiritual growth is part of our goal. We are experiencing this in the lives of those to whom we minister. Pray for us, and consider taking a class as a challenge to your growth and relationship to Christ.

You can get our full schedule of activities from the calendars under Events on the WEB SITE: www.tabernacle-vb.org

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator



Missions is our Mission. There is no "letting up" of the Great Commission which tells us to go. We are asked in Romans 10:14, "how can they preach except they be sent?" Each year and throughout the years, Tabernacle puts the emphasis on sending. As I said above, there is no letting up. New recruits must be sought, and those on the field must be kept there.

Tabernacle's 48th Annual Mission Conference dates this year are May 13-17. Our theme is "Sending Servants for Jesus' Sake." Notice the focal point of the theme "Jesus." There is no other reason to go or to give that they might go and stay. There are many aspects of our conference as missionaries come, we learn of their call, their needs, and we get to meet the new missionaries and greet the returning ones. We are in the process of sending two of our TBC members to their field. Miss Amanda Baker, to England and Mr. and Mrs. Jean- Claude and Matilde Guilbaud to Costa Rica.

Dr. John O'Malley, General Director of WWNTBM, will be our Keynote Speaker. He will bring messages on the "Missions" theme each night and Sunday AM service. We will hear from two returning missionary families, Doug and Roberta Weed from Mexico and Roger and Sharon Crowder serving as furlough replacement missionaries. There are two families on deputation that will be with us. They are Jason and Leigha Carpenter to Cambodia and James and Toree Overton to India.

The entire TBCM family will be involved. Meetings are scheduled for all S.S. Classes, the Academy, and TBBC/S Chapels. The purpose of all of this is the fellowship, acquiring a burden to help send, specific prayer and learning more about Missions. It is a great opportunity to rally to the cause. We cannot set aside the Great Commission and bask in the sea of easiness and ignore the lost of the world. We must go, pray, and give that they may hear.

Meetings start at 7:00 PM each evening except Saturday which begins with a carry-in dinner and then the challenge. Set this week in your schedule if possible and be here. It is wonderful to be present and see God work. Each of us should be ready to do what He wants us to do. God's love was for the whole world and so is His enlistment to serve. Come be a part of a great week.

Let's determine to make Missions our Mission at Tabernacle.



TABERNAACLE'S CHOIR NEWS Mr. Art Roberson, Music Director

The choir has about two months before our summer break. Other than preparing for Sunday services, we will be working on songs for Mission's Conference and Patriotic Day. Chimes will be working on an offering for May. As always, I am so thankful for all who give of their time so faithfully to the music ministry of Tabernacle.

THE LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Mrs. Mary Martin, Sunday School Teacher



The Ladies' Sunday school class has had a wonderful month both helping with the Ladies' meeting and continuing our study in the book of John. We love to share and encourage each other.

Keep the Shut-ins in your prayers: Ed Blankenbaker, Rosalie Fisher, Lita Henderson, Glenn & Ruth Johnson, Lillian Jones, Dave Kern, Doris Lee, Jean Linkous, Belle MacMillan, Lillian Mason, Jean Merchant, Steve & Margaret Mundy, Brantley Walker.

This is the APRIL 2015 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 SECOND ISSUE OF SIX FOR THE YEAR 2015!** Please consider giving a donation to defray production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

Up-Coming Events!

MAY 16th & 30th —Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM

JUNE 13th & 27th —Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM

JUNE 21st —Churchwide Blitzing at 7:00 PM

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 10th—Mother's Day; June 14th — Father's Day

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.

Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary

Kenneth F. Sheets, Dean
Call: 424-4673, ext. 317 or 308
Email: college@tabernacle-vb.org



Dr. Walter A. Yoho
Professor/Author

"THE JOY OF JERUSALEM"

"It was a great day that day in the city of Jerusalem when the people of God, under the leadership of Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the scribe, dedicated the wall of Jerusalem, which had been lying in ruins for well over a century and then was rebuilt in just fifty-two days!

*On Friday, April 10, and Friday, April 24, TBBCS dedicated, as it were, seven outstanding graduates at our Graduation Banquet and our Commencement Service. The speaker for our banquet was Rev. Greg Norris, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. The speaker at Graduation was Dr. James Earls, who is planting a new church in Portsmouth, Virginia. These beloved men of God challenged and blessed our hearts. TBBCS honored Dr. James Earls with the Leland Award.

*Our seven graduates are Trina D. Miller (Associate of Biblical Studies), Tracy Nichole Chavez (Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Counseling), Kevin Walter Brown (Master of Religious Education in Biblical Counseling), Thomas John Worden (Master of Divinity in Pastoral Studies), Lloyd William Hamann (Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages), Mark Allan Miller (Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages), and Rebecca Lynn Miller (Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages).

"*Also that day" - that great day that the people of God dedicated the wall of Jerusalem - "they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off" (Neh. 12:43).

*Likewise, through these seven graduates and, indeed, through her many, many graduates "the joy of Tabernacle" is being heard afar off throughout Hampton Roads and far beyond Hampton Roads and, indeed, all over the world.

*The ministry of TBBCS is not only all around the world but all throughout the year. Classes for the Summer Trimester start Monday, May 11. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joanna Parsons (Extension 308), Mr. Mark Miller (Extension 308), or Mr. Kenneth Sheets (Extension 317).

APRIL REPORT—4/3: 12:00-3:00 PM-Youth Activity: Park; 4/5: EASTER; 4/5: Tract Sunday; 4/7: No GNBC; 4/8: No GNBC; 4/10: 6:00 PM-TBBCS Graduation Banquet- Greg Norris, Speaker; 4/11: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 4/12: Quarterly Missions Sunday; 4/12: 2-4 PM-TBA Open House; 4/12: 6 PM-Patch/PeeWee Sing; 4/12: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC w/Worden; 4/12: The Tabernacle Times articles were due! Several were late; 4/13-17: TBA SAT Testing; 4/13-17: TBBCS Spring Trimester Exams; 4/17: TBBCS Spring Trimester Ends; 4/17: 5:30-8:30 PM-Youth Activity-The Dudley's Home; 4/18: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM-Churchwide Work Day; 4/19: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Meeting; 4/19: 7:15 PM-Missions Committee Mtg.; 4/22: 6:40 PM-Youth to Nursing Home; 4/24: 7:00 PM-TBBCS Graduation, Dr. James Earls, speaker; 4/25: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 4/26: 6:00 PM-The Lord's Supper; 4/26: 7:15 PM-Sherah Thorpe Baby Shower; 4/27: TBBCS Summer Trimester Registration; 4/27-29: TBA Eat Out Nights sponsored by Sr. Class-Applebee's; 4/29: 7:00 PM-Adults, Youth, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; 4/30 & 5/1: 7 PM-TBA School Play, "Anne of Green Gables."
MID-WEEK SERVICES: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; GNBC: Providence (14, 21, 28) & Woodstock (1, 15, 22, 29).

TABERNAACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY

Mr. Dean McGary, Principal
E-mail: academy@tabernacle-vb.org



The main focus of March is ODACS (Old Dominion Association of Church Schools) Fine Arts competition. Sixty-five of our 4th - 12th graders entered ninety-six different categories in the regional event. We came home with (24) 1st place, (30) 2nd place, and (24) 3rd place ribbons. The 7th-12th graders who won 1st or second place at regionals had the opportunity to go on to compete at the State level. Twenty-six students went to State competition and (2) 1st place, (4) 2nd, and (13) 3rd place awards were won by TBA. All of the Jr/Sr high teachers and a couple of the elementary teachers judged an event at the regional competition. Thank you to all who were involved!

The preschool through 2nd graders top sellers for our fall fundraiser went to Chuckie Cheese as a reward. Several classes have gone on field trips to the Jefferson lab, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, Physics day at Busch Gardens, and the Living museum.

The main focus for April is Standardized testing. We started the month with Spring break and returned to begin the 4th quarter. We will press on to finish our class work and prepare for the school play (Anne of Green Gables) to be presented two nights, April 30 and May 1, at 7 pm in the church auditorium. The ODACS state wide track meet will be May 2nd in Midlothian, VA. Missions Conference is scheduled for May 13-17 and the Spring Concert is on May 19th. We will then roll into Final exams, Graduations, and the Awards Banquet.

TBA is now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year. The preschool has been voted "Best of the Beach" for the seventh year in a row. Will you help us get the word out. Your neighbors, friends, and coworkers need to know that we are here and what we produce. Word of mouth is great advertisement.

Enroll Today for 2015-16! Call: 757-424-4673, ext. 339

THE CAREER CLASS

Miss Cheryl Kay Chaokas, Class Member



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you". (1 Peter 1:3-4)

What a fulfilling breakfast the Career Class had on Resurrection Sunday! Not only were the Swedish tea ring, breakfast casserole, and drinks delicious; the occasion was graced by our very own Dr. Reade. The fellowship was great and the Sunday School lesson was on point.

Glory and Captivity - Israel: Divided Kingdom, which is a study on the book of 1 and 2 Kings thru 2nd Chronicles is the book the class is on now. As we go thru the lessons in this book, we will be missing Mr. Lloyd Hamann, who will be going home after graduating from the seminary on the 24th. He will surely be missed and the class is in one accord in praying for him and his future endeavour.

The Auditorium Sunday School Class: Join us as we walk where Jesus walked in the Four Gospels in our study of the Life of Christ. The OWLS Sunday School Class is open to all adults who wish for the Word of Christ to dwell in them "richly in all wisdom."

HOME IN HEAVEN TO BE WITH THE LORD

James Edward "Jim" Schleeper, (May 11, 1941-March 11, 2015), was born in Washington, D.C. He was a 1964 graduate of Virginia Tech and retired as a Store Manager from Duron Paints and Wallcoverings. He also worked as a greeter with Checkered Flag Toyota service department and with Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Indian River Chapel, where he touched the lives of all whom he came in contact. He was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, M. Elaine Schleeper; two daughters, Elizabeth E. Schleeper and Anne Marie Schleeper; and his son, Michael V. Schleeper.



Thomas Franklin Dunlap, (February 22, 1943-April 9, 2015) was born in Windrock, TN. He was a retired veteran of the U. S. Navy where he competed for the Navy on their Softball Team. After his military service, he served as the pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, NC, for eleven years. Thomas was a 1986 Graduate of Tabernacle Baptist Bible Institute, and is a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Thomas will be remembered for his smile, his love and service to the Lord, and the many lives he touched in his coaching ministry. He is survived by his loving wife of forty-eight years, Judith C. Dunlap, two daughters, Angela Hiley Dunlap Smith, Kimberly Bell (husband, Tim); two sisters, Delores Patterson, Theresa Harris and her husband; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Interment was held on April 13, 2015, at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA.

John Samuel "Sam" Jennings, III, 39, (May 15th, 1975--Friday, April 10th, 2015) went home to be with the Lord on April 10, 2015, after a courageous seventeenth month battle with colon cancer. Sam was a '93 graduate of Tabernacle High School. Sam is survived by his wife, Kelly Burke Jennings; two sons, Blake and Sean; his parents, John and Brenda Jennings (both are former employees of Tabernacle); grandfather John Jennings; uncles, aunts, cousins; and countless other family members and friends. Continue to keep this family in your prayers.



THE OWLS REPORT

On March 15th, the OWLS held their Soup-Sandwich-Desserts Luncheon in the TBA Cafeteria/Gym. The meal was delicious and the time together was great. Attendance of over forty, counting the helpers!

Coming Events: **May 2nd, the Phelps Game Day** behind the church building, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM; **May 17th**-We feed the Missionaries after the evening church service! The **June** event is still in the planning!

We are the "Older Wiser Loving Saints," and we are 55 years old and above!



CARL & DOTTY
BIEBER-THE OWLS
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

MARCH REPORT: 3/1: TRACT SUNDAY; 3/7: Churchwide Visitation; 3/8: Time Change-Spring Ahead! 3/8: Patch/PeeWee Sing; 3/8: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC in the Gym w/Parsons; 3/10: 8-3 PM-ODACS Music Regional Competition; 3/12: TBA Spring Pictures; 3/13: Youth Activity-Gym Night; 3/15: 11:30 OWLS Soup, Sandwich, & Salad Luncheon; 3/18: TBA Class Pictures; 3/20: TBA 3rd Quarter Ends; 3/20: 5:30-8:30 PM -Youth Activity-Scavenger Hunt; 3/21: 9:30 AM-Church-wide Visitation ; 3/22: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Meeting; 3/23: TBA 4th Quarter Begins; 3/25: 6:40 PM-Youth to Nursing Home; 3/27: 3rd Quarter Report Cards emailed; 3/27: ODACS State Competition; 3/28: 9 AM-1 PM-LADIES' DAY-Miss Becky Vaughn, special speaker; 3/29: Benevolent Offering; 3/29: 6 PM-Dr. John Vaughn, speaker; 3/30-4/3: Spring Break.
MID-WEEK SERVICES: 4, 11, 18, 25: 7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs. GNBC: Providence (3, 10, 17, 24, 31) & Woodstock (4, 11, 18, 25).

The Tabernacle Times Staff,

Vol. 48, Issue 1
Contributing Writers:
J & M Baker, C & D Bieber, C K Chaokas, M Dudley, R Fulayter, M Martin, D McGary, A Roberson, W Yoho.
Typesetter & Layout: **D Bieber;**
Proof-readers: **M Baker & C Roberson;** Printing & Folding: **D Bieber;** Copies for distribution: Sealing-**H Bennett, L Arrowsmith, Y White,** and Mailed by: **S Marrero**

Only the NEWS received at the Publications Office has been reported. Thanks to those who helped! **Psalm 68:11.** The next articles are due by **June 7, 2015.** 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!

Tabernacle Times (USPS-010-950) is published bi-monthly by Tabernacle Baptist Church, 717 Whitehurst Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-2301 Phone: 757-424-4673 Periodical postage paid at Virginia Beach, VA 23450. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Tabernacle Times, 717 Whitehurst Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-2301