

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

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Revival Meetings with Evangelist Joe Mark—September 27–October 2

Back-To-School for the Academy—August 31/TBBCS Fall Trimester Classes Begin September 14

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

What a busy summer we have had! June held the TBA Senior Trip to England and Ireland to visit and work with Missionaries Martin & Carrie Wickens and Roger & Mary Parrow respectively. Pastor Mike & Joyce also took the junior age kids to Camp Deer Lake. In July, the teens went to the WILDS, and then in mid-July the teens did the majority of the Literature Distribution for Vacation Bible School which took place July 26-31.

Coach Cook, John Turner, and I left for King Cove, Alaska, on July 27 to help Missionary Earl & Joan Barnett put some hardy board siding on the parsonage. We tried to return August 8 to Portland, WA, for our flights to Washington, DC. The fog was so heavy, we could not get out. It takes a small flight from King Cove, AK, to Cold Bay, AK, and then another small airplane from Cold Bay, AK, to Anchorage, AK. Then we fly from Anchorage, AK, to Portland, OR, or Seattle, WA, or some other way out. We arrived home on August 12. It was a great trip and a blessing to be with the Barnetts!

August also holds the end of the Summer Trimester for TBBCS and In-service week for the TBA teachers. The first day of school is on Monday, August 31. And we'll be off on another marathon of a school year. There have been many blessings this summer. However, the fall is a special time—cooler weather and special meetings. Come see us anytime!



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Pastor Mike Dudley, Youth/Assistant Pastor

Psalm 32:8: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." What a blessing it is to know God is not only a teacher that teaches us in the things of HIM but also guides us as we go out to serve! What a great summer we have had here at Tabernacle with our Teens 4 Christ!

We started off the month of July with a trip to the WILDS summer camp in Brevard, NC, and we had a blast. We took eighteen young people, and for half of them, it was their first time going. They were glad they did! It was also Joyce's and my first trip back in twenty years, and we found out that the hike to Fourth Falls is longer and tougher than we remembered! Dr. Tom Farrell was the keynote speaker. We had two assurances of salvation and many decisions made to change things in the lives of the young people. So please remember to pray for them.

We had a week in between camp before we started our VBS Literature Distribution for the summer. The week of July 19, we passed out flyers in preparation for the next week. Then July 26-31, we had our annual VBS in the evenings. Our theme was "Walking with Him." The young people did a great job with the preparation and set-up during the week of VBS, also helping with the whole program in different places. The last night after it was all over, we had pizza, popcorn, and candy and watched a movie together to relax some after a few busy weeks.

We had a teen visitation and lunch on August 15 where we targeted some young people to invite them to youth group and church. Also, at the end of the month of August, we have our annual "Back-2-School Bash" which is our all-nighter. We will be having some fun at the church and hearing some preaching from Bro. Dan Moor of Victory Baptist in Elizabeth City, NC, and then we will head out for a night of laser tag and bowling here locally.

The end of August starts another school year, including sports and many other activities for our ministry. But most of all, in everything we do, we strive to keep God first in our lives so that the rest will follow suit.



TABERNAACLE'S CHOIR NEWS

Mr. Art Roberson, Music Director

The Choir is back in full swing. We had a good turnout for our practice/fellowship on August 1st. A few were still out on vacation. We started some new music and are polishing some that we had been working on before break. I encouraged the choir with the fact the ministry of music is such a great spiritual responsibility. We have to sing from our hearts and into the hearts of those listening that they might be prepared to hear

the Word of God. Psalms tells us He lifted us up, put a song of praise to our God in our mouth, so that many will see it and trust the Lord. I can never say it enough for how thankful I am for those who faithfully give of their time to be used in the ministry of music at Tabernacle! As always, there is room for you in the choir. Come join us.

THE LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Mary Martin, Sunday School Teacher

The Ladies' Sunday school class at Tabernacle continues its study of the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of John. We also continue our participation in cleaning the church and all other opportunities for service that come our way.



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

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, Brantley Walker, & Ricky Watson.

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

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

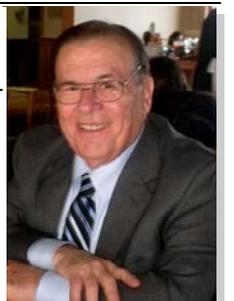
Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator

Missions is our Mission. Tabernacle Baptist Church seeks through faith promise to take the gospel around the world. Our faithful missionaries answer the call of God and go. They go believing that they have been sent by God. Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Two of our young male missionaries have taken a wife recently. Let me rehearse part of their story for you. The first young man is Peter Nilsen, who married Beritah in Kenya, Africa. They were married on March 28, 2015. Please pray for them as they continue their lives together. Peter is a Bible preacher/professor seeking to win the lost and train and equip young men for the gospel ministry. He must travel a lot in his country and in other countries. Some of these countries are politically unstable, and there is danger on every side. Pray for Peter as he is used of God in his native land.

The other young man is an American, Troy Manning. Troy recently married Oksana, a young lady from the Ukraine. Troy and Oksana were married on July 25, 2015 at Victory Baptist Church in Reading, PA. Pray for this couple as they begin their ministry together. Troy is Chief Language Consultant with Bibles International and travels around the world helping others translate the Word of God into their language. Pray that he will have safety as he travels. Pray for Oksana as she adjusts to a new life and culture and as she travels with Troy.

These two young men have very unique ministries with some similarities yet many differences. It is a joy to know and work with these men. Tabernacle Baptist Church is blessed with having a wonderful diverse missionary family that is dedicated to one major task. We want to win the lost because Missions is our Mission. Let's rally to the cause.



HAMPTON ROADS BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Facing Life's Challenges Ministries

Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter

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

1) We have been using Face Time and Skype for counseling sessions which have worked to good advantage for those who desire Biblical Counseling and do not have a Biblical Counselor nearby. 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. 2) We have been learning more about streaming our classes. One aspect of the Counseling classes are actual counseling cases to solve. We have been Skyping and having students phone in for participation from a distance. This past week we had a student from India, one from Williamsburg, one from Gloucester, two from Colorado and students in class participating. It made the streaming class more interactive and challenging. 3) We have received our HRBC banner to be used in our outreach for the Counseling and College ministries as we visit the churches. TBBCS has also ordered a banner, and we have the privilege of using them now in promotion of our classes and ministries. Pray for us as we develop our presentations of our ministries for His glory. He can give the increase as we are faithful in giving out the challenge. If you would like us to come to your church, just give us an invitation.

Two of our Colorado students, Scott and Kara Lacey, had the privilege of attending the Annual International Association of Biblical Counselors meeting near Denver Colorado, about three hours from their home. They had a fantastic time attending workshops and gathering materials that they can use in their ministries.

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 this Fall as a challenge to your growth, relationship to Christ, and increased opportunity for service.

Up-Coming Events!

SEPTEMBER 5th—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM
 SEPTEMBER 19th—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM
 OCTOBER 10th—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM
 OCTOBER 24th—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:

Revival Meetings—September 27-October 2-Pray for many to attend and for souls to be saved and other decisions made!

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
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Dr. Walter A. Yoho
 Professor/Author

"AS EASY AS ABC"

Why should you enroll in TBBC? ----Why, "it's as easy as ABC!"

ACCEPTANCE: We do not think of ourselves as an exclusive academic club. Our doors are open – and our hearts are open – to all serious students who seek to know the Lord more deeply and serve him more fully through an intensive and analytical search of the Bible, God's Holy Word.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES: The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were originally written (inspired of God) in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Our language faculty is excited about giving their students a great working knowledge of the Biblical languages, thus fashioning a great tool of interpretation and fitting it to their hand.

COMPASSION: Yes, we challenge our students – this is college and seminary! We work with our students and help them in every way we can to get started, to do well, to finish, to be effective and successful – thanking the Lord for the privilege and blessing of having them here to study and serve with us.

COLLEGE & SEMINARY NEWS

The fall trimester begins on Monday, September 14. For more information please contact Mrs. Joanna Parsons (extension 308) Mr. Mark Miller (extension 316) or Mr. Kenneth Sheets (extension 317). A brand-new brochure is now available.

THE OWLS REPORT

The July Picnic was held at Melvin/Eva Phelps home on July 4 at 3:00 PM! Those who attended: Bob/Bev Bechtel; Carl/Dotty Bieber; Ray/Sherrill Fulayter; Noel/Mary Martin; Melvin/Eva Phelps; Art/Connie Roberson; Nick/Sharon Salamone; Will/Brenda Scott; John/Alice Wells; Art/Kay Zichefoose; Lois Arrowsmith; Alice Bayse; Harriet Bennett; Judith Dunlap; Evelyn Hayes; Grace Phillips; Carman Reade; Joe Turner; Yvonne White. A great time was had by ALL!



CARL & DOTTY
 BIBER-THE OWLS
 ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

When the **NEW BUS** arrives, we are planning a short one-day trip in it! **AND THEN**, Coming in **September** is our Annual **OWLS Anniversary Luncheon!** Tentative date is set for Sunday the 13th.

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

JULY REPORT—7/3: Offices Closed; **7/3:** TBBCS in session; **7/4:** The OWLS Picnic at the Phelps's Home @ 3:00 PM; **7/5:** Tract Sunday; **7/5, 12, 19, & 26:** Choir has a Summer Break through the month of July; **7/6-11:** Teens to the Wilds; **7/11:** 9:30 AM -Churchwide Visitation; **7/11:** Noon-4:00 PM—Alumni Summer Picnic & Softball Games in memory of Sam Jennings! **7/12:** 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; **7/12:** 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC/Gilbert; **7/19:** 2-4 PM-TBA Open House; **7/19:** Missionary Ferdinand Reynon speaking, Philippines; **7/19:** 7:15 PM-VBS Training; **7/19:** 2-4 PM-TBA Open House; **7/19:** 7:15 PM-VBS Training; **7/20-24:** July VBS Literature Distribution—Youth—(M-F, 9 AM-Noon; M, T, Th, 6:30-8:30 PM); **7/26:** 7 PM-Adults in the Auditorium; **7/26** Last day of the Choir Summer Break; **7/26-7/31:** VBS—Every Night, 6:30 to 8:30 PM; **7/29:** 7 PM-Adults in the Auditorium; **7/31:** Youth-Activity after end of VBS. **MID-WEEK SERVICES:** 1, 8, 15, 22 (Youth Pastor/Youth Parents Mtg.), 29 (Adults in Auditorium-others in VBS)—7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel; 7 PM-Summer Children's Bible Time (SCBT)

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The next articles are due by October 11, 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!

AUGUST REPORT—8/1: 3:30 pm-Choir Fellowship and Practice; **8/2:** TRACT SUNDAY; **8/2:** Choir Resumes; **8/2:** 6:40 PM-Youth to Nursing Home; **8/8:** 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; **8/9:** 2:00-4:00 PM-TBA Open House; **8/9:** 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC, O'Hara in Gym; **8/10-14:** TBBCS Summer Trimester Exams; **8/14:** TBBCS Summer Trimester ends; **8/15:** Youth Visitation/Lunch; **8/16:** 3:00 PM-Deacons' Meeting; **8/17:** TBBCS Fall Trimester Registration; **8/19:** Last Night for SCBT; **8/21:** Adventure Summer Ends; **8/22:** 8:00 AM-3:00 PM-Churchwide Work Day; **8/23:** 6:00 PM-Missionary Julio Torres, speaking (Mexico); **8/23:** 7:00 PM-Churchwide Blitzing; **8/24-28:** TBA In-service Week; **8/27:** TBA Orientation; **8/28-29:** 7:00 PM-6:00 AM-Youth Back-2-School BASH; **8/30:** 6:00 PM-The Lord's Supper; **8/30:** Benevolence Offering; **8/30:** 7:15 PM-Baby Shower for Kassie Segerstrom; **8/31:** TBA Begins.

MID-WEEK SERVICES: 5, 12, 19—7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel; 7 PM-Summer Children's Bible Time (SCBT) All in Auditorium on 26.



TABERNAACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY
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School is out, but we still have children scurrying around. Adventure Summer is going strong. Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Flitton, Miss Moffatt, and Miss Scott have taken good care of the children this summer. Most Mondays they went to the beach at Sandbridge. On Tuesdays they would do a craft or go to one of the city parks. Wednesdays were field trip days. They went to Chuck E. Cheese's, Kangaroo Jacks, Blue Bird Gap Farm, Pinboy's, and Jefferson Lab just to name a few places. Thursdays were usually park days. Fridays were water days here on the property.

All five sections of the roof have been completed, and Praise the Lord, no more leaks! We are in the process of working on the elementary exterior wall. The paint has peeled off of this wall for years. We are hoping that the roof repair will solve most of the moisture problems down this wall. Pray that we will make wise decisions about this repair so it will be more permanent. We are also looking for a new scrubber for the gym floor. Coach Cook says the scrubber we have is over twenty years old, and it was used when we bought it.

The Teacher In-service training began August 24th and Parent Orientation was the 27th. The students first day of class was the 31st. The Soccer and Volleyball teams started practice the first Monday of August and their games began the first week of September. Miss Baker is now on full-time deputation and doing very well. Please pray for her as she travels and prepares for her work in England. The Lord has brought us a young man to fill the English position. His name is Timothy Powell. Tim will teach four English classes, a History class, and a Bible class for us this year. I am so grateful for the faithful, hard working faculty and staff that the Lord has assembled here. Please pray for us as we try to be a blessing to our growing families. Go Patriots!!

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

THE CAREER CLASS

Miss Cheryl Kay Chaokas, Class Member



"Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him." (2nd Chronicles 30:8-9)

The Career Class has just finished its Sunday School Lesson, **Glory and Captivity – Israel: Divided Kingdom.** The books of Ezra and Esther are what the class will be looking into next.

We are missing our beloved **Amanda Baker**, who is now on full-time deputation. She had been a big help in regards to planning activities for the class, church cleaning, involvement in music ministry, inputs or insights on Sunday School Lessons and so much more. We pray that she will meet her financial support in due time, and that she will be a blessing to those she will come in contact with. At the same time, we are glad to have those back who have been away for summer break.

A class fellowship is slated in the second week of September.

HOME IN HEAVEN TO BE WITH THE LORD



MRS. JEAN E. MERCHANT-December 21, 1919-July 21, 2015

VIRGINIA BEACH—Jean Elizabeth Merchant, 95, went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 21, 2015, in her home. She is predeceased by her husband, Ray Merchant; daughter, Betty and great-grandson, Johnny. Jean was a mail carrier, bookkeeper, and school bus driver in Eden, NY, until they moved to Virginia Beach. She continued driving a bus for the Virginia Beach Public Schools until her retirement in June 1989. Jean was an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church since December 1979 in Virginia Beach, where she served in the Sunday School, choir, day school cafeteria, mailroom, ministry proofreader and tape ministry. Jean loved the Lord, missionaries and many others who affectionately called her Grandma Merchant. Her life verses were Proverbs 3:5-6. She is survived by her children, Gail Slaughenaupt (John, Sr.), George Merchant (Carol), Karen Button (Sam), Robin Shaffer (Charles, Jr.); nephew, Michael Brown (Clara), whom she and her husband raised; honorary daughter and caretaker, Rose Anne Bernyk; 22 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; 10 great great-grandchildren and numerous other loving family and friends.

REV. HARRY FERGUSON-November 4, 1921-August 13, 2015

VIRGINIA BEACH—Rev. Harry T. Ferguson, 93, went home to be with his Lord on August 13, 2015. Harry was born in Lebanon, VA. He was the beloved "Hallway Preacher" who prayed for the students in the Academy so earnestly in the 80s, has lost his earthly battle, but has gained his heavenly reward! As a retired pastor, Harry became a member and employee of Tabernacle during those years. He is survived by a daughter, Kathy Ferguson Coley (Billy), grandchildren: Patricia (TBA Class of '88) Coley Richardson (Stephen), Steven (Class of '93) Coley (Pam), 6 great grandchildren; and the rest of the Coley, Ferguson, and Gurganus' families.