

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

# Tabernacle Times



**The Annual Ladies' Day - March 22nd - 9 AM-1 PM**  
**EASTER-April 20th** **TBBCS Commencement-April 25th-7 PM**

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

January brought cold weather and some snow to our area. It was a welcome change from the heat of the summer, but some are ready for spring! The cold has been bitter at times. Thankfully, we can always have warm hearts because the love of the Lord abides within us.

In January, the **Dudleys, Marci, and I** went to Puerto Rico for **Pastor Mike's** ordination. The ordination was a very special time, and it was a blessing to be there. What an encouragement to meet other believers that the **Dudleys** had worked with and fellowship with them! We had the privilege to be hosted by **Billy & Annette Dudley, Pastor Mike's** parents, missionaries we support at the same work--Calvary Baptist Tabernacle and Calvary Baptist Bible College. A wonderful time was had by all! We are certainly grateful to have **Pastor Mike & Miss Joyce** serve here with us now!

We also had a missionary report in January by **Wayne Snyder**, Furlough Replacement missionaries; on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Guy & Cookie Altizer**, Windows of Heaven Ministries, will be speaking for the Annual Ladies Day, and that Sunday services. In the near future, we plan to have **Jamie & Erica Smithey** and their three children, missionaries to Chile.

The winter has been busy with Spirit Week, mid-term exams, and basketball games in the academy; the youth group had a progressive supper, Teen Retreat, and Scrub, Visitation, & Grub Activity; and the college trimester is well underway. God has blessed us with many ministries that keep us busy for the Lord.

Thank you for your support and prayers. Come to the beach . . . and visit us!



### YOUTH IN ACTION! Pastor Mike Dudley, Youth/Assistant Pastor

Psalm 107:2a says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." I am redeemed and thank God for HIS many blessings. What a blessing these last few months have been as we finished out 2013 and began 2014! We had a great time with the **Philips family** at their home on December 22<sup>nd</sup> during our monthly SNAC and annual gift exchange with the young people. Then, we finished out the month and the year at our home on the 31<sup>st</sup> with a time of fellowship, devotion, and prayer to bring in the new year together as a youth family.

As we began January, instead of having a SNAC with just our youth, we had a fellowship after church on the 5<sup>th</sup> with the entire church. There were many pots of chili ranging from very mild to hot!! It was a great time to spend with the church family before starting the new semester and year.

**Miss Joyce and I**, along with the **Bakers**, went to Puerto Rico for my ordination service January 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and had a wonderful time there. What a blessing and honor it was being ordained by the church Miss Joyce and I started our ministry together in, and also having the **Bakers** there with us. The youth, **Brother Daniel, Brother Louis, and Sister Hilda** cleaned on the 11<sup>th</sup> as we fulfilled our service opportunity in helping keep the Lord's house clean and beautiful.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, we had our progressive dinner. We went to four of our church family homes and had a wonderful time fellowshiping and listening to small challenges at each home. We went away with a full belly and an encouraged heart.

We had two snow filled weeks at the end of January, and the last week was the best! We left for Eastover Retreat Center, about 1-1/2 hours northwest of here, on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> for our annual Winter Retreat. This was OUR first time being involved with this and we had a great time! We arrived Friday evening and left Sunday morning, but had a jam packed weekend of fun, fellowship, and studying God's Word. Our theme was "Dealing With Temptation." We had four Bible study sessions. On Friday night it was a split session with Joyce taking the girls and myself the guys, and we had a wonderful time looking at God's Word and what it tells us about temptation and how to avoid it. **Brother Daniel O'Hara** gave the two sessions on Saturday and did a great job comparing David and Joseph's lives and how they both dealt with temptation. There were a lot of games and activities, but I believe the favorite of the weekend was probably the different air soft tournaments we had in the woods and around the camp facility. It even inspired one young lady to want to pursue a career in espionage, so watch out world... **Agent Bits Peterson** is on the job!

As we head into February, we are looking forward to our SNAC on the 9<sup>th</sup>, church cleaning and visitation on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and our weekly teen chapels on Wednesday nights. God is good all the time and as we celebrate Valentine's on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, let's not forget the greatest love of all--God's love for us in sending His Son to die for us, and for Christ giving His life willing, so we can spend eternity with Him.



### TABERNACLE'S CHOIR NEWS Mr. Art Roberson, Music Director

January and February were months for the music department to take a big sigh and relax after the busy times preparing for Christmas specials. The **choir** has been building its repertoire, working on some newly purchased music as well as using Sunday evening to teach new or unfamiliar songs from our new hymnal. The **hand chimes** have a couple numbers they are working on and will be playing for offerings in March and April. The next big job for the **choir** will be preparing specials for Missions' Conference coming up in May. As always there is room for you in **choir or chimes**. Come praise the Lord with us!

This is the FEBRUARY 2014 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 FIRST ISSUE OF SIX FOR THE YEAR 2013!** 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. The word "mission" has several meanings. One of them, "Is the place where one is sent." God has sent each of us to a place to do the job of evangelism. It is much broader than "foreign missions." I do not believe that one person's mission for God is necessarily any more important than the other. There are unique aspects to each ministry. Some may evangelize at the work place in their home town while others set sail for the regions beyond. The value of the work to be done is no more important in Africa than in America.

Recently, I was uniquely affected by the words in Acts 13:2. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The real value is in doing the work God wants done by you. That is the great, wonderful and exciting call of God. I have always loved my calling. Some of my very favorite people are those who evangelize in their work place. I have said all of this because I want to tell you about a specific work. But I want you to know I do not think one work is better than the other.

TBC supports a young man, **Troy Manning**. Troy works in biblical translation in several countries of the world. He trains locals to translate the KJV from English to their native language. He makes periodic visits back to check their work. His recent letter told of the good translation work in Papua New Guinea. The joint effort of the local workers and Troy gave the local people a copy of Philippians 1 in their own language. We have our KJV and love it. This is a new experience for them. What a wonderful thing to help translate the Word. It is equally wonderful to take the Word. In fact it is no less wonderful to do whatever God wants you to do. Let's do it with zeal.

TBC Missions Conference is coming this year from May 7-11. **Dr. Bud Steadman** is our speaker. He is the Executive Director of Baptist World Mission. There will be two veteran missionaries, **Kirk and Kathy Hickok** (Brazil) and **Glenn and Marci Mongold**. (Foreign Merchant Seamen) The two deputation missionaries are **Ben and Andrea Hamilton** (NYC) and **Nate and Christy Minion**. (Labrador Canada) Mark your calendar and lets really help world Evangelism. This is our "Mission."



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



We are reaching out to minister to individuals and churches. We have several churches partnering with Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling ministry. In addition to our own, Tabernacle Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Hampton Roads Independent Baptist Church in Hampton, and Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Asheboro, NC have been promoters and partners in our endeavors.

We are planning on having a Facing Life's Challenge Couples Seminar at the Filipino Independent Baptist Church, on February 22, 2014. Pray with us in developing this ministry among our churches.

We are continuing to counsel many families, and God is blessing in an abundant manner. Pray for the families to grow and have the victories necessary for His glory.

We are enjoying teaching classes in the college and seminary which include several counseling classes. Several of our students will be receiving Certificates of Achievement in Biblical Counseling at our graduation exercises this spring.

If you are interested in becoming a counselor, hosting a Facing Life's Challenges seminar, or would like to learn about biblical counseling, we want to help you. We believe that every believer should learn how to live by Biblical Principles and to give Counsel, the Word of God, to other believers. You may know someone who needs or is seeking to receive biblical counseling. Have them contact us as well.

We continue to get inquiries concerning HRBC being a certified training center for NANC (National Association of Nouthetic Counselors) now the ACBC (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors). Check out our website and different ministries and opportunities at, [www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com](http://www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com)

We are working on designing a banner that we can use in our ministry in the churches and conferences. We are waiting for some design materials from ACBC to complete the project. Pray for the ministry to develop as the Lord leads and gives the opportunities.

# Up-Coming Events!

**March 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM**  
 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](http://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.

## Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary

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**Dr. Walter A. Yoho**  
 Professor/Author

### True From "A" to "Z"

Psalm 119 is the most elaborate acrostic in the Hebrew Old Testament. The first eight verses all start with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet (**Aleph**); the second eight verses with the second letter (**Beth**); the next eight verses with the third letter (**Gimel**); and this pattern continues through all twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

What is this great alphabetic acrostic on the Bible telling us about the Bible? It is telling us that the Bible is "The Alphabet of Truth." It is telling us that the Bible is Total Truth from "A" to "Z." I like the way the Psalmist says this in verse ninety-six: *I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.*

God's Wonderful Word, according to Psalm 119, is  
*a sparkling stream to cleanse me (Ps. 119:9-11)*  
*a powerful telescope to thrill me (Ps. 119:18)*  
*a mighty fortress to protect me (Ps. 119:23, 46, 161)*  
*sweet music to charm me (Ps. 119:54, 92)*  
*a fabulous treasure to enrich me (Ps. 119:36, 72, 127, 162)*  
*a trustworthy textbook to teach me (Ps. 119:89, 96-100, 105, 128, 130, 142, 160)*  
*a sacred altar to sanctify me (Ps. 119:151)*  
*a soft pillow to comfort me (Ps. 119:76, 165)*

This great acrostic makes you and me greatly accountable. When it comes to a serious, solid study of the Scriptures, do you and I stand approved or should we feel ashamed (II Tim. 2:15)? Classes for the summer trimester at TBBCS start on Monday, May 12. You may register online or by contacting Mrs. Joanna Parsons (Ext. 308).

The TBBCS 2014 Graduation Banquet will be held in the Academy Gym on Friday, April 11 at 6:00 pm. The 2014 Commencement will be held in the Auditorium of Tabernacle Baptist Church on Friday, April 25 at 7:00pm.

### Adult Auditorium Class—Dr. Walter A. Yoho, Teacher

We are walking where the Master walked as we follow the life of Christ in the Four Gospels. ...*come thou with us, and we will do thee good...*

**FEBRUARY REPORT:** 2/2: Tract Sunday; 2/2: Ushers' Mtg.; 2/2: Teens return from their Retreat-Surry; 2/2: 7:15 PM-S.S. Teachers' Mtg.; 2/4: B-ball-Gill Grove - HOME-JV 4:30, Varsity 6:00; 2/7: B-ball-Landmark-AWAY-JV 4:30, Girls 5:30, Varsity 7:00; 2/8: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 2/9: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Meeting; 2/9: 6:00 PM-Patch/PeeWee Practice/Sing; 2/9: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC-Gym, Games with family; 2/9: The *Tabernacle Times* articles were due; 2/11: B-ball- Sweethaven-HOME-JV 5:00, Girls 6:00; 2/14: V-DAY; 2/14: B-ball-Great Hope- AWAY-Girls 5:00, Varsity 6:30; 2/15: 9 AM-Missions Committee met in The Commons; 2/15: 9:30 AM-Youth Activity-Scrub/Visitation/Grub; 2/15: 4 PM-OWLS Friendship Party at the Phelps; 2/17: PRESIDENTS' DAY; 2/17: TBA/TBBCS/Offices Closed; 2/17: PRESIDENTS' DAY; 2/17: TBA/TBBCS/Offices Closed; 2/17-18: ODACS Class A Quarterfinals B-ball; 2/21-22: ODACS Class A Finals B-ball; 2/22: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 2/23: 6 PM-The Lord's Supper; 2/24-25: TBA-ODACS Class AA Quarterfinals; 2/25: PM-Eat Out Night at Ruby Tuesday (Sr. Class Sponsored); 2/28-3/1: TBA-ODACS Class AA Finals. **MID-WEEK SERVICE:** 5, 12, 19, 26-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; 4, 11, 18, & 26-Tuesdays, 2:45-4:00 PM-Providence GNBC; 5, (SNOW)-12, & 26-Wednesday, 3:15-4:30 PM-Woodstock GNBC..

Keep the Shut-ins in your prayers: Jim Bell, Tom & Judith Dunlap, Lita Henderson, Glenn & Ruth Johnson, Doris Lee, Jean Linkous, Belle MacMillan, Lillian Mason, Carman & Glenys Reade, Brantley Walker, & Eula Watkins.

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**The next articles are due by April 13, 2013. 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!**

**JANUARY REPORT:** 12/23-1/6: TBA Christmas Break; 1/1: NEW YEAR'S DAY; 1/1: Offices Closed; 1/1: 7 PM-All meet in Auditorium; 1/4: 9:00 AM-Noon Decorations come down; 1/5: 7:15 PM-Churchwide Fellowship-Chili; 1/6: TBA Returns from Christmas Break; 1/6-10: TBA Spirit Week; 1/6: B-ball-Victory-HOME-JV 4:00; Girls 5:00; Varsity 6:30; 1/10: B-ball-Faith-HOME-Girls 5:30; Varsity 7:00; 1/11: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 1/11: TBA Alumni Games-Men 4:30; Girls 6:00; Varsity 7:30; 1/12: Quarterly Missions Sunday; 1/12: Missionary Wayne Snyder, Special Speaker; 1/12: 6 PM-Patch Practice (5:30 PM) & Sing; 1/13: TBBCS Spring Trimester Begins; 1/16: TBA 2nd Quarter Ends; 1/16: TBA Eat Out Night-Moe's-3:30-9 PM (Sponsored by 9th Grade); 1/17: TBA B-ball/Landmark-HOME-4:30 JV; 5:30 Girls; 7:00 Varsity; 1/18: 8:30 AM-Noon-Men's Prayer Breakfast; 1/18: 6 PM-Youth Activity-Progressive Dinner; 1/19: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 1/22: SNOW DAY; 1/23: SNOW DAY; 1/23: TBA Eat Out Night-Moe's-3:30-9 PM (Sponsored by 9th Grade); 1/24: TBA 2nd Quarter Reports Cards Emailed; 1/24: B-ball-Fairfax-AWAY-5:00 Girls, 6:30 Varsity; 1/25: 9:30 PM-Churchwide Visitation; 1/26: 11:30 AM-The OWLS Birthday Fellowship; 1/27: TBA State Gov't Day (Seniors Trip); 1/28: TBA-B-ball/Victory-AWAY-4:00 JV, 5:30 Girls, 7:00 Varsity; 1/29: SNOW DAY; 1/30: SNOW DAY; 1/30: B-ball/Gateway-HOME-4:00 JV, 5:00 Girls, 6:30 Varsity; 1/31: SNOW DAY; 1/31-2/2: Teen Retreat-Surry (Friday-Sunday). **MID-WEEK SERVICE:** 1, 8, 15, SNOW DAYS-22, 29-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; 7, 14, Weather Related-21, 28-Tuesdays, 2:45-4:00 PM-Providence GNBC; 8, 15, & SNOW DAYS-22, 29-Wednesday, 3:15-4:30 PM-Woodstock GNBC.

## TABERNACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY

Mr. Dean McGary, Principal

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The preschool accepted several new students as we came back from Christmas break. It has been awarded "Best of the Beach" six years in a row now. Our High School completed mid-term exams which finished out the first semester. The fourth grade through twelfth grades have been feverishly working on their projects for the ODACS Fine Arts competition which will take place in early March.

This winter season has been very unusual and because of the record snow falls mixed with low temperatures, we have missed five days of school. This has challenged the teachers to re-work their lesson plans, but praise the Lord everything is coming together. We have begun our re-enrollment program and will be enrolling new students very soon. At the end of March, the students will take the Stanford Achievement tests and they are already anticipating spring break which will be early in April.

**Enroll Today! Call: 757-424-4673, ext. 339**

## THE LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Mary Martin, Sunday School Teacher



The Ladies' Sunday school class is continuing its study in the Book of James, with a challenging commentary by Warren Wiersbe. We are also continuing our diligent work cleaning the church once a month.

We look forward to the Ladies' Day next month for all of Tabernacle and for other local churches.

## THE CAREER CLASS

Miss Cheryl Kay Chaokas, Class Member



**"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts". (1 Thes. 2:4)**

It seemed January was just a blink of an eye because we are already halfway to the end of the second month of the year!

With all the snow storms, the cold winter temperatures, and the business of life, the Career Class has done another visit to the Alzheimer's Care Unit of Chesapeake Place and has rejoiced with the fruitful endeavour of one of its own, **Amanda Baker**, in regards to her deputation. The Class also finished its study book, "Messiah - the World's Only Hope" and has since been dealing with God's greatness, the confidence Christians have in HIM, and Christians having zeal in proclaiming God's Word.

The Class is looking forward to activities lined up in spring.

January is our Birthday Month when we celebrate everyone's birthday—and we held it on the 26<sup>th</sup>! The meal was prepared by the 2014 Senior High School students and Staff Sponsors Missions Trip. We had approximately 40 in attendance. Some of the OWLS whooooo signed up could not attend because of illness! We had three specials singing Happy Birthday to us: **Pat Thurman**-Sign Language, **Ruth Anna Manka**-German, and **Mary Martin**-Spanish. A good time was had by all!



**CARL & DOTTY BIEBER**  
 THE OWLS  
 ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

February was Friendship Month for the OWLS. **Melvin & Eva Phelps**, once again, were gracious to have us at their home for a wonderful meal and great fellowship. We had fun during the giving out the prizes. The Devotion was given by **Carl Bieber**. **KEEP A FEW OWLS HOME!**

**COMING EVENTS:** MARCH we will have our Soup-Sandwich-Salad Meal in the Gym; April-Easter Time is open for suggestions.

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

You can get our full schedule of activities from the calendars under Events on the **WEB SITE: [www.tabernacle-vb.org](http://www.tabernacle-vb.org)**

## HOME IN HEAVEN TO BE WITH THE LORD



One of our Missionaries was called Home from **Mike Marshall Jr.** "...my father was promoted to Glory, Saturday morning (February 15) after a 17+ month battle with pancreatic cancer..."

Mike joined with Armed Forces Baptist Missions in 2006 and continued the military ministry which had already been the focus of his life.

Visitation was held Friday night (February 21). The funeral was at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning (February 22) with a visitation period of an hour before the service, at the Tri-County Baptist Church, Franklin, WI.