

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

Tabernacle Times



**The Tabernacle Family Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year!
"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15**

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

Christmas Bells are ringing! It is that time of year again, and it is a blessing to remember the reason for the season. Merry Christmas to all of you! May you rejoice in the birth of our Lord and remember that He was born to die for our sins. What glory—from the cradle to the cross! I trust 2015 will hold many blessings for you and yours. Please come visit us if you are in the area. God has done great things here, whereof we are glad!

Sunday, December 7, we had our Holiday Testimony Service when we recorded greetings and messages for our missionaries. The CD will be copied and sent to each missionary. They love to receive it and listen to the voices of those they know here. Sunday evening, December 14, we will have our Christmas Cantata, *Born to Die*. This is a gripping story of a young boy who wanders away from God and his home only to return home to find out that his mother died while he was away. He is drawn to God through it all. You will be blessed by the music and the story. Thursday evening, December 18, Tabernacle Baptist Academy will have their Christmas Concert. Mr. Roberson will lead the children and young people in music that will bless your heart!

The new year will hold many activities. On Saturday, January 10, we will have the Alumni Basketball Games (Men 4:30 PM; Girls 6:00 PM; and Varsity 7:30 PM). It is always a blessing to see former students and faculty who come back to visit. The young people will take off to their Winter Retreat the last weekend in January to Camp Rapidan in Rochelle, VA, and go skiing. That is always a special time for them.

Again, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all—May God continue to bless you as you serve Him and honor Him.



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Pastor Mike Dudley, Youth/Assistant Pastor



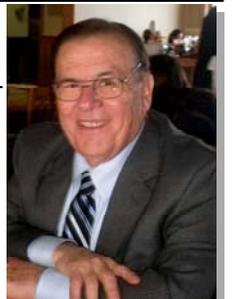
In Luke 2:11, the angel spoke to the shepherds letting them know that the Savior was born in Bethlehem. Two thousand years later, we still celebrate this day on December 25th. Although December 25th is not the exact date of Christ's birth, it is the day we celebrate, and what a glorious day it was! Let us not get so caught up in the BABY Jesus that we don't remember Jesus the MAN and what he did for us. He came to die that we might live with Him forever for all eternity, and we need to remember to proclaim this to all men.

I want to say thank you for packing the boxes for the service men and women on October 31. It was a great time serving with you in this project. I don't think you realize just what a blessing it is when they receive those packages, but thank God we could be a part of it. Remember we give, to get, to give and as long as you continue giving in the spirit, God will continue to bless and meet our needs. We are really looking forward to the Christmas SNAC at the Adcock's this year as well as our Ginger Bread House contest, our nursing home visit, and a New Year's Eve celebration this month at our home and church.

I know you may be traveling and spending time with family during this time of year, but let me encourage you to make it whenever possible to church and the activities. **Joyce and I** love you and want to be a blessing to you in any way we can. Have a great December, a wonderful vacation, a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, and remember...**JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator



Missions is our Mission. It is good to have a purpose as a local church. Tabernacle Baptist Church exists to win the lost and to instruct the saints. The instructions to the local church are clear (Acts 1:8; Matt 28:19-20; Luke 16:15-17). Those are the marching orders of the church.

On December 6th, Joey and Jenny Tacon and their two children arrived in Italy. Their long journey of deputation was over, and the years of ministry to the Italian people has begun. It really began when God placed the burden and calling on their hearts. TBC along with many other churches, family, and friends prayed and provided funds that they might go and carry out the Great Commission. We were able to pray intelligently as we learned their need through the electronic media. Here was a very good use of Facebook, etc.

TBC is blessed to partner with these folks and our entire mission family. There is great joy when the deputation goal is reached, the tearful goodbyes are said, and the plane wheels leave American soil. Our ministry continues as we pray and support them that they might remain on the field. The people of Italy deserve to hear the Gospel as do all men around the world.

December is our "Greeting Month." Each of our Missionaries gets a special Christmas greeting on a CD and each missionary child gets a monetary gift from the church. I am sure there are lots of cards, messages, and gifts sent out from our church and others. This is the time of year to remember the "Birth of Christ" is what it is all about. What a wonderful time to share and bring honor to God and joy to hearts.

It was a blessing to have Missionary Doug Carriger with us recently. Doug is the executive Director of Armed Forces Baptist Mission. This work is designed for all men but especially for our military heroes and their families. Churches are planted near the military bases as the Lord guides. These ministries are located in America and around the world. It was a unique blessing to see what God is doing through all the faithful missionaries of AFBM.

There are plenty of good missionary candidates wanting to go. They need prayer and financial support. Let's do our part and remember our Missions is our Mission at home and abroad.



THE LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Mary Martin, Sunday School Teacher



The Ladies' Sunday school class is finishing Warren Wiersbe's study on Ruth and Esther and preparing to start the Regular Baptist Press study on the book of John. We look forward to getting into a study with a workbook (thus homework) again.

We had fun as part of the decorating committee on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We love to serve by making the church look lovely for Christmas.

And the cleaning crews are working out well—we are spread among all of the teams now instead of cleaning as a class. Good times!

TABERNACLE'S CHOIR NEWS

Mr. Art Roberson, Music Director



A great big thank you to all who put in extra time to prepare for Tabernacle's Christmas programs – the cantata, specials, offerings, hand chimes and the Christmas Eve Service. The extra work is so greatly appreciated, especially to those choir members who came early for extra practices and for those who did parts for the drama. Also, thanks to Mrs. McGary and her Patch helpers for preparing Patch Club so they

could be involved in the Cantata *Born to Die*. We won't get to rest long - January will find us busy again rebuilding our repertoire. We have several new pieces for both choir and hand chimes that we are anxious to prepare.

On the first Saturday of December, sixteen Shut-in Baskets were made, plus four Poinsettias, and distributed! Those who helped in this project are pictured (front row, l. to r.): Sharon Salamone, Connie Roberson, Donna Reynolds, Robin McGary; (back row): Dotty Bieber, Nick Salamone, Art Roberson, Craig Reynolds, Will Scott, and Carl Bieber. Not Pictured: Harriet Bennett.



HAMPTON ROADS BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Facing Life's Challenges Ministries

Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter



Our Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling and Facing Life's Challenges Ministries are reaching out to minister to individuals and churches.

We are finishing the preparations for the Spring Trimester classes in the Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary. A schedule will soon be available. Please contact the office, Call: 424-4673, ext. 317 or 308

If you are interested in becoming a counselor, hosting a seminar, or would like to learn about biblical counseling, we want to help you. We believe that every believer should learn how 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.

Check out our website and different ministries and opportunities at www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com. Pray for the ministry to develop as the Lord leads and gives opportunities.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SERVICES AT TABERNACLE

Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday Service (Adults in the Auditorium)	7:00 PM
Wednesday: Patch-the-Pirate Clubs-7:00 PM; Youth Chapel-7:00 PM	

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

This is the DECEMBER 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 SIXTH ISSUE OF SIX FOR THE YEAR 2014!** Please consider giving a donation to defray production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

Up-Coming Events!

JANUARY 10th & 24th —Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM
FEBRUARY 7th & 21st —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 under Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: December 31st — Churchwide Fellowship at 6:00 PM— bring finger foods — then we will have film night!

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

Christmas, an Auto-Plate, and TBBCS?

As you read the travel-narrative in Mathew 2:1-12, I want you to see: (1) The Search (2:1-3). Man's endless search for wisdom reaches an end in the little town of Bethlehem. (2) The Scroll (2:4-6). Over 700 years before the birth of Messiah, the burning-finger of prophecy pointed to that little town as the birthplace of the Everlasting Governor. (3) The Star (2:7-10). When it came time to announce the birth of His Son, God did not put a stork out in the yard but a star up in the sky. (Dr. Bell said that.) (4) The Sovereign (2:11-12). The wise men gave their gifts to the One who is God's Greatest Gift to us.

At TBBCS we search the Scroll for the Star in our Sky and the Sovereign of our School.

Please join us in this wondrous search! Classes are available in residence and at your residence (live-stream). The spring trimester starts Monday, January 12. For more information contact Mrs. Joanna Parsons or Mr. Mark Miller at Extension 308 or Mr. Kenneth Sheets at extension 317.

Our TBBCS board members met on Friday, November 14 for a time that was not only informative but even inspirational.

Dr. and Mrs. King, in honor of their firstborn, put on their auto-plate: "WE THREE KINGS."

The Auditorium Sunday School Class: Our Lord's Greater Galilean Ministry is truly great and of great prophetic interest (Is. 9:1-2; Matt. 4:12-17). Please join us as we enter into the life of Christ and walk where Jesus walked. Adults of all ages are cordially invited.

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

NOVEMBER REPORT: 11/2: Tract Sunday; 11/2: Daylight Savings Time ENDS—Set clock back 1 hour; 11/2: Children's Missionary Offering; 11/2: 5:30 PM-Patch/PeeWee Practice/6 PM-Sing; 11/3 TBA 1st Quarter Report; 11/4: VOTE!; 11/8: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 11/9: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC at the Petersons' Home; 11/13-14: TBA-ODACS Convention—TBA Closed; 11/14: TBBCS Board Meeting; 11/16: Gideon's 300 Sunday; 11/16 11:30 AM-The OWLS' sponsored Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner; 11/16: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Meeting; 11/19: 6:40 PM-Youth to Sentara Nursing Home; 11/21: TBA Fall Picture Retakes; 11/22: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 11/22: 3 PM-Youth Activity-Turkey Bowl; 11/23: 23 5:30 PM-Patch/PeeWee Practice/6 PM-Sing; 11/25: 11 AM Praise Service, 11/25: Noon—Academy's Out; 11/25: 7 PM Mid-week Service, All meet in Aud (Tuesday); 11/26: No Wednesday PM Services; 11/27: THANKSGIVING; 11/29: 9 AM-Decorating Auditorium for Christmas; 11/30: Benevolence Offering; 11/30: No Yokefellow Meeting.

MID-WEEK SERVICES: 5, 12, 19, 25: 7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs. GNBC: Providence (4, 11, 18, 25) & Woodstock (5, 12, 19).

DECEMBER REPORT—2/1: TBA Resumes Classes; 12/2: JV B-ball-Victory-Home-4:30, Girls' B-ball-Home-5:30 PM; 12/5: JV B-ball-Sweetheaven-Home-5:30, Girls' B-ball-Home-7:00 PM; 12/6: 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 12/6: 10 AM-The OWLS' Fruit Baskets and Flowers for the Shut-ins; 12/7: TRACT SUNDAY; 12/7: 6:00 PM-Holiday Testimony Service, Dr Jim Binney, Speaker; 12/7: The *Tabernacle Times* articles are due; 12/9: TBA-B-Ball - Gill Grove-AWAY-JV 4:30; Var 6:00; 12/10: 6:40 PM-Youth to Sentara Nursing Home; 12/12: TBBCS Fall Semester Last Day; 12/12: BB-Ball - Bethel of Hampton-HOME-JV 4:00; Girls 5:00; Var; 12/13: 9 AM-Noon-Cantata Dress Rehearsal; 12/13: 4:00 PM-The OWLS Christmas Party at the Phelps; 12/14: 6 PM-Christmas Cantata; 12/15: B-Ball-Gateway-HOME-JV 4:00; Girls 5:00; Var 6:30; 12/17: 7:15 PM- Deacons' Mtg.; 12/18: 7 PM-TBA Christmas Concert; 12/19: TBA Last Day before Christmas Break; 12/20: 1:30 PM at the church-Teen Sentara/ Christmas SNAC at the Adcocks; 12/22-1/2: TBA Christmas Break, resume Monday, January 5th; 12/24: 1/2 day Offices Closed; 12/24: 5:00 PM-Candlelight Christmas Service; 12/25: **CHRISTMAS;** 12/25: Offices Closed; 12/28: 6:00 PM-The Lord's Supper; 12/28: No Yokefellows; 12/30: 6-9 PM-Youth Activity-Holidays at the Dudley's Home; 12/31: 6:00 PM-Churchwide Fellowship-Film Night; 1/1: NEW YEAR'S DAY, Offices Closed.

MID-WEEK SERVICES: 3, 10, 17, 24 (Candlelight Service)-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; GNBC: Providence (2, 9, 16) & Woodstock (3, 10, 17).

TABERNAACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY

Mr. Dean McGary, Principal
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Our Christian Collection fundraiser ended early in November. We profited just over \$4000, which will go toward our \$10,000 goal for upgrading the playground and windows for the classrooms. The Seniors have also finished their annual Fruit sale to raise money to help pay for their airfare to England. Thank you to all who participate in our fundraisers and to those who pray for us regularly.

The teachers had a great time at the ODACS Teachers Convention. The fellowship was good, and the classes were very informative. I am grateful for the faculty and staff that the Lord has brought together.

December brings Basketball practices and games as well as all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. The Jr/Sr High choir sang at the Norfolk Airport on the 15th. The elementary music classes, Jr/Sr choir and the speech class had their Christmas Concert on Thursday the 18th. Everyone did a great job! One of the big events of January is the Alumni Basketball games. We usually have several graduates and their families come back to play and/or just fellowship together. We would love to have you come be an enthusiastic spectator. The Senior class will go to Richmond for Government Day later in the month, and the Bob Jones technology group are coming to work with the Jr High and Sr High science classes. January and February are the months we work hard on prep for ODACS Fine Arts Competition.

God is working in our student body! Keep praying for us. Come visit us!

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

THE CAREER CLASS

Miss Cheryl Kay Chaokas, Class Member

"Joy to World, The Lord Is Come!"

"Silent Night, Holy Night", "Angels We Have Heard on High", "The First Noel". These are just a few of the familiar Christmas Carols that the Career Sunday School Class sang at Chesapeake Place Alzheimer's Community. It is always a joy to see the residents become alert and their faces light up every time they hear familiar hymns sung. Music indeed is therapeutic!



The Class' Sunday School Lesson has started with *Crises and Crowns - Israel: United Kingdom*, which deals with the lives of Saul, David, and Solomon, who each faced crises and wore crowns during their reign. As we study the lives of these great men, we gain knowledge of how to manage our own crises and how to better serve the Lord in a way that honors Him.

The Christmas Party at the Petersons' home was a blast. There were games, singing, Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, white elephant gift exchange, and, of course, food. We are looking forward to what the Lord will bring our class next year and how we can do our part to keep serving The King of kings and The Lord of Lords at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to one and all!



THE OWLS REPORT

November: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, on the 16th, right after the morning service in the Academy Gym! We fed seventy-one, including five meals that went home to the sick! Dr. Ed Coughill gave a brief challenge.

December 6th—Fruit Baskets and some Flowers to the Shut-ins. 13th—The OWLS Christmas Party at the Phelps-a great time of food, fun, and fellowship (plus the games). We sang many carols, several gave blessing testimonies, and a devotional was given by Dr Ray Fulayter. The month was full of many more activities!



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 ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Coming in January 2015—Our Annual Birthday Luncheon!

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

HOME IN HEAVEN TO BE WITH THE LORD



Henry W. Jackson, born December 8, 1945—Longtime Tabernacle member and former deacon, Henry, went home to be with our Lord, November 20, 2014. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Gwen; one sister, and two brothers. He is survived by two daughters, Alisa (Zachary) Miller and Trenita (Jeff) Stewart; three grandchildren, three brothers; and many nieces, nephew, and other relatives and friends. Rev. Elmus Morgan, Officiated; Dr. James W. Baker gave some remarks. Interment—Church Cemetery, Monday November 24, 2014, at Union Bethel RZUA Church, Freeman, VA. Professional services rendered by Brown's Funeral Service, Inc., Lawrenceville, VA.



Dr. Homer Massey Jr., 75, of Lynchburg, died Saturday, November 29, 2014. He was a former Dean and Professor of the Tabernacle Baptist Bible Institute 1975-1984. He also was the song leader of Tabernacle Baptist Church during that time. He had been pastoring several churches and then was a professor at Liberty University over twenty-five years until partial retirement. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two married children: Paul (TBA Grad) and Beth, and seven grandchildren. A memorial service to be held January 3rd. Arrangements by Burch-Messier Funeral Home, Bedford, VA.

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The next articles are due by February 8, 2014. 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!