

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

# Tabernacle Times



**Events in December: 7th-Holiday Testimonies to Our Missionaries; 14th-Christmas Cantata**  
*"... the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God." 2 Cor. 4:15*

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

The autumn is a wonderful time of year. The leaves begin changing colors, and some even leave the trees. The air becomes cooler, and we get a sense of change in the weather signalling a new season. Our minds begin to think of the Christmas holidays, good food, precious friends, and dear family—all make the coming of the holidays more special. We also have some special events at the church this time of year. Begin planning now to be with us!

In September, we had **Revival Meetings with Tom Farrell**. We had over 20 people saved, and many of them were in the Academy. Several staff members are conducting a **New Converts' Class** on Fridays for those students. **Pastor Mike** is excited about those saved in the Youth Group and is teaching a **New Converts' Class** in Sunday school. God is doing some great things!

Our **TBA boys' soccer team** is doing very well this year. It is exciting to see them playing as a team. **Coaches Dean McGary and Kevin Wells** are working with them. We will see what October holds in the playoff games for them!

**Brother Jeff Setzer, Dr. Dennis Payne, and Mr. Matt Miles** will be here October 22-26 for the **Creation Conference**. There will be a mobile museum set up in the gym with replicas of animals that you will not want to miss. All of our academy classes will visit as well as many people from the community. Several local Christian schools have called inquiring about it already. There will be services in the morning hours as well as the evening.

Thank you for your prayers and support for Tabernacle Baptist Church Ministries. God is good—all the time, and we are praising His name for His goodness among us! Come visit!



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

Luke 1:79—"To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the way of peace."

This was stated about our Savior from Zacharias because Christ is the light. We also know that John was sent to bear record of that light, and we as Christians need to be doing the same thing. This is our main focal point with our *Tabernacle Teens 4 Christ* that we train them to be soul winners now so they will be later also, Lord willing.

We have had a wonderful few months with our teens, but most notably is the fact that 24 young people came to know the Lord the past few weeks and 9 of them were from our youth group. **Dr. Tom Farrell** was here for **Revival Services** September 22-26 and spoke daily in our school chapel as well and was able to help bring some young souls to Him. I can tell a difference in our youth group as a whole as well as with the attitudes of some of our teens personally, and it is a joy. The true test will be now and the weeks to come to make sure they are grounded and know what serving the Lord and living a victorious Christian life is, and that responsibility falls on us as their teachers or Youth Pastor and parents.

School started off with a bang as we had our annual "Back 2 School Bash" on August 22-23, and it was a great time. We had 93 of our own kids and teens from other sister churches come, and everything went well—thank the Lord. The "Dinner at the Dudley's" on September 13 turned out to be a success even though it rained the whole time. We had a luau in our garage and played board games, and a few of the crazy ones played basketball in the rain. We also made our monthly visit to Autumn Care Nursing Home and sang for the residents there. On October 4 we went to Surry, VA, to the 24th annual Virginia Harvest Rally and heard some great preaching and had some great fellowship with over 450 teens from across VA, NC, and even from PA. On the 18th of October, we have a Fall Activity to round out the month.

We have some exciting activities of fun and service planned for the coming months as we draw closer to year's end. We have a pack-attack coming up where we pack care packages for our troops for Christmas, our annual Turkey Bowl flag football game with the church, as well as two nursing home visits and church cleaning this next month. December will be here before we know it, and what a great time of year that is. There is certainly no shortage of activities then either.

Until then, keep our *Tabernacle Teens 4 Christ* in your prayers as we strive to have them to #1 KNOW THE LORD, #2 GROW IN THE LORD, learn to #3 SERVE THE LORD, and have #4 FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS; and that, my friends, is why we call ourselves the *Tabernacle Teens 4 Christ*!



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

The Ladies' class has finished its study of *Ruth* and moved on to *Esther* in Warren Wiersbe's book on the two women. We have all enthusiastically joined new cleaning teams under **Pastor Mike's** more centralized plan. We are growing and learning in Jesus.



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

Choir has been busy and will continue to get busier as we prepare for Christmas. Thanks to all who came for choir during the evangelistic meetings—the extra time was greatly appreciated. We have already been practicing some songs from the Christmas cantata and will soon start early practice as we prepare for this special time. Also, thanks to those who have volunteered to be part of the drama for the cantata. Chimes have been busy also; we played two numbers for evangelistic meetings and are preparing specials for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As always, I am so grateful for the many involved in the music ministry. Your contributions in choir, chimes, orchestra, offerings, and specials are an integral and vital part of our church's ministry. Thank you!

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



**Missions is our Mission.** The missionary family is the unit that God uses to do His work on the field. Most of the time there are children. Missionaries go to the field where God has called them to serve. They pack up the belongings that must go and leave lots of personal items behind. The children go with Mom and Dad in most cases no matter the age. God has called the parents and the children must go also. Psalm 127:3 reminds us that, "Children are an heritage of the Lord." They are a gift to the parents Gen. 33:5.

It is often hard for all family members to adjust to the different culture on the particular field. Most of the time there is a new language to practice. There are the practical day to day mores of the culture to learn. A new and totally different climate will require much adjustment. All these new and sometimes exciting things must be taught and learned. This is one of the many jobs of the missionary parents. I am sure that many cultural changes are fun for the children and may be better than home.

Back home the entire missionary family needs prayer and must be remembered as the individual that God made them. One of my favorite projects at Tabernacle Baptist Church is a special Christmas offering we take for our missionary children. The Tabernacle family sends each individual sibling a \$15.00 gift. This is an expression of our love for them. It is also a reminder that we have not forgotten them. Our Pastor receives letters of thanks each year with explanations of how it was spent in some cases.

We believe it is a wonderful way to express our love to them and assure them we know you are serving as missionaries with Mom and Dad. With the gift of love goes our prayer for each child. It is not easy for them.

Let's remember to keep all our missionaries in prayer because Missions is our Mission. Mark 16:15



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

We have had the privilege of ministering and visiting in churches in our area. It is great that God has blessed us with so many good churches in our fellowship. We appreciate the privilege of ministering to God's Family as He gives us the opportunity.

We celebrated our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and serving God as a team together this year. We are thankful. **Dr. Sherrill's brother, Paul L. Myers**, went to be with the Lord just before Labor Day weekend. We made a very quick and challenging trip for the Memorial Service and to be with the family. It was a blessed time.

We are in the midst of teaching our counseling classes including a Marriage Counseling Class at Good News Baptist Church, one of our Satellite Campuses. We have a good selection of counseling classes. **Dr. Ray** has the privilege of teaching Life of Christ and the second section of the Historical Books. 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. One of our great highlights in counseling was to provide premarital counseling to two couples starting off their marriages with the desire to serve God together. 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.

Every believer should learn how to live by Biblical Principles and to give Counsel, the Word of God, to others as an extension of the ministry God has given. 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 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) Pray for our ministry to develop as the Lord leads and gives the opportunities.

**Counsel from the Scriptures concerning Solving Problems God's way:** We all have problems and often get angry when we do. Ephesians 4:26 tells that we can be angry and not sin. We often use the anger in sinful ways like holding it in and becoming bitter or exploding and hurting others with words and actions. Instead, if we direct the energy from the anger toward solving the problem by analyzing it Biblically and applying the Truths from God's Word in correction of the causes of the problem and put God's Plan in place in our lives then the problem gets solved. God can get the glory for solving the problem and helping us reflect Him in the process.

This is the OCTOBER 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 FIFTH 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!

NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM

DECEMBER 6<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

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner: \$10.00 each; \$8.00 for children 12 and under! See Carl Bieber for details—Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer!

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

Read: Luke 2:1-14 Don't Miss Christmas

In December of 1903, the Wright Brothers sent a message to their sister Catherine in Dayton, Ohio: "Flew today 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." She rushed the telegraph to the newspaper which printed the following headline: "Wright Brothers Will Be Home For Christmas." The writer missed the main point of the message.

There is a far more important message than the message the two brothers sent to their sister back in 1903. This message goes back over 2,000 years. It is the good tidings of great joy the Advent Angel brought to the shepherds of Bethlehem and to all the people in the world about the birth of a Saviour, *which is Christ the Lord*. There was no room for Him in the inn. Is there room in your heart for Him? Don't miss Christmas!

TBBCS specializes - intently, intensively, incessantly - in teaching students what is really important. We don't want anyone to "miss out."

Our October 22-26 Creation Conference (with Jeff and Heather Setzer, Dr. Dennis Payne, and Matt Miles) was a highlight of our fall trimester.

Sunday, November 16, is an important Sunday at Tabernacle Baptist Church. It is Gideon's 300 Sunday! TBBCS is looking for 300 people to give \$300.00 per year (\$5.77 per week) in the great cause of training laborers for the greatest work in the world. The Great Commission is that great cause.

Classes for the spring trimester start on Monday, January 12. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joanna Parsons or Mr. Mark Miller at (757)424-4673 Ext.308, or Mr. Kenneth Sheets at Ext. 317. Don't miss Christmas! Read Isaiah 9:1-7. Pray for TBBCS! Have a Bright and Beautiful Christmas- you and yours!

### The Auditorium Sunday School Class

We are studying our Lord's parables on the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. A blessed, blessed study - and very challenging!

Adults of all ages are cordially welcome - indeed, we would love to have you! Please join us. Our class bids a warm welcome to adults of all ages.

SEPTEMBER REPORT: 1, LABOR DAY, Offices & Schools Closed; 2, Volleyball & Soccer/Bethel-HOME-4:00 PM; 3-5, TBA School Camp; 6, 5 PM-TBA Sr. Class Picnic at Bakers'; 7, TRACT SUNDAY; 8, TBBCS Fall Trimester Begins; 9, Volleyball & Soccer/Victory-AWAY-4:00 PM; 11, PATRIOT DAY; 11, Volleyball & Soccer/Sweethaven-HOME-4:00 PM; 13, 8 AM-Noon-Men's Prayer Breakfast; 13, 5-8 PM-Youth Activity-Dinner; 14, 11:30 AM-OWLS 8th Anniversary Luncheon; 14, 3:30 PM-Deacons' Meeting; 15, Eat-Out Night at Chick-fil-A, 5-8 PM, Sponsored by the TBA Junior Class; 16, Volleyball & Soccer/Great Hope-HOME- 4:00 PM; 17, 6:40 PM-Youth to Sentara Nursing Home; 18, Volleyball & Soccer/Gateway-AWAY-4:00 PM; 19, Soccer/Gill Grove-AWAY-4:30 PM; 20, 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 21-25, Revival Meeting with Evangelist Tom Ferrell; 21, 9 AM-Teens & Adults combined S.S.; 21, 7:15 PM-Ice Cream Fellowship; 23, First Day of Fall; 28, 6 PM-Patch/PeeWee Sing; 30, Volleyball & Soccer/Landmark-HOME-4:00 PM. MID-WEEK SERVICES: 3, 10, 17: 7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs. 24, REVIVAL WEEK-7 PM-Adults & Youth in the Auditorium Patch/PeeWee Clubs.

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

OCTOBER REPORT: 4, 7 AM-6 PM-Teens Harvest Rally; 4, 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 5, Tract Sunday; 5, Quarterly Missions Sunday, 5, Offering for Missionary Children; 7, Volleyball & Soccer/Sweethaven-AWAY-4:30 PM, JV Volleyball 5:30 PM; 9, Volleyball & Soccer/Landmark-AWAY-4:00 PM; 11, 8 AM-Noon-Men's Prayer Breakfast; 11, 9:30 AM-Youth Activity-Nursing Home Visitation (Reade); 12, 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC at the Worden's Home; 14, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM-TBA-AACS Student Leadership Conference; 17, Volleyball & Soccer/Bethel-AWAY-4:00 PM, JV Volleyball 5:30 PM; 18, 9:00 AM-The OWLS Day Trip to Irvington, VA; 18, 4:30 PM-Pastor's S.S. Class Fellowship-Kevin/Melissa Well's Home; 18, Youth Activity; 19, 3:30 PM-Deacons' Meeting; 19, 6:00 PM-The Lord's Supper; 20, TBA Fall Pictures; 20-21: ODACS Quarter Volleyball/Soccer Finals; 22-26, Creation Conference w/Jeff Setzer; 24-25: ODACS State Volleyball/Soccer Finals; 26, 9 AM-SS, 10 AM, 6 PM: Creation Conference w/Jeff Setzer; 27, TBA 1st Quarter Ends; 28, TBA 2nd Quarter Begins; 28: 4-8 PM-Panera Eat-Out Night-Fordham Dr.-Sponsored by the TBA Senior Class; 29: 6:40 PM-Youth to Sentara Nursing Home; 31, TBA Report Cards; 31, Youth Church Cleaning; 31, 6 PM-Youth Activity-"Pack Attack" MID-WEEK SERVICES: 1, 8, 15, (22-26, CREATION WEEK: 7 PM-Adults & Youth meet in aud.), & 29-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; GNBC: Providence (7, 14, 21, 28) & Woodstock (8, 15, 22, 29).

## TABERNAACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY

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September is when the teachers and students get settled into their routine and learn to keep the schedules straight. Our TBA group has done a great job! We started the month with school camp for the Jr and Sr high students while the elementary classes forged ahead with their lessons. School camp allows us to focus on the Word of God right from the start. Mr.

McGary taught a four part series about dating and relationships. All of the students participated in our annual Bible Quiz competition. Miss Amanda Baker coached the championship team, which consisted of Briana Chavez, Megan Grizzel, Abigail Kimmey, Weston James, David Parsons, Jeremy Robinson, and Ryan VanHouten. Congratulations! A couple weeks later Tom Farrell preached three chapel services for us and nineteen students received Christ, and many others made decisions to surrender their lives to Him.

By the beginning of October, we had started our Christmas card fundraiser. The goal is to upgrade our playground. The estimated cost could be as much as \$10,000. Short of the Lord burdening hearts to give generously, it will take a few years to raise that kind of money.

The first of the year field-trips have begun. 4th grade went to the State Fair, and the 3rd and 7th graders went to the Jamestown Settlement. Both trips were educational and very successful. We were also honored to have a visit from Mayor Sessoms here at the school.

Soccer and volleyball seasons are going well! It has been a blessing to see the new scoreboards in action which were installed at each end of the gym in September. The Patriot soccer team has the best record it has had in over 15 years! We are anticipating a great ending! Go Patriots!!

As we enter November, we are practicing choir numbers for our Christmas concert and we've been invited again to sing at the Norfolk Airport. Our teachers will be going to the State Teacher Conference for the first time in several years. I hope they are excited, I know I am.

Keep us in your prayers! We sure do need the Lord's gracious hand upon us! Come by and visit the school; see the teachers and students in action!

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

## THE CAREER CLASS

Miss Cheryl Kay Chaokas, Class Member



"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20:35; "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek". Rom. 1:16

"Please do come again because we enjoyed the singing and the instrumental numbers" and "that guy talks good" (referring to Lloyd Hamann who did the preaching!) Those were the phrases said to us by the residents of Chesapeake Place Alzheimer's Unit when we visited in September. The facility is a harvest field that presented itself to us!

The Career Class is still luxuriating in its Sunday School lesson: *One Solitary Life - Christ in the Synoptic Gospels*. The topics are always thought stimulating thereby creating a very interesting engagement of minds. Topics discussed are also in tuned to what the past Revival Meetings have focused in and that has empowered everyone in the Class to actively witness to the lost and live the life that the Lord wants each to live daily.

Thanksgiving and birthday activities are lined up for the coming months, and a Christmas Party is in the making!



September: Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual OWLS Anniversary Luncheon was held on the 14<sup>th</sup>! There were forty-seven in attendance of the OWLS group, plus the caterers—the TBA Senior Class and their Sponsors! Cake was made by Gail Slaughenhaupt



CARL & DOTY BIEBER-THE OWLS ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

October 18<sup>th</sup>—Trip to Irvington, VA. Beautiful Day, Beautiful scenery through the back roads of Virginia, with fourteen in attendance! We visited one of the oldest churches in VA. Finished in 1735, Christ Church was the most finely crafted Anglican parish church in all of colonial Virginia. Also, toured the museum there! We ate at the Tides Inn, that is located looking over Carter's Creek, Northern Neck area where three bodies of waters meet! A great time was had by all! Special Thanks to Art Zichefoose for driving the church van!

Mark your calendars: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Academy Gym! Look for the flyer with all the information on it!

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)

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The next articles are due by December 14, 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!