

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

Tabernacle Times



The Annual Ladies' Day - March 23rd - 9 AM-1 PM
EASTER March 31 TBBGS Commencement-April 26th-7 PM

VOL. 46/No. 6

Tabernacle Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, VA

January/February 2013

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

These are exciting days! Not only is the weather changing, but our auditorium look is changing. Spring motivates us to get out and do some things that were neglected all winter. We are coming together as a church for the changes that will happen inside our building. Some remodeling is being done in the church auditorium. We are changing the platform so that it is lower and closer to the people. Our orchestra will move up on the old stage in front of the choir. We are getting new lighting as well as painting the walls in the auditorium and getting new carpet for the auditorium floors and all the common hallways.

We had a great organizational meeting on Sunday night, February 10, 2013, and many folks signed up to help work, clean up, and provide meals for the workers. **Cliff Ringenberg**, a TBC church member, has done so much to line up the contractors and plan the work to be done, but as he mentioned Sunday night, there is a lot our members can do to get ready for the contractors. That will save us money as well as provide fellowship for our members. Monday night, we had men and ladies working on the pews and taking wallpaper down in the lobby. The work has begun! Come and be a part! You will receive a blessing! When it is finished, you will feel a sense of satisfaction that you contributed to the project.

We will continue to meet in the auditorium until we move to the gym the week of March 20, 2013. We should only be out of the auditorium four Sundays and five Wednesday nights. We would love to have you be with us even during these "remodeling days!"



YOUTH IN ACTION! Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor

Although back in school from Christmas break, the teens have managed to survive January and most of February thus far. Perhaps the youth activities have helped to pass the time.

On January 12, the teens enjoyed a mall scavenger hunt. Armed with a list of questions and a few bucks, the teens managed to scour the mall, finding all kinds of unique trivia and purchasing a few odd items. Special thanks goes to the **Kunderts** for host-

ing the January SNAC.

The "main event" for our youth group lately was the Winter Retreat. It all began with a "Code-Crackin' Safari," lunch, and then ice skating. Then, we piled in the vehicles for an overnight getaway at Eastover Retreat Center in Spring Grove, VA. Together we ate, enjoyed games, joked around, ate, sang some songs, had some services, and ate some more!

Believe it or not, summer camp is just around the corner. Soon school will be out! The WILD's is already beginning to fill up. If you would like to help a young person go to camp, please let us know if you would like to donate funds or hire a teen to help raise funds for their trip.

In closing, don't forget to pray for the youth of today - they are the leaders of tomorrow.



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.

The Lord has given a good schedule of classes for this trimester. We have one Satellite

Class at Good News Baptist Church with a good sized class for Crisis Counseling. Some of the students from Hampton joined the class as well as many of the students from Good News and Tabernacle. **Dr. Sherrill** is teaching English classes on the main campus. **Dr. Ray** is teaching a Marriage Counseling Class and Biblical Principles for Christian Living on the main campus along with two sections of Personal Evangelism.

We are scheduled for seminars in two locations this summer and one this fall. Come join us for one of the classes.

We are planning on holding seminars in the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Asheboro, NC and the Hico Baptist Church in Durham, NC, in the spring of 2013. God is opening opportunities for us to minister even as we personally face life's challenges as well.

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.

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.hrbiblicalcounseling.com

Pray for the ministry to develop as the Lord leads and gives opportunities.

Tabernacle Baptist Church Ministries
A Bible Memorization Program began in January 2013
The Book of Philippians

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

Missions is our Mission. We are told to give honor to whom honor is due. That is found in Romans 13:7 where the subject is government and those who rule over us. **Missionary L. C. Easterling** did not go to Booneville, KY, over forty-six years ago to rule over but to be among the people. He went as a missionary to preach the Word and plant a New Testament Baptist Church. L. C. preached the Word, visited the lost, and the sick and taught the Saints for those forty-six years. This faithful man of God, worthy of honor, went home to be with Jesus. The cause of death at age 90 was cancer. He died on Christmas Day 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Phyllis** in 2008.

Mrs. Bieber and I had the joy of visiting the **Easterlings** in 2007. Our son, **Joel** had gone there on a summer mission trip in 1976 with two other boys from TBC. They went to be a blessing to the folks and help with DVBS. Our trip was just a Saturday evening and Sunday morning Sunday school and morning church service. The people were wonderful, friendly and they sang with joy in their hearts. L. C. preached the Word and our hearts were blessed.

Brother L. C. and Phyllis Easterling were longtime missionaries of TBC. We began supporting them in 1970. Many of the folks in the KY hills did not have transportation. L.C. wore out one VW van in bringing folks to church to hear the Word. In 1983 TBC raised money and purchased a new VW van for him to use. I do not know if he wore that one out. I do know he used it for the Lord's work. As the cancer took its toll on his body, others drove him to see his people to be a blessing to them.

Two young men came from Booneville to Tabernacle to study for the ministry. One of them **Dr. James Fetty**, who pastors in Virginia. He grew up under L. C.'s ministry and had this to say, "He was the greatest man, preacher I have ever known." For that faithfulness to all those he ministered too, we give honor to whom honor is due. Pray for the work in KY. The men of the church want to continue the work started by that young college student from BJU over forty seven years ago.

L.C. made missions his mission. May you and I have the faith and endurance to hear that "Well done-Good and Faithful Servant." Pray for the **Levi Missionary Baptist Church** in Booneville, KY.



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

Welcome to the Church Staff as the Music Director **Art Roberson** was born in Peoria, Illinois. He graduated from Deer Creek Mackinaw High School and then went to Maranatha Baptist Bible College where he completed a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. He then taught 5th grade and music at Rockford Baptist Schools in Rockford, Illinois and also graduated from Rockford College with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. After working at Rockford Memorial Hospital for 29 years (15 years as a Respiratory Therapist and 14 years as a nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit) he and his wife moved to Virginia Beach in 2010. He currently teaches elementary music, junior high choir, senior high choir and high school hand chime choir at Tabernacle Baptist Academy. In January 2013 he became the Music Director at Tabernacle Baptist Church. He and his wife **Connie** have three grown children: **Kristin, Suzanne, and Matthew**. **Connie** is the Academy's Financial Secretary.

This is the JANUARY 2013 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!

Up-Coming Events!

March 9th —Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM

April 6th & 20th —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

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 Yoho
Professor/Autor

THE MUCH GREATER QUESTION

The 2013 Spring Trimester here at TBBCS is moving full-steam ahead! The Lord has sent us over fifty students (many of the classes are available through live streaming.) Two of our students, Professor Ryan Thompson and Pastor Jung Bok Kim, are writing their doctoral dissertation.

Don't forget these very important dates:

- ✓ Tuesday, April 23rd – Graduation Banquet
- ✓ Tuesday, April 23rd – Meeting of TBBCS Executive Board
- ✓ Friday, April 26th – Graduation Ceremony (Commencement)
Speaker: Pastor Greg Rogers
- ✓ Wednesday & Thursday, May 8th & 9th – Registration for the Summer Trimester
- ✓ Monday, May 13th – Classes Begin.

We are far too small to be compared to great, big, impressive, expensive Ivy League Schools – or are we? I think the devotional written below puts the question into a more proper perspective. It is entitled "The Much Greater Question."

See how Moses introduces Edom's royal dynasties: *...these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel* (Gen. 36:31). While the Israelites were slaves¹ in a strange land (Egypt), the Edomites were well-settled in their own land. Are we never tempted to complain: "Why do secular institutions so often succeed and Christian institutions so often struggle?" But that is not the real question. The real question is: "Which nation has a nobler heritage and a greater destiny: Edom of Israel?"

All the kingdoms of the world are merely the scaffold for the buildings of the kingdom of God.² When the seventh angel sounds his trumpet, *the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ* (Rev. 11:15) – and the scaffold will come down.

¹Or, soon to be, ²Francis Pieper.

THE LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



The Ladies' Sunday school class is doing a unit on making good choices once we are in Christ. We realize that even our good works are foreordained in Ephesians 2:10 and are anxious to learn more about dwelling in our loving Lord and doing the works we see Him do!!! We have also been privileged to help with some deep cleaning as we transition to the new auditorium. Of course, we will be helping provide meals to our workmen as well.

JANUARY REPORT: 1-Offices Closed TBA Christmas Break; 2-TBA Resumes; 4-3:00 PM-Cheerleading Clinic, B-ball/Commonwealth-HOME-5:00 Var; 6-TRACT SUNDAY: 6-6 PM-Patch/PeeWee Sing; 7-B-ball/Victory -AWAY-4:00 JV; Girls 5-30; Var 7:00; 8-B-ball/Great Hope-HOME-4:30 Girls; Var 6:00; 9-10-TBBCS Spring Semester Registration; 11-B-ball/Landmark-HOME-4:30 JV; 5:30 Girls; 7:00 Var; 12-9:30 PM-Churchwide Visitation; 12-PM-Singles' Progressive Dinner; 12-Youth Activity-Mall Hunt; 13-Ortl'y Missions Report; 13-3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 14-TBBCS Spring Semester Begins; 17-TBA 2nd Quarter Ends; 18-TBA 3rd Quarter Begins; 18-B-ball/Commonwealth-HOME-Var. 5:00; 19-8 AM-Noon-Men's Prayer Breakfast; 20-7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 21-25-TBA Spirit Week; 22-B-ball/Bethel-AWAY -4:00 JV; 5:30 Girls; 7:00 Var; 25-TBA 2nd Quarter Reports Cards Emailed; 25-B-ball-Gill Grove-HOME-JV 5:30; Var, 6:30; 26-9:30 PM-Churchwide Visitation; 27-11:30 AM-The OWLS 7th Annual Birthday Luncheon; 29-B-ball/Victory-HOME-4:00 JV; 5:00 Girls; 6:30 Var. **WEEKLY:** 8, 15, 22, 29-2:30 PM-GNC-Providence; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-3 PM-GNC-Woodstock; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs.

The Tabernacle Times Staff,
Vol. 45, Issue 6
Contributing Writers:
J & M Baker, C & D Bieber,
R Fulayter, P Hoyle, M Martin,
D McGary, A Roberson,
K Roberson, W Yoho.
Typesetter & Layout:
D Bieber; Proof-reader:
M Baker and A Hoyle;
Printing & Folding: **D Bieber;**
Copies for distribution:
Sealing 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 April 7, 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!

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



FEBRUARY REPORT: 1-B-Ball/Evangel-AWAY-4:00 Girls; 6:45 Var; 2-GROUND HOG DAY-did not see his shadow!; 2-3-Winter Youth Retreat-LEFT AT 9:30 AM-returned 3:00 PM Sunday; 3-Tract Sunday, 6 PM-Patch/PeeWee Sing; 4-B-ball/Great Hope-AWAY-4:30 Girls; 6:00 JV; 5-Eat Out Night-Ynot Pizza, 5-9 PM (TBA-Freshman Class sponsored); 8-B-Ball/Heritage-HOME-4:30 Girls; 6:00 Var-Senior Night; 9-9:30 PM-Churchwide Visitation; 9-6:00 PM-Youth Activity (Girls-Babysitting, Guys-Airsoft); 10-3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 10-Tabernacle Times articles due; 10-7:00 PM-Renovations Information Meeting in Auditorium; 11-B-ball/Sweethaven-AWAY-4:30 Girls; 12-B-ball/Gateway-HOME-4:30 Girls; 5:30 JV; 7:00 Var; 14-16-ODACS Basketball Tournament Round One; 16-4:00 PM-OWLS Friendship Banquet at the Phelps' Home; 18-PRESIDENTS' DAY-Offices/TBBCS/TBA closed; 18-19-ODACS Basketball Tournament Round Two; 22-23-ODACS Basketball State Finals; 23-9:30 PM-Churchwide Visitation; 24-6:00 PM-Lord's Supper; 24-7:15 PM-Teen SNAC. **WEEKLY:** 5, 12, 19, 26-2:30 PM-GNC-Providence; 6, 13, 20, 27-3 PM-GNC-Woodstock; 6, 13, 20, 27-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs.

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

TABERNACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY

Mr. Dean McGary, Principal

E-mail: academy@tabernacle-vb.org



The students came back from Christmas break with a mind to work! The Jr. high and Sr. High schoolers took their mid-tem exams, while the elementary classes kept plugging along. The TBA basketball season ended in the first game of the playoffs. Thanks to all the players and helpers and especially the coaches, for a great season. Plans are being made for field trips for all the classes and the students are looking forward to Spring Break beginning March 25.

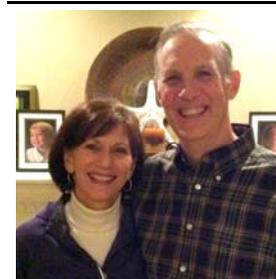
Dr. Alberta Wilson stopped by to celebrate the passage of Virginia's School Choice Bill. This should allow individuals and businesses to make tax deductible donations for Christian school tuition.

Our ODACS fine arts competitions are scheduled for Tuesday March 5 (Choir and group music) held at Great Hope Baptist Church and Monday March 11 (all other competitions) at Bethel Baptist Church In Hampton. You are invited to watch our school compete.

ENROLL TODAY!
CALL:
757-424-4697,
EXT.339



THE CAREER CLASS



The **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** was held January 12.

Amazing Appetizers with Coach and Dixie Cook

Sensational Salad with Art and Connie Roberson

Marvelous Main Course with Matt and Linda Klein

Delicious Dessert with Kevin and Melissa Wells



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



We celebrated our 7th Annual Birthday Party (for all) on **January 27th**. The dinner was served after the morning service in the School Gym/Cafeteria. What an enjoyable time we had—food, fun, fellowship, and a devotional by **Pastor Plais Hoyle** who told about his calling into the Chaplaincy. A delicious fried chicken meal—catered and served by our **academy senior class and their sponsors** as a fundraiser for their missions trip to PR this coming June. We played table games, and a guess who game, and of course, sang "Happy Birthday" to each other as a group! Everyone received a wrapped "birthday gift" from the 'centerpiece' basket on each table. Thank you, **Dorothy Bieber, Carl Bieber, Harriet Bennett, Kristin Roberson, Ruth Anna Manka** for putting this all together. There were forty-six in attendance. On **February 16th** at 4 PM, the OWLS celebrated the season with a Friendship Dinner at **Melvin & Eva Phelps** home. Great food and great fellowship! Thank you to the **Phelps! Lillian Jones and Will Scott** presented a fun skit that kept us in stitches. Then we had special music by **Kristin Roberson and Ruth Anna Manka**. **Ray Fulayter** played the organ and **Art Roberson** lead the group singing. A devotional was given by **Carl Bieber**. Those who took away prizes were: **Jane Cook, Dixie Cook, Grace Phillips, Brenda Scott, Art Roberson, and Noel Martin**. Thirty-two attended and because of the inclement weather and other emergencies, others who signed up to attend, could not get there!

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