

*"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!**

**"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11**

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

When Thanksgiving is late in November, Christmas seems to come so much faster. However, that does not ruin the spirit of it. There are so many things to look forward to in December--caroling, candles, decorations, vacation, cantatas, programs, gift-giving, shopping, special meals, fellowshiping with friends, parties, reuniting with family, poinsettias, light displays, and hearing again the Christmas story! With this special time of year, emotions run high, and we are reminded of Christmases past as we enjoy this present Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas live in our hearts year round as we celebrate the Christ-child that came to eventually die on the cross and rise from the tomb that our salvation might be complete.

Our Christmas cantata, *The Sights and Sounds of Christmas* will be presented on Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 PM directed by Mr. Art Roberson. The academy will have their Christmas program, *O Come Let Us Adore Him*, at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening, December 19, again, directed by Mr. Art Roberson. How thankful we are for adults and children (and director and accompanists) who put in the extra hours that our hearts might be blessed!

May the Lord give you a great Christmas, and may you look forward to the opportunities in 2014. The new year always hold new outlook and re-evaluation of the past year. May we all endeavor to be more like Christ than we were in 2013. **Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



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

What a busy but great two months we have had here in the youth department. On November 9th, we packed 116 greeting card boxes with candy, mouthwash, tracks, gum, and other items to ship to our servicemen and woman that are deployed. We want to thank those who donated to this project also so these deployed heroes of our country could have a little something this Christmas and know that Tabernacle Baptist Church appreciates them and that they have a Savior that loves them too.

On November 17th, we had a baked potato bar for our SNAC over at the Peterson's home and had a real good time eating, singing, and Brother Dave gave a challenge. It was a real blessing!

On November 22nd, we went to Wayside Baptist over in Chesapeake to a youth revival and had a great time of fellowship with other local teens and the choir from the academy sang. It was a real blessing.

Then on November 23rd, we had our first annual Tabernacle Turkey Bowl where we had a flag football game and tailgate party afterwards. It was great! We turned it into a church activity and Brother Bob and Brother Bill grilled burgers and dogs for us. Many of the woman brought other food and desserts, and it was just a great time as a church family. It didn't go so good for the teens though as they lost 40-20 against the parents; but, hey, there is always next year.

As we rolled into December, we were able to visit a nursing home on the 4th and minister in song and praise to some of the elder folks, and then on the 7th we went around to a few of our shut-ins as well as a Christmas party that Brother and Sister Phelps were having and did some caroling there and had a wonderful time.

We still aren't finished yet this month--we have our SNAC the 22nd at the Phillip's home with fellowship and a gift exchange. Then the 31st we finish out the year with a get together to reflect on the last year and what the Lord has done for us...as well as an ugly sweater contest.

As 2014 comes in, we have many things to look forward to in January and February such as the following: a progressive dinner, our winter retreat, and visitation. The Lord is good, and we just want to thank Him for all He does; and with this joyous time of year when we celebrate His birth, let's remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season," and we pray for strength to keep on keeping on for HIM! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Joyce and me and all the Tabernacle Teens 4 Christ!



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

The choir and hand chimes have been busy preparing for Christmas. Chimes practiced every Sunday at 3:30 and choir began at 4:00 for the last six weeks. Chimes prepared two offerings, and the choir has been preparing the cantata -- "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas." Thanks to all who have been faithful in the extra time needed to prepare for these special services. Thanks to Pastor Baker and Wes Thurman for narrating for the cantata. As always there is room in the music program to serve Him. Come join us in the new year.

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Dr. Sherrill has several ladies taking her Women Ministering to Women classes at TBBCS and our Satellite Class at Good News Baptist Church.

This is the DECEMBER 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 SIXTH 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. Some five years ago a friend came to me and said, "You need to read this book." I like to choose my own books, but I learned she was right. The book is entitled "The Edge of Terror." It is the story of American Baptist Missionaries trapped in the Japanese occupied Philippines. I want to recommend this wonderful story of Missionary faith and endurance during very trying times.

Your life would be enriched as you spend the war years 1941-1944 with them. Dr. Fred and Ruth Myers sailed for Manila in 1919. It was a life time commitment for both of them. Dr. Meyer and his wife arrived in Capiz City, on the Island of Panay to see a very run down twenty room hospital. By 1940, he along with his staff treated over 2000 people yearly.

Following the Japanese invasion of the island the twenty-four Baptist Missionaries decided to stay and serve the people with the Gospel and medicine. The brutal Japanese brought fear to the hearts of the missionaries, but they were faithful. The years from 1942-1944 were hard years. They were chased, were without food, some were executed, separated from loved ones, sick, lived in caves, without shoes to make long treks through rough terrain, yet loved and protected by God and lovingly cared for by their Filipino friends. The dedication of the Filipinos to these Americans is in itself a heartwarming story. In the midst of all this turmoil, God allowed one lady to give birth to a baby girl early in 1944.

Deliverance came for the fifty eight Americans at the command of General. Douglas Mac Arthur. On April 1, 1944 the US Submarine, Angler, arrived in Darwin, Australia, with its precious cargo. I challenge you to read the book, "The Edge of Terror" by Scott Walker. It is published by St. Martin's Press.

Please pray for the faithful TBC missionaries who will be away from home over the Holidays. They so desire our prayers. The attack of the enemy is even greater during the Christmas Season. Let's hold the ropes and keep our promise to pray and give. Our missionaries are counting on us to be as faithful as we want them to be.



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

Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling and Facing Life's Challenges Ministries 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, Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Ashboro, NC, and Hico Baptist Church in Graham, NC have been promoters and partners in our endeavors.

We are completing our Fall Trimester courses. Several of our students are pursuing the Certificate of Accomplishment in Biblical Counseling which makes them eligible for pursuing the Certification with NANC (National Association of Biblical Counseling). We are actively visiting churches to pursue students and partnership support for the work that we believe will benefit these churches. We are working on updating some of our counselors in training in our churches on our website. These counselors are in training and most are pursuing further certification with National Biblical Counseling Groups. Most of these counselors have received the Certificate of Achievement in Biblical Counseling from our Training Center. They are actively using Biblical Counseling as an extension of their preaching and teaching responsibilities in their churches. 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. NANC voted at their annual meeting to change their name to the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). We continue to get inquiries concerning HRBC being a certified training center for NANC which is now the ACBC. Check out our website and different ministries and opportunities at [www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com](http://www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com)

We are thankful for a gift to help us develop a banner for our display table along with some new brochures. There are several families in need of Biblical Counseling and who need to have the financial means to purchase materials and give toward the support of this ministry. We have a fund that is used to help these individuals. HRBC is in need of increasing this fund immediately. We need regular financial support to be able to reach out to more individuals. Pray for the ministry to develop as the Lord leads and gives the opportunities.

# Up-Coming Events!

January 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>—Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM  
 February 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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

### WISDOM FROM THE WORD!

Here are some words of wisdom:

- A man who is smart can still reject the Word of God – but then he can never be wise.
- In matters of practical wisdom the majority is usually right; in matters of spiritual wisdom the majority is often wrong.
- Youth is wasted on the young. – Mark Twain
- The biggest trouble with a sure thing is its uncertainty.
- It is simply amazing how much wiser our parents become the older and older we get.
- The endless search for wisdom ends at Bethlehem.
- To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it. – E.C. McKenzie
- Giving advice to a fool is like giving medicine to a dead man. – American Proverb
- He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.
- – John Tillotson
- Here below was born the Wisdom That Is From Above.

Here at TBBCS we seek to impart the wisdom that is from above – the wisdom from the Word. Paul exhorted all of us to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...” (Col. 3:16).

Registration for the Spring Trimester has begun and will continue until classes commence on Monday, January 13. “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding (Prov. 23:23).

**NOVEMBER REPORT:** 1, TBA 1st Quarter Report Cards go out; 3, TRACT SUNDAY; 3, Daylight Savings Time ENDS; 3, Children’s Missionary Offering; 9, 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 9, 10 AM-2 PM-Youth Activity-Scrub & “Pack Attack,” 9, 2 PM-Wedding Shower/Sarah Klein/Gym; 10, Gideon’s 300; 10, Sunday, Missionary Gabe Eiben - 9 AM-SS, & 6 PM; 14-15, TBA Teacher Work Days; 17, 3:30 PM-Deacons’ Mtg.; 17, 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC at the Petersons’ Home; 18, PM-Eat out night at Friendly’s—sponsored by 10th Grade; 23, 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation, 23, 9:30 AM-Youth Activity-Turkey Bowl & Tailgate Party; 24, 11:30 AM-The OWLS Thanksgiving Dinner; 24, 5:30 PM-Patch/PeeWee Practice/6 PM-Sing; 26, 7:15 PM Praise Service; 26, Noon –Academy’s Out; 26, 7 PM Mid-week Service-all meet in Aud.; 26-29, 26 (at noon)-25 -Thanksgiving—TBA Closed; 26-29, Offices Closed; 27, No PM Service; 30, Decorating Auditorium for Christmas. **MID-WEEK SERVICE:** 6, 13, 20, 26-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; 5, 12, 19, & 26-Tuesdays, 2:45-4:00 PM–Providence GNBC; 6, 13, & 20-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 **February 9, 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!

**DECEMBER REPORT:** 1, TRACT SUNDAY; 1, 10 AM-Missionary Jonathan Carl; 1, 6 PM-Jeff Setzer; 3, B-ball - Gill Grove - AWAY - JV 4:30; Var 6:00; 6, B-ball - Sweet-haven - AWAY - JV 4:30; Girls 5:30; 7, 9:30 AM-Churchwide Visitation; 7, 10 AM-The OWLS’ Fruit Baskets for the Shut-ins; 7, 6 PM-Youth Activity-Caroling; 8, 6:00 PM-Holiday Testimony Service; 9-13, TBBCS Fall Semester Final Examinations; 10, B-ball - Bethel HOME - JV 4:00; Girls 5:00; Var 6:30; 13, TBBCS Fall Semester Last Day; 13, B-Ball - Gateway - AWAY - JV 4:00; Girls 5:30; Var 7:00; 14, 9 AM-Noon-Cantata Rehearsal; 14, 4:00 PM- The OWLS Christmas Party at the Phelps; 15, 6 PM-Christmas Cantata; 16, B-ball - Great Hope - HOME - Girls 5:00; Var 6:30; 19, 7 PM-TBA Christmas Concert; 20, TBA Last Day; 22, No Yokefellow Mtg; 22, 7:15 PM-Teen Christmas SNAC at the Phillips; 23-1/3, TBA Christmas Break; 24, 1/2 day Offices Closed; 24, 5 PM-Candlelight Christmas Service; 25, Offices Closed; 25, No Wed. Service; 29, 6 PM-The Lord’s Supper; 29, Benevolent Offering; 31, 1/2 day Offices Closed; 31, 6 PM-Teen Activity; 1, NEW YEAR’S DAY, Offices Closed. **MID-WEEK SERVICE:** 4, 11, 18, 24-7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; 3, 10, & 17 -Tuesdays, 2:45-4:00 PM–Providence GNBC; 4, 11, & 18-Wednesday, 3:15-4:30 PM –Woodstock GNBC.

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)



**TABERNAACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY**  
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November was a month of Basketball practice and preparation for our ServeAthon. Our young people worked for about four hours on Monday November 25th. They raked leaves for some shut-ins, picked up trash for the city, helped build a shed, and many odd jobs around the church property. We had a great day of serving others. We received very gracious comments from the city workers, and a beautiful thank you card from one of the shut-ins. Thank you, to all the extra helpers that worked that day.

The 10th grade class had an Eat-out night at Friendly’s. We had a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

December brought the start of basketball season. Ball games are scheduled for most Tuesdays and Fridays form now until the end of February. Check the schedule and come cheer on your TBA Patriots. The choir has been requested to sing at the Norfolk Airport on December 16th. Then the whole school Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 19th.

January and February will bring mid-term exams, basketball games, and all types of preparations for ODACS Fine Arts Competition. I praise the Lord who has allowed us to serve with. Please pray for us to be a blessing!

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



### THE LADIES’ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Ladies’ Sunday school class once again led the charge on the Saturday after Thanksgiving as we decorated the church for Christmas. It was a great deal of fun to see the new arrangement of poinsettias, lights, etc. in our new remodeled auditorium. We think the tree looks wonderful there, too.

For our class study, we are doing the book of James right now. So we are practicing being doers of the Word as well as hearers!

### THE CAREER CLASS

*“Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth”. “Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come”.* (Psalm 71:9; Psalm 71:18)

The privilege of serving the Lord through the nursing home ministry is priceless! For the past couple of months, the Career Class had twice ministered to the folks at Chesapeake Place Alzheimer’s Community through songs and instrumental numbers. The joy and appreciation of the dear residents are evidenced on the responses they have given when sang to and conversed with. Next visit’s schedule is something the residents are looking forward to.



Left to Right: Residents of Chesapeake Place Alzheimer’s Community, Violin Duet by Suzanne & Lloyd, Dave Peterson leading the group with a hymn

Christmas Party for the Career Class is always a fun and memorable activity. Games, singing, testimonies and a contest of Ugly Christmas Sweater are on the list. May the Lord bless us all and may Jesus Christ’s Name be glorified and magnified in and through us this Christmas season.

**A Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year to All!!!**

December: 7<sup>th</sup>, Fourteen Fruit Baskets for Shut-ins where made and distributed, and on the 14<sup>th</sup> the Christmas Party was held at **Melvin & Eva Phelps**. “What a great blessing and time of fellowship and good food. This family has been a great encouragement to our church in displaying the gift of hospitality. We appreciate their labors of love on our behalf!” **COMING EVENTS:** January is our Birthday Month when we celebrate everyone’s birthday—it is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup>!



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

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



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