

*"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 Prosperous 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

Christmas is a blessed time of year - family gathers near, friends find time to fellowship, music programs that tell the story are performed, children sing and recite the story of The Babe, homes and businesses are decorated in red and green, Christmas music plays as we shop, special foods are prepared, and memories are made to be recalled all year. Many special events have been scheduled at Tabernacle Baptist Church as well. On Sunday night, December 2, we had our *Holiday Testimony Service* when we recorded testimonies to be sent to the missionaries and visiting pastor **Dr. Greg McLaughlin** from Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville, AL, preached the message. A *Christmas Carol Gallery* was the cantata presented by the Adult Choir on Sunday night, December 9, with many family and friends in attendance. Tabernacle Baptist Academy performed their Christmas program entitled *Come to Bethlehem* on Friday night, December 14. The children from Kindergarten through the 12th grade sang songs and recited poems and readings. On Sunday night, December 23, we will have our annual *Christmas Candlelight Service* where families and individuals will sing, play the piano, and recite poems and Scripture. What a sweet time with our church family right before Christmas!



Every year we endeavor to take a **GREATEST GIFT OFFERING** to remember what God has done for us. We individually give an offering to the church as a remembrance of what God gave in sending His dear Son to the earth to someday be crucified for our sin. This year the offering will go to purchase new hymn books for the auditorium. The cost will be about \$15.00 per hymnal. We will be doing some auditorium remodeling in January and February as well.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2013!



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

Greetings in the midst of a festive season. As usual, the fall has been a busy one for the Teens of Tabernacle. Harvest Rally was fantastic! This year the annual event moved out to the farm! Special thanks to **Pastor Gary Ross** for the use of his property (as well as the tremendous help and supplies of those in his church). The Lord gave us a great day, and **Rand Hummel** preached some great messages. We praise God for the work He did in hearts.

Later in October the girls held a "cookie bake-off" while the guys enjoyed a round of airsoft in the dark. In early December the guys continued their airsoft excursions while the girls hosted free baby-sitting to allow parents to squeeze in some unaccompanied Christmas shopping (or maybe a date night).

In November, the teens got together for our annual Pack Attack. We assembled some 115 boxes and shipped them out to soldiers serving abroad. We also were able to collate some Bible studies for **Chaplain Gene Sayre** to benefit the inmates at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail.

Special thanks goes to the **Kunderts, Parsons, Bakers, and Wells** for hosting teens during our Progressive Dinner. Special thanks also goes to the **Wordens and Phillips** for hosting the November and December SNACs.

Winter Retreat is just around the corner (February 2-3), and parents have already received the paperwork for next summer's trip to the WILDs. If you would like to sponsor a teen to go on either one of these activities or help them earn their way, please see Pastor Hoyle.

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. We are finishing our teaching in two of our Satellite Churches in this Fall Trimester, Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake and Hampton Roads Independent Baptist Church in Hampton, Virginia. Come join us

for one of the classes. **Dr. Sherrill** is teaching Women Facing Life's Crises, and **Dr. Ray** is teaching Introduction to Biblical Counseling on Tuesday evenings in Hampton, beginning September 11 and continuing through December 11. **Dr. Ray** is teaching Introduction to Biblical Counseling at Good News Baptist Church.

We had the privilege of holding a couple's seminar in the Filipino Baptist Church on October 27, 2012. God blessed us with a good attendance and good response of a willingness to learn and grow from the good people at the seminar.

We are finishing the preparations for the Spring Trimester classes. We are teaching Crisis Counseling classes at Hampton Roads Independent Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings and Good News Baptist Church on Thursday evenings beginning in January. 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.

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.

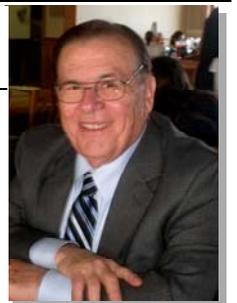
Check out our website and different ministries and opportunities at www.hrbbiblicalcounseling.com. Pray for the ministry to develop as the Lord leads and gives opportunities.



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



Missions is our Mission. Did you ever think of what Christmas is like on the mission field? It seems to me it could be a very lonely time, or it could be much like you and I have it in America. If there is a body of believers the Christmas fellowship would be great. The family back home would be missed unless they have been able to join with their loved ones on the field. Some countries would celebrate while others would have no inclination for celebration. Let me end this paragraph with a call to prayer. We need to pray that God will give a special time of fellowship and blessing no matter the country. To those who love God, Christmas is wonderful. The theme "Christ alone" is enough.

In November, TBC began to collect our annual Christmas offering for the mission children. The gift knows no age limit if they live at home. It brings joy to the hearts of our Missionary Kids. TBC receives many wonderful notes of thanks telling how the gift was a blessing. When we read the notes we get another blessing. There is one in giving and one in receiving. That sounds biblical to me!! This year, we have eighty-three Missionary Kids living at home.

Each month at TBC we each receive thirty gospel tracts to distribute during the month. This is missions in our Jerusalem. What a need exists in Tidewater. Many of the TBC folks are faithful in witnessing though tracts. There have been some professions of faith by those who received the Word. **Pastor Baker** reminds us that it is hypocritical to send others to foreign fields and not take care of our Jerusalem.

In December, we prepare our annual CD with an individual greeting to each missionary family. The CD also includes special Christmas music by our choir. The main ingredient of the CD is a message from the Word. This year, **Dr. Greg McLaughlin** from Huntsville, AL, brought the message. These messages are in the mail, and our hope is that each family will get a blessing. They will be assured again of our love, care, and support of them and their wonderful work.

What will we do in 2013? We will have a repeat performance with a greater reliance on Him. We will work, pray, give and go. Let's keep our eye on the goal of world evangelism. There is something for each of us to do. It takes a lot of different ingredients to serve God but there is one common to all and that is a caring, loving heart. I want God to warm my heart for missions at home and abroad. Will you join me? Let's make missions our mission.



TABERNACLE'S CHOIR NEWS Mr. Josh Savage, Music Director

Our Cantata, *A Christmas Carol Gallery*, is over, as of last night! It was a fun, learning experience together as we looked at old carols, familiar and unfamiliar, woven into four technically challenging pieces! We always heave a sigh of relief when cantata is over, then smile. Our musical accompaniment was amazing. **Mr. Martin** may have said it best, "**Mrs. Boorujy's** fingers were going a hundred miles an hour for ten minutes at a time on every one of those pieces!" What **Mr. Noel Martin** didn't know was that the recording we heard of the cantata had orchestration. **Mrs. Alison Boorujy** singlehandedly replaced all of that on one keyboard! She is truly a huge asset to our music program.

As I stand poised to depart for the new ministry God has for my family and me, I can't help but repeat what I said to the choir, musicians, and chimers the other day, "Tabernacle has a wealth of talented and dedicated people in its music program. I thank God for you!" Many churches struggle to find even one pianist; or even to put together a choir of more than half a dozen voices. For a medium-sized church, we have been blessed with a huge choir. Our choir seems to be approaching 20% of the congregation. And that is a blessing; one we don't want to take for granted.

With my departure, the choir will be under the leadership of **Mr. Art Roberson**, who already oversees the orchestra and the hand chimes as well as the school music program at the Academy. He is a dynamo of energy; evidenced by the fact that he also teaches science in the academy, works part-time as a nurse to keep his credentials current, and, with his wife, caters most of our banquets at the church, college, and Academy. Tabernacle family, get to know him and support him in his new ministry. You will find that, most of all, he has a tender heart for the Lord and for the furtherance of the gospel. Won't you please join him in that endeavor?

I firmly believe that Tabernacle's best days lie ahead, as **Pastor** often says! Be blessed, and pray for us in Eden, North Carolina. We love you all.

This is the DECEMBER 2012 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 2012!** Please consider giving a donation to defray production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

Up-Coming Events!

January 12th & 26th —Churchwide Visitation at 9:30 AM
 February 9th & 23rd —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.

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CHRISTMAS-CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Christ came in the fullness of time (Gal. 4:4-7); TBBCS seeks to fully equip workmen that do not need to be ashamed (1 Tim. 2:15).

The advent-angel brought to the shepherds great glad tidings; this troubled world hears more than enough bad news and needs to hear some good news – the good news that a Savior was born so that sinners can be born again.

The wise men came to Bethlehem to seek the Lord Jesus; at TBBCS we come to class to learn of Him and from Him – not to press a secular humanist agenda that strives aggressively to minimize Him in the minds and hearts of students.

It was altogether fitting and proper that wise men opened their treasures (Matt. 2:11) before the One in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom (Col. 2:3).

If going to college means seeking wisdom, what college could possibly be a better college than a Bible College?

Make the journey to Bethlehem. Make the connection between Christmas and College – that is, a Christian College.

It is because of Christmas that TBC celebrated "Gideon's 300 Sunday" on November 11, 2012. It is because of Christmas that TBBCS has scheduled registration for the spring trimester on Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 10. Classes start on Monday, January 14.

Make the connection with Christmas! "...the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 Jn. 2:8).

THE LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



The Ladies' Sunday school class is in the process of finishing up its study of the promises in Psalm 23, as written by Elizabeth George.

- ◆ We are excited to study Proverbs 31 next.
- ◆ We are learning to bear one another's burdens and to pray for each other.

- ◆ We are learning to be real about when we struggle and to ask for each other's prayer when we need it.

- ◆ We also had a blast on the day we decorated the church for Christmas. More people worked than just our class, but our class was the core from which others spread out. We love this day of the year—to work and fellowship, to see our labors take shape into one of the best Christmas church displays in fundamentalism, we have been told!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NOVEMBER REPORT: 2, TBA 1st Quarter Report Cards Emailed; 3, 6 PM-Youth Activity-"Pack Attack"; 4, Tract Sunday, Daylight Savings Time Ends; 4, 2nd Offering for Missionary Children; 4, 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 10, 9:30-Churchwide Visitation; 11, Gideon's 300 Sunday; 12, Veteran's Day Observed; 17, 6 PM-Youth Progressive Dinner; 18, The Church Pictorial was distributed; 18, 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg; 18, Josh Savage's Ordination Service, 6 PM; 20, TBA 1/2 Day-No After-care Provided; 20, TBBCS in Session; 20, 11 AM-TBCM Praise Service; 21, Offices closed at noon; 21, TBA Closed, TBBCS in Session; 22, Offices & Schools Closed; 23, Offices & Schools Closed; 24, 9 AM-Decorating Auditorium for Christmas; 25, No Yokefellows' Mtg.; 27, 2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence Elem.; 28, 3 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock Elem.; 28, 7 PM-Adults, Youth, Patch/PeeWee Clubs; **November 6, 13, & 20**-Tuesdays at 2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence Elementary, **November 7 & 14**-Wednesdays at 3:00 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock Elementary. Wednesday Evening Service: 7 PM-Adults, Youth Chapel, and the Patch & PeeWee Clubs. Except the week of Thanksgiving, we all met in the auditorium on Tuesday, **November 2**. No service on Wednesday Evening, **November 21**.

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

TABERNAACLE BAPTIST ACADEMY

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We have completed our first quarter, and the report cards look great. Our young people are doing well and seem to have wonderful attitudes. I praise the Lord for the families He has us ministering with. Our faculty and staff are working together for the glory of God and having a great time.

Our Christmas card fundraiser is over and the top sales-people have gone out to lunch as a reward. Just before Christmas we'll reward the top three sales people with a cash bonus, and after the New Year several others will go bowling or to Lazer tag. Mrs. Kelly Kursinsky did a great job with collections and computer input.

The Jr. and Sr. High choirs went to the Norfolk Airport for a caroling concert. All of the elementary classes planned Christmas parties for the last day of school, while the high school went caroling to Bayside Health and Rehab center. The whole school participated in a Christmas concert "Come To Bethlehem" in the church auditorium.

Basketball season has begun! We will have games through December, January and most of February. The alumni game is scheduled for Jan. 5 beginning at 4:30pm. Late in January, the young people will enjoy Spirit Week.

Praise the Lord for his goodness, His mercy endures forever!

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THE CAREER CLASS



Holidays with the Career Singles:

For the past few weeks, some of the Career Singles have been sharing their personal testimonies in Sunday School. Jeff Slaughenaupt,

Cheryl Chaokas and Amanda Baker have shared encouraging testimonies. We look forward to hearing from others and using this opportunity to get to know each other better.

In November, several in the Career Class went to Lynnhaven Golf Park for a game of mini golf. This chilly, outside activity was preceded by a wonderful meal at Whitner's Barbecue.

In December, we visit Autumn Care Nursing Home with Coach and Dixie Cook. The Career and College classes enjoy ministering in music to these sweet residents. Looking ahead to January, the Career Class will be enjoying a holiday progressive dinner.

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.

THE OWLS-TBC SENIOR ADULTS: A farewell to Irene Wyatt in early November. She moved back to her home area in Ohio! She was a faithful helper in the Layout Department since she joined Tabernacle. We shall miss her! December 1-we made 15 Fruit Baskets for our Shut-ins. Those who participated were: 1st Row (lt.-rt.) Harriet Bennett, Joyce Yoho, Will Scott, Kay Zickefoose, Pat Thurman, Dotty Bieber; 2nd Row: Kristin Roberson, Wes Thurman, Carmencita Hill, Nick Salmons, Sharon Salamone, Art Zickefoose, Walter Yoho, Davey (Yoho's grandson), David Hill, & Ruth Anna Manka. Photo taken by: Carl Bieber. Then, at 4 PM, the OWLS (40 attended) arrived at Melvin & Eva Phelps' home for a Christmas Dinner Party. A devotional was given by Dr. Greg McLaughlin. A good time was had by all. Thank you Melvin & Eva! Remember January is our Birthday Party—January 27th, Dinner after the morning service in the School Gym/Cafeteria. In February, we will have our Annual Friendship Party at the Phelps' home.

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

