

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

Tabernacle Times



2009 Bible Memorization — 1 John—two verses a week — Two More Months To Go!

Mark Your Calendars: December 7th—Holiday Testimonies, 14th—Christmas Cantata, & 21st—Churchwide Caroling

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

Fall is here, and we have the beautiful colors and mild weather to enjoy! God's beauty is again displayed! The busy summer led us into the even busier school year. With one quarter behind us and the holiday seasons before us, we anticipate God's blessing once again.

The Fall Revival meeting, September 20-25, 2009, with **Tom Farrell** made us all sit up and realize there were changes that needed to be made in our lives. We were challenged with real Biblical truths, and many people made decisions that will last a lifetime, we pray. What a blessing to see God's Word preached, people respond, and changes made! The **Farrells** are scheduled to be with us again in meetings several years in the future.



We are so pleased with the participation in our new door-to-door visitation program, *Won By One*. As many as eighty-three have been out on a given Saturday taking literature to the homes within a one mile radius of our church. We need to let people know that we love them, God loves them, and we would love to have them visit our church. Many times we do not see immediate results from these visits, but God is faithful to bring visitors to our church week after week. There may also be a time when our neighbors need a church that cares—we want to be here when that need arises. Thank you to all of you who have caught the vision of reaching the lost around us. Let's continue to be faithful!



MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator

Is MISSIONS really our MISSION? I would say, "Yes, it is at Tabernacle!" Missions takes us across the street, down the street and around the world. It seems that what I just said takes prayer, time, effort and money. Most of us can do two of the three to some extent. Some can add the third aspect of Missions and go to a foreign field. I believe that you and I, dear reader, must do as God directs.

Pastor Baker has a vision for the total program of Missions. There is constant prayer for Missions and Missionaries. We go door to door and share the Gospel. God has promised a time of reaping. What a joy it is to see the FAITH PROMISE come in each week. That is the result of faithful giving. The big thermometer to the right of the platform tells the story. Then there is a continual flow of our current Missionaries reporting back to TBC. The final part of our responsibility is prayer. We adopt missionary families at TBC, and we pray for them.

The needs of our Missionaries are staggering. Money is needed all around the world. We have requests for money for Bibles and literature in India, the completion of a church building in the Philippines and communication equipment in Mexico. There are requests from 30 or more young couples who need support to go to the field. Missionaries are facing reduction in support because of struggling churches and the devaluation of the dollar. None of this stops the work of Missions but it hinders!

Maybe you would like to assist in one of these many projects. Please let me know and I will show you the options. Money spent in the cause of Christ and Missions is money that returns great dividends. It may be that you feel God wants you to begin Faith Promise giving or to increase the amount you give weekly. What a wonderful way to become a blessing and to be blessed.

During recent months we have had visits from Missionaries, **Wayne and Dee Snyder**. They are faithful Missionaries to Cambodia. It was a joy to get to know them better. **Chaplain Bob Ellis** and his wife **Sylvia** were also with us. **Bob's** ministry is recruitment of young men for the Chaplaincy. On October 18, **Rev. Larry Ball** presented the work of International Baptist Missions. Each family with totally different ministries, was a blessing. Please pray for them as they do God's will.

In December, we have our special Missions night. Each TBC Missionary will receive a special Christmas Greeting from the "Rope Holders" at TBC. There will be a message from **Missionary Jack Hunt** from North Carolina. **Jack and Jonnie Hunt** operate Mission Aeroservices in New Bern, NC, where they equip and repair planes and train and license pilots. It is a unique ministry. We are looking forward to their time with us.

In closing, let me call you to your knees for prayer for our Missionaries. Pray that they will be strong in the Lord. Pray for finances and families. Pray for the power of God to be on them. Pray that the enemy will not get the victory. Remember, they depend on us for prayer and financial support. May there be no casualties through lack of prayer.



Up-Coming Events!



November Churchwide Visitation: 2, 16, & 30—7 PM (Monday);
Won by One Door-to-Door Visitation: 7 & 21—9:30 AM (Saturday)
December Churchwide Visitation: 7 & 14—7 PM (Monday)
Won by One Door-to-Door Visitation: 5—9:30 AM (Saturday)

PLEASE NOTICE: If you have misplaced your monthly calendar, you can find the calendar for the church and schools 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.

Auditorium S.S. Class & The OWLS-TBC Senior Adults

Dr. Edward G. Caughill, Seniors Ministry Director



Dr. Caughill has been teaching Baptist History these last couple of months. **Dr. Yoho** gave us an introduction to the book of Hebrews on October 11. What is Hebrews all about? Who wrote the book of Hebrews? Name the most famous chapter in Hebrews! And many more questions will be answered!

THE OWLS REPORT: The OWLS went to Jamestown on September 26th — a beautiful and fun day! On October 18th, they held a Soup, Salad, and Dessert Luncheon in the school gym/cafeteria — everything was delicious and the fellowship was great. Some of the OWLS went on the Baptist History Tour with the TBBCS students on October 30. Thanks to those who are our faithful helpers!

COMING EVENTS IN THE PLANNING: On November 14th, we will have a Thanksgiving time Breakfast in The Commons at 9:00 AM; **December 5th**—the making of the Shut-in Fruit Baskets and distribution; **10th**—we will be attending the play "Little Women" held at Regent; and, of course, the Christmas Party at the **Phelps** the **19th**.

As mentioned in our last edition, please invite other OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Saints) who have not been attending our Sunday School Class!

Please continue to pray for our **Shut-ins** (a list can be found in the Wednesday Night Prayer Bulletin), plus **Lucy Jordan**. Also pray for **Melvin Phelps** who fell off a ladder and broke his shoulder bone (Melvin has donated many hours at Tabernacle making the outside grounds look beautiful for the Lord.). Just before the printing of the *Tabernacle Times*, we got word that one of our shut-ins, **Howard Linkous** was called home-to-be-with-the-Lord, October 24. Pray for his wife, **Jean**, and the **family**.



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor

At the time of our last writing, Back-2-School Bash was just around the corner. Since the start of school, it seems like distant history. However, the Lord gave us a great Bash with about 150 people from Tabernacle and several other churches. We also heard some great preaching from **Pastor Jim Rushing** of Temple Baptist in Chesapeake. On September 19, we hunted, and found, "Red September."

The first Saturday in October brought in this year's Harvest Rally. This year's events included paintball target shooting, the dunk tank, a volleyball tournament, speed pitch, "pick-up" soccer, basketball, and football games. With tons of pizza, nine Christian Colleges represented, music from Ambassador Baptist College, great preaching from **Evangelist Keven Brownfield**, and beautiful weather, the Lord gave us a great day.

As always, a big thank you to those who donated supplies, drove, and helped with youth activities. Special thanks goes to the Hills and the McGarys for the September and October SNACs.

On November 7, we will have a "pack attack," assembling small boxes with goodies, a hand-written note, and a Gospel tract. Then we mail the packets to deployed soldiers. Thank you to all of you who have donated items for these packages. November 21 will mark our "Progressive Dinner," an activity sure to be "full" of fun.

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

This is the OCTOBER 2009 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 2009!** Please consider giving a donation to defray the production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

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Dr. Walter Yoho
Professor/Author

"Valiant For The Truth Upon The Earth"

It's early November and mid-autumn. Everywhere we look we are joyfully reminded that God crowns the year with His goodness (Psalm 65:11). Mid-term exams are behind us, and our students have their eye on the finish-line (the conclusion of the semester) – and on the fullness of time (the blessed season of Christmas).

On Friday, October 30, Dr. Caughill led our students and our OWLS ("Older, Wiser, Loving Saints") on a Baptist Heritage Tour. Our appreciation of Baptist History was deepened by visiting three noble and notable sites of great interest to Baptists.

The most important TBBCS event on our TBCM calendar for November and December is on Sunday, November 8, which is GIDEON'S 300 SUNDAY. May the Lord be pleased to raise up an army of fellow-warriors who will fight by our side in the great cause of Christian higher education! May the Lord help our students to be "valiant for the truth upon the earth" (Jer. 9:3). Homer A. Kent put it so well when he said that II Timothy 2:2 "is the only true apostolic succession."

ABOUT FACES—IN THE NEWS

SEPTEMBER REPORT—1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, & 29: Academy Soccer & Volleyball Games; 2-4: High School-School Camp with Frank Bailey; 6: 8-wk. SS Campaign-Solid Steps in A Sinking Society (Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, & Charity-2 Peter 1:5-7) began; 7: LABOR DAY; Offices Closed; 12: 8 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast & Work Morning; 12 & 19: Teen Activities, Hunt for Red September and "Scrub & Grub;" 13: Quarterly Missions Sunday; 13: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 15: The Yearbook Staff of the Academy and the College/Seminary attended the Herff Jones Yearbook Seminar held at Chester, VA; 19: Won by One Visitation-a new ministry going door-to-door, 9:30 AM; 27: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 20-25: Evangelistic Meeting with Tom Farrell & Ben Farrell; 22: FALL began at 5:18 pm EDT! 26: The OWLS Get-Away to Jamestown; 26: Combined Singles/Career Classes cleaning & breakfast out, 9 AM; 27: Missionary Wayne Snyder; 27: 6:00 PM-Patch-the-Pirate Sing (Rehearsal at 5:30PM); 28: Academy-Jr. Class Eat In/Out Filipino Supper Feast

OCTOBER REPORT—2: Pastors' Fellowship held at Tabernacle Baptist and lunch provided; 2, 5, 6, & 9; Soccer & Volleyball Games, (16-17: Soccer/VB-ball Qtr. Finals); 3 & 17: Won by One Visitation; 3: Teen Harvest Rally-Kevin Brownfield; 7: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 17: Teen Activity; 18: Rev. Larry Ball-IBM; 18: 7:15 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 24: 8 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast & Work Morning; 25: 6:00 PM-Patch-the-Pirate Sing (5:30PM-Rehearsal), 25: The Lord's Supper; 26: TBA Spaghetti Eat In/Out Dinner sponsored by the Senior Class; 30: TBBCS-Baptist History Tour (+The OWLS Activity).

The Ladies' Sunday School Class



The Ladies' Sunday school class is staying busy this autumn assisting with apple butter making at the Academy (several of us helped peel apples or create the actual product itself) and keeping the church clean every five weeks or so. We are finishing the study of "Solid Steps in a Sinking Society" and are looking to launch into a study of how to keep our "internal landscape" uncluttered and pure before God. We will review our new book for the next "Tabernacle Times."

If you're in our neighborhood—Plan to attend our services

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 Service for Teens—Jones Room.....7:00 PM
- Wednesday—Patch Clubs—Meet in the School (Sept.-June).....7:00 PM

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The next articles are due December 6, 2009. 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 Baptist Academy

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The school year is in full swing, and fall is here. We have been able to enjoy many things since the beginning of the academic year. Early September afforded the 7th-12th graders the opportunity to go to camp at TRIPLE R RANCH. Our guest speaker was Pastor Frank Bailey. The students were able to ride horses, wall climb, Bible quiz, and enjoy the terrific food.

Soccer and volleyball season kept us busy whether home or away. Both teams did well and see potential for the coming years. Divisional classes in the high school have begun their fundraising for the year in preparation for their eventual senior class missions' trip. The Senior Class of 2010 will be going to the Philippines and Hong Kong along with the Tomlins and the Cooks.

October has been a busy month for the senior class as they continued the tradition of making homemade apple butter. Twenty-five bushels of apples went into the 501 jars of apple butter. Those interested in purchasing apple butter should contact the academy office. The seniors also sponsored a spaghetti dinner on Monday, October 26th in conjunction with Monday Night Visitation.

As we approach November and 2nd quarter beginning, we are excited about the twenty-six students heading to Bob Jones University for the annual Fine Arts Festival. The students will be participating in choir, drama/speech, and art. The young people will have the opportunity to visit the campus but will also be under choir clinicians.

Basketball season will be in "full court press" soon! We are anticipating a great year with a lot of "swooshing." Come on out and support the TBA Patriots!

TBA Alumni are encouraged to contact the academy office and update their home address and contact information as the alumni committee is planning a Alumni/Faculty Reunion in July of 2010.

The Christmas season will also prove to be an exciting opportunity for us as an academy to minister to those who are seeking the Savior.

Enroll Today! Call: 757-424-4697, ext.339

Visitation and Outreach
Dr. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter



God has burdened our Pastor and church in giving an invitation to attend and attempting to evangelize those in the immediate area of our church. We have had great attendance in going in twos and have seen many of our church family go for the first time in cold-calling visitation attempts. It is exciting to see the burden and attempts to evangelize the lost in our Jerusalem. We are looking forward to God bringing in the increase.

God has brought many visitors, and from them God has given us an increase in numbers joining in the ministry of our church. Several of our new members are actively participating in our evangelism and calling efforts.

We have had the privilege of seeing some recently come to know Christ personally through our counseling efforts. Pray with us for their growth and service for the Lord.

Our Sunday School class is studying what the Bible has to say about Heaven. Come join us.

NOVEMBER 2009 SCHEDULE--1: Baptist History Sunday; 2-6: Fine Arts Festival at BJU; 7: 9:30 AM-Won by One Visitation; 7: Teen Activity-"Pack Attack"; 8: Gideon's 300 Sunday; 8: 7:15 PM-Baby Boy Shower: Frances Figueroa; 12-13: TBA-Teachers' Convention; 14: 9:00 AM-The OWLS Thanksgiving Time Breakfast in the Commons; 15: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 21: 9:30 AM-Won by One Visitation; Youth Activity-Progressive Dinner; 24: 11 AM-TBA/TBBCS Praise Service; 7 PM-Mid-week service-All met in Auditorium; 25-26: Offices closed at Noon; No Wed. night service 26-27: THANKSGIVING break; Offices closed; 29: Benevolence Offering; 30: B-ball, JV, Var., 4:30 PM, (A), Southside; 7 PM-Churchwide Visitation

DECEMBER CALENDAR 2009--4: B-ball, Girls, Var., 5:00 PM, (H) Sweetheaven; 5: 9:30 AM-Won by One Visitation; 10 AM-The OWLS Christmas Baskets; 5:30 PM-All Staff Christmas Party 6: 6 PM-Holiday Testimony Service; 7: B-ball, (H), 4:00 PM, First Baptist; 8: B-ball, JV, Girls, Var., 4:00 PM, (A) Bethel; 10: 7:15 PM-The OWLS going to see "Little Women" Play; 11: 7 PM-TBAcademy Christmas Program; 12: 9 AM-Noon-Cantata Rehearsal; 13: 6 PM-Cantata "1777-A Colonial Christmas;"; 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 14: B-ball, JV, Girls, Var., 4:00 PM, (A) Bethel; 14-17: TBBCS Finals; 15: B-ball, JV, Girls, Var., 4:00 PM, (H) Gateway; 18: TBA & TBBCS out for Christmas Vacation at 3:00 PM; 19: 5 PM-The OWLS at Phelps; 20: 6 PM-Churchwide Caroling & Fellowship; 21: The First Day of Winter; 21-Jan.: TBA (1/4) & TBBCS (1/11) Christmas Break; 23: 7 PM-Mid-week service, all meet in Auditorium; 24: Offices closed at Noon; 25: CHRISTMAS; 27: No Yokefellows; 6 PM-The Lord's Supper; 30: 7 PM-All Meet in Auditorium; 8:15 Pm-Teen Activity; 31: Offices closed.

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You can get our full schedule of activities from the calendars under Events on the Web Site! Also, look for Pastor Baker's Sunday morning Sermons (Video) on the Web!