

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

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

One of the best things about a local church is the mission's program. We have been blessed this last fiscal year (July 2008-June 2009) by exceeding our mission's goal. The people of Tabernacle Baptist Church gave \$142,805.40 for missions which broke the record we broke last year. What a worthy cause! Many of our Tabernacle Baptist Church folks have been blessed to visit a mission field recently. In March of this year, Miss Amanda Baker, 9th-10th grade girls' Bible teacher, took the girls to the Durham Rescue Mission in Durham, NC. What an experience for the girls to see first hand what God can do with lives that are rescued from sin! During Spring Break, Dr. & Mrs. Carl Bieber went to North Carolina to visit Jack & Jonnie Hunt. It was a pleasure to see folks serving the Lord with their aviation skills. The TBA senior class (six students) along with their sponsors, Miss Amanda Baker, Pastor & Mrs. Plais Hoyle, and Miss Suzanne Roberson traveled to Brazil and experienced the mission field with the Barrett and Patefield families in June. The blessing of longevity of years on the mission field really spoke to the hearts of this group! Mrs. Becky Phillips, Miss Amanda Baker, and Miss Suzanne Roberson took a trip to Haiti in mid-June. A third world country experience is one not quickly forgotten—but to see Christians just like us who love the Lord and sing from their hearts serving God was a pleasant sight! New York City and the work of Jim Barker (Graduate of TBBCS) is where the Singles' Sunday school class with teacher Coach Cook, Dean McGary, and Dave Moffatt traveled to in July. They were able to help with building needs as well as do some sightseeing.



My wife, Marci, recently read a missionary book *A Candle to Burn* by Kay Washer. As she has related the events of the book to me, I continue to thank God for the way He has used people in the past as well as the people we know today. Even in the visit from David & Donna Edens (missionaries to Niger, West Africa) to our church in July, I was reminded that there are servants of our Lord being used of Him to win souls far and near. Let me encourage you to visit the mission field—any mission field! There are many here in the states; but if you venture out of the country, get ready for the blessings of the foreign mission field. God is doing great things! Thanks be to Him for using all of us to get His work done!



MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator

At Tabernacle our MISSION is MISSIONS. This is a statement that can never be exhausted in one article or a life time. There are thousands better qualified to write on the subject of missions. Those who have gone and served are the real missionaries. However, there are two facts that come to my mind. One is that I can write on the subject of missions and be a blessing. The other fact (truth) is that I can be a missionary where I am. It is not like God to shut someone out

who wants to serve. So, I challenge you as I challenge myself. Let's serve Him and be missionaries to lost people.

Recently, David and Donna Edens were with us at TBC. They have served in the country of Niger in West Africa. They have been in this Sahara Desert area for over thirty years. This is a land of 120 degree temperatures and lost people. The latter is why they went. God wanted them to be a witness to the Muslim people. They have gone, served, and loved the people. God has given them a ministry of Bible Translation, Church Planting, Scripture Distribution and Radio.

The Edens would tell you that they have experienced both good and bad times, but they never experienced being there without God. They have seen souls saved and lives changed. They would be nowhere else. The rigor of life in the Sahara has taken its toll. This missionary couple is home for a much needed rest and doctor's care. Donna is recovering from a heart attack and needs prayer. This couple knows missions in the Sahara Desert.

Missions has been on the front burner at TBC. Our FAITH PROMISE GIVING set a new record at \$142,805.40. In an earlier article I shared with you the 2009 goal was \$130,000.00. We give God the Glory for the victory. Our people have made Missions their Mission. We were able to send a double support to each of our missionaries in June. This faithful giving also translates into adding new missionaries Ray and Louise Borah (Ray received his doctorate from TBBCS and was a former TBCM Songleader; Louise served as the TBCM pastor's secretary when they lived in Virginia Beach) who serve at North Love Baptist Church in Rockford, IL. Their ministry is working with those who have graduated from the RU Program (Reformers Unanimous). North Love is the national headquarters for the RU Ministry. Dr. Borah is the Academic Dean of North Love Baptist Bible College. The second new missionary family is Roger and Sharon Crowder. The Crowders have been in Brazil over twenty years. Roger oversees the work of the Fundamental Baptist Ministries of Southern Brazil. There are seven families under his care.

TBC also voted to send eleven one time gifts to help meet special needs. These needs exist all around the world. Missionaries are building churches, schools, colleges, and radio stations. The needs are truly great but not too great for our God. Perhaps God would want you to help in some way to meet these needs. We would be glad to help you get your support to the field. The economic hard times have been very real for the missionaries. Many have written of support cut backs and in some cases support completely stopped.

I end where I started, with a world-wide challenge to be a missionary where you are and to do what you can do. Remember God's requirements for us are tailored to us in many ways. Our available time, talent, contacts, and money are all known to God. Let's have a heart for missions.

Up-Coming Events!



September Churchwide Visitation: 14 & 28-7 PM (Monday);
September Churchwide Visitation: 19-10 AM (Saturday)
October Churchwide Visitation: 5, 12, & 26th-7 PM (Monday)
October Churchwide Visitation: 7-10 AM (Saturday)

Adopt-A-Missionary Participant: October is letter writing to your Missionary Month!

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

We have been continuing our study of "Biblical prophecy" through July and August. We have been doing some review and tying up loose ends. Many still are expressing the joy of studying Bible prophecy. We are working on the subject for the next quarter. We have a request to study the old book "The Trail of Blood". The subjects for the next two quarters will be announced soon.

Anthony Whitehurst is back and doing well after the heart surgery. John Wells and Paul Lee are also recovering from surgery and have already returned to the services.

THE OWLS REPORT: The fourth of July outing at the Phelps home was a great success with good food and a great crowd. Carl Bieber gave us a 4th of July Quiz, a history lesson, and a devotional to go along with it! Once again a "Great Thank You" to Melvin & Eva. The winner of the quiz was Walter Yoho. On August 30th following the morning service the OWLS 3rd Anniversary Luncheon will be held.

COMING EVENTS IN THE PLANNING: A trip to Williamsburg/Jamestown in September, The Baptist History Tour with the TBBC students in October, our annual meal at Thanksgiving with the Academy in November, the making of the Shut-in Fruit Baskets in December, and, of course, the Christmas Party at the Phelps.

As mentioned in our last edition, each one please invite other OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Saints) who have not been attending our Sunday School Class! We do give a "hoot" for each one.

Please continue to pray for our shut-ins and Lucy Jordan.



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor

Greetings once again from the teens of Tabernacle. This summer is rapidly becoming recent history.

The teens of Tabernacle have been busy this summer. On June 23 we had a "ministry car wash" giving us opportunity to be a blessing and say "thank you" to those on staff at Tabernacle Baptist Ministries. The cars were not the only things that got wet!

The teens ushered in July with our annual "Messarama" on the 7th. It's always a challenge to make sure the event lives up to its name. The highlight of this activity was definitely flour-sock tag.

Many of the teens went to the Wilds during the week of July 13. God gave us a wonderful week with excellent preaching by Rand Hummel. We praise God for the opportunity to go. On the way back, we had opportunity to practice praying as the bus gave us some difficulty, but we finally arrived back in Virginia Beach.

We want to say a special thank you to all the teens (as well as the adults) who served in Vacation Bible School. The teens celebrated with a trip to "Y-not" at the end of the week.

Special thanks goes to the Kleins and O'Haras for hosting the June and August SNAC activities.

This time of year is always somewhat sad for the teens of Tabernacle. Not only does school start again, but the graduated seniors are moving on. We will certainly miss Sarah Klein, James Phillips, and Daniel O'Hara. We will be praying for them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Looking ahead, our Back-2-School Bash is just around the corner on August 21. Harvest Rally is less than 2 months away. Be sure to mark October 3 on your calendar for a day of exciting games and great preaching.

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

This is the AUGUST 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 FOURTH 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

Christian Higher Education

By the grace of God—for one of the most incredible feats of His faithfulness is to count us faithful—by the grace of God, we say, TBBCS continues to fulfill its **II Timothy 2:2 Charter** by offering intensive Biblical training in a warm family atmosphere of Christian love.

Our three Summer Sessions are now history. (May God give the increase!) Our fall semester is off to a great start with a full slate of over twenty morning, early afternoon, late afternoon, and evening classes for the consideration, convenience, and cultivation of our students.

We welcome back our returning students and welcome our new students (including one new student, **Michael**

Obonyo—all the way from Kenya!)

As a new graduate assistant, **Jonathan Wilkins** has already made positive contributions to this ministry over these past summer months. Welcome aboard, **Mr. Wilkins!**

A FEW THO'TS ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

- "As nothing is more easy than to think, so nothing is more difficult than to think well." —Thomas Traherne
- Never let what you don't know rob you of what you do know.
- "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."
- "Some students drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle." —E. C. McKenzie
- "History has a body and a soul. In the secular classroom you get only the body." —Keith Davey
- Some Christian Colleges offer their students wild fire enthusiasm and others offer their students scholarship-on-ice: we want to give our students **KNOWLEDGE ABLAZE!**

ABOUT FACES—IN THE NEWS

AUGUST REPORT: 2nd-Dr. **Jim Binney**, L.E.A.D. Ministries spoke in the 10AM service; 2nd-Report from the **Singles' Class** on their NYC Missions Trip at the 6 PM service; 2th-7:15 PM-Teen SNAC at the **O'Hara's Home**; 12th-**Singles' Bowling & Fellowship**-after evening service; 14th -Summer Adventure Ends; 15th-8 AM -4:00 PM-Churchwide Work Day (BBQ Chicken); 15th-8 AM-3 PM-Yard Sale sponsored by the **TBA Senior Class** for their trip to the Philippines coming in June 2010; 17th-21st -**TBA Teachers' In-service Week**; 20th-College/Seminary Reg.; 9:30 AM-1 PM, & 6:00-7 PM; 20th-TBA Orientation, 7 PM; 21st-5:30 PM-All **Staff Families-Covered Dish**; 21st-22nd-Back-2-School BASH with Pastor James Rushing, speaker; 23rd-The Lord's Supper; 24th-TBBCS Fall Session & TBA school year began; 25th-TBA Soc/V-ball, (A), 4:30 PM, Great Hope; 26th-7 PM-Patch the Pirate Clubs Begins for the Fall-Spring Sessions; 28th-V-ball, (A), 4:30 PM, Southside; 29th-V-ball, (A), 10 AM, Suffolk; 30th-11:30 AM-The **OWLS 3rd Annual Anniversary Luncheon**; 30th-6 PM-Dr. **Rod Bell**-Ministry Presentation.

THANK YOU! On August 6th Mrs. **Yvonne White** and her mother, Mrs. **Earlene Clark** left for western Pennsylvania to be with **Yvonne's** sister. A special thank you to **Yvonne** who was a faithful volunteer in the Layout Department—working on the copier and folding the church bulletins, flyers, booklets, etc. Also, she mailed out weekly Bulletins and flyers to the **Shut-ins and Military men and women** who are Tabernacle members. Phil. 1:3: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

Vacation Bible School-What A Blessing!

This year's Vacation Bible School was July 26-31. Our theme was "Blast Off For Christ." The Lord blessed our efforts and provided many kids as we sought to proclaim the truth. In the classroom, the children learned about the Bible and how it is a Book that is different than every other book in the world – it is God's Word. We celebrated this emphasis on God's Word by giving every child that attended Friday night in grades 1-6 a Bible. In our assembly, the missionary story told of a woman who gave her life to the Lord. God used her to translate the New Testament to a remote group of people who did not have a written language and had never seen God's Word in print. Each night an excited group of kids gathered, memorizing verses, and eagerly waiting for the evening's adventures to start.

A special thank you goes to all who helped with Vacation Bible School. Whether it was flyer distribution, inviting your neighbors, teaching a class, serving cookies, or some other area of service, your labor was a tremendous blessing. May God continue to use this year's Bible School to make an impact on lives for years to come. —*Pastor Plais Hoyle*

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The next articles are due **August 2, 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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What a busy summer we have had! Summer here in the academy building began with the sound of **Coach Cook's** office being renovated. The sound of children in the summer camp program chimed in as well. Quietly sitting in his Computer IT room, **Mr. Dave Moffatt** began the preparations for all the teachers to have brand new computers. What a blessing it has been for this update!

New carpet was chosen for the academy in June, and what was thought to be a short-term project ended up being completed the end of July.

As we approach the beginning of our 40th year in Christian education, we are excited about what the Lord has for us! Enrollment is steady, and the calls have kept us busy this summer. It has not been a slow summer.

The **senior class** kicked off the school year with a successful yard sale on August 15th as they begin their preparations to go to the Philippines for their class missions' trip in June of 2010. What a wonderful opportunity the **seniors, the Tomlins, and the Cooks** will have to be able to minister to the people there.

We are glad to welcome **Miss Kristen Roberson** to our faculty. **Miss Roberson** will be teaching 7th grade English and directing the PASS (Providing Assistance for Struggling Students) program. **Miss Roberson** is the sister of faculty member, **Miss Suzanne Roberson.**

Our theme for the year is "A Cut Above." As Christians, we are cut from above, and therefore must be a cut above in our relationships with our students and their families. Our theme verse is Titus 3:8—"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." It is our desire to uphold and support the ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Tabernacle Baptist Alumni will be holding a special alumni/faculty reunion in July of 2010. Mark your calendars now. It will also be surrounded by the Class of 1980's 30th class reunion.

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

The Ladies' Sunday School Class



The Ladies' Sunday school class is trying to stay cool in these warm summer days while remaining faithful in tasks as diverse as cleaning the church and teaching Vacation Bible School classes. **Mary Martin** helped take on a class of three-year-olds last week, while **Becky Phillips and Linda Turner** did their annual stint as refreshments coordinators. **Jennifer Tomlin** taught a class of older children with her husband.

We are learning about Psalm 23 from the book "A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23." It is a beautiful devotion and challenge to us.

Visitation and Outreach
Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter



Our Lord continues to bless our obedience to the Great Commission of giving the Gospel to the lost and ministering to believers. Visitors are being reached in a timely manner. Many of our members are regularly burdened to participate in our visitation and outreach. We are thankful for those who look for opportunities to seek to win the lost, visit those who come to our services, and minister to our members who are ill and who are seniors and not able to attend regularly.

Many have reached out to minister in our Vacation Bible School. It has been a great outreach endeavor with hundreds of flyers distributed.

We are seeing positive results from our efforts. God is working to build our church and strengthen our members as they serve God together through our ministries.

Our Sunday School class is studying the Book of Daniel. Come join us.

IN THE NEWS CONTINUED—JULY REPORT: 7th-Youth Activity-Messarama; 10TH-12th-Singles' SS Class trip to **Pastor James Barker's Church** in NYC; 12th-MISSIONARIES **David & Donna Edens**; 13th-17th-Dr. **Bob Vallier**-the church auditor; 13th-18th-Junior age and Junior/Senior High ages attended the **WILDS (Rand Hummel speaker)**; 20-24th-VBS Literature Distribution (Monday-Friday); 26th-30th-Vacation Bible School-6:30-8:30 PM.

Our Missionary Speakers With Us In The Summer Months



June: L. C. Easterling; July: David & Donna Edens; August: Dr. Jim Binney

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER--1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, & 29: Soccer & Volleyball Games (See web site calendar for time and place); 2-4: TBA-School Camp with **Frank Bailey**; 6: 8-wk. SS Campaign begins; 7: LABOR DAY; Offices Closed; 12: 8 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast & Work Morning; 12 & 19: Teen Activity; 27: 7:15 PM-SNAC; 13: Quarterly Missions Sunday; 13: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg; 20-25: Evangelistic Meeting with **Tom Farrell & Ben Farrell**; 22: FALL begins at 5:18 pm EDT! 26: The OWLS Get-Away; 27: Missionary **Wayne Snyder**; 27: 6:00 PM-Patch-the-Pirate Sing (5:30PM-Rehearsal). **HIGHLIGHT EVENTS IN OCTOBER--2:** Pastors' Fellowship held at Tabernacle Baptist and we provide the lunch; 2, 5, 6, & 9, : Soccer & Volleyball Games, (16-17: Soccer/VB-ball Qtr. Finals, 23-24: Soccer/VB-ball State Finals); 3: Teen Harvest Rally-**Kevin Brownfield**; 4: Tabernacle Times Article Due; 7: 7 PM-Youth Pastor/Parents Mtg.; 11: 3:30 PM-Deacons' Mtg., 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 17: Teen Activity; 18: **Larry Ball-IBM**; 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; 30-31: TBBCS-Baptist History Tour (+The OWLS).

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Also, look for Pastor Baker's Sunday morning Sermons (Video) on the Web!