

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

# Tabernacle Times



**Juniors & Senior High-The WILDS Camp/ July 13-18 & Vacation Bible School/July 26-31**  
**Adventure Summer - "in full swing" June 8-August 14 - A Day Camp for Children 3-12 yrs. old**

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

We are praising the Lord for His continued blessings here at Tabernacle. God continues to allow us to reach out to people in our community and to the ends of the earth. His plan in Acts 1:8 still works.

We are greatly privileged to have a wonderful staff with whom we serve. We appreciate all of them and started a couple of years ago to formally recognize each staff member for five years of continuous service. This year several of our folks were honored on Sunday, May 31, during our Evening Service. **Curt Tomlin**, our Academy Administrator, and two of our elementary teachers, **Miss Karen Duckworth** and **Miss Kim Hoff**, received recognition for 5 years of continuous service. **Mrs. Susan Marrero** has also served part-time for 5 years at the Academy. **My wife and I** are thankful for the 5 years God has given us a Tabernacle as well. **Mrs. Kathi Johnson**, our financial secretary, was recognized for her 20 years of service in the financial office. Last, but not least, **Coach Gordon Cook** was honored for 35 years of continuous service. Loyalty and longevity with staff members are wonderful blessings in the ministries of at least 625 years of combined experience among our present 37 staff members. Tabernacle Baptist Church Ministries is blessed each year because of such quality people. They certainly are worthy of our honor.



TBBCS Summer Sessions are underway, Summer Bible Time has begun on Wednesday nights, and Adventure Summer began at the academy on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. On June 17, **Mrs. Becky Phillips**, **Miss Amanda Baker**, and **Miss Suzanne Roberson** took a Missions Trip to Haiti. We are excited for the special opportunities these ladies had to see places and people where **Mrs. Phillips** worked as a missionary. The **Singles' Group** will be taking a Missions Trip to New York City July 10-12. The church young teens will go to the WILDS July 13-18. We anticipate the Lord's blessings in each of these activities!

As summer months continue, Vacation Bible School will take place July 26-30 from 6:30-8:30 pm Sunday through Thursday night. A concluding Awards Night and Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday Night (July 31) at 7:00 pm to recognize the young people with trophies and awards. This year's theme will be *Blast off for Christ*. Several speakers on staff will assist **Pastor Hoyle** in this great opportunity to reach out to Virginia Beach families. We will look forward to your family participating and bringing others with you!

May the Lord bless you as you remain faithful to church this summer. Don't get caught in the "Summer Slump" giving the devil the victory and finding things to do that will keep you from getting the blessings that await you in God's House. Make this summer one with *Victory in Jesus!*



## MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

**Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator**

Our MISSION is MISSIONS. I will speak mainly of the Foreign Missions Program at Tabernacle. We are told in Matthew to go to "all nations" and in Luke to "all the world." That seems to be rather inclusive. I am thankful for our missionaries that encircle the globe. Never the less, there is much to do. There are needs all around the world. There are new recruits needed and more money needed to send them. New buildings are needed for

church services and schools. In much of the world, there are innumerable orphans to be housed, fed, and won to Christ. Although our task is endless and sometimes rather discouraging, we have great joy in being involved. There is always "light" at the end of the spiritual tunnel.

We were blessed at TBC on June 7<sup>th</sup> to see a Power Point presentation of the ministry in Kenya, Africa that **Peter Nilson** comes from. **Peter** is here as a mission project to train and return to teach young men who will pastor new churches. **Mrs. Bieber** and **I** were privileged to visit **Jack and Jonnie Hunt** in New Bern, NC. They have MISSION AEROSERVICES where they inspect and repair planes and train others for the ministry of aviation. It is exciting to see what God is doing through them. The airplane is of great use to the missionary.

The TBA senior class of 2009 went to Brazil for their senior trip. Our church family was able to communicate and see everyone through Skype. The missionaries are the **Larry and Lydabelle Barrett and family**, who have been in Brazil for over 30 years. **Mrs. Bieber** was able to talk with and see her sister, **Lydabelle**. This was a happy time for our church and all of those in Brazil. **TBC parents** were able to say "Hi" to their kids in Brazil. What a wonderful opportunity for the folks to go. Our burden and prayer is that God will call some young folks to the foreign field. They were accompanied by **Pastor and Mrs. Hoyle** and two Academy teachers, **Miss. Amanda Baker** and **Miss. Suzanne Roberson**. While in Brazil the group visited with missionaries **Nathan and Dawn Patefield and family**.

On June 14, veteran missionary, **L.C. Easterling** was with us. **L.C.** and his wife **Phyllis** (who went to be with the Lord this past year) has served over 45 years in the hills of Kentucky. It was a great joy to hear from this faithful missionary. He is 86 years old and still keeps going.

TBC met its 2009 Faith Promise Goal of \$130,000.00 on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is to the GLORY OF GOD. Our people have been faithful to trust Him. We now have three more Sundays, as of this writing, to have even more money for special projects our Missionaries have underway.

There are two projects that I want to share with you. These are missionaries with Tabernacle Baptist Mission Agency. Missionary, **Ferdinand Reynon**, and his people are completing the interior of their church building in the Philippines. They have been saving money to finish the job and could use extra gifts. Missionary, **Enoch Kumar**, and his folks are building a church and much financial help is needed. Gifts can be sent through our Agency. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Keep missions on your heart. It is very near to the heart of God. He sent His only Son.

## Up-Coming Events!



July Churchwide Visitation: 13<sup>th</sup>-7 PM (Monday);  
July VBS Literature Distribution: 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (AM: M-F; PM: M-Tu-Th)  
August Churchwide Visitation: 3<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>th</sup>-7 PM (Monday)  
August Churchwide Blitzing: 16<sup>th</sup>-7 PM (Sunday)

Remember: July is write 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](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.

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

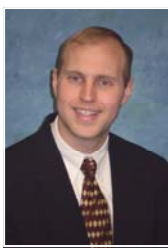
**Dr. Edward G. Caughill, Seniors Ministry Director**



During the months of May and June the Auditorium Class has been continuing our study of Biblical Prophecy and will soon complete this study. We are open for suggestions from the class as to which Bible book you would like to study next. In our prophecy study, we have considered the following subjects: The Times of the Gentiles; The Rapture of the church; The Judgment Seat of Christ; The Marriage Supper of the Lamb; both parts of the Tribulation; the period between the Tribulation and the Millennium; The Millennial Reign of Christ, The Great White Throne of Judgment; The New heaven and The New Earth; and The New Jerusalem. **Rev. L.C. Easterling**, our long time Missionary, taught our class June 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great time of reunion.

One of our members, **Anthony Whitehurst** recently suffered a heart attack and had a stent placed in a major artery. Please put him on your prayer list. Please continue to pray for our shut-ins and **Lucy Jordan**.

Here is our report for the OWLS: Some OWLS participated and enjoyed the College Graduation Banquet and Commencement Exercise. A number attended the Academy Concert and Graduation exercise. On May the 30<sup>th</sup>, the OWLS and some other families from the church went to the Norfolk ZOO! Great day, lots of exercise, and a great time was had by all! The annual cook out at **Phelps** will be held the Fourth of July. Please put it on your agenda. Other events are in the planning stage. Please invite OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Saints) and others who have not been attending Sunday school! We do give a "hoot" for them!



## YOUTH IN ACTION!

**Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor**

Hello from the Tabernacle teen group. It seems like the New Year was only yesterday, and now we are almost half way through this year. We would like to give a special thanks to the **McGary's** who opened their house to us for our SNAC on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. On May 23, the youth group played the Young Married Couples Sunday school class in softball. It was a time of fellowship and sportsmanship. Even though the Teens lost, we had a great time and we are looking forward to next year's challenge.

On Wednesday nights we have been studying about the topic of alcohol and what the Bible has to say about it. It has helped us realize the dangers of alcohol and that it will hurt us as well as others who care about us. We are looking forward to what God will allow us to do in the coming months.

June 16<sup>th</sup>—Girls' activity; June 17<sup>th</sup>—DVD Night (surprise!); June 20<sup>th</sup>—Men's & Boys' Day Out; June 23<sup>rd</sup>—Ministry Car Wash; June 24<sup>th</sup>—Parents' Meeting; June 28<sup>th</sup>—SNAC at the Klein's; July 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>—is the Wilds (for those who still want to go please see **Pastor Hoyle**, **Mrs. Hoyle**, or **Mrs. Phillips**). Mark your calendars July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>—come on out for the literature distribution for VBS.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the youth group and for God's blessing in the coming months. —**Daniel O'Hara**, Teen Group Member

IN THE NEWS—On May the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Patch-The Pirate & PeeWee Clubs (ages 3 years old through Grade 6) conducted an Awards Program under the leadership of **Dean & Robin McGary** and their helpers. The Clubs run every Wednesday evening from September through May each year. June through August the Children's Summer Bible Time is offered to children ages 4-12. The leaders this year include: (working with the (Boys) **Greg McLoud**, **Daniel McGary**, **James O'Hara**; and (working with the Girls) **Abby Baker**, **Merrill MacAllister**, and other.

This is the June 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 THIRD 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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Professor

**In Search of More Ezras**

Two dear and esteemed friends of our ministry were the special speakers for the Banquet and Commencement Programs. **Dr. Walt Coles** (Pastor of Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA) challenged our hearts on Saturday Evening, May 2, at the Graduation Banquet; and **Dr. Bill Hall** (Evangelist) challenged our hearts on Saturday afternoon, May 16, at our Graduation. What a blessing to witness **John Godfrey, Jr. (MRE)** and **Jonathan Wilkins (BBE)** come to the platform and receive their degrees. Other awards given were the **Leland Award: Reverend Robert E. McGee, Jr.** (Missionary to Australia) for exemplary Christian service, and the **Apologian Award: Dr. Bill**

**Hall.** (The Greek word "APOLOGIAN" speaks of being "set for the defense of the gospel.") In Philippians 1:17, the Apostle Paul states, "I am ... set for the defense of the gospel.")

Summer Session I (May 18-June 12) went well! We are now well into Summer Session II (June 17-July 14) and look forward to Summer Session III (July 20-August 7) and to the start the fall semester, August 24.

Gifted, dedicated people work hard at making what's hard look easy. Think about the concert pianist who practices ten hours every day five days a week and "sweats the details" in order to perform a masterpiece composition with flawless fluency.

"How long did you prepare?" someone asked Benjamin Disraeli after he had just delivered a brilliant impromptu speech. "Fifty years," replied the prime minister.

Ezra "was a ready scribe in the law of the Lord" (Ezra 7:6) - and he worked hard at it: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (Ezra 7:10). Jesus is looking for more Ezras (Matt. 13:52). We wish to train such special servants of God right here at TBBCS through what our beloved dean, Mr. Kenneth F. Sheets, correctly calls "an intensive study of the Word of God."



**MAY REPORT**—2: TBBCS Banquet, 6:30 PM, Dr. Walt Coles-Speaker; 3: Preachers' Night; 4-8: TBBCS Finals; 8: TBA Merit Outing; 9: Churchwide Work Day, 8 AM-4:00 PM, and Jr. Class Yard Sale (brought in over \$1,000.00); 10: MOTHER'S DAY (Gift for all Mothers); 12: 7 PM -Piano Recital; 15: 7 PM -TBA Spring Concert; 16: 3:00 PM-TBBCS Graduation, Dr. Bill Hall, speaker; 17: Dr. Bill Hall speaker, AM & PM ; Eat Out at CiCi's, 3-9 PM (TBA Sr. Class Sponsored); 18-6/12: TBBCS Summer Session #1; 20-26: TBA Finals; 23: The Teens lost to the Young Married Couples-softball & cookout; 25: MEMORIAL DAY, Schools & Offices were Closed; 26: K5 Graduation, Noon; 27: Patch-the-Pirate Sing & Awards, 7:00 PM; 28: Athletic Banquet, 6:30 PM; 29: TBA-Awards Day, 8:30 AM, and TBA High School Graduation, 7 PM.  
**BABY SHOWER:** 17: Rachel McClure a girl-Shelby 5/9/09  
**BABY BIRTH:** Andrew & Rachel Harris-a girl-Althea 4/29/09.

**JUNE REPORT**—1-13: TBA 2009 Senior Missions Trip; 3: the Wednesday's Summer Bible Time/Gym beings, 7 PM; 7: 6:00 PM-Quarterly Missions Night, special Skype hookup to Brazil to talk to the Barretts and our Mission Team; 8: Adventure Summer Began (June 1-August 14); 14: Rev. L.C. Easterling, S.S. & 6:00 PM; 16: Teen Girls Night at Brimers; 16-18: FBF National Meeting; 17-July 14: TBBCS Summer Session II; 20: Men's & Boys' Day Out, 11:30 AM-5 PM; 21: FATHERS' DAY; 23: Youth Activity-Ministry Car Wash; 24: Youth Pastor/Parents' Mtg, 7 PM; 27: SS Teachers' Breakfast & planning, 9 AM; 28: Missions Trip Testimonies by 2009 TBA High School Graduates & Sponsors, Lord's Supper, 6 PM, and Teen SNAC at the Kleins, 7:15 PM.



**Visitation and Outreach**  
**Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter**

Faithfulness in carrying out the Great Commission is characteristic of many of our members. Many members are faithfully presenting the Word of God through our tract ministry. Many of our members are regularly burdened to participate in our visitation and outreach. Our summer Sunday night "blitzing" is a great opportunity to get to families more regularly. Our members are already in the evening service and are able to more easily participate in a visit to the home of a guest to our services, a church member, or a senior adult who is not able to attend our services regularly.

Our **Sunday School Class** is studying the Book of Daniel with great eagerness. Come and join our class for some intensive practical studies.

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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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May proved to be a quick month for us here at the academy. We just recently graduated our 37<sup>th</sup> senior class. As of this writing, the 2009 senior class is in Brazil ministering with the **Barretts** and the **Patefields**. We look forward to their return. It is indeed our pleasure to send young people to the mission field every year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual senior missions' trip for 2010 is being planned and the country will be announced in a future writing of the Tabernacle Times.

Speaking of graduations, the kindergarten class walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. They are ready to enter first grade—a new phase of life. I cannot help but reminisce—30 years ago, I graduated from kindergarten with **Mrs. Sue Scearce** as my teacher. Here we are, 30 years later, and my oldest child has graduated from K5 with **Mrs. Amy Savage** as his teacher.

**Coach Gordon Cook and his wife, Dixie** were honored at graduation this year. **Coach** was our commencement speaker. A special Power Point presentation was shown that depicted **Coach and Dixie's** thirty-five years here at Tabernacle. What other place could someone go that has dedicated and faithful staff that have served for thirty-five years or more?

As Adventure Summer begins, our thoughts and efforts go into the upcoming academic year. Many things will be done before the school year begins. One recognized change will be the renovation of **Coach Cook's** office. We are grateful to the academy anchors for giving towards this project. The Anchors, along with the academy, will be able to really do a "PROJECT RENOVATION."

Continue to pray with us regarding 200 students for the fall. We are around 155 as of this writing. Information packets are available on our website. God has great things in store for His people!



**THE MISSIONS GROUP**  
(four sponsors & the six 2009 TBA Graduates-as shown in order (left to right): Pastor Plais & Amanda Hoyle, Miss Suzanne Roberson, Alex Alvar, Miss Amanda Baker, James Phillips, Jairus Hill, Chelsea Shane, Jediaiah Ferrer, & Sarah Klein



**K5 GRADUTES 2009--**  
First Row: Micah Tomlin, Emily Hageman, Gabriela Clay, Blake Turner;  
Second Row: Nicholas Square, Maci Landreth, Carmilla McNeil, Natalie Hibbets, Lexy Phillips, Mrs. Amy Savage (Teacher), Norman Lober, III; Not Pictured: Angelica Gonzalez

**Enroll Today! Call: 757-424-4697, ext.339**  
**Remember: Adventure Summer-Camps for ages 3-5 & 6-12, contact us today!**



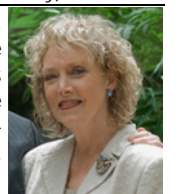
**The Ladies' Sunday School Class**

The ladies' class is beginning a study of "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" next week. We already looked at excerpts from the book. It is fabulous. God truly is our Good Shepherd, "always." We are looking to have a pool social at **Linda Turner's** sometime soon. We also pray for **Becky Phillips** on an upcoming trip back to Haiti. Love in Christ, **Mary Martin**

**JULY SCHEDULE 2009--**3: Offices Closed, TBBCS in Session; 13-17: Dr. Bob Vallier for Books; 13-18: Junior & Senior High—The WILDS Rand Hummel (Leave Mon at 6 AM, and arrive back Saturday at 6 PM); 20-24: VBS Literature Distribution—M-Tu-W-Th-F, 9:00 AM-Noon; M-Tu-Th, 6:30-8:30 PM; 20-Aug 7: TBBCS Summer Session III; 26-30: Vacation Bible School-6:30-8:30 PM **AUGUST SCHEDULE 2009--**8: Churchwide Work Day (BBQ Chicken), 8 AM-4:00 PM; 14: Summer Adventure Ends; 16: 11:30 AM-The OWLS Anniv. Luncheon; 16: Churchwide Blitzing; 17-21: TBA Teachers' In-service; 20: TBBCS Reg.: 9:30 AM-1 PM, & 5:30-7 PM; 20: TBA Orientation, 7 PM; 21-22: Back-2-School BASH; 24: TBA Begins and TBBCS Begins; 25: Soc/V-ball, (A), 4:30 PM, Great Hope; 28: V-ball, (A), 4:30 PM, Southside; 29: All Staff families-Potluck, 5:30 PM; 30: Dr. Rod Bell; Special Speaker, 6 PM

**ONE OF OUR MISSIONARIES HOME IN HEAVEN**  
(Most of the information taken from a Newspaper Obituary)

Greenville SC - **Sandra Lee Canavan Binney**, 62, of Greenville, S.C., passed away Sunday, April 19, 2009, at McCall Hospice House in Simpsonville...She attended Bob Jones University, was a Sunday School teacher, conference speaker and director. She loved her Lord and was an active servant of God and was a wonderful and committed Christian with great strength of character. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Simpsonville, S.C. She was the co-founder of LEAD Ministries, served on the Board of Directors, and acted as General Manager of this ministry. She is survived by her loving husband, Dr. Jim Binney; a son, Jonathan (Melanie) Binney; two sisters; three nieces; and two grandchildren.. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church with interment in Woodlawn Memorial Park.



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