

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

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

January was a busy month as we started back to school after Christmas break, took mid-term exams, and had Spirit Week in the Academy. With the cold weather and short days throughout the winter, it will be nice to see some of the milder weather come our way. It is time to get outside to do some Literature Distribution and visiting, so the longer days will be welcomed!

This year we are endeavoring to memorize the entire book of I John as a church. We are quoting two verses in each Sunday morning service, and what a blessing to see so many participants! We started the "Adopt-a-missionary" program again. Those who signed up now have their new missionary to correspond with and pray for this coming year. The young people enjoyed their Teen Winter Retreat at Eastover Retreat Center in Spring Grove, Virginia, and came back to give a report on it during the Sunday night service, January 18th. We had a Baby Dedication in January, and the OWLS held their Annual Birthday Party in the gymnasium. February started with the first chapter of I John memorized! This book is full of assurance for the Christian. Basketball season will finish up this month with the girls doing fairly well this year!

March holds mid-terms for Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary and Bible Conference (March 15-18) with the theme "Establish your hearts....the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8b). Again, we will have graduates from the college return and speak to us as well as some of the present faculty. We hope you will be able to join us for the services! The 9th and 10th Girls' Bible Class will go to the Durham Rescue Mission again this year. What a practical way for our young girls to reach out and help others! ODACS activity will also take place in March for the Tabernacle Baptist Academy students. On March 22nd in the evening service, we will host a fifty-two member Symphonic Orchestra from MBBC, and on Tuesday night (for our Wednesday night service) at 7:00 PM, we will hear a sixteen member Handbell Choir from BJU. You will not want to miss these events! On Saturday, March 28th, we will host our Annual Ladies' Day. The theme this year is "Buzzin' Along: Bee-coming More for Christ." Mrs. Marianne Kosa from Heritage Christian School in Woodbridge, Virginia, will be our guest speaker.

We invite you to join us for any and all of these activities. We appreciate your prayers for and interest in this ministry. May God bless you as you serve Him!



MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator

Our MISSION at Tabernacle is Missions!! We love to send the Word around the world. It is good that some should go and some should stay. On February 8th, our veteran missionary, Kirk Hickok (Brazil) taught us that we all go through giving. The funds that we give are earned through our labor. We put our life into our work - the money earned to send to the missionaries is translated into a part of our life going to the field. God will still call some to go as missionaries while

others must stay at home to work and give.

The Tabernacle Family observed our "adopt- a- missionary" on January 11th. It was an exciting time and several new members adopted a missionary for the first time. We have 71 individual and family missionaries. The roll of the adopter is to pray, write at least three times each year; and several other things. The key factor is to take an active part in the missionary's life and work. We get wonderful responses from missionaries from the field who know that people at home care. One native missionary from India said His children would show everyone their birthday cards and say, "I have friends in America."

In January, we saw two of our mission families return to the field on the same day. On January 28th Malcolm and Jan Gregory returned to Bolivia, Enoch and Nirupuma Kumar and their sons Joshua and Joel returned to India. It was a joy to have each of these families with us while they were home.

In March, we have our Quarterly Missions Sunday. This is a time to share missionary letters, review the status of our giving and to renew our support. Our FAITH PROMISE GIVING is ahead of the FAITH PROMISE for the year. We thank God for the faithful giving of our TBC family. I really believe our people see the blessing of being part of God's plan for missions.

Coming to TBC on April 22-26 is our annual MISSIONS CONFERENCE. Pastor Baker has chosen the theme, "...He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38b. Once again, this should be a special time to open our hearts to missions. We will have Dr. Ron Brooks from Baptist World Missions as our main speaker. There will be four additional missionary families; Lewis and Sarah Carl (Going to Italy), Kevin and Mary Beth Hickok (Brazil), Pete and Isabelle Knickerbockers (France), Bob and Shelia McGee (Australia).

We remain busy at TBC with lots of wonderful things to do. Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's conference. Lets pray that God will find some folks willing to go and some to stay and "Hold the Ropes."

TBBCS BIBLE CONFERENCE — March 15-18, 2009

This year's theme is "Establish Your Hearts...the Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh" (James 5:8) Some of speakers (at this time of writing) include: Dr. Chad J. Demont, Dr. Joel A. Spencer, Rev. Charles A. Manyo, Dr. Kirk C. Hickok, Rev. James D. Moats, Rev. Kevin L. Hickok, Rev. Brian J. Horst, Dr. James W. Baker, and some of the men on our church & college/seminary staff.

Up-Coming Events!



March Churchwide Visitation: 2nd, 23rd, & 30th-7 PM (Monday);
14th-10 AM (Saturday)
April Churchwide Visitation: 20th, 27th-7 PM (Monday)
21st-10 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

The OWLS' (Older, Wiser, Loving Saints) activities for the year 2009 began with the third annual Birthday Party for everyone (January 25th). We had a wonderful catered chicken dinner. Fifty-six people were in attendance, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A number won prizes for their expertise playing the various games. Of course, each person received a birthday gift after "a right and left exercise." Ask one of the OWLS to explain this to you.

Our highlight for February is the Valentine Friends' Dinner at the Melvin Phelps home. As always Melvin and Eva Phelps choose all the OWLS as their Valentine and provided a wonderful feast. An unusual program was presented with David Jones as our MC. (Forty-three attended)

If you are one of the OWLS (55-100 years old) and missed one or both of these activities, you must plan on the next one.

The March activity will be participation in the College and Seminary Bible Conference March 15-18. It will begin on Sunday with services at the regular stated times. Monday through Wednesday will provide sessions 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 am, and an evening session Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 PM; and a banquet on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Additional activities will include the Academy's Spring Fling Craft Bazaar Saturday 21st; Maranatha Baptist Bible College Symphonic Band Concert the 22nd at 6:00 PM; Ladies' Day 28th 9 AM-1 PM; and the Bob Jones University Handbell Choir 31st at 7:00 PM. (Also for the Men-A Men's Breakfast & Work Morning on the 7th 8 AM and our cleaning the church is scheduled for March 27th because of Ladies Day on the 28th). Mark Your Calendars!

Thanks to all those who have made our activities a big success! A special thanks to our servers (not OWLS) for our Birthday Party: David & Anita Jones, Pete and Kathy Vesey, and Margo Robinson!



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor

While January and February have been cold, they have also been busy for the teens of Tabernacle. On December 31 we had the opportunity to do some outdoor ice skating at MacArthur Center in Norfolk. The cold weather insured that this was truly a "winter activity" in spite of the lack of snow.

In January, we had our Winter Retreat at Eastover Retreat Center in Spring Grove, VA. This retreat provided time to get away, have some fun, and be in God's Word. The theme for the Winter Retreat was "The Quest for Something More," and included a brief study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

In Sunday School, we have begun an overview of the book of Romans. Our Wednesday night series has included a look at "Attitudes: Choices of the Heart." We have examined several attitudes and what the Bible has to say about them. Some attitudes we have examined include anger, bitterness, pride, greed, discontentment, envy, and loneliness.

Don't forget that you can check out pictures of our activities www.tabernacle-vb.org/tbcyouth. In closing, don't forget to pray for the youth of today — they are the leaders of tomorrow.

This is the FEBRUARY 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 FIRST 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**

Spring Is Here! Well, spring itself is not here - especially not since the ground hog saw his shadow, but spring semester is here, and our Spring Alumni Bible Conference is right around the corner!

We are so thankful for the new students and the renewing students the Lord has sent us. (Typically, college enrollment decreases between the fall and spring semester. We are thankful for the modest increase.) TBBCS has a constellation of alumni and former students serving the Lord in full-time Christian service or as full-time Christians in their local church. These are the stars that light up the Savior's sky (Rev.1:20; Dan.12:3) - and some of these blessed servants of God, some fifteen of them, will light up our auditorium and warm our hearts at our Bible Conference (March 15-18). This is a highlight in our TBC-TBA-TBBCS-TBCM Calendar Year! Come! We will do thee good - and it will do thee good!—Numbers 10:29.

Devotional—The Oldest Religion In The World"

A Jewish man remarked to me, "Judaism is older than Christianity." This is true. Abraham lived two thousand years before Jesus. But this, too, is not true. Jesus said "..."Before Abraham was, I am" (Jn. 8:58).

Christianity is older than Judaism. Christianity is older than any religion. Christianity is older than the world itself. The Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8; cf. I Pet.I:18-20) ...HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS.... (Col. 1:17).

ABOUT FACES—IN THE NEWS

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



God continues to bless our church visitation and our outreach program. We have faithful members who are visiting regularly. In addition to visiting members, seniors, and visitors in our services, many of our people are passing out tracts and challenging others to come to Christ with their personal contacts. God honors His Word as we go forth fulfilling the Commission our Lord has given to our church. God has given us a measure of increase through leading souls to Him, ministering to them as they grow, and seeing them come into the church.

Our **Sunday School Class** has finished the Discipleship Class and is regrouping with Bill Downing teaching a series on the Attributes of God. **Dr. Fulayter** is alternating with a series on prayer.

MILITARY NEWS: We at Tabernacle are blessed with what God has been doing for us with our military members. In the recent months we have seen many single and family members transfer out to other stations. In return, God has brought us new single and family members. With all of the retired, active, reservist, and guardsman military members, we can surely say that we are all members of Tabernacle. We are not divided—civilians and military. We are one body. I Corinthians 11:12 states; "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body so also is Christ." Our military and civilian members work side by side in ALL of our ministries. If a member needs help or support while his or her spouse is away they get it!! Help for any reason is just a phone call away. I want to thank all of our members for being there when help and support is needed.



May God Bless. **Bill & Jean Downing** | John 1:3

Check out our **WEB SITE: www.tabernacle-vb.org**

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



More Events Planned For March
22: MBBC Symphonic Band. 6 PM
31: BJU Handbell Choir. 7 PM

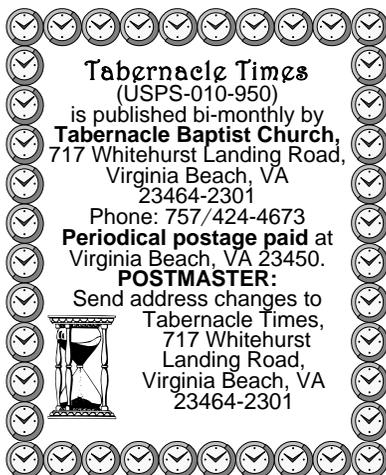


Ladies' Day 2009 - Mark Your Calendars
"Bee-Coming More Like Christ"
Sat., March 28th - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM



Three Sessions in the Morning: Two Sessions in the auditorium & one Session-4 workshops to pick from!

Please pre-registration, Cost: \$10.00, After March 11th - Cost: \$15.00
Contact: Mrs. Amanda Hoyle or Mrs. Marci Baker: 757-424-4673, ext. 321



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**The next articles are due April 5,
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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It has been said that the greatest use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it. It is our focus at Tabernacle Baptist Academy that only what is done for Christ will last! As we move into **Re-enrollment and Registration** time for the 2009-2010 academic year, our prayer is that God will give us many families to serve. We are thankful for what God has brought us this year. Please call the school office for an

information packet if you are interested. Our alumni as well as parents with more than one child receive a discount.

Our students are in their 2nd semester. The school year is flying by quickly. The basketball teams are working towards STATE competition. As of this writing, we do not know who is going. Speaking of competition, TBA will "spring" up into ODACS Bible, Fine Arts & Academic Competition in the next few weeks. Having taken a break last year from competition, we all do not feel as burdened or stressed this year. We are excited and raring to go. Speeches, projects, Bible quizzing, and music numbers are being prepared and memorized as you read this. Please pray for TBA—that, we would do our best, and that we would honor God with our talents and abilities. Baseball and softball season will begin soon.

TBA will be introducing a new program to the academy this coming fall. We will be starting a program called PASS. It stands for Providing Assistance for Struggling Students. This program, in addition to the regular academic program, will afford students who have learning disabilities the opportunity to get extra help in their studies as well as their planning and organization. We are pleased to announce that **Miss Kristin Roberson** will be directing this program. You know the name **Roberson**, because her sister, **Miss Suzanne Roberson**, is already one of our faculty members. **Kristin** is graduating from Bob Jones University with her degree in Special Education in May. We are excited about this new addition. This resource program will be a great step towards helping all students and their parents. **PASS** the word! More information will be available in the academy office soon.

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

The Ladies' Sunday School Class



The Ladies' Sunday school class is starting the book "What Do I Know about My God?" by Mardi Collier. It has been a blessing thus far, encouraging us to start a notebook of Scripture references about God's attributes.

We are planning to design and create at least two centerpieces/table settings for the ladies' meeting next month.

We also had **Mr. W. Scott** (Sunday school superintendent) attend our class for an evaluation two Sundays ago. He brought us breakfast, so he is definitely on our good list, as we hear we are on his!

JANUARY REPORT—We started the year with a new organ in place and a new to us, bus! 3rd: 5 PM-Singles' Progressive Dinner; 4th: the church family began a Bible Memorization Program for the year-I John; 11th: Adopt-a-Missionary Mtg.; 16th-18th: Teen Winter Retreat-Eastover Camping Resort; 17th: 8 AM-Men's Breakfast & Work Morning; 19th-23rd: TBA Spirit Week; 20th: **BIG SNOW DAY**-Ask Pastor about this one! 24th: Recognition Senior Night-Alumni Game (TBA Lady Patriots won and the Alumni Men won); 25th: 10AM-Baby Dedication (**Emily Boorujy and Luke Turner**); 25th: The OWLS Annual Birthday Party Luncheon in the Gym; 29th: TBA Freshman sponsored Eat-in Breakfast at Night, 3-7 PM.

WEDDING SHOWER: January 25th: **Jennifer Igsaiar**-held in the Commons

FEBRUARY REPORT—6th: 3-7 PM-TBA-Eat-in Night (Baked Ziti Dinner); 8th: Missionaries Kirk & Kathy Hickok were with us this Sunday. At 6 PM, Kirk showed his slide presentation and preached; 14th: 5 PM-The OWLS V-day Party at the Phelps; 14th: The Teens Girls offered a free babysitting night for any parents that wanted a Valentine Night-out; 15th: 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC at the Yost home; 16th: Presidents' Day: Offices Closed and TBA/TBBCS Closed; 22nd: 6 PM, The Lord's Supper; 27th-28th: TBA-ODACS Finals.

BABY SHOWER: February 8th, for Mrs. Amy Savage. **Baby Boy (Jake Reagan)**

HOME IN HEAVEN (Most of the information taken from Newspaper Obituaries)

VIRGINIA BEACH—Frances Elizabeth O'Hara, 85, went to be with the Lord January 26, 2009. A native of Annalong, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, she was the wife of the late James O'Hara. She retired as an advertising manager with Columbia University Press and was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church for the past four years. She is survived by her son, Stephen Campbell O'Hara and his wife Terri (who are members of Tabernacle); a sister; three grandsons (James, Daniel, & Sean) and many nieces and nephews. A funeral was held Friday (30th) at 11 a.m. in Grace Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C., with Pastor Alan Benson and Dr. James Baker officiating. Burial followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

CHESAPEAKE—Gwendolyn Wilkins Jackson, 63, went to be with the Lord February 2, 2009. She was a native of Baltimore, MD. She worked as a teller for Virginia National Bank, a secretary for the Brunswick School Board, and a secretary for the law offices of Gary W. Searcy. She also worked as secretary at the Tabernacle Bible College & Seminary September 1988-June 1990. She was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church (since June 1987) where she had sung in the choir and sang special solos before her illnesses. Besides her mother (Merlee P. Wilkins), she is survived by her husband, Henry W. Jackson (a member of Tabernacle and former deacon); two daughters, Alisa Jackson and Trenita Jackson Stewart and her husband Jeff; three grandchildren; three sisters, four brothers, and many nieces and nephews. A funeral was held Thursday (5th) at 7 p.m. in Graham Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel, with Dr. James Baker officiating. A graveside service was held Saturday (7th) at noon in Greens Chapel RZUA Church Cemetery, Lawrenceville, VA.

CHESAPEAKE—Murdoch L. Mason, 81, went to be with the Lord February 12, 2009. He was a native of South Norfolk, and for many years he owned his own lawn care business. He was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church since December 14, 1969 and a 40-year member of Supply Hunt Club. He is survived by his loving wife, Lillian Parrish Aycok Mason; two sons and families; and three daughters and families; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A funeral was held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Tabernacle with Dr. James W. Baker officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Norfolk, VA.