

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

# Tabernacle Times



**"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15**  
**"Ring out the Old, Ring in the New" - 2011 - A New Year to Proclaim the Word of God!**

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

The air is crisp, and the Christmas decorations are up . . . it makes nostalgic thoughts come to mind. How thankful we as Christians can be that we know the REASON FOR THE SEASON! Carolers abound, goodies appear, and good cheer is spread every time we greet friends . . . what a wonderful time of year to tell others about our Savior! There is a natural entrance to the subject that comes with the Christmas season. Take time to reach out to others in all of the celebrating, singing, and fellowshiping we all do at this special time of year!

The calendar is full. This month alone has many programs and activities. Our *Holiday Testimony Service*, Sunday night, December 5, with Deputation Director of Baptist World Mission, **Dave Canedy** and his wife **Nancy**, was a blessing. Greetings were recorded for all of our missionaries and will be mailed around the world to them. The *TBA Christmas Concert* was Friday, December 10 at 7:00 PM, and had songs and speeches about the season. *Then Jesus Came* was the Christmas Cantata for this year. The story was moving, and the drama and music were a blessing. This cantata was presented Sunday night, December 12 at 6:00 PM. On December 22 at 7:00 PM we will have our *Annual Candlelight Christmas Service*. This is one of the sweetest services of the year. Families and individuals, young and old, sing a song, give a speech, or play an instrument for the church family. It will be a special blessing!

May each of you have a blessed Christmas and enjoy the goodness of the Lord in the New Year! We are thankful for your interest in and prayers for Tabernacle Baptist Church Ministries!



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

Greetings in the midst of a busy season! On November 2, our teens had the opportunity to reach out in service through a "pack attack" where we prepared approximately 120 boxes - the most we have ever done - filled with goodies, a handwritten note, and a Gospel tract to go to service members overseas. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies to fill our boxes. These "pack attack" care packages were mailed to **Michael DeAngelo** and **Matt McClure** for distribution to fellow soldiers.

While packing boxes, we also collated Bible studies for one of our local missionaries, **Gene Sayre**, a chaplain with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry, ministering at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail. The Bible studies we collated will go to inmates, providing them with the opportunity of coming to know Christ as Savior and to learn about Him through the Word of God. Our prayer is that God will use our efforts and these Bible studies in a great way. Thank you so much **Brother Sayre** for allowing us to serve!

Special thanks as well to the **Phillips** for hosting our annual Christmas party SNAC. Thanks as well to all our hosts for the Progressive Dinner on Nov. 20. Thank you **Veseys, Kunderts, Landreths, and Brimers**. It was an evening "stuffed" with excitement.

The Flyer for the Jr/Sr High Missions Trip is now available. If you would like to help some of our young people earn their way for this trip or donate money, see **Pastor Hoyle** for a list of young people who could use the financial help.

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

**NOVEMBER 2010 REPORT:** 3, 3 PM-Good News Club/Woodstock Elem.; 5, 7 - 9:30 PM Youth Activity-"Pack Attack"; 9:30 AM-Won By One Visitation; 11-12, TBA & Teachers School Off; 13, 11:30 AM-The OWLS eat out with the Singles/Career Classes at Golden Corral; 14, Gideon's 300 Sunday; 3:30 PM Deacons' Mtg; 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 15, TBA-Freshman Class sponsored-Eat Out at Chick-fil-A; 7 PM Churchwide Visitation; 17, 3 PM-Good News Club/Woodstock Elem.; 19, TBA-Operation Work Day (Community Service); 20, 9:30 AM-Won By One Visitation; 7-9:30 PM-Youth Activity (Progressive Dinner); 21, 6 PM Patch Sings (5:30 Rehearsal); 23, 11 AM-TBCM Praise Service; TBA-1/2 Day; TBBCS Classes Meet; The OWLS Eat out at Ruby Tuesday's; 23, 7 PM-Tues. Night Prayer Mtg.-all meet in Auditorium; 24, Offices closed at Noon; No Wed. night service; TBA Closed; TBBCS Opened; 25, THANKSGIVING; Offices closed; 26, Offices and schools closed; 27, 9 AM- until finished-Decorating Church for Christmas; 28, 6 PM - Missionary Jonathan Rachel Facenda; 29, TBA-Girls, 5 PM; Var, 6:30 PM, (H), Commonwealth.

### AUDITORIUM S.S. CLASS & THE OWLS-TBC SENIOR ADULTS

Continue to pray for the following: **Lucy Jordan**, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, is residing at the Autumn Care located in Chesapeake. All our shut-ins are listed on our Wednesday Night Prayer Sheet.

**THE OWLS:** On November 13, the OWLS met with the Career Class and had lunch at the Golden Corral. Then on the 23rd, after the Praise Service, the OWLS ate out at Ruby Tuesdays. December 4th, we make Fruit Baskets and distributed them. Then on the 19th, We had a Christmas Dinner at the Phelps Home.

If you're 55 and above—come join us!



The OWLS make Fruit Baskets for our Shut-ins December 4, 2010

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

MISSIONS IS OUR MISSION. From the early days of the church, the mission was to see the lost come to Christ and to plant churches. Our example in caring for the lost is Jesus. He came to seek and to save. Times have changed from Christ to Paul to us but today's need is perhaps even greater. By design and burden of heart we still pray without ceasing, we go around the block and help send others around the World. This is not all, but it is a large part of Missions today.

I have remarked earlier in this column that I believe TBC has a balanced program. We have at least 83 Missionaries and Mission Projects. Twenty nine of those are in the USA and the rest circle the globe. The specific type of ministries vary greatly, but all are dedicated to winning souls and planting local churches where possible.

Helping in the total program of the missionary is the sending church and in many cases a Mission Agency. The sending church has put its approval on the person or persons going. The missionary remains under the control of the local church and pastor. Then the agency helps with the many details involved in going. There are several variations as to exactly how all of this gets done. One thing that is necessary is accountability to supporting individuals and churches. All funds are from God and should be handled carefully and put to maximum use for His glory.

The calendar year of missions at TBC has been full of excitement through giving and meeting new missionaries. Our people never tire of seeing those people they have prayed for and given their money to support. We have the young "full of vigor" folks who want to get to the field and those who have labored many years on one or more fields. What is their purpose in going? They want to win the lost and plant churches. What is our purpose in supporting them? We want to win the lost and plant more Baptist churches in America and around the world. Let's make "Missions our Mission" in 2011!!!



### The Ladies' Sunday School Class

The Ladies' Sunday School Class played a major part in decorating the auditorium for Christmas on the Saturday after Thanksgiving along with numerous other volunteers. It was our great pleasure to do this under the leadership of **Linda Turner** and **Kim Brimer**. We also have been involved with bidding on the beautiful wreaths the cheerleaders (and their moms) made as a service project with cleaning the church the weekend after Thanksgiving and with attending the initial basketball games of our Tabernacle school team. Hopefully we are a blessing as we invest our time, talent, and treasure into our church family and the school it sponsors.

This lady in particular (**Mary**) appreciated our church family as I was away in Gulfport, Mississippi the first week of December, helping a unit get ready for Afghanistan. God bless them. Pray for our sailors and soldiers. Okay? Especially at Christmastime when hearts are tender and believers might be able to share the Gospel with them over there.

Check out our WEB SITE: [www.tabernacle-vb.org](http://www.tabernacle-vb.org)

You can get our full schedule of activities from the calendars under Events on the WEB SITE!

This is the DECEMBER 2010 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 2010!** Please consider giving a donation to defray the production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

# Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary

Kenneth F. Sheets, Dean



**Dr. Walter Yoho**  
Professor/Author

### TRUTH ABLAZE!

Cleopas and his companion said one to another, *Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?* (Lk. 24:32). No wonder their hearts burned within them! Just a few hours earlier, walking along the Emmaus Road, they heard the **Living Word** expounding the **Written Word** concerning the **Living Word!** *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself* (Lk. 24:27).

What we wouldn't give for a list of the verses He used. How much more for His comments upon them, but we are left to search for ourselves!; yea, we are *commanded* to search for ourselves. *Search the scriptures*, said Jesus, *for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me* (Jn. 5:39). But we are not left alone to search on our own. The Holy Spirit was sent into the world for the express purpose of glorifying Christ by taking the things of Christ and showing them to us so that we can see Christ high and lifted up (Jn. 16:12-15).

Some Christian institutions of higher learning give their students *wildfire* enthusiasm; others, *scholarship on ice*; here at Tabernacle we deeply desire to give our students **truth ablaze!** We want to walk the Emmaus Road.

We are in the process of pre-registering students for spring semester, starting Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration is Wednesday and Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Dean Kenneth F. Sheets (Ext. 317), Mrs. Amanda Hoyle (Ext. 308) or Mr. Jonathan Wilkins (Ext. 333). *"...come thou with us, and we will do thee good..."* (Numbers 10:29).



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

Visitation is an exciting time of service for many of our faithful members. God is blessing our going by bringing in people to our services. Those who are visited include members, seniors, and visitors to our services. Our members are also passing out tracts and challenging others to come to Christ. God is honoring His Word as we go forth fulfilling the Commission.

Won-by-One continues to give another opportunity to extend the ministry of our church. We are also giving out the Gospel as we go. Only eternity will reveal the results of giving out the Gospel as we obey the Word of God and challenge individuals with the Gospel.

Our Sunday School Class is faithfully studying the Word of God that we might be strengthened spiritually and put the Truths into practice. We are studying in the area of Biblical Interpretation. It is good to help each other grow as we study to be approved unto the Lord. Come join us.

We are enjoying working our Good News Club in the Woodstock Elementary School with 45 students enrolled for the year. God has blessed with several of the children professing salvation and some also receiving assurance. Pray with us for each child to know Christ personally and to grow. Our workers are very faithfully ministering to the children. God has increased the number of workers, and we are planning to extend the ministry into the Providence Elementary School in January. Pray for the details to be worked out with the school and the interest of the children to attend. We are trusting God to bless and use the presentation of the Gospel to our children in the public schools. Pray for God to increase the Family of God and also that we might be able to reach families with the Gospel and bring them into our church.

We are working our Jerusalem and ask you to pray with us for God's blessing on each outreach ministry.

## Up-Coming Events!

**JANUARY Churchwide Visitation: 3,10,17, & 31—7 PM (Monday)**  
**Won by One Door-to-Door Visitation: 1/8 & 29—9:30 AM (Saturday)**  
**FEBRUARY Churchwide Visitation: 7,14, & 28—7 PM (Monday)**

**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.

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**The next articles are due February 6, 2011. 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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To some the "weather outside is frightful," but to the Christian—God orders our steps. I am thankful that God knows exactly what we deal with on a daily basis. Since the last writing, TBA has had one of those incidences. Due to a loose electrical wire at the front of the property, our electricity went out in the academy. Of course, we were all scrambling to our computers to get them unplugged. Certainly no one wanted to experience again the electrical issues with our computers that began our school year. After Dominion Power reestablished power, our heaters in our building would not operate. We adjusted classrooms and even used the auditorium and gymnasium. The "fire would have been delightful" about this time as we bundled up ourselves and had blankets wrapped around us to keep us warm.

Students were not chanting the familiar "and since we have no place to go"; but we were excited that it did snow one Saturday night this December. To our dismay, the snow "did show signs of stopping." [On December 16, we did get snow again and the students got 1/2 day off.]

Basketball season is in full swing. The teams have had a great start to the season. The Academy Anchors had the Chik-Fil-A cow and T-Bird at the first home game. We even saw signs that said, "Eat more beef." It wasn't the cow wearing or holding the sign this time.

First, second, and third grades visited Mrs. Lucy Jordan at Autumn Care on December 8<sup>th</sup> and had a blessed time of ministry. We aim to teach them early about giving back to others. Mrs. Jordan was just delighted as you can imagine!

A recap on the **OPERATION WORK DAY**—the monies are coming in and we have around \$16,000 towards our \$26,000 project. Alumni and friends are beginning to contribute.

We anticipate our Christmas concert and Christmas parties at this writing. The Jr./Sr. High will be having a Christmas breakfast, and they will be going out to lunch and then caroling at Autumn Care nursing home in Chesapeake.

As I close, let me ask you—"What is Christmas without Jesus?"

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

**DECEMBER 2010 REPORT:** 3 PM-Good News Club/Woodstock Elem.; 3, TBA-B-ball, (H), JV, 5 PM, Var., 6:30 PM, Gill Grove; 4, 10 AM-The OWLS Fruit Baskets for the Shut-ins; 5, 6 PM-Holiday Testimony Service-Dave & Nancy Canedy; 10, TBBCS Trimester Final Exams; 7, TBA-B-ball, (A), JV, 4 PM; Girls, 5:30 PM, ; Var., 7 PM, Bethel; 8, 3 PM-Good News Club/Woodstock Elem.; 10, TBBCS Fall Trimester Ends; 10, 7 PM-TBA Christmas Concert; 11, 9 AM-Cantata Dress Rehearsal; 11, 11 AM-2 PM-Youth Activity (Scrub & Extreme Christmas Makeover); 12, 6 PM-Christmas Cantata; 12, 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC/Christmas Party; 13, TBA-B-ball, (A), Girls, 4 PM; Var.5:30 PM, Landmark; 15, 8:15 PM-Deacons' Mtg.; 17, TBA Last Day before Christmas Break; , 17, TBA-B-ball, (H), Girls, 5 PM; Var.6:30 PM, Great Hope; 18, 5 PM-OWLS at Phelps' Home; 18, 6 PM-Singles/Career Class Christmas Party at the Baker's Home; 22, 3 PM-Good News Club/Woodstock Elem.; 22, 7 PM-All Meet in Auditorium; NO Patch; Candlelight Christmas Service; 24, Offices Closed; 25, CHRISTMAS (Saturday); 20-Jan.3, TBA Christmas Break-TBA returns to Classes on January 3, 2011; 26, 9 AM- S.S., Teens & Adults meet in auditorium; 26, 6 PM-Missionary Dennis Rodgers; 26, 6 PM-The Lord's Supper; 29, 7 PM-All Meet in Auditorium; NO Patch; 29, 8:30 - 10:30 PM Youth Activity - Ice Skating; 31, Offices Closed

### CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN TO BE WITH THE LORD

**ORMOND BEACH, FL** - Rev. James O. Baker, 78, of Ormond Beach, who went home to be with the Lord (Monday, Nov. 15, 2010) Funeral was held Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Open Bible Church, 560 Walker St., Holly Hill, where he pastored for the last 15 years. Viewing was held at the Dale Woodward Funeral Home, Holly Hill. A native of Marion, VA, and an Army veteran of the Korean War, Rev. Baker moved to FL in 1994. He founded a mission which became the Open Bible Church in 1995 and is the home of Open Bible Christian Academy. Rev. Baker served as both pastor and administrator. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Sue; a son, Dr. James W. Baker; two daughters, Susan Hallam and Sylvia Sutton; three step sons, Rev. John Revell, Rev. Fred Revell and Rev. Steve Revell; 20 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Not only was Rev. Baker the father of our Pastor, but he was our first graduate of the Tabernacle Baptist Bible Institute in 1973.

**PORTSMOUTH** - Beatrice Eloise Baynes Earls, 76, of the 600 block of Henderson St., died Nov. 22, 2010. Born in Norfolk County, VA, on May 6, 1934. She was a missionary with Baptist Home Missions for 23 years and a member of Good News Baptist Church, Chesapeake. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Dr. James R. Earls; four daughters, Diane White (William), Janice Williams, Paula Howard (Lloyd) and Margaret Gayadeen; a son, Gene R. Earls; two sisters, Linda Baynes and Sheila Murrell (Leon); nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A funeral was conducted by Dr. Walt Coles at Good News Baptist Church, 3252 Taylor Road, Chesapeake. Fisher Funeral Home, Portsmouth, was in charge. She was one of our missionaries for many years.

**VIRGINIA BEACH** - Margaret Estelle Pulling passed away Sunday, December 5, 2010. She is survived by four daughters and their spouses (Gloria, Susan, Patricia, and Paula) and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a long-time member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and was a member of the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Saints). Family received friends at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Great Neck Chapel, Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, from 10 a.m. to noon with burial at Rosewood Memorial Park at 1 p.m., Dr. Carl D. Bieber preached at the funeral service.