

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

Tabernacle Times



The Tabernacle Family Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas & A Prosperous New Year!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." Jn. 3:16

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

At this time of year we often look back at what occurred and how much was accomplished. I continue to be amazed at what God does with yielded people. I praise the Lord for all the people He has given us at Tabernacle. They built a new set of pre-school bathrooms this year and paid cash for the project totaling \$75,000. The Academy parents and our folks here at the church saw new bleachers installed in the gymnasium at a cost of \$26,000. Large deficits were predicted ministry-wide, but we ended up only thirty-three cents in the red with wise stewardship and tremendous giving. The College and Seminary had its largest enrollment for any one semester over the last ten years with 79 students. Even though changes to the physical plant continued, some things remained the same. The attendances remained steady. Outreach through visitation and door-to-door canvassing had forty or more people participating each time. Projects too numerous to mention and people too many to name all made this year a blessing in many, many ways.



As the New Year approaches, I look forward to watching God direct and provide for all He desires. We will continue to pray for **Barbara Sheets** and my wife, **Marci**, who both had breast cancer surgery in November. They both will be going through post-operative treatments in the days ahead. Our parking lot lighting and blacktop project should be in full swing by the first of the year. Missionaries **Friday Njouv** from Zimbabwe and **Earl and Joan Barnett** from Alaska will be with us in January and February to present their works. The TBA Alumni basketball game will occur on January 7. The graduates will come back for fellowship and to see if they can keep up with this year's teams. The College and Seminary will pre-register for the Winter-Spring Trimester on January 4-5 with classes actually beginning on Monday, January 9. God will continue to empower us for the tasks before us. This year could be our last to serve Him on this earth. Praise the Lord that we can say with the hymn writer, "Through many dangers, toils, and snares, We have already come, 'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far, And grace will lead us home!"



YOUTH IN ACTION!

Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This season has been busy for the teens of Tabernacle. On November 5th, our teens had the opportunity to reach out in service through a "pack attack" where we prepared boxes 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 two of the members of our church who are currently deployed for distribution to fellow soldiers.

We hope and pray that the packages will be a blessing.

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 to **Brother Sayre** for allowing us to serve!

Special thanks to the **Phillips** for hosting our annual Christmas party SNAC. Thanks as well to all our hosts for the Progressive Dinner on Nov. 19. Thank you: **Phillips, Parsons, Veseys, Wordens, and Marcincuks**. It was an evening "stuffed" with excitement.

The Flyer for Winter Retreat is now available along with registration forms for the WILDS this summer. If you would like to help some of our young people earn their way for these trips 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.



The Ladies' Sunday School Class

The Ladies' Sunday School Class has been busy with projects this Christmas season, most especially decorating the church December 4th, assisted by a few folks from other classes. Hope everyone enjoys the lovely lights to remind that the Light of the World came to us at Christmastime.

We also continue to enjoy our study of **Jim Berg's** *Changed into His Image*. We are taking the book slowly as we are aware that permanent change is a slow process. We really are growing as we work through this material. Together as friends and also in our individual relationships with the Lord. Merry Christmas to all! Love, **Mary Martin**

A Bible Memorization Program To Begin In January 2012

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

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

Keep the Shut-ins in your prayers: **Jim & Linda Bell, Alice Biser, Earlene Clark, Tom Dunlap, Glenn & Ruth Johnson, Doris Lee, Jean Linkous, Belle MacMillan, Lillian Mason, Nora Pace, Catherine Sauls, Brantley Walker, Eula Watkins, & Alma Williamson.**

This is the DECEMBER 2011 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 2011!** Please consider giving a donation to defray the production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator

MISSIONS IS OUR MISSION. The mission heart of Tabernacle has been stirred again through the visits of these special servants. **Dr. John Vaughn**, President of the FBFI, was with us on Sunday November 6th. His messages were a great blessing. **Dr. Anne Livingston** was with us on November 19-20. She presented pictures of the new clinic in Haiti. **Dr. Livingston** has been in Haiti for many years and has been responsible for getting the Gospel to the Haitian people while caring for their medical needs.



Each year Tabernacle sends a special Christmas Greeting to each of our missionaries. The CD messages are recorded in the auditorium. The greetings are personal and often the entire family participates. Then there is a message preached to the missionaries and the TBC Family. Our missionaries love the greetings and the message is a source of encouragement. **Dr. Bud Steadman**, Deputation Director for BWM, preached from Mark 1:14-22 and challenged each of us, missionary and member, to do what Jesus did as He walked the shores of Galilee.

Our Faith Promise Giving from July through November was reviewed. We are \$838.00 below the goal for that time period. We are asking God for the ability to meet our \$155,000.00 goal by June 30, 2012. God is able and our faith needs to grow.

Pastor Baker was informed recently that **Dr. Jim and Kathi Hayes**, long time missionaries to Thailand, will be leaving the field. **Jim** will teach Missions at Piedmont Bible College. This closes a wonderful door where they have served, and it opens a new door of opportunity. They have served well, and we wish them well.



THE OWLS-TBC SENIOR ADULTS: On November 22, a few attended the 11 AM Academy Praise Service; afterwards, they ate at Ruby Tuesdays. December 3, at 9:30, The OWLS and others met in the Commons and made Fruit Basket for the Shut-ins. Then, at 4 PM, the OWLS (approximately 40 attended) arrived at **Melvin & Eva Phelps'** home for a Christmas Dinner Party. A devotional was given by **Mr. Art Roberson**. A good time was had by all. Thank you **Melvin & Eva!** Remember January is our Birthday Party—**January 22nd**—Dinner after the morning service in the School Gym/Cafeteria. We are the "Older Wiser Loving Saints," and we are 55 years old and above!



1st Row (l-r): **Micah & KD Tomlin**; 2nd Row: **Joyce Yoho, Kay Zickefoose, Reenie Wyatt, Harriet Bennett, Ruth Anna Manka, Dotty Bieber**; 3rd Row: **Carl Bieber, Jennifer Tomlin, Art Zickefoose, Sharon Salamone, Nick Salamone, Kristin Roberson, Art Roberson**; Last Row: **Curtis Tomlin, "Shetty" Gatula, Connie Roberson**. Special thanks to **Louis Zeigler**, from Greenville, SC, for helping **Dr. Bieber** get the items for the Fruit Baskets.

Up-Coming Events!

Mark Your Calendars—Churchwide Visitation—9:30 AM
January 7th & 21st—February 4th & 18th

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

Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary

Kenneth F. Sheets, Dean — Call: 424-4673, ext. 317 or 308;
E-mail: college@tabernacle-vb.org



Dr. Walter Yoho
Professor/Author

"Forty Percent"

On Sunday, November 13 Tabernacle Baptist Church celebrated "Gideon's 300 Sunday." Individuals were challenged to give \$300.00 or more per year (\$5.77 or more per week) to help underwrite the expenses of our Bible College and Seminary. Nationwide, tuition and other fees cover only about 60% of the costs of operating a Bible College. Will you stand in the gap and make up the hedge to the glory of God in the mission of Christian higher education?

Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest will thrust forth laborers into His harvest (Matt. 9:35-38) and will send some of them to us here at Tabernacle and give us the awesome privilege to teach them and train them (II Tim 2:2). Spring Semester Registration will be held on Wednesday – Thursday, January 4 – 5. Classes start on Monday, January 9. Please contact Bro. Sheets or Mrs. Hoyle in the College Office (ext. 308).

Tho't: There is a living link between loving the Lord (Deut. 6:4-5) and learning the Law (Deut. 6:6-9).

"Adult Auditorium Sunday School Class"

There are some 350 names, titles, and descriptive designations of God in the Holy Scriptures. Do you know which one occurs the most? Do you know which chapter contains the most? Come! Join us this Sunday for an in depth study on "The Names of God." ...they that know thy name will put their trust in thee...." (Psalm 9:10).



HAMPTON ROADS BIBLICAL COUNSELING Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayter

Our church has voted to make Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling (HRBC) a ministry of our church. This is a great privilege. We are continuing to do what God has called us to do in the past with some new goals and responsibilities. Pray for God's blessing on our ministries with people as we counsel, with students as they train, and with developing the training

center for God's glory. Check out our new website developed by our son-in-law and daughter, **Jeff and Ruth Middleton**. It is www.hrbiblicalcounseling.com. We have several recorded testimonies of individuals you may know.

We are finishing our Fall Trimester with all the end of the semester exams, grading, and planning for next semester. It is great to see our students growing in their personal lives in response to what they are learning in the classes. These are the benefits we enjoy as teachers of biblical truths in our Bible and counseling classes. Several students are progressing in their NANC certification. We are continuing the process of pursuing the privilege of becoming a NANC training center. We are desirous to improve what God has already given us in this ministry. We have seen many victories in student lives and service for the glory of God. Only God can see the future value of these investments in their lives. **Dr. Ronald and Sherri Allchin** are coming at the request of the NANC board to assist us in our pursuit of certification. They are planning on being here January 18-20. If you are interested in becoming a certified counselor with them call us, and we will give you the opportunity to meet with them. Pray for us in this endeavor. We want what the Lord has for us in all of this process. It is certainly exciting to serve the Lord in this place as a team.

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The next articles are due February 5, 2012. 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!

DECEMBER REPORT; 2, B-ball-Gateway—AWAY—JV 4:00; Girls 5:30; Var, 7:00; 2, 6:PM-Pastors' Fellowship Christmas Dinner; 3, 9:30 AM Churchwide Visitation; 3, 9:30 AM-The OWLS Fruit Baskets for the Shut-ins; 3, 11:00 AM Christmas Decorating for Auditorium; 3, 4 PM OWLS to Phelps for Christmas Party; 4, Tract Sunday, 6 PM-Holiday Testimony Service w/Dr. Bud Steadman; 4, 7:15 PM Teen SNAC/Christmas Party; 5, 11 AM-1:30 PM All Staff Christmas Luncheon; 5-9, TBBCS Final Exams; 6, B-ball-Gill Grove-AWAY-JV 4:30; Var 6:00; 7, 7 PM-Adults (Testimony Service); 9, TBBCS Fall Trimester Last Day; 9, 7 PM TBA Christmas Concert; 10, 9 AM Cantata Practice; 11, 6 PM Christmas Cantata-Excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*; 12, B-ball - Great Hope-HOME-Girls 5:00; Var 6:30; 13, B-ball -Sweetheaven-HOME-Girls 4:30; Var 6:00; 15, B-ball-Landmark-AWAY-Girls 4:00; Var 5:30; 16, 3 PM TBA out for Christmas; 16, 6 PM College & Career Christmas Party; 17, 6 PM Youth Activity - Scrub & Extreme Christmas Decorations Make-over; 18, 8:15 PM Deacons' Mtg.; 19-30, TBA Christmas Break; 25, CHRISTMAS; 25, 10:00 AM Service (No SS), 5 PM Candlelight Service, No Yokefellows Mtg. & No Choir Practice; 28, 7 PM Lord's Supper, All in Aud.; 30, Offices Closed; 31, New Year's Eve. Christmas Break Schedule Change for the following: Tuesdays at 3 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock, Wednesdays at 2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence; Wednesdays—7 PM-Adults, Teen Chapel, & Patch.

Tabernacle Baptist Academy

Mr. Curtis R. Tomlin, Administrator
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It's Christmas time again! Who would know it with the warmer weather happening every other day around here?

Tabernacle Baptist Academy is ready for the annual Christmas program, and all eyes will be "a-glowin'" that evening.

The academy choirs will be singing at the Norfolk International Airport and Autumn Care Nursing Home on Monday, December 12th. The students are excited about this opportunity. I would have to say that I, too, am excited about the opportunity, once again, to sing at the airport. The nursing home where we will be ministering is the home where Coach and Dixie Cook minister on Wednesday evenings.

The BALL is on the roll...literally! Basketball season has started. Be certain to call and find out when the next HOME games are being played. We are pleased to invite the Academy Alumni back on Saturday, January 7th for the ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES. The schedule is as follows:

- ODD vs. EVEN will play at 4:00 p.m.
- ALUMNI LADIES vs. Lady Patriots will play at 5:30 p.m.
- ALUMNI MEN vs. VARSITY PATRIOTS will play at 7:00 p.m.

As you are hustlin' and bustlin' about this season, would you pray for Tabernacle Baptist Academy? Remember, without the Holy Savior's birth, there would be no peace on earth. So, to Christmas, CHRIST is everything!

Enroll Today! Call: 757-424-4673, ext.339

NOVEMBER REPORT: Oct 31-Nov, 4, TBA-BJU Festival; 5, PM Youth Activity - Scrub & Pack Attack; 6, Daylight Savings Time Ends; 6, Tract Sunday, Dr. John Vaugh speaking SS, AM, PM; 6, 2nd Christmas Offering for Missionary Children; 12, 9:30 AM Churchwide Visitation; 12, 5 PM College & Career Progressive Dinner; 13, Gideon 300 Sunday, 3:30 PM Deacons' Mtg.; 13, 7:15 PM Teen SNAC; 19, 9:30 AM Churchwide Visitation; 19, 6 PM Youth Activity - Progressive Dinner; 20, 6 PM-Dr. Anne Livingston-Missionary to Haiti, 6 PM Patch Sings (5:30 Rehearsal); 22, 11 AM TBA Praise Service, Noon—Academy's Out for Thanksgiving; 22, 7 PM Mid-week Service on Tues., No Youth Chapel or Patch; 23, Offices close at Noon, TBBCS Open, No Wed. Service; 24, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Break Schedule Change for the following: Tuesdays at 3 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock, Wednesdays at 2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence; Wednesdays—7 PM-Adults, Teen Chapel, & Patch.



THE S.S. CAREER CLASS 2 TIM. 2:22 Holidays with the Career Singles

"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:17-18).

Prayer is often neglected and merely treated as an obligation through which to plod, rather than a vital part of our lives. On Sunday mornings, we have been studying the Scriptural example of taking everything to the Lord.

In November, the Career Singles and the College Class participated in a Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner. We enjoyed amazing appetizers at Coach and Dixie Cook's home. Dave and Stony Peterson hosted a marvelous main course. We ended the evening at Cheryl Chaokas' home with our monthly singspiration accompanied by delicious desserts.

In December, we visit Autumn Care Nursing Home with Coach and Dixie Cook. The Career and College classes enjoy ministering in music to these sweet residents. Our classes also participate in our annual Christmas party including wonderful food and a white elephant exchange!

