

# Tabernacle Record

## A series of articles celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Baptists.

Continued from the last *Record*.

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**Baptist Beginnings** by Dr. Leon McBeth,  
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### *Baptists Organized for Witness*

An observer today may find it hard to imagine Baptists before they were organized! However, the Baptist structure or denomination evolved gradually over a period of years to meet needs as they arose.

*The Association.*—The oldest form of organization, beyond the local church, was the association, and it remains a vital part of Baptist denominational structure today.

From the first, Baptists entered into fellowship and common cause with other believers who shared their faith. As early as 1624 and again in 1630, several General Baptist churches in London acted together in discussing doctrine and in corresponding with other believers. Though they had no formal association, they showed a sense of cooperation and common identity.

By 1650, the Baptist association was well established. The name and geographical concept probably were adaptations of a civil unit in England, much like a county. During the English Civil War (1642-45), much of the country was divided into "associations" for political purposes. After the war Baptists continued to use this concept and name for their regional fellowship of churches.

The associations were extremely important to early Baptists. They provided Christian fellowship, a forum for discussion of Baptist concerns, a means to propagate Baptist teachings, and an effective way to monitor and maintain correct Baptist doctrine among the churches. Associations also participated together in common causes, such as issuing confessions of faith and working for religious liberty.

*The General Assembly.*—Each branch of English Baptists called its national organization the General Assembly. Composed of representatives from the various churches and associations, these General Assemblies usually met in London. General Baptists were first to develop this national organization, with evidence of such a body by 1653. This would correspond roughly to a national convention today.

*Function.*—What was the purpose of these organizations, and what did they do? They provided fellowship, counsel, and comfort to Baptists who lived during difficult days of persecution. General and Particular Baptists developed sharply different concepts of the function and authority of the denominational meetings. In a 1678 confession, General Baptists said,

General councils, or assemblies, consisting of Bishops, Elders, and Brethren, of the several churches of Christ . . . make but one church. . . . And to such a meeting, or assembly, appeals ought to be made, in case any injustice be done, or heresy, and schism countenanced, in any particular congregation of Christ.

These Baptists considered a meeting of the General Assembly to be a meeting of "The General Baptist Church,"

with full authority to do "churchly" acts. They also gave the denomination a certain amount of jurisdiction or control over local congregations. Particular Baptists, on the other hand, never allowed an association or their General Assembly to become "The Church" or to do churchly acts. They leaned over backwards to protect the freedom of the local church and prevent the denomination from interfering in their affairs. In their Second London Confession (1677), Particular Baptists dealt with the question of how to handle problems that arose in local churches. The confession stated:

In cases of difficulties or differences, . . . it is according to the mind of Christ, that many Churches holding communion together, do by their messengers meet to consider, and give their advice in, or about that matter in difference, to be reported to all the Churches concerned; howbeit these messengers assembled, are not entrusted with any Church-power properly so called; or with any jurisdiction over the Churches themselves . . . or to impose their determination on the Churches, or Officers.

This clearly protected the autonomy of the local church and refused to allow the denomination or its leaders any control.

### **Deacon Nominees 2009**

The following names have been placed in nomination for the office of deacon:

Chris A. Adams, Roy Davenport,  
Errol Fogg, Darren Metcalf,  
Joel Nance, Joyce Rose,  
Johnna Simmons, and Drew Thomas.

The nominees were formally presented at the October 25 Church Conference. All names will remain on the table until November 22 Church Conference at which time a vote will be taken with no discussion.



Deacon Nominees

### **Sunday School Training Opportunity** **Sunday, November 15 at 11:45 a.m.**



Dr. Jim Funck,  
Associate Pastor to Adults,  
Aversboro Road Baptist Church,  
Garner

will be the guest facilitator.

This training is for all teachers, class officers and interested class members.

### **Christopher McKinney Adams** **Ordination to the Gospel Ministry** **Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.**

On Thursday, October 29, an Ordination Council called by the deacons met and examined Christopher M. Adams as a candidate for Ordination to the Gospel Ministry. The council recommends his ordination. On Sunday, November 8, at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. service, the church will be called into a special called Church Conference to vote on this recommendation. With a positive vote on the 8th, the ordination will proceed during the morning worship service.

***Tabernacle Service Ministries***

**Sunday, November 8, 2009**

***Deacon of the Week***

Ray Kohring

***Safety Ministry (Sunday & Wednesday)***

Jim Snotherly

***Sunday Transportation***

Driver – Linwood Cash (845-6470)

Coordinator- Steve Krause (834-2286)

***Extended Teaching Care***

***(for Babies, Toddlers, 2/3-Year Olds)***

***10:30 a.m.***

Sunny Bailey, Lynne & Lee Morton

**Sunday, November 15, 2009**

***Deacon of the Week***

Mike Kral

***Safety Ministry (Sunday & Wednesday)***

Jack Sorrels

***Sunday Transportation***

Driver – Phil Crane (833-0795)

Coordinator- Steve Krause (834-2286)

***Extended Teaching Care***

***(for Babies, Toddlers, 2/3-Year Olds)***

***10:30 a.m.***

Phyllis King, Valerie Walker, Pam Thomas

**Facts & Figures**

<b>Sunday School.....</b>	<b>10-25-2009.....</b>	<b>11-1-2009</b>
Enrollment.....	264 .....	264
Visitors .....	3 .....	2
New Members .....	3 .....	0
Total Present .....	156 .....	149
<b>Worship .....</b>	<b>188 .....</b>	<b>173</b>

**Budget Facts and Figures**

Revenues (10-25-09).....	\$12,411.00
Revenues (11-1-09).....	\$12,219.56
Revenues M-T-D (Oct) .....	\$55,807.81
Revenues Required M-T-D (Oct) .....	\$62,741.52
Debt Retirement Remaining (Oct) .....	\$518,836.63
Debt Retirement Donations (Nov) .....	\$2,587.25

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***Family Night Supper***

**Wednesday, November 11, 2009**

Chicken Pastry, Broccoli Medley, Baked Apples, Salad Bar, Rolls, and Fruit Parfait

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

Vegetable Meal—A variety of vegetables will be served, Salad Bar, Rolls and Chocolate Pie

**Supper Reservation Deadline—Noon**

**Tuesday**

**Food Service Price Increase Effective October 15**

At the Church Conference, September 27, the church voted for these price increases for meals served at the church:

Adults (ages 13 and up) .....	\$5.00
Children ages 12 and under .....	Free
Maximum per immediate household .....	\$15.00

**Remember in Prayer**

For privacy of our church family, these are now printed.

**Thank You Notes**

Thank you notes have been received from Mildred and Tom Wood, Sarah Coates, Paul and Helen Northen. These notes are on the bulletin board.

**Sympathy**

The pastor and church family express sympathy to Lydia Kornegay in the death of B. T. Kornegay on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Sympathy is also expressed to Terilyn deMarci and family in the death of her father, Robert Campen.

**Congratulations to Nancy McLean**

The 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes Book was dedicated to Nancy McLean at the Raleigh Baptist Association Semi-Annual meeting on Tuesday, October 27. Nancy was recognized for more than 40 years of work in the WMU.

**Calling the Church Office?**

The church office is open from 9 am to 5 pm each weekday. Please leave a message on a staff member's voicemail by dialing his/her extension or leave it in general delivery if you do not receive an answer. At times the staff may be on the phone or somewhere in the church building. Your calls are important to us.

**Mission Statement**

***The mission of Tabernacle Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is to:***

- ***proclaim the Good News***
- ***nurture Christian growth***
- ***minister to others in Jesus' name.***

## SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

### November 10

Day Trip to Fruitcake Factory, Bear Creek

### November 12

Thanksgiving Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.  
in the Dining Room

### November 19-21

Myrtle Beach Christmas Show

Contact Peggy Holland for more information or to sign up

## ***Discipleship Training Small Groups*** ***Fall Small Groups Continue Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.***

***Tabernacle 102***

***Primer for Caregivers***

***Bonanza Bible Study***

***Men of Purpose Bible Study***

***Shoulder to Shoulder***

Next study will be January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

***Home Bible Study***

***Advent of the Savior***

Every other Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Next study November 5 at Carol Jordan's home



***The 25th Anniversary presentation of***  
***Living Christmas Tree***  
***December 11, 12, and 13.***  
***Mark your calendar now.***

***Tickets (free but required) are available at the following times:***

***Sundays: Before and after Worship in the Gathering Place***

***Wednesdays: Before and after supper in the Gathering Place***

***Weekdays: In the church office***

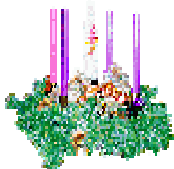


### **TV Cablecast of TBC Worship Service**

Each Monday at 4:30 PM on ***Raleigh Time Warner Cable*** Channel 22, you may view a recent Tabernacle worship service. If you are interested in assisting in this ministry, please see Fulton Brewer. Also, if you would like to be a part of a team to deliver DVDs to our homebound, please see Wayne. The hope would be that not only would you deliver the DVD but sit and view it with the homebound person as well.

### **2009 Advent Book of Devotions**

Our Advent Book for 2009 will be reflections on Christmas Carols. If you would like to participate by writing a devotion, please see Carolyn Kohring following worship in the Gathering Place. You may select a Christmas Carol and scripture from the sign-up list Carolyn has with her. We need 27 devotions to cover the days of Advent and Christmas Day. The deadline for your submission is November 8.



## ***Opportunities for*** ***You to Be Involved***

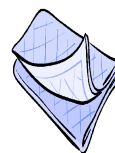
### ***Baptist Young Women Mission Project***

A new group has been formed to provide missions experiences for our young women (ages 20-60) in the church. They are looking for more members. If you want more information, contact Kim Dugan at 803-1347. Their first project is churchwide collection CDs, DVDs and books for Duke Hospital Heart Services Emergency Department patients and families. The books can be novels, children's autobiographies, etc. A collection box is the Gathering Place.



### ***Linen Closet Now Open!***

Our Linen Closet helped thousands of people for more than 30 years. Even after relocating, we can still minister to those in need in the downtown area. Items needed are sheets (all sizes), blankets, towels, washcloths, bedspreads, pillows, kitchen towels, etc. These items may be new or used in good, clean condition. The Linen Closet will be open every other Thursday through March. Items are given out based on referrals from Wake County Social Services. Please bring items to the church and place them in the "coffee area" (just before the Gathering Place).



### ***Stone Soup Supper***

Urban Ministries of Wake County's annual fundraising event, ***Stone Soup Supper***, is Tuesday, November 17 at ***First Baptist Church***, 99 Salisbury St., from 5 to 7 p.m.

Soup, bread, and dessert are provided at no charge. Wonderful hand-thrown bowls by the ***Triangle Potters Guild*** are available for a \$25 donation to Urban Ministries of Wake County. Entertainment will be provided by Laura Ridgeway and friends. You will remember Laura as our guest in the summer when we highlighted Urban Ministries on a Wednesday night.



### ***Operation Christmas Child*** ***Samaritan's Purse Collection***

This year we are asking everyone to use the plastic shoeboxes. Brochures are available in the Gathering Place—Look for the Shoebox! Collection date is Sunday, November 15. The Family Night Shoebox Party is Friday, November 13. Supper is at Chick-Fil-A and then we will fill those shoeboxes!



### ***Raleigh Rescue Mission*** ***Thanksgiving Dinner***

***Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m.***

The Youth are hosting a Thanksgiving Outreach for the Raleigh Rescue Mission at Tabernacle. We need your help! Items needed are a fully-cooked turkey, desserts, or homemade casseroles. Also needed are canned goods, such as green beans, potatoes, yams, etc. You can help make this day a great success. For more information, and if you are willing to assist, please contact Chris Adams.



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## ***Opportunities for Blessing***

### **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Gr. 1-5)
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends (ages 4-6)
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Childcare
- 6:00 p.m. Announcements and Prayertime
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Program (Gr. 6-12)
- 6:30 p.m. Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action
- 6:30 p.m. Adults - Small Groups (see listing inside)
- 7:30 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee (Conf. Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir
- 8:15 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal

### **Thursday, November 5, 2009**

- 9:00 a.m. Linen Closet
- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Ewbank) (DR)
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Casting Crowns Concert (RBC Center)
- 7:30 p.m. Small Group (Jordan Home)

### **Friday, November 6, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers

### **Sunday, November 8, 2009**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Called Church Conference  
Ordination of Christopher McKinney Adams
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Transportation Committee (A20-21)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Snack

### **Monday, November 9, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 10:30 a.m. Reflections Choir (Pullen)
- 4:30 p.m. Cablecast of TBC Worship Service  
(Raleigh Time Warner Cable Channel 22)
- 6:30 p.m. Leesville FCA (DR)
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Cox) (A20-21)
- 6:45 p.m. Community Homeowners (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Comm. Chairs (Choir Rm)

### **Tuesday, November 10, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 10:30 a.m. 55+ to Fruitcake Factory
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee (A20-21)

### **Wednesday, November 11, 2009** (Same schedule as November 4)

- 7:30 p.m. Gardens & Memorials Committee (Conf. Rm)

### **Thursday, November 12, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 11:30 a.m. 55+ Luncheon (DR)
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Ewbank) (DR)
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting (Chapel)

### **Friday, November 13, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Family Shoebox Party

### **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

- 10:00 a.m. Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal

### **Sunday, November 15, 2009**

#### **Gathering of Christmas Shoeboxes at the Altar**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service—Music Sunday
- 11:45 a.m. Sunday School Training
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Service (Chapel)