

## Tabernacle Record

### From Our Associate Pastor—Minister of Music...

Thank you! Thank you! THANK YOU! to all those who helped in any way with the production of "Christmas Around the World" with the children and "The Living Christmas Tree." All three evenings went very well and helped to accomplish our goal of telling the community around us that we wish them hope, peace, joy, and love during and after this special Advent/Christmas season.

I must tell you that I had never undertaken such a project. Were it not for all the advice, information, and help received from numerous people, everything would never have come together in such a seamless way. There were so many people who contributed to this production and I can't even name all of them. I am sure I am not even aware of all the folks who helped make it happen. The ones I do know are listed below. They are members of the Living Christmas Tree Committee and they recruited others to assist them. I especially want to acknowledge all the help, support, and advice given by Peggy Holland, Phyllis Crane, Tom Williams, Ray Kohring, Darren Metcalf, and Paul Northen. A special thanks to Linda Spurgeon, Valerie Wood, Phyllis Crane, Roberta Cyrus, Andrea Blaylock, Rebecca Henderson, David Knecht, Roy Davenport, Jerry Brown and the parents for all their help in preparing and assisting with the children's portion of the program.

A debt of gratitude is definitely owed to the many "behind the scenes" folks who gave up many evening and weekend hours to assemble and make the tree safe for participants. That crew was led by Bill Jones and Whit Collier. Gail Jones was in charge of preparing the greenery for covering the tree. Greg Mann, Dale Martin, and Steve Rushton worked diligently on the electrical aspects.

I also want to thank the others on staff for all they did to set other things aside in order to help make everything come together for this special event. Thanks to Lucille Perry, John Cunningham, Willie Thorpe, Chris Adams, and Wayne Hager. Another special thank you to those in the choir who learned so much music and were so patient during rehearsals. Thanks to Betty Holland and Valerie Wood for all the assistance they gave in rehearsals and for their personal preparation.

My hope is that those who put in so much work and effort to make this happen will have some time to enjoy the rest of the holiday season. Thanks to all of you who supported this event with your prayers, thoughts, and attendance at the event. You have all helped to make my first Christmas at Tabernacle a joyous experience. I wish you all peace and joy for 2010.

Love and Merry Christmas,  
Candy

### From Our Pastor...

In just a little over a week, our Advent journey for 2009 will be drawing to an end. We will have passed through Sundays of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love and will be rejoicing over God's Grace in "becoming flesh and living among us." **The Living Christmas Tree** will be a warm memory and we will be looking forward to an exciting New Year of ministry.

Since we still have some time left, let me encourage you another time to reflect on what it means to worship a God who does not stand apart from us but has rather come to be a part of us. Consider what your life would be like without the presence of Christ to provide a true center for your living. Let's commit ourselves in the New Year to truly show our thankfulness for such Grace by giving of ourselves in ministry.

My family and I wish you a Very Berry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peace,

*Wayne*



### Caroling to Our Homebound Sunday, December 20

Meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Dining room for some Homemade Soup, sandwiches and assignments.

We will go out about 12:15 p.m. to visit those who can no longer come to church. This will be a blessing to everyone, and you will be glad you took the time to share some holiday spirit with others.



### Lottie Moon and Global Mission Offering

North Carolina Baptists will be able to give to two mission offerings in December. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help to support about 5,000 Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board missionaries overseas. The Global Missions Offering will help underwrite ministries of about 200 plus Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries. Our church wide combined goal is \$2,500.

Given as of 12/14

Lottie Moon \$ 338.08      Global Missions \$1,500.00  
Needed to Reach Goal: \$661.92

**Tabernacle Service Ministries**

**Sunday, December 20, 2009**

**Deacon of the Week**

Jim Snotherly

**Safety Ministry (Sunday & Wednesday)**

Buddy Wiggins

**Sunday Transportation**

Driver – Caroline Warren (244-4639)

Coordinator- Steve Krause (834-2286)

**Extended Teaching Care**

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

**10:30 a.m.**

Phyllis King, Pam Thomas

**Sunday, December 27, 2009**

**Deacon of the Week**

Stan Spurgeon

**Safety Ministry (Sunday & Wednesday)**

David Adams

**Sunday Transportation**

Driver – Chris Adams (609-0755)

Coordinator- Steve Krause (834-2286)

**Extended Teaching Care**

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

**10:30 a.m.**

Linda Spurgeon, Sandy & Connor Strickland

**Facts & Figures**

|                           |                       |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday School.....</b> | <b>12-6-2009.....</b> | <b>12-13-2009</b> |
| Enrollment.....           | 264                   | 264               |
| Visitors.....             | 0                     | 1                 |
| New Members.....          | 0                     | 0                 |
| Total Present.....        | 138                   | 138               |
| <b>Worship.....</b>       | <b>209</b>            | <b>186</b>        |

**Budget Facts and Figures**

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues (12-6-09).....              | \$18,254.00  |
| Revenues (12-13-09).....             | \$16,039.15  |
| Revenues M-T-D (Dec).....            | \$34,293.65  |
| Revenues Required M-T-D (Dec).....   | \$31,370.76  |
| Debt Retirement Remaining (Nov)..... | \$510,798.29 |
| Debt Retirement Donations (Dec)..... | \$2,750.00   |

**Make Your Year-End Contributions Early!!**

Please deliver or mail (and postmark) checks on or by December 31, 2009 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2009. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first Sunday in 2010 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2009, even if the check is predated to 2009 or was actually written in 2009. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2009 will be deductible in 2009, though they are not received by a church until 2010.

**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.**



**Family Night Supper**

**Just a reminder, Family Night Suppers will resume on January 6, 2010.**

**Remember in Prayer**

For privacy, please check with the church office for updates.

**Sympathy**

The pastor and church family express sympathy to Sandy Strickland and family in the loss of her father, Reginald Lewis.

**Thank You Note**

Thank you notes have been received from Donna Eason, Norma Proctor and the Baptist Young Women. These notes are on the bulletin board.

**Staff News**

Welcome to **Brian Daugherty, Minister of Counseling and Spiritual Formation.** At the November Church Conference the Personnel Committee presented the recommendation for Brian to be added to the church staff in a volunteer position. Brian will begin his ministry with us in the New Year. Look for information soon on This position will be a great blessing and support as we reach out to our community.

Farewell to **Kyle King, our Groundskeeper.** Kyle now has a full time job and cannot work the extra hours as groundskeeper. Kyle has done a great job keeping the church grounds cut, green, blooming and pruned!

**Looking Ahead in 2010**

January:

- 6 Wednesday Family Activities Resume  
Winter Bible Study of Proverbs at 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Deacon Ordination & Installation  
Lord's Supper, Church Council
- 12 Budget & Finance Committee 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Chili Bowl Cook Off
- 19 Deacons' Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Lunch & Church Conference at 11:45 a.m.
- 31 Churchwide Committee Training 2:00 p.m.

**Checkout the church website for a complete calendar.**

### ***Inclement Weather Policy***

#### **Sunday Services:**

Every effort will be made to have Sunday worship services, if at all possible, without endangering the safety of the church family and guests.

#### **Weekday Programs:**

If Wake County schools are canceled or close early due to inclement weather, all church activities that day are canceled.

In case of inclement weather and Sunday services or weekday ministries have to be canceled, the notice will be communicated in the following ways:

- WPTF-AM 680/WQDR-FM 94.7 [www.wptf.com](http://www.wptf.com)
- WRAL-TV Channel 5/Cable 3 [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com)
- WTVD-TV Channel 11/Cable 9 [www.abc11tv.com](http://www.abc11tv.com)
- News 14 Carolina/Cable 14 [www.news14.com](http://www.news14.com)
- Church answering machine 781-4600 and [www.tabernacle-raleigh.org](http://www.tabernacle-raleigh.org)

### **Biblical Recorder Subscriptions Due**

The *Biblical Recorder* is the official news journal of our Baptist State Convention. If you are already a subscriber, it is now time to renew your subscription. The total cost for an annual subscription is \$13.25. If you are not currently receiving the Biblical Recorder and would like to subscribe, please call Lucille before January 4, 2010 at the church office to have your name added to the TBC subscription list.

### **Baptists Today Subscriptions Due**

*Baptists Today* was founded in 1982 to provide a truly autonomous Baptist voice that is not beholden to any denominational group. In January 2008, *Baptists Today* began a new North Carolina edition. *Baptists Today* North Carolina edition provides some coverage of the BSCNC; however, its primary focus will be on news, features and issues of particular interest to more moderate Baptists. Attention is given to CBF-NC, Baptist World Alliance, WMU-NC, NC Baptist Men, Baptist colleges and universities in our state, and other institutions of traditional interest to NC Baptists. **It is now time to renew our subscriptions.** The annual cost per subscription will be **\$20.00**. If you would like to subscribe - or renew your subscription - please submit your payment to Lucille in the church office or put your subscription fee in an envelope clearly marked **Baptists Today** and place in the offering plate on Sunday.

### **RA Race Day is February 20, 2010**

It's time to smell tire smoke and fuel in the air! It's that time again to prepare for the RA Race Day at Tabernacle. You can now order your Racer Kit. This year's design is a Roadster. Kits will cost \$13 which includes entry fee, awards, and meal for the day. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Gathering Place or by contacting either Jerry Brown or Darren Metcalf. If you have not attended or participated in this event, you have missed out on a great time of fellowship and fun. Congregation, start your engines.....



### ***News Flash!***

***Your Offering Envelope will have a new look in 2010. You will only have a choice of 2 boxes to check: CBF-NC or BSC-NC Watch for more information in the next newsletter.***

### ***Ministry Opportunities at Christmas***

◆ During Advent you are encouraged to bring unwrapped **new toys and gifts** for children birth through 12 years of age and place them around the Christmas tree located at the beginning of the children's hall (the dining room hall). These toys and gifts will be distributed to children and agencies in the community. Please bring you gifts no later than December 20.



◆ Our church office is often contacted by community families who need assistance at Christmas time to provide some gifts for children and food for a Christmas meal. If you would like to **"adopt a family"** please see Wayne and he will share the requests.

◆ The Children's Ministry has a **"Mitten Tree"** in the Gathering Place, You are welcome to donate children's scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves. Just place them on the tree.

◆ **Christmas Around the World...**The staff of TBC has been collecting quarters for the last several weeks hoping to be able to purchase a flock of CHICKS from Heifer International. Thanks to the generosity of some special "friends," we have gone significantly over our goal and collected \$175.00! THANK YOU!! We will now be able to purchase a GOAT, a flock of CHICKS, and HONEYBEES. Thanks, again, to everyone who contributed. This will be a gift of hope and self-reliance that will brighten the lives of families *around the world*.

### ***Winter Bible Study Begins Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m.***

The book of Proverbs celebrates all who live toward wisdom, who are willing to learn from life, regardless of education. Proverbs upholds the pursuit of wisdom as a high calling, perhaps our highest, but never for personal gain or recognition. The pursuit and living out of wisdom is always for the blessing of the larger community and the proper honor of God. The book of Proverbs aims to help all believers live in ways that bless others and honor God. The study of Proverbs, the book itself tells us, helps us on this journey toward wisdom and roots our lives in those things that truly matter the most (1:1-7). Our pastor will lead the study. Study Guides are \$6.00



### **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. **The 2009 Living Christmas Tree will be aired on December 21.** Be sure to tell your friends to watch this program.

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**  
**from**  
**Your Church Staff**

## ***Opportunities for Blessing***

### **Sunday, December 20, 2009 Fourth Sunday in Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Candle of Love
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch and Caroling to Homebound
- 3:00 p.m. Piano Recital (Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

### **Monday, December 21, 2009**

- 4:30 p.m. Cablecast of TBC Worship Service  
(Raleigh Time Warner Cable Channel 22)
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Cox) (DR)
- 6:30 p.m. Brownies (Hicks) (A19)
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Metcalf) (A20-21)

### **Thursday, December 24, 2009**

- Church Office Closed
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

### **Friday, December 25, 2009 —Merry Christmas**

Church Office Closed

### **Sunday, December 27, 2009**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:30 p.m. Youth visit Litchford Village
- 5:30 p.m. Feed the Homeless Downtown

### **Monday, December 28, 2009**

- Church Office Closed
- 4:30 p.m. Cablecast of TBC Worship Service  
(Raleigh Time Warner Cable Channel 22)
- 6:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Take-Down

### **Thursday, December 31, 2009**

- 9:00 a.m. Linen Closet at First Presbyterian

### **Friday, January 1, 2010**

Church Office Closed

### **Sunday, January 3, 2010**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Snack & Fellowship

### **Monday, January 4, 2010**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
- 10:30 a.m. Reflections Choir (Pullen)
- 4:30 p.m. Cablecast of Worship Service  
(Raleigh Time Warner Cable Ch. # 22)
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Cox) (DR)
- 6:30 p.m. Brownies (Hicks) (A19)
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Metcalf) (A20-21)