

Tabernacle Record

From the Pastor

As I write this, it is the Monday morning after the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our journey to the manger is just about complete. Our Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. will be the last opportunity we will have as a church family to wish each other "Merry Christmas."

This has been a glorious Advent Season for our Tabernacle Family. Here are some of the highlights for me:

The Hanging of the Green Service: I so enjoyed our walking through the decoration of our Chapel in morning worship. It was good to be reminded why we decorate as we do. An interesting tidbit is that I got an e-mail from an NC State student after he saw the broadcast of the service on TV asking for information about the service that he could take to his home church. He was really moved by it. I am so thankful to all those who spent hours getting our church decorated for the season.

The Children's Christmas Pageant: What a great day it was to see so many children involved in portraying the birth of Jesus. Hearing our children read the scripture and portray the story on stage brought home to me the powerful simplicity of the story. Thanks to Esther for bringing this special time during our Advent celebration.

The Living Christmas Tree: Words cannot express my appreciation for all those who worked so hard to bring us the 2010 edition of **The Living Christmas Tree**. With a nearly packed house each performance, over 1,000 people were blessed by the sights and sounds of the LCT. To express thanks to everyone would take the whole newsletter. Suffice it to say, that thousands of hours of volunteer and staff time went into the presentations and you should know that your efforts touched many lives. Mine was one. Thank you.

Caroling to the Homebound: Until you have done it, you have no idea the blessing it is to go sing a few Christmas Carols to our homebound. The group I was with went to Spring Arbor Assisted Living to sing for two of our homebound who live there. We ended up singing for over 20 residents and staff in the Dining Room. You would have thought we were a professional group the way we were received. If you have the chance in the future, do not miss the blessing next year.

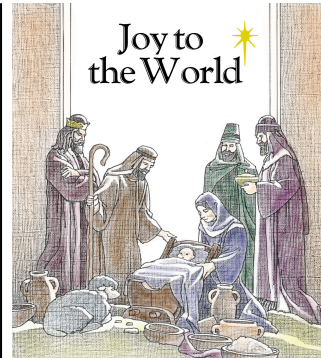
I pray you have some special memories from this Advent Season. Celebrate them and share them with each other.

The Hager family wishes you a very merry Christmas. Perhaps we will see you one last time at the Christmas Eve Service.

We wish for you a wonderful celebration of the gift of Christ Jesus. We wish for you a truly grateful heart that God is with us.

Peace,

Wayne



Merry Christmas to all!

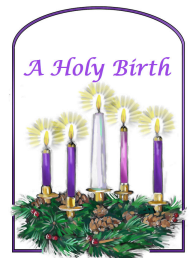
May the Christ of Christmas be with you all through the year.

The Church Staff

**Christmas Eve Service
A Holy Birth Candle**

Friday, December 24
5:30 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service



Christmas Mission Offering

The **Global Missions Offering** will help underwrite ministries of about 200 plus **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship** missionaries.

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** will help to support about 5,000 **Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board** missionaries overseas.

Our church wide combined offering goal is \$2,500.

Envelopes for this offering are in your individual envelope packet or use a regular pink offering envelope and write on it your designated recipient. Undesignated missions offerings go to **CBF Global Missions** per our church giving plan.

Called Church Conference

There will be a called Church Conference on Sunday, December 26 in the Dining Room immediately following the worship service. The only item will be the ballot vote on the election of the following nominees for the position of Deacon, with a term expiring in 2013: Faye Coleman, Susan Ledford, Betsy Phillips, and Pam Thomas.

Tabernacle Service Ministries

Sunday, December 29, 2010

Deacon of the Week

Drew Thomas

Safety Ministry (Sunday & Wednesday)

Joel Nance

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.

Carolyn Davenport, Stan & Linda Spurgeon

Sunday, January 2, 2011

Deacon of the Week

Linda Spurgeon

Safety Ministry (Sunday & Wednesday)

Charlie Raynor

Sunday Transportation

Driver – Gary Cyrus 846-8841

Coordinator- Steve Krause (834-2286)

Extended Teaching Care

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

10:30 a.m.

Nancy McLean, Judy Casteen, Ann Brooks

Facts & Figures

Sunday School.....	12-12-2010	12-19-2010
Enrollment.....	278	278
Visitors.....	4	1
New Members.....	0	0
Total Present	139	140
Worship	184	170

Financial Facts and Figures

Revenues Required Weekly	\$14,899.42
Revenues (12-5-10).....	\$12,222.00
Revenues (12-12-10).....	\$18,867.00
Revenues M-T-D (Dec).....	\$31,089.00
Revenues Required M-T-D (Dec)	\$29,798.84
Debt Retirement Remaining (Nov.).....	\$446,487.02
Debt Retirement Donations (Dec).....	\$2,375.00

Tabernacle Publication Info

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Publications Deadlines

Tabernacle Record—Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bulletin—Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

If you have anything for either of these documents, please consider these deadlines.

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

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The Family Night Supper will resume January 5, 2011. The Family Night Supper will be prepared by a caterer. Reservation deadline is Monday at 4:00 p.m.

If a reservation is made for the meal, and the person does not eat, he/she is expected to honor that reservation and pay for the meal.

Since the meals are now prepared by a caterer, payment for the exact number of reservations must be made. The Food Service Committee is open to any suggestions.

Please note: Currently the price for the meal will remain at \$5.00.

Thank You

To the Church Family... Thank you to everyone who participated in the many projects — donating toys, scarves, hats, gloves, food, presents, financial assistance, etc. This Christmas will be happy for many children because of your generosity!

From Tim, Esther, Laura and John Parker... Thank you for the notes and cards you sent to us when Tim's Mother died. We are especially grateful for the prayers, love and concern you shared with us during this difficult time of loss.

From Willie Thorpe... Thank you for the many kind things you have done for me in recent weeks and over the past 31 years. The reception and love offering are greatly appreciated. I will miss all of you and the church on the hill.

From Vernell Raynor... Thank you for coming to sing to me on Sunday afternoon. The singing of Christmas songs was just so so so beautiful. It not only brought the Christmas spirit but also the spirit of Tabernacle which I miss so much. Merry Christmas!

"Hands on Missions"
2011 Projects

All those who are interested in participating in the planning of **Hands on Missions Projects for 2011 are invited to a "BRAINSTORMING" session on Sunday January 26** following the Church Conference.



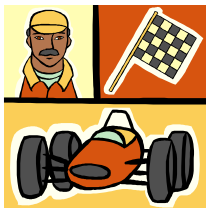
Hands on Missions

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University returns to TBC

Our first **Financial Peace University** last spring was so successful that we are repeating and expanding it in 2011. We will offer two classes beginning in February. One class will be on Sundays from 3 — 4:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 6. The second class will be on Wednesdays from 6—7:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 9 The cost for the first five registrants is \$90. Thereafter the cost is \$100. You need only one class per week.

If you need to miss a class one week the other class of that week will be the same. For more information see class facilitators Joel and Susan Nance. **FPU** strives to help you develop the attitude and get the tools you need to get a handle on your personal finances. Through video presentations by Dave Ramsey, material in your kit, and small group discussions you will finish the class with a new confidence in your finances.

Still not sure? 30 minute preview sessions will be held in January. Watch for days and times.



Mark Your Calendar NOW for Royal Ambassador Race Day

Saturday, February 26, 2011

The entire church is invited to this exciting day of fellowship, food, and support for our Royal Ambassadors! Sign up in the Gathering Place to reserve a classic car. The cost is \$13 for a classical car. See Darren Metcalf for more information.

The Church 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. Should it become necessary to cancel Sunday services due to inclement weather, the Pastor and Deacon Chairperson will make a decision about canceling services.

Weekday Programs:

If Wake County schools are canceled or close early due to inclement weather, all church activities for 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
- WRAL-TV Channel 5 / Cable 3 www.wral.com
- WTVD-TV Channel 11 / Cable 9 www.abc11tv.com
- News 14 Carolina / Cable 14 www.news14.com
- Church answering machine 781-4600 and Website www.tabernacle-raleigh.org

Looking Ahead in 2011

- January 2 Morning Worship Lord's Supper Service
All Regular Activities Resume
- January 5 All regular Activities & Supper resume
6:30 p.m.— Large Group Activity
- January 6 Community Tutoring Begins
- January 9 Ordination, Installation, and Deacon Recognition Service
Church Council 12 noon
Homebound Communion 2:00 p.m.
Second Sunday Praise Service 6:30 pm
Budget & Finance 7:30 p.m.
- January 11 Winter Bible Study Begins at 6:30 PM
- January 12 Deacons' Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- January 13 55+ Luncheon at Church 11:30 a.m.
- January 16 Church wide Chili Cook Off and Game Night 6:00 p.m.
- January 23 Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Church Conference 12:15 p.m.
- January 30 Committee Training at 12 noon
Feed the Homeless 6:00 p.m.



Senior Adults Calendar...

The 55+ will begin the new year with a luncheon at the church on Thursday, January 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Winter Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark Wednesday January 12—February 2 at 6:30 p.m. "Mark: Finding Ourselves in the Story."

Led by Dr. Wayne Hager and Dane Hadley

The Study Guide is available in the Gathering Place and Church Office—Cost \$6.00

Start reading through the Gospel of Mark now. The more familiar you are with the text of the gospel, the more you will get out of the group study.

The stories of Jesus are familiar to most of us. We have walked the paths of his life with him and his disciples over and over again. We could easily think that we are finished gleaning any new wisdom from these stories. The good news for those of us who have already read Mark's Gospel, the first testament to the life of Jesus Christ, is that this living story, with its living characters, is never finished with us.

When we think we have heard it all before, we find a passage that challenges us in a new way. We turn a page and hear our own voice mingled with those of the disciples around the table who ask Jesus, "Is it me?" We find ourselves surprised by our empathy for the Pharisees; we have felt some righteous indignation of our own when someone challenged a tradition we loved. We read about the woman anointing Jesus with oil and wonder what extravagant gifts we give because we love God. Each time we encounter the Gospel of Mark, Christ confronts us with the opportunity to turn around, find the path forever new to us, and follow him on it.

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Opportunities for Blessings

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

11:30 a.m. Staff Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Youth Activity
7:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24, 2010

Church Office Closed
5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service

Saturday, December 25, 2010 Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 26, 2010

8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service—Rev. Crane Preaching
11:30 a.m. Called Church Conference
1:00 p.m. TBC Worship
(Raleigh Time Warner 22 & U-Verse 99)

Monday, December 26, 2010

Church Office Closed
Take Down of Living Christmas Tree

Tuesday, December 27, 2010

Church Office Closed
Take Down of Living Christmas Tree

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

No Wednesday supper or activities

Friday, December 31, 2010

New Year's Eve
Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 2, 2011—Lord's Supper

8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service—Lord's Supper
Rev. Parker Preaching
11:45 a.m. Community Connections—Gathering Place
1:00 p.m. TBC Worship
(Raleigh Time Warner 22 & U-Verse 99)
4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, January 3, 2011

9:00 a.m. Deadline for Record Articles
10:00 a.m. Reflections Choir (Pullen Center)
4:00 p.m. Community Tutoring
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Metcalf Troop) (A20-21)
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Cox Troop) DR
7:15 p.m. Girl Scouts (Hicks Troop) (A-16)

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Prayer time around the tables
6:00 p.m. Preschool—Childcare & Mission Activity
6:00 p.m. Children—Missions & Music
6:00 p.m. Youth Activity
6:30 p.m. Adults—Large Group Study
7:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Conf Rm)

Thursday, January 6, 2011

9:00 a.m. Linen Closet (1st Presbyterian)
9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Ewbank Troop) (DR)
4:00 p.m. Community Tutoring

Friday, January 7, 2011

6:30 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Supper/Reunion (DR)

***Remember...you can always check the
church calendar***