

## *We Are Tabernacle*

### *Our Mission*

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

### *We Proclaim*

Our people meet weekly for worship on Sunday morning. The worship style is traditional; however, periodic participation by Exalt, our praise team, adds a contemporary aspect to the music in those services. Through Bible-based preaching, Spirit-led prayer and uplifting music, we seek to magnify the name of Jesus Christ. Wednesday evenings are devoted to prayer, Bible study and discussion groups. In addition to special services at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, we seek to welcome members of the community to our fellowship through such activities as the Community Day on the Hill, Fall Festival and the Living Christmas Tree. Opportunities are also provided for outreach through domestic and international youth and adult mission trips. A youth puppet team and our Reflections Choir for seniors proclaim the Good News at the N. C. State Fair and other venues.

## *We Nurture*

We believe that solid grounding in Bible study is essential to Christian growth; therefore, Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults are a key part of our Sunday activities. Small group Bible studies at the church and in members' homes throughout the week provide additional opportunities for challenging Bible study. Vacation Bible School seeks to include children from the community in this traditional method of introducing children to Jesus Christ and encouraging their growth in the faith. The Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers provides a loving and nurturing atmosphere for children from the church and community. At the opposite end of the life cycle, the 55+ Club offers seniors opportunities through monthly fellowship meetings and frequent adventure trips both in and out of state.

## *We Minister*

In response to God's love, we seek to minister to others in Jesus' name. The Tabernacle Linen Closet has provided towels, sheets, blankets and other linens to those referred by Wake County Human Resources and other service agencies since 1978. Both our youth and adults assist once a month in feeding the homeless in the South Wilmington Street Men's Shelter. The Baptist Men of Tabernacle have equipped a disaster relief trailer and are prepared to respond where needed. During the Christmas season we joyfully participate in the Operation Christmas Child project of Samaritan's Purse.

## *We Believe these Truths*

- The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible as interpreted through the life and servant model of Jesus Christ.
- The reality of sin and the guilt of all people subjecting them to God's condemnation.
- Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ alone who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place.
- The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit.
- The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshiping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.
- The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and his future personal return in power and glory to judge the world and to receive the redeemed to eternal life.

## *We Affirm the Following*

- The ordinances of the church—believer’s baptism by immersion as an act of obedience symbolizing the believer’s death to sin, the burial of the old life and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus; and the observance of the Lord’s Supper to remember the death of our Savior and his second coming. All believers are welcome at the table.
- The priesthood of each believer. Each individual has personal access to God’s grace, equal standing in the government of the church, freedom to interpret and apply scripture under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and equal responsibility to carry out the ministry of the church.
- The autonomy of the local church. While Tabernacle cooperates with other groups who share our mission vision, we are not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body.
- Religious liberty. Religion must be freely exercised, neither advanced nor inhibited by government. We identify with our Baptist heritage and support the separation of church and state. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal.
- Women in ministry. Tabernacle ordained its first woman as a deacon in 1978 and our first woman to the Gospel ministry in 2007.

## *Our Relationships with Other Baptist Groups*

Tabernacle Baptist Church affiliates with the Raleigh Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Our budget plan allows members to choose the affiliates through which they will financially support state, national and international missions.

*Who We  
Are*

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