

TABERNACLE

Baptist Church | Baptist Academy | Baptist Bible College & Seminary

Teens 4 Christ

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. These are such comforting words in this crazy year of 2020 that we had. God is still on the throne though and still in charge, and He will not forget or forsake His people. Praise God! Thank the Lord we have been safe in our youth group and even though some have been sick, no one has been bad and we have not had an outbreak of any kind. We have been very safe with our activities, trying to do our best.

In October we went to The Virginia Harvest Rally, an outside youth rally at The Edge Camp, and had a wonderful time of fellowship and heard some great preaching. This was good for our young people, since this year has been scarce with activities. Then on the 17th, we had a movie night fellowship at the Academy, and watched a classic, "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken," and had some good laughs.

As November rolled around we were able to send out 85 packages to our military men and women during our annual pack attack on the 4th. This is always a blessing, and we are so thankful for our military. On the weekend of November 14th, we took the teens on a shopping outing so they could get some gifts for family and friends for Christmas. It was a great day and no one got lost. We had a picnic scheduled for the church on the 21st but had to cancel due to new COVID restrictions, so we had to put off our flag football and skeet shooting to another time.

December is always an exciting time as we celebrate the Savior's birth and have food and fellowship time while doing it. Our Christmas party, which is usually in someone's home, was in the gym this year due to COVID, but it was still a glorious time; and the Landreths and Petersons have done a great job for years and did not fail us this year. Then on the 30th, we had another good time in the gym after church to bring in the new year together a day early.

We are excited to see what God has in store for us in 2021 and thank Him for all His provisions and good times in 2020 as well.

Pastor Mike



Dr. James W. Baker

What a year we have had! We will not soon forget 2020 and the trials we all had in it. We have, though, seen our way through a lot here at church. What a tremendous blessing to be assembled together again each Sunday and Wednesday! If you have still not joined us, be assured we are doing everything possible to keep everything clean and everyone safe. God has been good to us. Sickness has not come on us as a church, and we are rejoicing.

Some things have needed to be cut out of the schedule, but Sunday, December 6, we had Jim and Missy Davidson with us. He is the pastor at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Shelby, NC, and she is the daughter of Bob & Bev Bechtel. Brother Jim preached a message to our missionaries which was put with the testimonies we recorded and sent by email to our missionaries. Many missionaries who return for visits mention that this recording is a tremendous blessing since they are away from home at Christmas! The choir did an abbreviated Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 13, at 10AM. There is nothing like good Christmas music to turn your heart to Christ and remind us He is the reason for the season!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas! As we enjoy the sounds, scents, sights, and songs of this season, may we remember to share the Good News with those around us. Our prayer is that 2021 brings in new joys and joins our hearts together as we seek to serve Him!

The New Frontier

Dr. Walter Yoho ~ TBBCS

The Christmas Story in Luke 1:26-56 speaks to us not only of Fulfilled Prophecy but also of a New Frontier. (1) It is possible today to determine the gender of the baby prior to birth - but Mary knew prior to conception! Look at verse 31: "...thou shalt conceive...and bring forth a son..." (2) We are hearing today, almost as if for the very first time, about pre-natal influence. Look at verse 44: "...the babe leaped in my womb for joy." (3) "We have sung Magnificat [Lk. 1:46-55] at every evensong," observes Bernard Iddings Bell, "without noticing that rarely has the wildest Communist dared to utter words more contemptuous of our modern world and its standards than those of gentle Lady Mary." Look at verses 52-53: "He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away." God did not shock the world with a bomb; instead, on a silent, holy night in Bethlehem, He startled the world with a Babe! - and "turned the world upside down"! (Acts 17:6)

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for the beautiful manner in which You stepped into history and changed the course of human events. We praise You through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Not the jungles. Not the oceans. Not outer space. The final frontier is the heart of God revealed to man in the Holy Scriptures. Join us here at Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary, and we will explore this great, new frontier together. What a way to start the new year! Our winter-spring trimester begins Monday, January 18th. For more information contact Dr. Rebecca Miller (ext. 308).

Tabernacle Baptist Academy

Dean McGary

October ended with a bang. Tabernacle hosted the East-Central Region Volleyball/Soccer Tournament. The Lady Patriots Volleyball team ended the season with a record of 3-8 but was able to qualify for tournament play and finished third. Good job ladies! The soccer team ended their season with a record of 8-2-3. The men went on to win the East-Central Region Championship for the second time in five years. Great job fellows! That same weekend we ended our first grading period. Nine weeks of in-person classroom work, and, praise the Lord, no sickness.

In November, we normally would have our annual teacher convention, but it was cancelled. The teachers worked here on campus. We had a few meetings, cleaned everything, played a trivia game and prepared the elementary hallway for new carpet. The carpet layers were very impressed with the attention to detail that the teachers gave in their physical labor.

We were able to have our annual Thanksgiving Praise Service. It was live streamed on Facebook for the first time. Many of the elementary children dressed up for the Pilgrims and Indians contest, and Pastor Baker gave a challenge from the Word of God. Basketball season has begun and will run through February. Please pray for all that are involved, for the bus and drivers, and for good health.

We had our annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 17 at 7PM. All of the elementary classes and the high school choir sang. Then Friday the 18th was our last day of school. All of the classes had Christmas parties and the high school went caroling.

