

*"The Lord gave the word;  
great was the company of  
those that published it."  
Psalm 68:11*

# Tabernacle Times



**"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving..." Ps. 95:2**

**Mark Your Calendars: December 4th-Holiday Testimonies To Our Missionaries; 11th-Christmas Cantata**

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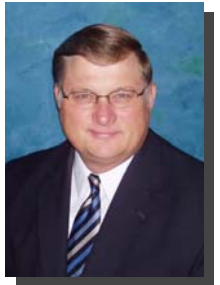
Tabernacle Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, VA

September/October 2011

## A Word From The Pastor - Dr. James W. Baker

Fall is here, and we have had some of the cool weather already. School is well underway with soccer and volleyball tournaments for the academy coming soon, and the college semester is going well with some new students. God has been good to us here at Tabernacle, and we are thankful!

Miss **Elsa Ramirez**, missionary to Mexico, was with us on Wednesday evening, October 5, and updated us on her fruitful ministry. We are looking forward to Missionary **Craig Hartman**, Shalom Ministries in New York City, coming to be with us Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23. He will be speaking to us on the theme "Seeing Jewish People as God Sees Them." Sunday, November 6, **Dr. John Vaughn** will be with us for a special day with an emphasis on missions. On Sunday, November 20, **Dr. Anne Livingston**, missionary to Haiti, will share her ministry with us again. **Dr. Bud Steadman** will be with us Sunday, December 4, for our Holiday Testimony Service. This is a special time when we give testimonies and holiday greetings to our missionaries and then send the CDs around the world to each missionary that we support. It is a source of great blessing to our missionaries!



We look forward to the Thanksgiving holidays and Christmas time as well. Tuesday, November 22, at 11:00 AM, we will have a Praise Service for all the ministries combined. What a time to share our blessings and testimonies of our thanksgiving to God! Our adult choir will present a portion of the *Messiah* on Sunday, December 11, in the evening service. They have been working diligently. You will not want to miss this presentation!

May God bless you. Come visit us anytime. Thank you for your prayers and support!



### YOUTH IN ACTION!

**Andrew P. Hoyle, Youth/Assistant Pastor**

Summer is now history, and fall has arrived. This year's Back-2-School Bash was fantastic. Great food, great preaching, and great games made for a great night. Several made decisions that evening with at least one trusting Christ as Savior.

God blessed us with beautiful weather the day of Harvest Rally, marking the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Virginia Harvest Rally. **Evangelist John Goestch** preached two tremendous messages from the Word of God and challenged

the adult leaders. The college representatives were a blessing, and a group from **Maranatha Baptist Bible College** provided the special music. The "sumo suits" and "jousting" games were a blast as well as the competitive volleyball tournament.

A special thanks goes to the **Petersons and McGarys** for hosting the September and October SNACs.

Lord willing, the end of October will bring a corn maze and bonfire for the teens. We are also looking forward to our annual "pack attack" in November. Teens, be sure to mark your calendars for this year's Winter Retreat: February 2-4.

In closing, don't forget to pray for the youth of today - they are the leaders of tomorrow.



### The Ladies' Sunday School Class

The Ladies' Sunday school class has been continuing its study from "Changed Into His Image" by **Dr. Jim Berg**. We hope you can see from our service (cleaning the church after Revival, etc.) that the study is making a difference!

We also have started out the Sunday school competition well, having won the coveted almonds the second week (along with Mr. Bob Bechtel's class). We kind of hope to get the pinecones one week just so we can spray paint them, glitter them, and return them the following week.

In Christ, Mary M.

**SEPTEMBER REPORT:** 1—TBBCS Fall Trimester Registration; 2—5:30 PM-All Staff Dinner; 5—LABOR DAY, Offices & Schools Closed; 6—TBBCS Fall Trimester Begins, TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Sweethaven, Home, 4:30 PM; 10—9:30 AM Churchwide Visitation; 11—Patriot Sunday, AM & PM- Jack Knapp, 11:30 AM-OWLS Anniversary Luncheon, 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC, 7:15 PM College/Career Singspiration; 12—3:30 PM Tabernacle Anchors Mtg., TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Great Hope, Away, 4:00 PM; 13—TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Victory, Home, 4:00 PM; 14—7 PM-Adults & Teens in aud., Youth Pastor/Parent Mtg.; 16—TBA-V-ball & Soccer Landmark/Commonwealth, Home, 4:00 PM; 17—8 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast Youth Activity (Scrub & Film); 18—Quarterly Missions Sunday, 4:30 PM Deacons' Mtg., Career Class out to Lunch, 5:30 PM S.S. Teachers' Mtg., 7:15 PM Churchwide Blitzing; 19—TBA-V-ball & Soccer Gateway, Home, 4:00 PM; 20—TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Victory, Home, 4:00 PM; 22—TBA-Jr. Class eat-out at Moe's; 23—TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Great Hope, Home, 4:00 PM; 24—9:30 AM Churchwide Visitation, 2 PM The OWLS-Play at Regent, 6 PM Revival Choir Practice; 25—7:15 PM Good News Clubs Workers Mtg.; 25-30—Revival w/ Evangelist Bill Hall; 28—7 PM-Patch (the Adults & Teens were in the Revival Meeting. Every Wednesday—7 PM-Adults, Teen Chapel, & Patch

This is the OCTOBER 2011 ISSUE. WRITE US! If you have enjoyed reading this paper, please drop us a line and let us hear from you. Thanks to all who have written! We appreciate hearing from you! If you have any church or Sunday school news, please let us know! **THIS IS THE FIFTH ISSUE OF SIX FOR THE YEAR 2011!** Please consider giving a donation to defray the production cost of the *Tabernacle Times*. Thank you!

### MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

**Dr. Carl D. Bieber, Missions Coordinator**

Missions is our Mission. Many times in life we have nice little sayings that mean absolutely nothing. That is not true at Tabernacle. **Dr. Baker and the Holy Spirit** have us aware of the lost at home and abroad. It is great to have our missionaries come and report on what God is doing on their particular field. Each Missionary is a blessing to the Church, and I trust we are a blessing to them.

On September 18th, we had our Quarterly Missions Sunday. The program was very exciting as we heard some in-house reports. The Summer Children's Bible Time group raised \$200.08 for printing tracts in Ghana, W. Africa. The **Charlie Luther Family** will use the money to help get the Gospel to the Muslim people there. College student and summer leader, **Tim Stalcup** did a great job in developing the goal and vision for the kids. It was a wonderful experience for the children. Each one that gave shared the joy of making the goal of \$200.00 and giving God the glory. Tim and his helpers did a great job in making Missions their Mission.

**Amber McGary** gave a book report on the life, ministry and martyrdom of **John and Betty Stamm**. They were wonderful missionaries in China at the beginning of the 20th Century. Many of you know this wonderful story of how they chose to die rather than deny their Lord. **Amber's** report was a blessing. It was a reminder to all of us to pray for the safety of our missionaries.

To close out the meeting, we showed two power-point presentations. One of **Dr. John Gunter's** trip to Mexico. He visited **Dr. and Mrs. Julio Torres** and their folks. They have a church and other ministries that are very fruitful. The other presentation, showed the various summer missions trips taken by teachers, other staff, church teens, & academy seniors. The different groups traveled to Alaska, Chicago, Indiana, and New Jersey.

**Missionary, Elsa Ramirez**, visited with us on October 5th and reported on her work in Mexico. **Elsa** is a very faithful missionary with a wonderful burden for the Mexican people. She showed pictures and told of the great victories God has given. There were also pictures of the sad faces of the lost and dying. She is not discouraged as she works with her pastor to win the lost.

October 22nd brought **Craig Hartman**, our Missionary to the Jews of Brooklyn. He was with us for a College Bible Conference. One highlight of the conference was the lesson on the Jewish Seder. This was a blessing as we saw the picture of the Lord Jesus and His death for all mankind. Each portion of the meal tells in some way the wonderful story of redemption.

So in the months of September and October, Missions was truly our Mission. Let's be faithful to witness at home and around the world. The need is great and we have a wonderful Savior.

Coming in November & December: **Dr. John Vaughn**, President of the FBFI, November 6th; Medical Missionary, **Dr. Anne Livingston** will give us a report on her new clinic in Haiti, November 20th. We are looking forward to hearing these servants of the Lord. We are looking forward to the Holiday Testimony Service with **Bud Steadman** on December 4th.



**THE OWLS-TBC SENIOR ADULTS September/October Events:** On **September 11<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 AM the OWLS celebrated their 5th Anniversary Luncheon held in the school gym/cafeteria. Our guest speaker was **Dr. Jack Knapp**. There were 45 in attendance. The food and fellowship were great. On **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, a group of the OWLS attended a matinee play at Regent. **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, a van full of OWLS left at 6 AM for a 1-day Retreat for the Prime Timers' Event (or Seniors' Day Out) at Rapidan Baptist Camp in western Virginia! Approximately 85 Seniors attended from across Virginia. The special speaker was **Perry Forrester**.

We are the "Older Wiser Loving Saints," and we are 55 years old and above!

# Up-Coming Events!

Mark Your Calendars—Churchwide Visitation—9:30 AM  
November 12<sup>th</sup>—December 3<sup>rd</sup>

PLEASE NOTICE: If you have misplaced your monthly calendar, you can find the calendar for the church and school activities on our web page: [www.tabernacle-vb.org](http://www.tabernacle-vb.org) under Events

Volunteers Needed: Would you like to be a volunteer?  
Contact the church office: 424-4673

Are YOU attending Sunday School? If you are not attending a Sunday School Class, there are many opportunities here at Tabernacle to find just the class that suits you — all the way from the nursery through adults.

## Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary

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**Dr. Walter Yoho**  
Professor/Author

### AN ACTS 16:5 TRIMESTER

The Fall Trimester is off to a super start! Compared to last fall, we have witnessed a 30% increase! (in terms of credit hours). Even more important, the students the Lord has sent us are good students—students with a clear vision, willing heart, and steady step.

This Fall Trimester is an "Acts 16:5 Trimester." And what is an "Acts 16:5 Trimester"?

It is a trimester that does not sacrifice quality upon the altar of quantity. Acts 16:5 reads:

"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Compare Acts 9:31.

We had a great Fall Bible Conference (October 22-23) with Craig Hartman. Dr. Hartman, a specialist in Jewish studies and a devout Christian, helped us put the crisis in the Middle East into proper perspective—historically and prophetically.

November 13 is "Gideon's 300 Sunday" at Tabernacle Baptist Church. We do well to honor this noble army of men and women who partner with us in training Christian warriors—student warriors who are advancing the cause of Christ here at home and who are valiant for the truth upon the earth.

"... come thou with us, and we will do thee good. . . ." (Num. 10:29), that is to say, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 4, and Thursday, January 5. Mark the dates for Spring Semester Registration. Classes begin Monday, January 9. For more information call

Mr. Ken Sheets (Dean) at extension 317 or Mrs. Amanda Hoyle (Assistant to the Dean) at extension 308.

Christmas Tho't: The Infinite became an infant (Spurgeon).



### MINISTRIES Drs. Ray and Sherrill Fulayer

We are in the midst of our Fall Trimester with a full schedule of classes and responsibilities. Our students are diligently learning the Scriptures. We have a good number of students enrolled in the counseling classes this semester. Several are continuing to pursue their NANC certification.

We had the privilege of attending the Annual NANC meeting. We are pursuing the opportunity of becoming a NANC training center for biblical counselors. Pray for us as we continue the process.

While we were at the Annual meeting in San Francisco, we had the privilege of being with Dr. Brian Kelly one of our former students in the Seminary. He is an associate pastor at the Hamilton Square Baptist Church where Dr. David Innes is the pastor. We greatly enjoyed being in the service at the church and being ministered to by Pastor Innes. We also had the privilege of touring the San Francisco area including the Golden Gate Bridge and the Muir Redwood Forrest. Brian and Deborah Kelly gave us a great tour of the city and the area.

Keep the Shut-ins in your prayers: Jim & Linda Bell, Alice Biser, Earlene Clark, Tom Dunlap, Glenn & Ruth Johnson, Doris Lee, Jean Linkous, Belle MacMillan, Lillian Mason, Nora Pace, Catherine Sauls, Brantley Walker, Eula Watkins, & Alma Williamson

OCTOBER REPORT: 2—SS Campaign/1, Tract Sunday, 6 PM Patch Sings (5:30 Rehearsal); 4—TBA Sr. Eat Out, Brusters, 6:30-8:30 PM; 5—7 PM-Adults-Missionary Elsa Ramirez-Mexico; 6—6 AM OWLS 1-day Retreat in Rapidan; 7—9:15 AM MBBC Ensemble in TBA Chapel; 8—9:30 AM Teen Harvest Rally; 9—SS Campaign/2, 7:15 PM-Teen SNAC; 10—TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Landmark/Commonwealth, Away, 4:00 PM; 11—3 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock Elem., TBA-V-ball & Soccer, Sweethaven, Away, 4:30 PM; 12—2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence; 15—9:30 AM Churchwide Visitation; 16—SS Campaign/3, 7:15 PM College/Career Singspiration; 18—3 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock Elem., ODACS Round Two Tourney/V-ball & Soccer; 19—2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence; 22—Fall Conference w/ Craig Hartman, Sat. 6 PM Dinner & Service; 23—SS Campaign/4, Fall Conference w/ Craig Hartman, 3:30 PM Deacons' Mtg., 6 PM- Patch Sings, (5:30 Rehearsal); 24—TBA 1st Quarter Ends; 25—TBA 2nd Quarter Begins, 3 PM-Good News Club at Woodstock Elem.; 26—2:30 PM-Good News Club at Providence; 28—TBA Closed - Teacher Work Day—29 8 AM-Men's Prayer Breakfast, Youth Activity-Corn Maize & Bonfire; 30—SS Campaign/5, 11:30 AM-Young Couples SS Class Fellowship, 6 PM- The Lord's Supper, Benevolent Offering, College/Career Retreat/Wilds return; 31—TBA, BJU Festival (Oct. 31-Nov. 4). Every Wednesday—7 PM-Adults, Teen Chapel, Patch.

## Tabernacle Baptist Academy

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Tabernacle Baptist Academy has gotten off to a great start. At the time of this article, we have 160 students enrolled in our program. What a blessing it is to see how the Lord is working in our midst!

School Camp at the Triple "R" Ranch was a big success. Many students made decisions for God. Several students were saved. We are praying for these students and giving them as many opportunities to witness and share the gospel with the lost.

If you haven't heard already, Tabernacle Baptist Academy's Preschool and Kindergarten received the "BEST OF VIRGINIA BEACH" award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. We are thankful for our teachers, Mrs. Lori Fredericks, Mrs. Margo Robinson, Mrs. Rose Johnston, and Mrs. Amy Savage. It's APPLE BUTTER season here at TBA. Mr. D. McGary and I made the trip to the apple orchard to pick up the apples. On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the juniors and seniors will spend the day peeling and coring the apples. Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, the cooking process will begin. I will enjoy walking over to the cooking "area" and take in some "aroma"-therapy. Making APPLE BUTTER has been happening at TBA since 1995. Many of you reading this article have been a part of that process. We certainly appreciate all the work that goes into this fundraiser. I would like to say a special THANKS to John and Linda Turner as well as Melvin and Eva Phelps for their labor of love in providing materials for this day. We are thankful for you!

Towards the end of October, the senior high choir will be participating in the annual BJU High School Festival. There is also a large ensemble of guys as well as several speech categories that will be going. Along with me, the group will be chaperoned by Mr. Dave Moffat, Miss Kristin Roberson, and Mrs. Ruth Peters.

In November, the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be visiting the jail ministry with Mr. Bill Gilbert. We are anticipating this new ministry with great excitement.

It has been said that autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. Enjoy this special time of year as it is one of my favorites.

**Enroll Today! Call: 757-424-4697, ext. 339**

The Adult Auditorium Sunday School Class: The Class is studying the many names of Jesus. Please join us in this marvelous study! —Dr. Walter Yoho

Check out our WEB SITE: [www.tabernacle-vb.org](http://www.tabernacle-vb.org)

You can get our full schedule of activities from the calendars under Events on the WEB SITE!

### THE S.S. CAREER CLASS — 2 TIM. 2:22



FALL WITH THE CAREER CLASS—Our class is having a busy fall! On Sunday mornings, Jim Boorujy is teaching through portions of Jim Binney's book *The Ministry of Marriage*.

On Sunday, September 18, the Career Class visited the new Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet for lunch. We had some visitors with us, and we definitely enjoyed our time of fellowship!

During the weekend of October 28, several in our class will be attending the Wild's College and Career Retreat. We look forward to hearing Kerry McGonigal speak at this conference.

Our Singspirations are a blessing each month!  
Coming in November—the Career Class is planning a Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner, an annual tradition beginning this year.

Photo on right (lt.-rt.) Emily and Abigail join in with the Class activities!



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The next articles are due **DECEMBER 4, 2011.** If you have church or Sunday School news that would be of interest to our church family and friends, please submit to Mrs. D. Bieber before this date!